

## Blood River Baptist Association

Mission Board Meeting

Locust Grove Baptist Church

April 11, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Blood River Baptist Association  
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### Mark's Memos

On March 1, I boarded a church bus at Sharpe Baptist Church with 13 other men representing 5 of our Blood River Baptist Association churches and one church in Mississippi heading to Sacaton, Arizona. After two long days of driving, we arrived in Sacaton late Saturday evening.

We attended worship services at First Pima Baptist Church, in Sacaton, where Bro. Eric Gibbs, our MSC Missionary is pastor. Our Mission Team sang Amazing Grace and Bro. Chris Moore, pastor of Sharpe Baptist church delivered the message.

Monday through Thursday we constructed a 20x24 two bedroom home for a couple on the Tohono O'odham Native American Reservation. This reservation comprises some 3 million acres in South Central Arizona and only has 3 small Southern Baptist Churches. The majority of the 20,000 residents of this reservation are not believers.

Our hope and prayer is that our work with this family will continue to open doors in that community that may one day lead to the birth of a new church.

If you have not yet picked up your 2018 Annuals, they are available to be picked up at any time. If you ordered extra copies, we would appreciate it if you bring a check to cover the printing costs of your extra copies.

Our Men's Golf Scramble is set to take place at Ky Dam Village State Park Golf Course on Saturday, June 1, at 8:00 a.m. The cost will be \$40 per person. Last year I believe we had 6 teams participate. I hope more of our churches will participate this year. If you would like more information about the golf scramble, give me a call or send me an email and I will try to answer your questions.

Mrs. Laura Knight, our new Associational Administrative Assistant has begun working. Her hours for the next few months will be Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. I hope you will make every effort to make Laura feel welcome as she joins our Blood River Baptist family.

Serving Him Together,  
Bro. Mark



April 21, 2019

EMAIL US AT:  
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Remember to limit your words to 175  
& have your information in by the 21<sup>ST</sup>  
of each month.

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# Blood River Review

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



- 10<sup>th</sup> Johnny Coffenberry, Pleasant Hope
- 14<sup>th</sup> Terry Josleyn, Scotts Grove
- 17<sup>th</sup> Hermelina Alvrez, El Manantial
- 17<sup>th</sup> Rick Miller, Symsonia
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ed Chapman, The Spring
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Christi Bedwell, Spring Creek

## Church Anniversary

### First Sunday

Kim Reeder, Grace (2016)

### Second Sunday

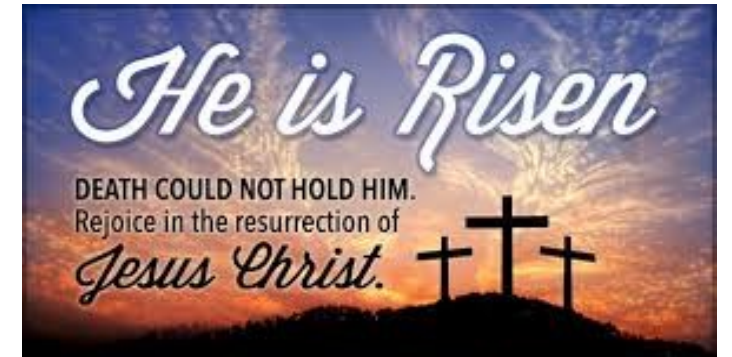
Jack Kee, Union Ridge (2016)

### Fourth Sunday

Glenn Cope, Flint (2010)  
Carl McNeill, Oak Grove (2017)

## Happy Anniversary

- 11<sup>th</sup> Jordan & Hailey Roach, Hazel (2015)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Carl & Francette McNeill, Oak Grove (2012)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Shawn & Kili Hanes, Cherry Corner (1998)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mike & Alice Farmer, Vanzora (1975)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Duane & Carolyn Holland, Holly Hills (1968)



HAPPY EASTER

## CHURCH SECURITY CONFERENCE

Living Hope Baptist Church in

Bowling Green, KY

MAY 11, 2019

Keep Your Congregation Safe

### Topics Covered:

- Developing a Church Security Plan
- Organizing a Church Security Team
- The Vital Safety Role Technology Plays
- Tactical Simulator Training
- Active Shooter Preparation
- Building Safety
- Church Security Legal Considerations
- Keeping Children Safe
- Ways the KBC Can Help with Church Security

Register at: <http://www.kybaptist.org/stories/church-security-conference-2019,3540>





Minister's Prayer Breakfast  
4 Pigs Restaurant  
Benton, KY



April 17, 2019  
7:00 AM

### CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

New Mt. Carmel      Kirksey      Salem  
Altona

## UPCOMING Events

April		
7 <sup>th</sup>		Cooperative Program Sunday
11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Exec. Board Mtg., Locust Grove
14 <sup>th</sup>		Palm Sunday
17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM	Ministers Breakfast, Four Pigs, Benton
19 <sup>th</sup>		Good Friday
21 <sup>st</sup>		Easter Sunday
21 <sup>st</sup>		SBC Seminaries Sunday
22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 PM	WMU Quarterly Mtg., Bethel
May		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		National Day of Prayer
5 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 PM	First Place Orientation, Memorial
5 <sup>th</sup>		Senior Adult Sunday
6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	First Place Orientation, BRBA
9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Exec. Board Mtg., Bethlehem
12 <sup>th</sup>		Mother's Day
12 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>		Christian Home Week
18 <sup>th</sup>		Armed Forces Day
19 <sup>th</sup>		Life Commitment Sunday
20 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>		Week of Prayer for Assoc. Missions, William Skinner Offering
27 <sup>th</sup>		Memorial Day/Office Closed
31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 PM	Pastor Deacon Wives Retreat Bethel
June		
1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM	Golf Tournament at KY Dam Golf Course Calvert City
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>		Jerusalem Project
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>		SBC Annual Meeting Birmingham AL
13 <sup>th</sup>		No Mission Board meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>		Flag Day
16 <sup>th</sup>		Father's Day
16 <sup>th</sup>		Baptist Men Day
21 <sup>st</sup>		First Day of Summer
23 <sup>rd</sup>		Mission Dignity Sunday
30 <sup>th</sup>		Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday

**Bethel:** We have been renovating our sanctuary the past few months. The new paint; new carpet; and new pew cushions look great. Hopefully the new windows will be installed soon. Our young people participated in a Disciple Now weekend at Jonathan Creek this past weekend. The choir is working on their Easter Musical and plan to share it with us on Sunday, April 21st.

**Salem:** We have plenty of reasons to count our blessings at Salem. Bro. Curtis has done a great job as our Interim Pastor. We have been blessed with good sermons and Bible studies. Bro. Curtis has been telling us about our spiritual gifts that each one of us has; to be used for the benefit of others. During the Sunday School hour a group has been doing the series on "Experiencing God." Glenda Armstrong has been teaching the class and we appreciate her dedication and experience in teaching this enlightening class. Everyone should take the opportunity to read and study this workbook. We are looking forward to a pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt on April 13. Larry Callihan will be our chief pancake maker! Then we invite you to join us for Easter services at Salem on Easter Sunday.

**Union Ridge:** We are having a good attendance on our Wednesday Night Bible Study on "The Essential Church". We finally made it half way through the book. We think it is a good Bible Study for any church big or small. We have all grown closer to each other and have come up with some good ideas for outreach. We are preparing for Vacation Bible School, ours is in June. Please pray for these kids. V.B.S. maybe the only time they hear about Jesus.

**Oak Grove:** Our WMU did a wonderful job with the "Winter Tea" and the men did an outstanding job serving all the ladies. We had a "Youth Sunday" and we are grateful to all our youth for participating in the service by filling the choir, making announcements, being ushers, and rendering a special on the piano. Bro. Zeke Penick from New Harmony Baptist Church was our guest speaker. He brought an outstanding message and blessed our hearts as the Lord spoke through him. Following the service, we enjoyed pizza, salads and lots of good desserts. The choir is now at work the Easter Cantata, and we looking forward to our Good Friday service on April 19.

#### MEET MRS. LAURA KNIGHT



I live in Draffenville and have been married to my sweet husband Sid for 33 years. We have 2 sons Bryan who is 31 and Josh who is 29. Josh just got married to Emily Sporea so we now have a beautiful daughter. In my spare time I like to read and knit. I love music and you will usually catch me singing. I am very excited to be a part of Blood River Baptist Association.

### WMU ANNUAL MEETING & MISSIONS CELEBRATION

#### "Unshakable Pursuit"

April 5-6 at First Baptist in Bowling Green, KY.  
Cost \$10

Anyone interested in going can find more information on the website: [www.kywmu.org](http://www.kywmu.org).



Register at: <http://www.kybaptist.org/stories/senior-living-celebrations,2260>  
Early Registration by April 3, \$20; After April 3, \$25

#### NOTES FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

In February we were able to help 120 families 20 of which were new. We gave out 4,075 food items, 478 loaves of bread, and 180 hygiene items.

We want to thank You for your continued support for this ministry Without your support we would not be able to do this ministry.

We are asking once again that someone from each church work two days at the pantry. Please consider working when your church is called and asked to do work.

Thank You,  
God Bless