

Blood River Baptist Association

Mission Board Meeting

Kirksey Baptist Church

February 14, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Blood River Baptist Association
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Mark's Memos

I enjoyed our Ministers Luncheon at Sirloin Stockade in January. We had about 12 pastors present, including, Dr. Larry Purcell of the KBC. Dr. Purcell mentioned the upcoming "Biblical Deacon Conference" to be held on February 21, from 6-9 p.m. at Sharpe Baptist. I hope many of our pastors and deacons will take advantage of this opportunity and register for this event. If you have questions about how to register, just contact me or Dr. Purcell.

One of my concerns as I go from church to church throughout Blood River Baptist Association, as well as, talk to other DOM's and pastors from other associations is the steady decline we are seeing in Sunday School attendance. As you see in other parts of the Newsletter, there are SS Training Conferences coming to our area. I hope many of our pastors and SS leadership will take attend one or both of these conferences.

On March 30, 2019, we are planning on having a Men and Boy's Luncheon here at the Associational office. Our DR Kitchen Team will be preparing lunch and then Brad Lawson, from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Outdoors, will share with us how the FCA has branched out to include sports like archery, fishing, etc. In fact, he may even have some archery equipment and allow participants to give it a shot. So, if you would like to know more about how you and your church can be involved in Disaster Relief or FCA Outdoors, I hope you will make plans to attend this event.

Serving Him Together,
Bro. Mark



February 21, 2018

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Remember to limit your words to 175
& have your information in by the 21ST
of each month.

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FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

February



- 5th Dale Taylor, New Zion
- 14th Dedria Moore, Sharpe
- 24th Van Russell, Kirksey
- 25th June Brasher, Oak Level
- 25th Cornelia Walker, Gilbertsville
- 26th Jennifer Polo, Locus Grove
- 28th Katie McKenzie, Sinking Spring



Please be in prayer for our upcoming mission trip to Sacaton, AZ. March 1-8, 2019

Our Team will be building a small 4 room block house on the Tohono O' Odham reservation. The village in which this house is located has no established church and very few Christians. We will be working in conjunction with Bro. Eric Gibbs, MSC Missionary, and pastor of FBC Pima AZ. The hope is that our ministry with this family in this village will open more ministry opportunities for Eric and his Live Love Ministries that will eventually bring about the birth of a new church. If you would like to give to help offset the cost of our mission team you can send a check to BRBA and put AZ Mission Trip in the Memo line

Church Anniversary

Second Sunday

Jason Medley, Lakeview (2010)

Fourth Sunday

Royce Dukes, Sharpe (2017)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- 19th Chuck & Lisa Houston, Hamlet
- 28th Chris & Dedria Moore, Sharpe (1992)

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
♥



With the resignation of our Associational Secretary, Mrs. Sandra Little, The Blood River Baptist Association is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant (30-hour work week /Mon.-Fri.) . Qualified applicants must have great interpersonal skills and be proficient in QuickBooks; Excel; Word; Publisher; and be efficient in the creating; editing; publishing; and filing of various documents and reports from these and other computer programs. Interested applicants may send their resume to Blood River Baptist Association; C/O Bro. Mark Sickling; P.O. Box 18 Hardin, KY 42048.



Sharpe Baptist Church
6:00 - 9:00 PM

- The Biblical Role and Responsibility of a Deacon, Bro. Curtis Woods, KBC Co-Interim Exec. Director
- The Biblical Functions & Activities of a Deacon, Bro. Chris Moore, Pastor @ Sharpe BC
- The Private Life of a Deacon, Bro. Charles Frazier, Pastor @ Zion's Cause BC
- Panel Q & A led by Dr. Larry Purcell, KBC

Register at: www.kybaptist.org/stories/biblical-deacon-019,3506?

Sponsored by Sharpe BC; BRBA; & KBC



Conference Schedule:

- 10:00 AM - Check-in & Registration
 - 10:30 AM - Session 1: Ministering Through a Poverty Worldview"
 - 12:00 PM - Lunch Provided
 - 1:00 PM - Session 2: "Transforming Benevolent Ministry"
 - 2:30 PM - Conference Concludes
- Registration is \$10 per person & includes materials & Lunch.

Register through KBC online



RA RACER EVENT
DEXTER BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 9, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

BRBA has ordered car kits for this event. They will be available for purchase soon.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

New Mt. Carmel Kirksey Salem
Altona



Register online at :
kentuckybaptist-ccr.regfox.com/Sunday-school-matters-

UPCOMING Events

February		
2 nd		Ground Hog Day
10 th		Racial Reconciliation Sunday
11 th -17 th		Focus on WMU
12 th		Lincoln's Birthday
14 th	6:30 PM	Exec. Board Mtg. @ Kirksey BC
14 th		♥ Valentines Day ♥
21 st	6-9 PM	"Being a Biblical Deacon" @ Sharpe BC
22 nd		Washington's Birthday
March		
1 st -8 th		Sacaton, AZ Mission Trip
3 rd -10 th		Week of Prayer /Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
3 rd		Pastor's Wives Appreciation Sunday
9 th	9:00 AM	RA Racer Event @ Dexter BC
10 th		Daylight Savings
14 th	6:30 PM	Exec. Board Mtg. @ Pleasant Valley BC
15 th	10 -2:30 PM	Poverty: Understanding & Engaging Conference @ Warren Association of Baptist, Bowling Green, KY
17 th		Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
17 th		Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
17 th		St. Patrick's Day
20 th		First Day of Spring
23 rd	9 AM-12 PM	Sunday School Coaching @ BRBA

New Zion: Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.* Happy New Year and greetings from New Zion! I'm not sure how 2018 passed by so quickly yet many new and exciting plans have unfolded this year. Bro. Dale was called to fill our pulpit, Brad Stewart accepted the call to be our song leader, new teachers and helpers stepped up to fill positions, and we added several new members to our church family. The new year holds many new and exciting opportunities and we prayerfully seek God's plan for our church. We ended 2018 doing our best to make sure our 40 children had gifts to open on Christmas day and we thank each one who participated in our Angel Tree. Our Christmas Greeting project collected over \$400 for the Lottie Moon Offering. Bro. Dale preached several sermons about the Birth of Christ and taught us new and exciting meanings to the gifts and about the true meaning of the sign. On December 16th, our youth performed "The Guiding Light" and did an outstanding job of portraying the results that occurs to those who truly seek the Light. To our youth and youth group leaders, job well done! We held our Christmas dinner after the play and had a packed house. On December 23rd, we held our Tree of Remembrance ceremony and tears were shed as we remembered and honored our love ones. On December 30th, we held our Baby Dedication ceremony and in the evening service we held our 5th Sunday sing and praise service. Special thanks to all who performed. January 9th, our Wednesday night meal ministry will begin so those who thought about dieting in the new year can forget that idea! January 10th, our Senior Saints held their first of the year potluck to plan their 2019 activities. May we all seek God's plans in the upcoming year and do our best to bring Him honor and glory.

Sugar Creek: Happy 2019, We were truly blessed in 2018 and ended the year with our youth Christmas Program. We had a wonderful time and we are so thankful for all of our youth and their hard work. We have so many things to look forward to in this new year. January 27th we had "Bring and friend day." We were excited to meet new people and share Gods word with them. Please come join us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

Oak Grove: December is a wonderful and joyous month as we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. At Oak Grove the month started with our special service of Hanging of the Greens on the first Sunday night of the month. The auditorium was decorated so beautifully, it put us in the Christmas spirit. Due to the inclement weather bringing the icy parking lot, services were dismissed on December 9th. The following Sunday night our children and youth presented their Christmas program. Following the program we enjoyed pizza and all sorts of finger foods and desserts in the fellowship hall. We are very proud of all those who had a part in the program and for the ladies who worked so hard to make this possible. Sunday morning December 23rd, our choir did an outstanding job presenting the Christmas Musical, "I Have Seen the Light". We ended the month with our fifth Sunday night singing. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering was completed for a total of \$855. We Wish all our sister Churches a very happy and prosperous New Year!

FOCUS ON WMU

Remember that Focus on WMU is coming Feb. 11-17 so now is a good time to start planning for ways to promote WMU. Perhaps a time of recognition for the leaders & participants or a mission project. You might also promote the Children's Missions Day with an activity for the children to help someone in Jesus' name. The website for WMU has lots of ideas: wmu.com/cmd.

NOTES FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

God continues to bless this ministry and we want to thank everyone for your continued support.

In Dec. we were able to help 110 families, 15 of which were new. We gave out 4,067 food items, 627 bread and 115 Hygiene items.

From Jan--Dec 2018, we helped 1,273 families. We gave out 33,941 food items, 4,429 bread, and 2,303 hygiene items.

In addition we gave out 155 baskets at Thanksgiving with 2,640 food items.

Once again we will be asking the churches to send volunteers to work and the food pantry. When your church is asked to work we hope you will consider it you will receive a blessing.

Changes to the Newsletter

We are now sending the newsletter out at the very end of each month. Our next newsletter will be sent out at the end of February and will be called the March newsletter so articles for that newsletter should reflect things that went on in the last two weeks of February and all things coming up in March. These articles will be due the 21st of each month. We look forward to seeing what new and exciting things are going on in our churches.