

Blood River Review

August 2018 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

August



- 2nd - Roger Rice, Altona
- 4th - Chrystie Chapman, The Spring
- 6th - Brandon Bramlett, Locust Grove
- 14th - Jason Medley, Sharpe
- 16th - David Little, Dexter
- 22nd - Rick Yarbrough, Ledbetter
- 22nd - Ginger Severns, Memorial
- 29th - Randy Kuykendall, West Fork
- 31st - Phillip Bazzell, Sugar Creek

SCHOLARSHIP Application

Ministry Scholarship Applications can be picked up at the Blood River Baptist Association office. Applications must be turned in by Friday, August 3rd. It will be here before you know it!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES CLIPART



Reminder the Bags of Hope is collecting School Supplies for those in need.

The Association is also asking each church to donate 2 filled back packs for Christmas. They are the ones that we filled last year with socks, under clothes, small toys, and non-perishable food items. You could also include hygiene items. The ages are 3- 14yrs old boy or girl. Please mark age and if it goes to boy or girl. You can drop items off at the Blood River Baptist Association. The Christmas Back Pack they asked NOT to put school supplies in this year.

Thank You so much for helping.

Church Anniversary 1st

Sunday

Mark Thewatt, New Bethel (2013)

Mark Sickling, DOM (2017)

2nd Sunday

Todd Dotson, Olive (2013)

Mike Farmer, Vanzora (2016)

4th Sunday

Rick Johnson, New Bethel (2015)

5th Sunday

Duane Holland, Holly Hills (2010)



- 2nd - Brad & Robin Walker, Briensburg (2003)
- 4th - Roger & Janice Rice, Altona (1973)
- 9th - Larry & Ann Salmon, Coldwater (1969)
- 13th - Jonathan & Erin Clark, BSU Director (2005)
- 19th - Chris & Katie McKenzie, Sinking Spring
- 22nd - Terry & JoAnn Josleyn, Scotts Grove (1987)
- 23rd - Doug & Sarah Sanders, Bethlehem (1986)
- 29th - George & Joan Culp Jr., Pleasant Valley (1970)

Bethel Baptist: C. S. Lewis once wrote, "Don't shine so others can see you; shine so that, through you, others can see Christ." We here at Bethel Baptist Church have been enjoying a summer of doing just that – shining so that others can see Christ. It's been a wonderfully busy time ministering and serving our great God and sharing Jesus. After a weekend mission trip to work at the camp in Cave-in-Rock, a team from Bethel served there at Children's Camp. They came home to step into preparation for Vacation Bible School and then Youth Camp. Praise the Lord, all of these events led to decisions made for the Lord – the ultimate goal of the Church. We've recently had five young people come before the Church for baptism; an exciting time in the life of the Bethel family. As we near a change of seasons and the start of school, we're preparing for AWANAs to resume, and hopefully we'll be able to disciple these young people as they grow in the Lord. We are praising God for His working through and for us.

Hazel Baptist Church: HBC continues to be blessed by God as we have had another addition by baptism, since the last newsletter. The remodeling of our Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms is completed and how beautiful it looks. A special thanks to all who worked on this project! We will be having a Back to School Block Party on July 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and will be handing out free school supplies for K-12 grades. In the past, this has been a huge success and we are expecting nothing different this year, On July 8th we had special music provided by Rob Novell who was in Murray for the Novell School of Christian Music at Murray State. He blessed our hearts and he didn't miss one key on the piano. On July 29th at 10:30 am we will be having the Mylon Hayes Family from Hudson, NC and their desire is to lift up the Lord with the music they sing and point others to the cross. We are certainly looking forward to the blessing they will be to HBC!!! God bless you all is our prayer at HBC!

Pleasant Hope: We have had another busy month here at Pleasant Hope. Several members were involved with the Jerusalem Mission Project here at home, and had a great week except for the heat. We are so excited that we now have a home for the Bags of Hope Ministry's (Praise to the Lord) and will soon be moved there. We had a 1 day V B S and had a great turn out and all the youth did so very well they just seem to soak everything up. Our pastor Bro. Johnny & Bonnie Coffenberry have been here 4 years now and are always working to improve our service here. And of course the most important thing we have a Senior outing at Sirlion Stockade planned, started our collection of snacks for the school resource center and our Freeda Harris Center table is almost full already. Have a great month and remember Jesus Loves us ALL the time.

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

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

Notes From The Food Pantry

The Pantry is in need of egg cartons!

In June we were able to help 111 families. We gave out 2474 food items, 469 bread, and 399 hygiene items. Thank you for your continued support for this ministry. We are collecting school supplies for Bags of Hope if you could help please drop off supplies at the Blood River Baptist

Association.

The work schedule for the food pantry for August is:

Thurs. July 26 and Monday July 30th - **Memorial**

Thurs. Aug. 2 and Monday Aug 6th - **Bethlehem**

Thurs. Aug. 9 and Monday Aug. 13th - **Dexter**

Thurs. Aug. 16 and Monday Aug. 20th - **New Harmony**

Thank You and God Bless

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Hamlet
Old Salem Rd.

Salem

Kirksey

UPCOMING Events

August

3		Deadline for Scholarship Application
5		Cooperative Program Sunday
7	6:00 pm	Scholarship Committee Mtg. BRBA
9	6:30 pm	Mission Board Mtg. Union Ridge
11	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast, TBA
12	4:15 pm	First Place Victory Celebration 12 Student Evangelism Day
13	5:00 pm	First Place Celebration
19-25		Worship Music Week
26	4:30 pm	Orientation First Place, Memorial
27	6:30 pm	Orientation First Place . BRBA/ Westside

September

2		Single Adult Sunday
3		Labor Day (Office Closed)
9		Grandparents Day
9-16		Week of Prayer for State Missions (Eliza Broadus Offering)
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

Union Ridge: Everyone has been enjoying the summer with their families. We have had several visitors lately. Two of our long time visitors joined our church a few weeks ago. We were so excited about that! Bro. Jack & his wife Jana celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on the 26th of June. God bless both of them as they minister to us here at Union Ridge.

Oak Grove: The summer has brought so many wonderful opportunities for the Oak Grove people. God has blessed in many ways and there is a sweet, sweet spirit in this place. First Sunday in June, Bro. Roger Wood spoke in the morning service about addiction and alcohol. He is a great speaker and everyone was blessed by his message. On June 10, after a stirring message by Bro. Carl, we rejoiced to have Courtney Frances Dunn unite with our church by letter. We collected and filled baby bottles for life house in Murray, and four of our women of Hope and one of our young girls worked two days at the Association office for Bags of Hope. It was truly a gratifying experience and a blessing. Our new computer system was installed and our sound man, Bro. Ron Jackson, is now making DVD's of our Sunday morning service. June 17th was Father's Day and also Baptist Men's Day. What a great service we had. Our men and boys filled the choir, gifts were given to all the men, and all of them had pictures made with their families in a beautiful setting provided by Melissa Bogard. We rounded out the month with an exciting VBS on June 24-27 with an enrollment of 60.

New Zion: Hebrews 6:10 *For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.* Greetings from New Zion! Summer is in full swing and so are we. Bro. Dale has preached on the *Attributes of God, Be Still and Know That I Am God, Five Things that Hinder our Prayer, The Four Duties of American Liberty, Thanks for the Thorns, and Why There Has to be a Hell.* His sermons are bold and filled with eye opening points that teach us what and how we are to be doing as children of the King. June 10-14 we held VBS "Game On" with an average attendance of 118, 10 professions of faith, and the boys won the coin challenge this year in collecting money for the Sunrise Children's Home. Special thanks to all those who labored in love and made this year a huge success. June 14th, the seniors had lunch at Belew's and July 12th they are headed to the Blue and White House in Hazel. June 17th we recognized our fathers for Father's Day. June 22nd the youth held a pool party at Jamey and Wendy Powell's home. June 22nd Bro. Dale led a prayer service in front of the Sheriff's office where we prayed for our police, first responders, EMS, elected officials, our nation and leaders, and teachers and schools. June 24th our homecoming was amazing! Special thanks to Mark Bishop and David Parr for the wonderful music and to Bro. C. C. Brasher for his great sermon. We hope you all had a happy 4th of July and stopped to praise and thank God for our freedom. July 22nd our youth will be having a fundraiser at 5:00 p.m. in the activities center. They will be showing the movie *I Can Only Imagine* with popcorn, nachos, and drinks. The Bags of Hope deadline is July 29 and Freeda Harris Toy Drive is July-November. Boxes are in the foyer. God Bless and stay cool.

Sugar Creek:

¹⁰ *And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. Psalm 9:10* We hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying the beautiful warm weather. We are so excited at Sugar Creek Baptist church to have our annual Ice cream social on July 15th. It is always a great time with great fellowship. We are also looking forward to having another annual event, The Watermelon Bust, on August 12th. We hope you all can come enjoy some watermelon and time spent together. We are so thankful for a faithful and loving God. God's plan will always be greater and more beautiful than all your disappointments.

New Bethel: On June 7th here at New Bethel, Lifeline Screenings offered 5 different health screenings to scan for potential health problems and several people took advantage of this affordable and possibly life saving event. On June 10th and 11th, we had our 2018 VBS, **POLAR BLAST**, Where Jesus' Love Is Cool, and what else can I say—it was really COOL! Thanks to our COOL Children's Ministry leaders, Kelly and Ellen. The offering that was taken up during VBS will go to the Benton/Central Family Resource Center. On June 12th our Young At Heart Seniors traveled to Hazel, KY to the Blue and White Grill for their monthly outing. June 17th was Father's Day and we celebrated our Love for all of our Father's and Grandfather's and also our Heavenly Father who is always watching over us with Love. On June 18th there was a Prayer Walk at Benton Elementary School and South Marshall Middle School. Our Youth Crossings Camp started June 30th-July 5th. Just a word of thanks to a wonderful young lady who was our Youth Leader for the last year or so and did a great job—Rachel Solomon, a great Christian lady and a class act. Please pray for each other, our Community, our Country, our Leaders at all levels of Government, all our kids and their schools and pray for Brother Mark and Jackie.

Salem Baptist: On Father's Day we recognized our fathers, grandfathers and father figures. We had two speakers, and they blessed us with thoughts and memories about Father's Day and what it means to them. Bro. Curtis Rice is now our Interim Pastor at Salem. We welcome him and Marlene. We had a special patriotic service on July 1 to honor our veterans and to celebrate the Fourth of July. Patriotic music was played and flags were displayed. We had a table with photographs of many veterans to share. We also played the song, "God Bless the U.S.A." which includes the lyrics, I'm proud to be an American. Our children's church sermon that day was "I'm proud to be a Christian." We all should be willing to say we are proud to be Christians. We continue to count our blessings.

Pleasant Valley: 242 years old it is. America the home of the free and the brave. Our church celebrated on July 8th with football, volleyball, cornhole, a cook out, topped off with beautiful fireworks. Freedom with a tremendous price tag of many soldiers blood who fought and died for us. Our freedom to worship at the church of our choice is a marvelous privilege we enjoy every week. Bro. George is one of the men who fought as well as others of our membership. Bro. George continues to serve as he has conducted over 500 military funerals since 2007. When Brian Bedwell, our song leader, picks out "The Battle Hymn of the Republic which is one of his favorite songs, Bro. George always stands up in honor of all the men and women who have served and presently are in our military. VBS 2018 is in the history books with a Gilligan's Island theme and how Jesus Rescues our souls. 64 was our highest attendance. Always a week of sacrifice from all our workers but we scattered some seeds for Christ. A Big thank you to the Hospitality crew who fed us supper each night and all of the workers, parents, who brought the kids. Who needs Rambo? We have our very own with Bro. Eugene Powell. We welcome and promote visitors to come see us but Vicky Harper happened to spy something that needed to be thrown out of the church. A chicken snake decided to get some religion but with Bro. Powell leading the pack of which Bro. George was Way behindit was no match for our Rambo. Bro. Eugene got a stick and out to the garden he did go. Bro. George says he was there to back him up but from a long distance! Summer is quickly passing but hope you will enjoy all the fun things that God gives us as we continue to work for Jesus.

**Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting
August 9th @ 6:30PM
Union Ridge Baptist Church
1014 Union Ridge Rd.
Benton, KY**

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Mark's Memos:

Praise the LORD. It is official, the Blood River Baptist Association is now the official owners of some land and two buildings at 3265 Mayfield Highway in Benton, KY. Volunteers from the association have been working at the property for a few weeks. Some water drainage issues have been addressed; the old floor has been removed; a new office and walls to enclose the food pantry have been added. We must still finish the sheetrock; paint; and lay the flooring.

Hopefully all of that work can be done in the next couple of weeks and we can begin the moving process. When moving day is near, I will send a notice to our pastors and churches asking for help. Also, once a moving day is set, we will likely set a date to have an "Open House" to invite our churches and our community to come view our new Bags of Hope facility.

We have a Men's Breakfast Scheduled for Saturday, August 11, but so far, we have not had a church volunteer to host the breakfast. If I am able to secure a host church, I will send an email notice to our churches and pastors with that information.

Our annual Senior Adult Rally and annual Pastor/Deacon/Wives retreats are just a little over a month away. The Senior Adult Rally will be held at Dexter at 4:30 p.m. on September 14. While the Pastor/Deacon/Wives retreat will be held at Sugar Creek Baptist at 6:00 p.m. So, please make plans to attend these times of fellowship.

Finally, our annual mission trip to Onieda Baptist Institute will be the week of September 16-21. If you would like to go, or need more information, please contact the office or Richard Stallons.

Serving Him Together,
Bro. Mark

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