

Blood River Review

NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



November

- 1st - Dawn York, Old Salem Road
- 17th - Joan Culp, Pleasant Valley
- 21st - Katrina Franklin, Sharpe
- 23rd - Brett Miles, Northside
- 27th - Francette McNeill, Oak Grove
- 29th - Alice Farmer, Vanzora

Church Anniversary

- James Stom,(1984) 2nd Sunday
- David Little (2010) 2nd Sunday
- Roger Rice (2000) 3rd Sunday
- Hal Barrow (2003) 4th Sunday



- November 1st
Johnny & Bonnie Coffenberry (2007)
Pleasant Hope
- November 2nd
Royce & Beverly Dukes (1972)
Lakeview

Freeda Harris



JULY 24-NOVEMBER 5

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

Toys are due back to the Associational office by November 8th.

Do not wrap toys, but you may provide wrapping paper, ribbon & tape.
Toys will be packed for shipping on Nov. 9th at 9:00 am.
Everyone is welcome to help pack!



Our Goal is 100 Baskets

We need each church to donate 1-2 frozen turkeys by Nov. 15th to help BOH fill Thanksgiving Baskets to help families in need for the Holiday. Thank You so much and May God Bless Your Giving.



Be in Prayer for our Elections!
Election Day is November 7th



NOTES FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Last month we were able to help 137 families, 17 of these were new. We gave out 2,736 food items, 389 loaves of bread and 571 hygiene items.

We thank you again for your continued support.

Thank you Holly Hills and Pleasant Hope for making cards for our grocery bags.

We asked each church to bring a food item for our Thanksgiving baskets along with turkey's. Please have them turned in by November 15th.

Thank You and God Bless

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Hamlet
Kirksey

Locus Grove
New Harmony

Salem
Ledbetter

UPCOMING
Events

October

23 10:00 am W.M.U. Quarterly Meeting
 31 Halloween

November

5 Freeda Harris Toys due at Churches
 5 Disaster Relief Appreciation Sunday
 5 Clocks turn back
 6 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
 7 Election Day
 8 Freeda Harris Toys due back to BRBA
 9 9:00 am Pack Toys for Freeda Harris
 9 6:30 pm Mission Board Mtg., Symsonia
 14 8:15am-5:00 pm KBC Annual Meeting, Highview BC, Louisville
 19 Thanksgiving Offering for Sunrise Children's Services
 23 Thanksgiving
 23-24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

3-10 Week of Prayer, Lottie Moon Offering
 5 First Place Christmas Stars Banquet, Grace
 14 6:30 pm Pastors/Board Members/Wives Christmas Dinner
 22-31 Offices Closed for Christmas
 25 Christmas Day
 31 New Year's Eve



New Bethel: On September 5th, Life Line Health Screening was back here at New Bethel, an affordable opportunity to get preventive health screenings. On September 12th, our Young At Heart Seniors enjoyed a picnic in our FLC for their monthly outing. There was a Hope Clinic Fundraiser on September 18-18th at the KY Dam Convention Center. Bro. Mark Sickling has sent monetary donations to help a sister church in Texas. Please keep all these devastated areas and people in your prayers. Our Inasmuch Mission Project was on September 30th and we pray that the projects we worked on were a blessing to those we helped. Our WOW class collected a lot of items for the Animal Shelter for their part in the Inasmuch Mission Project. Our Centershot Archery Ministry has had another great and fun year, and hopefully someone along the way got to know Jesus. The Freda Harris Toy Drive is ongoing through November 5th. There was Potluck after the morning service on October 1st to celebrate the Inasmuch Mission Project success and this was also Skip Lunch Sunday and donate \$10.00 per person to Kids Against Hunger. Thanks for being here at New Bethel Brother Mark and Jackie-we love and appreciate you.

Pleasant Valley: It is hard to think how time passes so quickly. The kids were just fixing to head back to school and now at this writing are enjoying fall break. It is a wonderful thing to stop and take a pause from our usual routines. It is a good time to assess if we are making the best use of our time, on the right track, or how we improve. Sometimes we just need to stay the course but a little rest and change of scenery gives some refreshment to our souls. Mission work starts at home. Jim and Bonnie Gipson want to say a very special thank you to our church for building a wheelchair ramp. The men of our church never hesitated. They grabbed their hammers, drills, saws, came over on a hot Saturday morning and never stopped till the job was completed. They went above and beyond. It was truly a labor of love plus showed the talents of the men. They didn't stop there either. They brought tree trimming supplies, fixed an unforeseen gas line break, even the kids and women got in on week pulling and helping to fix a meal. There are no words to express what the heart feels at times but he Gipson's are forever grateful. Fishing paid off for the entire church. Bro. Eugene Powell donated all the crappie and catfish as well as hush puppies for a scrumptious fish supper we had on Sunday night. Thanks to Him and Jessie. What a blessing they have been to our church. Thanks to all the workers who helped with the cooking. God has blessed to bring back some of our folks on sick leave so great to see them back. We went to Holiday World and the Youth plus Seniors and all in between had a fabulous fun and fellowship. Bro. George felt his liver say hello to his stomach on some of the rollercoaster rides. He tagged along one of the kids who had his own agenda for fun listed. We had the thrill seekers, the Mild Carousels, and a few Bench riders. We thank the church for investing in our youth. We had some who attended the Gospel Jubilee and reported some great messages from Johnny Hunt and Phil and Kay Robertson's off the Duck Dynasty show. We have a busy month ahead with our annual Chili Cook off, Pastor Appreciation, and this Saturday going to the corn maze. There will sure to be some tales to come out of the corn stalk trails and hopefully all will find their way out. We want to congratulate our new Director of Missions and look forward to seeing what God has planned for him. May God's blessing be upon all our efforts for His Kingdom purposes.

New Zion: "James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Greetings from New Zion and happy Pastor's Appreciation to each of our Pastor's. We are so thankful for Bro. Rodney and all of his dedicated work. He truly serves his flock with a humble heart and his sermons are preparing us for our transition time when he retires at the end of this year. Our children's bus ministry is growing and we are so thankful for Tracy and Barbara Morgan and all of the helpers who work so hard to bring in these little children. We are so thankful for our children's church directors, Dennis Waters, Timmy and Sheila Freeman and all of their helpers. These kids are going through the Bible in a year and holding church just like "Big Church", Thank you to our youth Pastor, Janey Powell and Wendy for your endless dedication. Our youth are all over the country. They painted rocks to send to the victims of the hurricanes in Texas, held to fill the church van at IGA to help feed the hungry families in our community, attended the Youth Rally at Belews and then the Friday night lights youth carnival. They also are singing Praise songs on Sunday Morning and what a blessing they are. Ms. Maltre Calvert and her sister attended the Oneida Mission trip and several attended the Pastor/Deacon/Wives retreat. Bro. Rodney is still in the Doctrine of Angels on Sunday nights and Oct. 7th we had a high turnout for our annual Church-Wide Fish Fry. Please continue to humbly pray for our Pastor Search Committee and for our Nation.

Pleasant Hope: Welcome to Fall as it came in a little rough. Please keep all the Disaster Teams in your prayers as they are still out serving and will continue for a while. We got back from Oneida and everyone had a great time serving together in such a great place. We are having a Trunk or Treat on the 28th and would invite all the kids to come out for candy and Chili & Hot Dogs. Our Worship Wednesday for youth continues to grow and we are so proud of them all, they are so willing to learn about all Jesus has done for us all.

Oak Grove: The month of September started with the Senior Adult Rally at Dexter Baptist Church, and the chance to fellowship with our sister churches. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, and we were blessed by the speaker, Bro. Tim Bertram. Thanks Dexter for making this an enjoyable time of fellowship. On Sunday night, September 10, Melissa Bogard help the "Kick OFF" for Team Kids and this is going well with good participation. September 24, was a very special day for Bro. Carl as he had the privilege of baptizing his granddaughter, Jessica Sexton, and her husband, Kevin Sexton. It was a glorious day at Oak Grove as we welcomed out newest members. We ended the day with Ms. Fran meeting with the children to organize the children's choir. September 25, the Women of Hope met at Cracker Barrel to reveal secret pals and draw for new ones. We appreciate so much our Women of Hope and all they do in the work of our church. Our Deacons and wives, along with Bro. Carl and Ms. Fran, attended New Harmony Baptist Church for the Pastor/Deacon and wives retreat. Ms. Rica Lindsey entertained us with her impersonation of Ms. Patsy Kline, and we want to thank New Harmony for the lovely meal and for hosting the occasion.

Salem Baptist: Bro. Roger Haney brought some good messages during our fall Revival. We were glad to see folks from West Fork and Sinking Springs join us in worship. We had a couple of beautiful weddings in September. We wish the happy couples the best in their marriages. Bro. Jerry and Susan have announced that they will be leaving the end of October. They have become family, and we will miss them. Bro. Jim Simmons has agreed to be our interim. We had a commissioning service for our Pastor Search Committee on October 8th. They are in search of the man that God wants at Salem Baptist Church. Our annual Fall Festival will be October 20 from 5:00- 8:30. We will have lots of activities to include a hayride, cake walk, and chili cookoff. Fun and activities for all ages. WMU stuffed Christmas Backpacks for six middle school students at our monthly meeting, and we are excited and thankful that we exceeded our Eliza Broadus goal. We will be collecting toys for Freda Harris next. God is so good to us.

Union Ridge: Bro. Jack & Jana, and ten of our members enjoyed their trip to the annual Jubilee in Gatlinburg, TN. We are collecting toys for the Freda Harris Toy Drive. We also collected items for the people who lost their homes in the Allendale Apartment fire on September 22, 2017. Our church has many activities planned for the rest of the year. We have been very blessed with several visitors in the past month.

Hazel Baptist : Greetings from Hazel Baptist Church! We have had a busy start to the new Associational year. We are praising God for the 12 new additions to our Church Family and have just completed our fall tent revival that was October 8-10. We had wonderful singing and inspiring messages from our pastor, Bro. Jordan Roach. The Senior Adults had a fellowship meal on October 13th with games and lots of fun. We are preparing for the Freda Harris Toy Drive as well WMU Christmas Backpacks for children in need this Christmas. Bro. Jordan has challenged each Adult Sunday School Class to purchase a turkey for the BOH Thanksgiving Baskets so we can help others have a wonderful holiday season. Homecoming will be held October 22nd with Bro. Wayne Carter bring the morning message and the Moreheads bringing special music though out Sunday School and worship and certainly we don't want to forget the fellowship potluck meal to follow. Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 28th from 6-8pm for the children. God is blessing our church and we are thankful beyond words.

Dexter: We have had a busy month of September. We had Bro. Todd Gray for Revival Sept. 3-6th and 8 people came to the Lord. We had the Sr. Adult Rally Sept. 8th and it was a good time of fellowship with other churches and the entertainment was great. Our Sr. Adults went to Alamo TN to the drive thru Safari and had a blast feeding the animals from the car. The 25th of Sept. the church invited all that wanted to go to Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flame play in Murray and four came to the Lord. The Pastor Deacon & wives Retreat was a great time of fellowship with other churches and we met Patsy Kline (Imitator) we had a blast from the past and a full belly on top of it. Thank you New Harmony for Hosting the Event. We had a ladies craft day Oct. 7th and made beautiful glass candle holders. We had Homecoming on Oct. 8th with Bro. Mike Littrell and one more salvation. We went to Job Corp. in Morganfield with Bro. Mike Farmer's Church Vanzora and we had 11 salvations and 3 rededications Praise the Lord, God is Good. Oct. 15th we had Ms. Kaitlyn Cullen speak about her ministry and that evening we had Bro. Eric Horner speak and sing. We will be participating in Aurora Day with a float from the youth and having a face painting stand with goodies. Please come by and check it out. Oct 25th we will be having games, food and trunk and treat .

**BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MISSION BOARD MEETING
6:30 pm
SYMSONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
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SYMSONIA, KY 42082
270-851-3527**

Mark's Memos

When Kristin and I were shopping in Paducah one day last week, we noticed that most stores already had their Christmas decorations out. Folks, don't get me wrong, I love to celebrate the birth of Christ. In fact, as a follower of Christ, I think we should celebrate his birth every day. But, it seems to me that our culture's rush to celebrate Christmas is at the expense of Thanksgiving. The Psalmist writes in Psalms 100:4 NASB, "**Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.**" So, I hope you will take some time this month to stop and "Give thanks" to God for all that He has done for you. Here are a few suggestions in an acrostic of the word "Thanks."

T- Thank God for Today, tomorrow, and the things He has given you.

H -Thank God for the Holy Spirit; Heaven; and the happiness we can find in Him.

A- Thank God for the unseen angels watching over us; America; and the adversities that help us grow in our faith.

N - Thank God for neighbors; nature and naps.

K- Thank God for Kentucky Basketball (LOL); His Kindness; and knowledge.

S - Thank God for the salvation that comes to us through His Son as revealed to us in Scripture.

Please remember that our Bags of Hope Ministry is hoping to give out 100 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in our area. Without your assistance this will not be possible. We are asking that each church provide at least 1 15lb. Turkey and individual church members to help provide the vegetables, dessert, etc. Please bring your turkey and fixin's to the BRBA office no later than Nov. 15th.

I hope and pray that you, your family and your church family have a blessed Thanksgiving .

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark

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