



Newsletter deadline for November
2025 is **October 20th**
EMAIL US AT:
bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org
Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark's Memos

First, I want to thank each of our churches who have completed their Annual Church Profile (ACP). I realize completing this annual report is often viewed in the same vein as a trip to the doctor's or dentist's office. But, the truth is statistics you provide in your ACP give a snapshot of your church's health to the Association; the KBC; and the SBC, just like those x-rays done at your doctor's or dentist's office. So, on behalf of the leadership of the SBC, thank you for taking the time to fill out your ACP.

We rejoice with New Bethel Baptist Church in calling Bro. David Chadler as their pastor. Please pray for Bro. David as he begins his ministry at New Bethel. Also, continue to pray for the seven other churches in Blood River Baptist Association that are seeking their next pastor.

Please make plans to attend our Associational Revival Service scheduled for Sunday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. at New Harmony Baptist Church. Bro. Randy McPheron, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Berea, KY, and an evangelist with Touch of Hope Evangelistic Ministries will be our special guest. I pray that New Harmony will be packed with brothers and sisters in Christ from the 44 churches of Blood River Baptist Association and that our praise will be heard out on the street.

If you haven't done so already, please make sure to elect your messengers to the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held at New Harmony Baptist Church beginning at 3:00 p.m. on October 13. Dr. Todd Gray, our KBC Executive Director-Treasurer, will be preaching the annual sermon during the first session and Bro. Jordan Roach will be preaching during the second session.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



Is your church interested in participating in the Christmas Backpack Project? For more details and to register visit
<https://www.kybaptist.org/christmasbackpacks/>
Due to BRBA Office October 20-24, 2025

upcoming events

October 2025

3rd	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th		Cooperative Program Sunday
7th	10:00 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
8th	1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
10th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
10th-11th		Disaster Relief Training @ Campbellsville Baptist, Campbellsville, KY Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/event/dr-chaplaincy-training-4/
12th		Pastor Appreciation Day
12th	6:00 pm	BRBA REVIVAL @ New Harmony Baptist, Benton, KY
13th	3:00 pm	BRBA ANNUAL MEETING SESSION #1 @ New Harmony Baptist
13th	5:30 pm	BRBA ANNUAL MEETING SESSION #2 @ New Harmony Baptist
13th		Columbus Day
17th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
17th-18th		Radiant: A Ministry Wives Retreat @ Living Hope Baptist, Bowling Green Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/radiant/
19th		Day of Prayer for Association Missions
19th-25th		William Skinner Week of Prayer and Associational Missions Offering
20th-24th		Christmas Backpacks due to BRBA Office
24th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
26th		Student Baptism Sunday
26th		Freda Harris Toys due to churches
27th	10:00 am	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ New Harmony Baptist, Benton, KY
31st	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

November 2025 (mark your calendar)

2nd		Daylight Savings Time ends (don't forget to set your clocks back)
3rd		Freda Harris Toys due to BRBA Office
4th		Election Day (Office Closed)
4th	10:00 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
5th	9:00 am	Packing Party for Freda Harris Toys @ BRBA Office
7th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
8th	7:00 pm	New Bethel Trivia Night Youth Fundraiser Contact Izzy Holbrook @ 270-703-7292 to register, \$10 per person
10th		KBC's Pastor Conference, First Baptist Church, Cold Spring, KY
11th		KBC Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church, Cold Spring, KY
11th		Veteran's Day
12th	1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
14th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time
19th	12:00 pm	Pastor's Luncheon @ Pagliai's, Murray, KY
21st	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time
26th-28th		Thanksgiving Break (Office Closed) Happy Thanksgiving!!!!



WMU Quarterly Meeting
October 27th
@ 10:00 a.m.
New Harmony Baptist, Benton, KY

Bags of Hope Pantry list for October

Altona — Peanut Butter & Green Beans
Bethel — Vienna Sausage & Canned Carrots
Bethlehem — Pancake Mix & Canned Potatoes
Briensburg — Ravioli & Canned Sweet Green Peas
Cherry Corner — Chili & Canned Red Beans
Elva — Canned Chicken & Canned Tomatoes
Flint — Spam & Kids Fruit Snacks
Gilbertsville — Dried White Beans & Pancake Syrup
Grace — Ravioli & Peanut Butter
Hamlet — Chili & Canned Green Beans
Hazel — Spam & Canned Mixed Vegetables
Holly Hills — Chili & Bars of Soap
Kirksey — Instant Potatoes & Canned Tomatoes
Lakeview — Vienna Sausage & Canned Black Eyed Peas
Ledbetter — Ravioli & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Locust Grove — Peanut Butter & Pork 'n Beans
Memorial — Mac 'n Cheese & Canned Sweet Green Peas
New Bethel — Canned Chicken & Canned Pinto Beans
New Harmony — Peanut Butter & Canned Carrots
New Mt Carmel — Instant Potatoes & Pancake Syrup
New Zion — Dried White Beans & Canned Potatoes
Northside — Chili & Instant Potatoes
Oak Grove — Canned Tuna & Mac 'n Cheese
Olive — Peanut Butter & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Owens Chapel — Peanut Butter Crackers & Canned Green Beans
Pleasant Hope — Bars of Soap & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Salem — Tuna & Canned White Beans
Spring Creek — Pancake Mix & Canned Black Eyed Peas
Sugar Creek — Mac 'n Cheese & Canned Mixed Vegetables
Union Ridge — Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix & Individually Wrapped Cookies
West Fork — Pancake Mix & Pancake Syrup

Bags of Hope Ministry

In August, we were able to help **411** people, of which **49** were new. We gave out **4,005** food items, **375** bread, and **179** personal hygiene items. Thank you for your continued support. Please continue to pray for each client and volunteer.

Thank you and God Bless

Bags of Hope

Hours for Food & Clothing: Monday & Thursday 1 - 4 p.m.
Food donations can still be donated at the Association Office
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 p.m. if more convenient.
Phone: 270-252-9266



**William Skinner Week of Prayer
& Associational Missions Offering
October 19th-25th**

Blood River Review

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October Pastor's Prayer Times

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17th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
24th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
31st	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office

Prayer Time

Churches Currently without Pastors

Pleasant Valley	Locust Grove	Holly Hills
Oak Grove	Ledbetter	Altona
FBC Gilbertsville		



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Our Leaders
Our Youth
Our Schools
Each Other
Our Pastors

THE LOST
Sister Churches
Our Country
The Sick
Missionaries
Our Teachers

Churches without Pastors

October Birthdays

5th	Kim Reeder, Grace Baptist
7th	Triston Swift, Ledbetter (I)
9th	Karen Kuykendall, West Fork
11th	Kattie Penick, New Harmony
12th	Jonathan Clark, BSU Director
14th	Vickie McCuiston, Old Salem Road
27th	Martin Severns, Memorial
29th	JoAnna Harwell, Coldwater
31st	Jennifer Reeder, Grace Baptist

October Anniversaries

5th	Triston & Faith Swift, Ledbetter (I)
10th	Damian & Hermelina Alvarez, El Mananantial

October Church Anniversaries

1st Sunday
Ronnie Burkeen, Cherry Corner (2021)
Charles LaChance, Bethel (2014)
3rd Sunday
Shawn Hanes, Kirksey (2021)
4th Sunday
Brett Miles, Northside (1996)

Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Training
Campbellsville Baptist, Campbellsville, KY
October 10th-11th

Disaster Relief Volunteer Training
Campbellsville Baptist, Campbellsville, KY
October 11th @ 7:30 a.m.

Register @ <https://kybaptist.org/dr>



2025 BRBA Annual Meeting

October 13th, 2025
@ New Harmony Baptist
4817 Symsonia Hwy
Benton, KY
Session #1—3:00 p.m.
Session #2—5:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting Revival

October 12th @ 6:00 p.m.
New Harmony Baptist



Radiant: A Ministry Wives' Retreat

October 17th-18th, 2025
Living Hope Baptist, Bowling Green, KY

radiant
A MINISTRY WIVES RETREAT

Register @ <https://www.kybaptist.org/radiant/>

BETHLEHEM

Greetings from Bethlehem Baptist Church! We have been busy gathering up toys for the Freeda Harris toy drive. As well as working on Christmas backpacks. Bethlehem's Annual Fish Fry will be Saturday, September 27th @ 5 p.m. We are also having an Ice Cream Social that same day. We welcome you to attend with us at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

HAZEL

We welcome to our church family by baptism Lisa Snow, Ainsley Chadwick, Bobby DeShields, Jax DeShields and Mitzie Coursey. We know they will be a blessing to our church and pray HBC will be a blessing to them. September 28th will be our homecoming with Bro. Kara Blackard as special guest speaker. There will be a potluck meal to follow. We are praising God for the great things He is doing at HBC. To God be the glory for the great things He has done!!

NEW BETHEL

Great news here at New Bethel, Praise God, we have called a new Pastor to lead us into the future! We welcome Brother David Chandler and his wife Cara and daughter Ava into our Church Family. On Saturday, August 30th, our Youth Group Fund Raiser Movie Night went very well, and the movie, Church People, was great! Our Sunday School Breakfast on Sunday, August 31st was a great time of food and fellowship, and afterwards Brother Royce Dukes brought the Message God had laid on his heart. On Thursday, September 11th, our Young at Heart Seniors had their Annual Picnic at Mike Miller Park, with lots of good food, fun and fellowship. Our New Bethel Fish Fry will be Saturday, September 20th, with fish, all the fixings and drinks, and everyone is welcome to join in. The Freeda Harris Toy Drive is ongoing, the Shoebox Ministry will be starting soon, we are supporting the Bags of Hope Food Pantry and we will have Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 25th.

SALEM

God is still moving at Salem Baptist Church: another precious soul saved, plus a re-dedication, and two baptisms this Sunday. God is SO good! "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes" is very near and dear to our hearts. October 25th will be our Fall Festival. Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Philipians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philipians 1:20-21 "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philipians 1:29-30 "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me."

SUGAR CREEK

September was a full and fun month, and we're excited for the fall season ahead. Join us for Homecoming on September 28th with music by The Congers and a special message from Pastor Darrell Walker. It's a day of celebration, fellowship, and worship. Everyone is welcome!

Trunk or Treat - October 18th (4:00-5:30 PM) Bring the family to our Trunk or Treat on October 18th! Enjoy free chili, hot dogs, and plenty of candy. It's a fun, safe event for all ages. Everyone is invited! We hope to see you there!

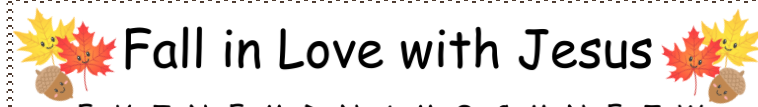
FREEDA HARRIS TOY DRIVE 2025

AUGUST 1 THRU OCTOBER 26

New toys for boys and girls
Ages 6 months to 16 years old

DO NOT WRAP!

Toys due @ churches October 26th
Toys due @ BRBA November 3rd
Packing Party @ BRBA November 5th 9:00 a.m.
NEED WRAPPING PAPER, TAPE & MEDIUM MOVING BOXES (18X16X18)



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2026 BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION INDOOR WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Volleyball Church Team sign ups!



Church team must consist of at least of 6 players co-ed men and women.

Players must be active members of the church they are playing for.

Players must be at least 15 years of age.

Teams can be up to 8 players, if a church has 12 or more players they can enter two teams into the league.

Cost per team is \$200 which will cover team t shirts for players, and awards for the end of the season. (Checks Payable to New Bethel)

Church league will play games in Jan and Feb of 2026

Games will be played on Saturdays starting in Jan 2026

Teams can practice from October to the start of the season.

For further details contact
Bro. David Chandler with questions and team sign ups
Call or text (270)703-8318