

Blood River Review

NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



April

- 3rd - Amber Henshaw, New Mt. Carmel
- 10th - Johnny Coffenberry, Pleasant Hope
- 14th- Terry Josleyn, Scotts Grove
- 17th- Hermelina Alvarez, El Manantial
- 17th- Rick Miller, Symsonia
- 21st- Ed Chapman, The Spring
- 22nd- Christi Bedwell, Spring Creek

Church Anniversary

1st Sunday

Kim Reeder, Grace (2016)

2nd Sunday

Jack Kee, Union Ridge (2016)

4th Sunday

Glen Cope, Flint (2010)

Carl McNeill, Oak Grove (2017)



- April 11 - Jordan & Hailey Roach (2015)
- 20 - Carl & Fransette McNeill (2012)
- 24- Shawn & Kili Hanes (1998)



BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WILL BE CLOSED MARCH 30TH FOR GOOD FRIDAY



The Clothes Closet @ BRBA is wanting to move the winter items to make room for the spring and summer items.

Please come and check us out Thursdays 10 - 2 Pm

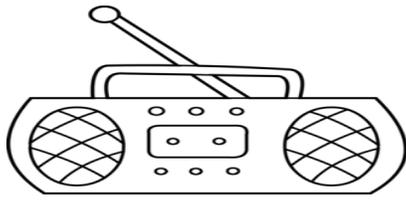
Everything is FREE pass the word!



Fellowship Meal

Upcoming Times of Fellowship:

- April 14: Men's Breakfast- Grace BC, 8:00am
- April 17: Retired Ministers/wives luncheon 5:00pm at Majestic Steak House in Draffenville
- April 18: Minister's prayer breakfast at BRBA 6:30 a.m.



If your church has an event you would like others to know about on radio, go to:

<https://www.wvhm.org/community/datebook>
Then fill out the form or call 1-800-467-4095.
Support the Baptist Hour daily opportunity 9:30-9:45am. Call Bro. Mike White @ 270-293-4919.



Free to good church or home, Hazel Bapt. Has an Organ that they would like to donate please call Bro. Jordan Roach if you are interested.

(270) 873-9222 or Hazel Bapt. 270-492-8664

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Quarterly Meeting

April 23, 2018

Altona Baptist Church

NOTES FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

We want to send out a special thanks to the workers that came and helped us move the food pantry to the Blood River Associational office on Friday.

We gave out 1,947 food items to 86 families in February with 238 loaves of bread and 105 hygiene items.

Thank you for your support to this ministry.

God Bless

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Hamlet
Kirksey

Salem
New Harmony

Poplar Springs
Old Salem Rd.

UPCOMING Events

March

20 Spring Begins
25 Palm Sunday
30 Good Friday Office Closed

April

1 Easter Sunday
8 Cooperative Program Sunday
8 4:15 PM 1st Place Victory
9 6:30 PM 1st Place Orientation BRBA
12 6:30 PM Concert @ Marshall Co. High
14 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast, Grace
17 5:00 PM Retired Minister's Wives Fellowship
Majestic Steak House, Draffenville
18 6:30 AM Minister's Prayer Breakfast, BRBA
19 6:30 PM Mission Board Mtg. Poplar Springs
22 SBC Seminaries Sunday
23 7:00 PM WMU Quarterly Meeting, Altona

May

6 4:30 PM First Place Orientation, Memorial
6 Senior Adult Sunday
13 Mother's Day
13-19 Christian Home Week
14 5:00 PM First Place, Memorial
14 5:30 PM First Place, Westside
19 Armed Forces Day
20-27 Week of Prayer for Assoc. Missions
William Skinner Offering
28 Memorial Day/Office Closed

June

2-6 Memorial Baptist VBS 9-11:30am
12-13 SBC Annual Meeting Dallas TX
14 Flag Day (No Mission Board MTG)
17 Father's Day
17 Baptist Men's Day

New Bethel: February 4th was Sanctity of Life Sunday here at New Bethel and Lisa Holland from the HOPE Clinic was a special guest speaker-March 4th was the last day of their Baby Bottle Campaign. On Feb. 12th, Life Line Screenings was here at the church again, and many folks took advantage of these vital, affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings which can be life-saving for those who don't have access to regular check-ups. On Feb. 14th, we had a Valentine/Birthday Bash, celebrating Valentine's Day and everyone's 2018 Birthday's with a Catered Meal and some great Fellowship and lots of fun. On Feb. 18th, there was a presentation to the Congregation about Security Issues and Procedures. It's sign-up time for Crossings Youth Camp for students going into the 7th -12th grade. Camp this year will be June 30th-July 5th. Sometimes life seems to be overwhelming as bad things seem to be happening every day all around us, so please pray for each other, Bro. Mark and Jackie, our Community, our Country our leaders at the Local State and National Level and all our kids and their schools. I saw on the news the other day, the dead of a large corporation said that his company was going to do something to help stop school shootings, because thoughts and prayers didn't do anything-well he was wrong, God hears and answers our prayers and He is still in control.

Pleasant Valley Baptist: The UK Wildcats just won the SEC tournament this past weekend. Winning a basketball title is a thrill but something that is lasting and the Big win in life is celebrated Sunday, April 1. Easter time is the true Victory and Everlasting life is the trophy. When we stand before our God someday, who won the SEC tournament will mean nothing but our decision on accepting Jesus and what we did for Him in this life will mean everything. Hope you will grab your spiritual pom poms and shout praises up for the red blood shed by our precious Savior. At Easter time we will have an egg hunt for the kids on Sunday March 25th at 5:00 before services and we will take the Lord's supper on Easter at 6pm in the evening service in honor and remembrance. One of the big Activity highlights of our church will be held on April 14th which is our annual Sweetheart Banquet. The kids and adults are working hard to make this a good date night and a time of fellowship. There is nothing to be compared to the waiters and waitresses of that evening. Some of our younger servers have sampled the bread before serving it to make sure it tasted good or will tell you to finish your drink before they refill it. It is an entertaining evening complete with a dinner and a show. We appreciate all of the effort and sacrifices given by all the workers. Activities remain the greatest avenue to bring people in to our church and hopefully win them to Christ or restart the fire to serve. Just another quick word of praise to the youth in our church. Jalyn Bedwell did kids corner for the first time. Travis Morris is a regular at giving the devotional and when our regular song leaders are having to work, Christian Byars is ready to grab a song book and take the lead. They are our future and we are grateful for all they do. May God continue to guide and bless all of our churches and association.

Oak Grove: Our WMU Ladies of Hope did an outstanding job planning and decorating for the Winter Tea on Feb. 3. The tables were decorated beautifully and the food was excellent. The men, dressed in black trousers and white shirts, outdid themselves serving all the tables. We had many visitors attend and everyone enjoyed the guest speaker, Missy Jenkins Smith who is a survivor of the school shooting at Heath High School in 1997. Special music was provided by Janice Scheeter. Feb. 11 nine of our members attended the Church Security Training sponsored by the Henry County Sherriff's Office. The group gave a report to the church and a committee was elected to secure prices for more fire extinguishers, walkie-talkies, more smoke detectors and a Defibrillator. Feb. 22, Bro. Carl and Bro. Gerald attended the special called board meeting at the BRBA office.

Pleasant Hope: "Seems like Spring is trying to get here but old Man Winter keeps trying to stay a little longer but I think Spring will win out and everyone will start feeling a little better. Pleasant Hope has been growing again. Started March on a high note with one man coming to the saving grace of God and our Worship Wednesday Youth group is still growing, They are preparing a couple of plays for Palm Sunday on the 21th and the next week is Easter Sunday on the 28th; they are learning a lot as they go. We are so Blessed with people willing to work with them and so Blessed to have Bro. Johnny and Bonnie leading our church. Bonnie tries to stay in the background but she is busy all the time, heads up feeding the youth on Wednesday and driving the van to pick them up, helps teach a Sunday School Class and then keeps the Nursery when needed; Thanks Bonnie! Until next time everyone remember the real reason we celebrate Easter and the price Jesus paid to save OUR unworthy souls."

Sugar Creek: 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Matthew 28:18-19 The month of March is a busy one and we are so excited we have lots of things to look forward to. Sunday night, March 18th we are having our annual birthday celebration dinner. We celebrate everyone's birthday at a potluck, what's better than delicious food and fellowship? Continuing with the excitement, on March 31st we are going to be having an Easter egg hunt and fish fry to follow. We hope you can join us. God is doing big things for the little church on the hill, *please come visit us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church.* Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy!

Salem Baptist: Spring is almost here. We are all looking forward to warmer weather. We are planning a Community-wide pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 24 at 8:00am. After we eat, the children will enjoy an Easter egg hunt. March 25 is Youth Sunday. The youth will take responsibility for the morning service. Then we will have a fellowship meal at noon. We are thankful for these young people and the youth leaders. Bro. Jim is continuing his Wed. night prayer study. We are thankful for this study and for all those who are participating. We have also been doing an in-depth study on Psalm 23. Thank you, Lord for all your many blessings.

Dexter Baptist: The Lord continues to bless us at Dexter Baptist. The Youth/Children's ministry had a good time decorating valentine cards to personally go out on the 7th of Feb. and give to the shut in's. On the 11th we had a dessert contest with the youth and men, we had a lot of yummy desserts and had no problem getting judges. Bro. David led a how to study the Bible Class every Sat. @6pm. We had a great time learning and fellowship. March 6th we took our Youth/Children's church to Vanzora for a puppet play. They really enjoyed it and we had 2 Salvations. Thank you Vanzora for inviting us. We had a St. Patrick's Day party for the Youth/Children and used the shamrock to show the Love of God and the Trinity. You should of seen them play the cabbage race even the youth leader got involved. We are looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt on the 31st everyone is invited. God Bless from Dexter Baptist

**Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting
April 19th @ 6:30 PM
Poplar Springs
749 Poplar Springs Dr.
Murray, Kentucky**

Mark's Memo:

As you read this Newsletter, you are likely preparing yourself for the most celebrated day of the year for the church, the celebration of Easter or Resurrection Sunday on April 1, 2018. It is my hope and prayer that each of you, and each of our 47 Blood River Baptist Churches has a blessed Resurrection Sunday.

As most of you probably know, our Mission Board of the Association voted in February to move our Bags of Hope food pantry into our Blood River Baptist Association building on a temporary basis(6months), while a special committee looks into the feasibility of building a permanent home for Bags of Hope on our property. Please pray that our LORD will give us wisdom in what He would have us do in the months ahead.

I have been serving along with a few area pastors and other concerned citizens of Marshall County to bring a special event to Marshall County High School in the wake of the tragic school shooting there on January 23. While there are still some details that must be worked out, this "Night of Healing Service and Concert" will be held on April 12, at Reed Conder Memorial Gymnasium on the campus of MCHS. Among other things the Zach Williams band will play and Rev. Josh Holland of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will speak. One thousand tickets will be given to the students and staff of MCHS. If you want to purchase tickets, you can purchase them online at LMGConcerts.com for \$20 each. As a result of this special event on April 12, our regularly scheduled Mission Board Meeting to be held on April 12, will be moved to April 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Spring Baptist Church in Calloway County. Also, I want to encourage our men to participate in the Men's Breakfast at Grace Baptist Church on Saturday, April 14, at 8:00 a.m. Then, later that day representatives of the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team will hold a training seminar at a local church for those interested in how to minister in times of crisis. More information about this conference will be forthcoming.

We celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ at New Zion Baptist Church as they have called Bro. Dale Taylor to be their pastor. I look forward to working alongside Bro. Dale and am excited to see what God has in store for New Zion Baptist Church in the coming days.

Please pray for our sister churches seeking Pastors(Hamlet; Kirksey; New Harmony; Poplar Springs; Old Salem Road; and Salem) and the interim pastors that are currently leading these churches.

Serving Him Together,
Bro. Mark Sickling

March 20, 2018

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