

Blood River Review

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

September



- 5th - Amy Dotson, Olive
- 7th - Bro. Darrell Walker, Gilbertsville
- 7th - Mary Barrow, Blood River
- 7th - Bro. Curtis Rice, Salem Baptist
- 17th - Kristin Sickling, BRBA
- 19th - Bro. Rick Johnson, New Bethel
- 20th - Bro. Kevin Harris, Poplar Spring
- 21st - Mona Johnson, New Bethel
- 22nd - Bro. Randal Cox, Elva
- 24th - Sally Stom, Owens Chapel

Church Anniversary

1st Sunday

- Bro. Martin Severns, Memorial (2007)
- Bro. Chris McKenzie, Sinking Spring (2017)

2nd Sunday

- Bro. Mike White, New Providence (2012)

3rd Sunday

- Bro. Rick Miller, Symsonia (2000)



September

- 14th - Bro. Tim & Katrina Franklin, Sharpe (1996)
- 22nd - Bro. Charles & Robin LaChance, New Bethel (1990)
- 23rd - Bro. Todd & Amy Dotson, Olive (1995)



Reminder for the Senior Adult Rally

Friday September 14th @ Dexter Baptist
4:30PM \$7.00 per person

Please RSVP @ Blood River Baptist Association by
By September 10th



September 28th @ 6:00PM

Pastor/Deacon/wives Retreat

Sugar Creek Baptist Church

1888 Faxon Road, Murray KY

Please RSVP by Sept. 24th at BRBA

CHRISTMAS BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Association is once again asking our churches to participate in the Christmas Backpack program sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. We would like each church to provide at least 2 filled back packs. For complete information about this project go to: <http://www.kybaptist.org/stories/christmas-backpacks,2369?> Purchase your backpacks and fill them with age appropriate items such as socks, under clothes, small toys, hygiene items, and nonperishable food items. Please do not include school supplies. Then, mark the backpack as directed on the instructions and drop them off at the association by Oct. 12, 2018. This program is designed for children 4 - 14 years of age. If you have any questions, please call the association office.

New Zion: Psalms 122:1 *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.* Greetings from New Zion! "We can surely say that it has been good here at New Zion. Bro. Dale has preached on *The Mysteries in the Word of God, It is Enough, The Difference between "on the ways" and "in the ways", Excuses from the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, Facts of Scripture, and Why There Has to be a Hell.* These are just a few of the sermons we have heard this month. He has also challenged us with a 30 Day of Prayer for our Church and is teaching us that the growth of the Church begins with each one of us. Our youth is anxious to serve and will be doing mission work for the Elders in our Church. Praise God for these young adults and their desire to serve. July 22nd the youth group collected over \$900 in donations at their fund raiser. We all enjoyed the movie *I Can Only Imagine*. Great job goes out to our youth and their leaders. The Back to School shoe collection was a huge success and special thanks goes to everyone who donated. Praise God for Rachel Lane and this ministry. You certainly made some amazing children very happy. July 20th we held our 5th Sunday Singing and what an amazing time we shared. We were blessed to have several groups sing and the Holy Spirit showed up and showed out! August 9th our Senior Saints had lunch at August Moon in Murray and had a great turnout. August 15th our Wednesday night meal ministry begins so get those elastic waist pants out! Our cooks are the best around. School is back in session and we all need to be in prayer for our students, teachers, and bus drivers. Deadline for the Freeda Harris Toy Drive is November 5th and there is a box in the foyer. Blessings to you all."

Pleasant Valley: "August 9th our students and staff returned to school. Last year at this time, we had no idea what tragedy would be coming. We held a special prayer service for Protection and Blessings for all students and the staff. Prayer is the best preventative medicine around. Go with God and all will be well. Jalyn Bedwell, Faith Pratt, and Travis Morris who were all present the morning of January 23rd spoke words of hope and inspiration. It was heart warming to hear them speak words of faith and encouragement and to see the positives they took from such a horrific occurrence. The deacons and clergy and our members prayed over all of the students and staff of our church. We had talent night and finger foods on July 29th. We have it every 5th Sunday so if anyone is out there and would love to join us with your talents. We would be happy to have you. It was definitely a fun evening of good fellowship. Our annual Holiday World Trip is set for September 8th. It is a wonderful time for our youth and all ages to enjoy a day of fun. Activities is what keeps the spirit of fellowship going and builds bonds plus memories that keep us close to each other and committed to serving our Lord. We are gearing up for participation in the Friday Night Lights. Serving along with a couple of our sister churches. Briensburg Baptist Church started this great outreach program. We often can't get some folks to come to our churches despite activities offered so this is a fantastic way to take the gospel to them. Travis Morris is currently on the MCHS team. We are so proud of him. Hard to think of him as a rough and rugged football player on the field when he is full of hugs and I love you'd to folks he meets. May God blessings be upon all of our churches and our association as we all are on the same team to win the lost to Jesus."

Union Ridge: "Our church lost one of our members. Ms. Brenda Sirls held several positions in the church for many years. She will be greatly missed. We did have one Baptism of one of our new members. Our church hosted the Associational Board Meeting this month."

Dexter Baptist: The Lord has blessed Dexter. We have had 2 Baptisms and a Trip to Job Corp. with 4 Salvations. In September we are taking our youth to an Animal Safari. Ms. Sandy is teaching the youth to memorize the books of the bible and learn important facts from each book. September 14th we are hosting the Senior Adult Rally. We hope to see you there. October is Homecoming with Bro. Mike Littrell preaching and Ms. Holly Waits for special music.

New Bethel: "Our Youth Crossings Camp was June 30th-July 5th, with a lot of great kids in our Youth Group attending. July 8th was Old Fashion Clothes or Hats Sunday, a look back at the way we used to dress, with a Pot Luck Meal after the Morning Service. Our Kids Camp was July 22nd-July 25th with many of our great younger kids attending. July 22nd was the sign up deadline for the Strength Youth Conference and most if not all of our Youth are signed up. On July 24th, our Young At Heart Seniors traveled to The Pond in Aurora for their monthly outing. On July 25th, our Wednesday night service started a new study in James. On July 29th, in the morning service, we observed the Lord's Supper. Also on July 29th, there was a Church Wide Outing to Woody's BBQ in Murray. We helped out with the Needline School Supply Drive and don't forget that the Freeda Harris Toy Drive runs from July 25th-Nov. 7th. Pray for Brother Mark and Jackie and pray for each other."

Oak Grove: "The hot days of July have passed, and we look forward to the coming month's activities that have already been planned. Our Directory Committee has been hard at work updating our church roll and working with pictures that will be taken on August 28th & 29th. Our Women of Hope collected items for the food pantry at Southwest Elementary School. July 21st was clean-up day on the church grounds and the men did a great job. Everyone enjoyed the fifth Sunday night singing and finger foods that followed in the fellowship hall. We were saddened by the passing of Mrs. Betty Youlonda Grooms on July 31st. We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Grooms. We made plans and distributed flyers for our revival beginning August 5th with Bro. Todd Gray, Evangelist.

Sugar Creek: *O worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness. Psalm 96:9.* "We are so thankful for such a wonderful month God have given us. We have had three people to join the church, and we couldn't be more excited to have them. School has begun for our youth but that didn't stop them from coming out last Saturday night for a movie night and fellowship. They enjoyed watching "Second Chances" under the pavilion. We hope to do it again soon, so come out and join us. This past Sunday evening we had our annual "watermelon bust", it was a great time of fellowship while enjoying some watermelon. We have more to look forward to, September the 8th is the cruise-in, where we will have some classic cars, and delicious food, so come join us. Following the cruise in, we will have the Fall Revival on September 20th-22nd. We would love to see our pavilion full with people ready to hear the word of God. We are so grateful for everything God is doing at our little church on the hill." *God's Garden: lettuce be Kind, squash Gossip, and Turnup for Church.*

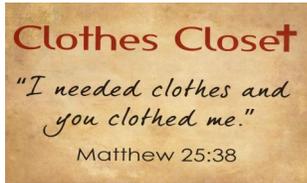
Pleasant Hope: "It has been a another busy month here at Pleasant Hope, we continued our V B S lessons through the last 4 weeks about seeking our treasures in Heaven more than in on earth and I think most of the Youth realized that the treasures in Heaven are going to be more greater that what we could have here on earth. We hosted a monthly singing on the 11th and everyone said what a blessing it was and how Spirit filled it was. Our Seniors are going to Catfish House in Pryorburg on the 17th. Our Youth our going to Parkview Nursing Home on the 18th to spread a little cheer and singing for our older people. Bro. Johnny is in Homecoming on the 19th at Elva so we will be looking forward to Bro. Mark filling in for him. Some of our group will be heading to Oneida Baptist Institute the 16th of September, looking forward to that. We have had several visitors in church this month (Thank You Lord). Have a Blessed month."

Salem Baptist: June and July have been busy months at Salem during this hot weather. Bro. Curtis and Marlene are settling in and getting acquainted with the folks at Salem. On August 1 we took our service to West Fork for their Revival. We were all blessed with Bro. Mark's messages and the special singing. Some of us went to Oak Grove for their Revival with Bro. Todd Gray. It was also a blessing. We had a nice potluck meal on July 29 to welcome Bro. Curtis and Marlene. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. On Sunday, August 12, after the evening service we had an ice cream social with so many wonderful flavors of ice cream, homemade cookies and cakes! We are planning "Celebrate Sunday School" on August 26 with a potluck meal that day also. We are praying for high attendance that day. The Nominating Committee is working hard to fill positions for next year. We appreciate all those members who serve in these positions. God has blessed all of us with talents to use for his honor and glory.

Blood River Baptist Association

ANNUAL MEETING

Oct. 8th @ 7:00 PM - Spring Creek Baptist Church
 Oct. 9th @ 9:30 AM- Gilbertsville Baptist Church
 Oct. 9th @ 7:00 PM - Altona Baptist Church



Notice: Bags of Hope and Clothes Closet has Moved

Please Donate Clothing to the new address:

3265 Mayfield Hwy Benton KY

Hours: Monday & Thursday 2-5pm for Food

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Food donations can still be donated at the Association Monday - Friday 9AM - 4 PM if More Convenient.

Freeda Harris Toy Drive

July 25-November 7

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

Please bring toys to the Associational Office by Nov. 7th

Notes From The Food Pantry

In July we were able to help 118 families. We gave out 2525 food items, 428 loaves of bread and 288 hygiene items. Thank you for your continued support in this ministry.

The work schedule for the food pantry thru Sept. is:

Aug. 23 & Aug 27th: Hazel Baptist Church

Aug. 30th & Sept. 6th: Salem Baptist Church

Sept. 10th & Sept. 13th: Holly Hills Baptist Church

Sept. 17th & 20th: Olive Baptist Church

Sept. 24th & Sept. 27th: Northside Baptist Church

Thank You and God Bless

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

New Mt. Carmel

Kirksey

Salem

UPCOMING Events

September

- 2 Single Adult Sunday
- 3 Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 9 Grandparents Day
- 9-16 Week of Prayer for State Missions (Eliza Broadus Offering)
- 13 6:30 Mission Board Mtg. Salem Baptist
- 14 4:30pm Senior Adult Rally Dexter Baptist
- 16-21 Mission Trip to Oneida Baptist Institute
- 17 Deadline for ACP's
- 22 First Day of Fall
- 28 6:00 pm Pastor/Deacon/Wives Retreat, Sugar Creek

October

- 7 Soul Winning Commitment Sunday
- 8 7:00 pm Annual Mtg. Spring Creek BC
- 8 Columbus Day
- 9 9:30 am Annual Mtg. Gilbertsville BC
- 9 7:00 pm Annual Mtg. Altona BC
- 11 No Mission Board Meeting
- 14 Global Hunger Sunday
- 17 6:30 am Minister's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship/Martha's Restaurant, Murray
- 22 10:00 am WMU Quarterly Meeting, Union Ridge BC
- 31 Halloween

November

- 4 Turn your clocks back 1 hour
- 4 Freeda Harris Toys due at church
- 5 Baptist women's World day of prayer
- 6 Election Day
- 7 Freeda Harris Toys due at BRBA

**Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting
September 13th @ 6:30PM
Salem Baptist Church
1034 Brown's Grove Rd.
Murray, KY**

Blood River Baptist Association
Rev. Mark Sickling, Director of Missions
P.O. Box 18, 47 Aurora Hwy.
Hardin, KY 42048-0018
270-437-4203/Fax: 270-437-4228

Mark's Memos:

Well, with the turning of the calendar from August to September, summer is officially over and the countdown to Christmas begins. Hopefully, the end of summer and summer vacations also signifies that more and more people will choose to be present in our 47 churches for Sunday School and worship every week.

Please don't forget about two fellowship opportunities during the month of September. First, on Friday, September 14, at 4:30 p.m. Dexter Baptist Church will host our annual Senior Adult Rally. Then, on Friday, September 28, we will have our annual Pastors/Deacons/Wives retreat at Sugar Creek Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. Please make note of the dates you need to rsvp for both of these events.

Please be in prayer for our Oneida Mission Trip the week of September 16-21. Pray for safe travels; the safety of our workers; and for opportunities to minister to the students and staff of Oneida Baptist Institute.

Finally, I want to remind you that September is the month our Eliza Broadus State Missions offering is taken. This year's goal is \$1,250, 000. That's a lot of money, but believe me that money is used to do a lot of Kingdom Work here in Kentucky. In fact, Blood River Baptist Association received several ABO Grants this past year.

We used one of those grants to purchase Bible's for the Bags of Hope; and we used the other ABO Grant to help sponsor the Night of Healing Concert at MCHS following the tragic school shooting in January.

So, when you are considering whether or not to give to the Eliza Broadus Offering, remember that a portion of your gift may very well make it back to Western KY to minister to people right here in Blood River Baptist Association.

Serving Him Together,
Bro. Mark



September 24,2018

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Remember to limit your words to 200