

Blood River Baptist Association

Mission Board Meeting
Cherry Corner Baptist Church
September 12, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

Blood River Baptist Association
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Mark's Memos

During our August Mission Board Meeting, the Personnel Committee recommended Mrs. Haley Pratt Prince to become our Administrative Assistant at BRBA. Haley is a 2017 graduate of Marshall County High School and is a member of Pleasant Hope Baptist Church. In her spare time Haley enjoys riding 4-wheelers and being outdoors. Haley's hours will be Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Also, during our August Mission Board Meeting, the Mission Board upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee agreed to contract with Mrs. Wendy Joyce to serve as our Financial Assistant. Wendy earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from MSU in 1998 and has 18 years' experience as a bookkeeper. Wendy is a member of Owens Chapel Baptist Church.

Needless to say, this is a departure from the way things have been done in the past. So, I want to ask for your patience on behalf of myself, and our new staff, as we learn our duties and learn to work together as a team for you good and for the glory of the Kingdom of God.

On personal note, I am now entering my third year as your Director of Missions. Thus far, I have enjoyed getting to know the fine people that make up Blood River Baptist Association and look forward to serving along-side you; the pastors; and the churches of BRBA as we seek to serve the LORD and build up His Church years to come.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR ACP (Annual Church Profile) BACK TO THE OFFICES OF BRBA BY SEPTEMBER 16. The ACP data you provide assists BRBA, the KBC, and the SBC in knowing what is going on in the local church. In many ways, the ACP is like the health chart your family doctor keeps on you. That chart gives your doctor vital information about your health. Likewise, your church ACP gives BRBA, the KBC, and the SBC vital information about the health of your church. So, please get those ACP's back to us as soon as possible.

Finally, I encourage you to pray for one another; your pastor; the lost; our missionaries; and pray for your sister churches, especially those seeking pastors.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark



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September 2019 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

September



5th Amy Dotson, Olive
7th Mary Barrow, Blood River
7th Bro. Darrell Walker, Gilbertsville
7th Bro. Curtis Rice, Salem
17th Kristin Sickling, BRBA
20th Bro. Kevin Harris, Poplar Springs
24th Sally Storm, Owens Chapel

Happy
Anniversary

22nd Amy & Todd (1995), Olive
23rd Charles & Robin LaChance (1990), Bethel

Church Anniversary

First Sunday

Bro. Martin Severns (2007), Memorial

Second Sunday

Bro. Rick Miller (2000), Symsonia

Bro. Mike White (2012), New Providence



Senior Adult Rally

Reminder for the Senior Adult Rally
Friday September 13th @ Dexter Baptist
Liberty Boys

4:30 pm \$7.00 Per Person

Bags of Hope

Hours: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm for food

Hours for clothing: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm

Food donations can still be donated at the Association Monday- Friday 9am - 4pm if more convenient.





September 19, 2019

Heartland Church, 4777 Alben Barkley Dr.

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

For more information & to register: kybaptist.org

Freedra Harris



JULY-NOVEMBER 6

We need new toys, \$10-\$12 price range, for boys and girls ages 6months - 16 yrs.

Please bring toys to the Associational office by November 6th.

Do not wrap toys, but you may provide wrapping paper, ribbon & tape.

Toys will be packed for shipping on Nov. 7th at 9:00 am.

Everyone is welcome to help pack!

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Elva	Hamlet	Kirksey	Oak Grove
Pleasant Hope		Scotts Grove	Sinking
Spring	Opportunity Church		
New Mt. Carmel	Old Salem Rd.		Salem

UPCOMING Events

SEPTEMBER

1 ST		Single Adult Sunday
2 nd		Labor Day (Office Closed)
8 th		Grandparents Day
8 th	4:15 pm	First Place Meets Weekly, Memorial
9 th -15 th		Week of Prayer for State Missions/ Eliza Broadus Offering
12 th	6:30 pm	Missions Board Meeting @ Cherry Corner
13 th	4:30 pm	Senior Adult Rally @ Dexter
15 th		Anti-Gambling Sunday
15 th -20 th		Mission Trip to Oneida Baptist Institute
16 th		ACP Deadline
23 rd		First Day of Fall

OCTOBER

3 rd	9:00 am	Gideon Breakfast 4 Little Pigs
6 th		Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
7 th	7:00 pm	Annual Mtg. Owens Chapel
8 th	9:30 am	Annual Mtg. Symsonia
8 th	7:00 pm	Annual Mtg. Olive
10 th		No Mission Board Meeting
13 th		Global Hungry Sunday
14 th		Columbus Day

Salem: We had a very special July 4th celebration on June 30th. Our church was decorated with the American flag throughout the auditorium and patriotic flowers. Bro. Curtis put together the patriotic music and prayer. As Bro. Curtis recited the meaning of the flag folding, the men of the church folded the American flag, the Taps was played afterward. It was a very moving ceremony from start to finish. Vacation Bible School in July was a big success. Our theme of the year was "In the Wild", and we had some great decorations to bring the theme alive. Many thanks to our Director, Lori Callihan, for being our fearless leader, and thanks to all the workers and teachers. Thursday night was family night, and we celebrated with pizza and watermelon. On Sunday after VBS ended we were presented with a slide show of the activities and music enjoyed during VBS. We had one saved, and she was baptized on July 28! Seeds were sown and the children learned Bible stories. On August 10 we ventured down to Boyette's Restaurant for a wonderful fellowship meal. It was the first trip for some of us, but it won't be the last! We thank Bro. Curtis for arranging the trip. During the past few weeks several members have been sick, undergoing treatment or have fallen and been injured. We lift all of them up to the Lord and pray for healing. We appreciate all the many blessings that the Lord bestows upon us.

New Bethel: On Sunday August 4th we had our monthly Fellowship Breakfast. Also on this Sunday we started a 13 week SS Class/Bible Study, "How to Manage Your Money", an in-depth Bible Study on personal finance, taught by our Pastor, Brother Mark Thweatt. On Tuesday August 6th our Young At Heart Seniors traveled to the Blue and White Grill in Hazel, KY for their monthly outing. Several of our folks went to the KBC Equip Training at First Baptist Church in Paducah on Monday night August 19th. On Sunday night August 25th, we're having Fellowship/Vision Night as we come together to discuss and plan for the future of New Bethel Baptist Church. We're still participating in the in the Bags of Hope Ministry and also participated in the BRBA/International Student "Goodie Bag" Project to welcome Murray State International Students to our Communities. Coming up on September 10th our Young At Heart Seniors Picnic, and on September 29th in the morning service we will observe the Lord's Supper and the evening service will be a "Worship in Song Service", singing everyone's favorite songs by request.

Oak Grove: Oak Grove celebrated our 160th anniversary with the homecoming service on August 18th. Special music for the worship service featured the singing group, "By Grace", from Mayfield, KY. The trio consists of Diana Thomason, Leigh Ann Smith, and Kathy Copeland. We we're blessed to have former pastor, Bro. Carl T. McNeil, to deliver the morning message. Following the service, everyone enjoyed a meal in the fellowship hall. Oak Grove welcomes new members, Phil and Glenna Gant. We are praying for revival services that begin Sunday, September 8 (10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.), and continue Monday through Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M.. The speaker will be Bro. Daniel McKinney, associate pastor at Northside Baptist Church, Murray KY. Our congregation continues to pray for our pastor search committee as we seek the next pastor that God has planned for us.



How to Participate & Pack:

- Register online (www.kybaptist.org/backpacks) the number of backpacks your church or organization is committed to pack.
- Determine whether your church or organization will partner with and deliver to a specific ministry or drop at an Association collection site.
- Begin with purchasing a New zippered backpack.
- Determine the gender & age for the backpacks, then tie 2 ribbons on each backpack to designate following color chart.
 - Blue - Boys
 - Pink - Girls
 - Purple - Ages 2-3
 - Yellow - Ages 4-7
 - Green - Ages 8-10
 - Red - Ages 11-14
 - White - Ages 15-17
- Fill backpacks with NEW gift. (see website for suggestions)
- Insert the Christmas Story leaflet into each backpack.
- Securely tie 2 ribbons, according to the above colors, to the outside of each backpack.
- Pray specifically for the child & their family.
- Deliver backpacks to BRBA by **October 21-25**.

Notes from the Food Pantry

In July we were able to help 123 families. We gave out 3,379 food items, 326 bread and 224 hygiene items.

This ministry continues to grow we had 19 new families last month. We want to thank you for your continued support for this ministry. We continue to have new families every week.

The food items your church is asked to bring each month are important to the growth of this ministry!

If your church is interested in volunteering to work a week at the pantry please contact me.

Thank You,
God bless