

Blood River Review

October 2018 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting
No Executive Board Mtg. in October**

**Next Meeting
November 8, 2018
Altona Baptist Church
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Calvert City, KY 42029**

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Mark's Memos

I want to take a moment to thank Dexter Baptist Church and Sugar Creek Baptist Church for hosting our annual Sr. Adult Rally and our annual Pastor/Deacon/Wives banquet respectively. I appreciate these pastors and churches willingness to host and serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in this manner. I hope those of you who attended these events were blessed and thanked our hosts for everything they did for us.

It is hard to believe that we are turning the calendar to October 2018. Where has this past year gone? In just a few days, the Blood River Baptist Association will assemble for the 149th annual meeting at Spring Creek; Gilbertsville FBC; and Altona Baptist Churches. I hope each of our churches have elected their messengers and plan on attending. Dr. Paul Chitwood, our Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will preach the annual message, Monday night, October 8, at Spring Creek. Bro. George Culp will preach the Doctrinal message on Tuesday morning at Gilbertsville FBC; and Bro. Scott Payne, retired IMB Missionary will preach the Missionary Sermon on Tuesday night at Altona Baptist Church. There will also be pre-session music each night and special music during the sessions. So, please make plans to be present for our annual meeting.

I want to encourage each church to give at least one 15-pound turkey to help Bags of Hope provide Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in our area. We are hoping to provide 100 baskets, so we need your help. Finally, I want to remind you that the deadlines to participate in the Christmas Backpacks programs and the Freda Harris Toy Drive are quickly approaching. Backpacks need to be back to the BRBA by October 25 and Toys for Freda Harris need to be at BRBA by the first week in November.

Serving Him Together,
Bro. Mark



October 24, 2018
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Remember to limit your words to 200

Blood River Baptist Association 149TH ANNUAL MEETING



Dr. Paul Chitwood, Executive Director of the KBC Will speak Monday night, Oct. 8th, at Spring Creek.

Oct. 8th @ 7:00 PM - Spring Creek Baptist Church
Oct. 9th @ 9:30 AM- Gilbertsville Baptist Church
Oct. 9th @ 7:00 PM - Altona Baptist Church

October



- 5th - Bro. Kim Reeder, Grace
- 9th - Karen Kuykendall, West Fork
- 11th - Katie Penick, New Harmony
- 12th - Jonathan Clark, BSU Director
- 24th - Bro. Howard Conner, Ferguson Springs
- 25th - Bro. Duane Holland, Holly Hills
- 27th - Bro. Martin Severns, Memorial
- 31st - Jennifer Reeder, Grace

Church Anniversary

- 1st Sunday
Bro. Jonathan Clark, BSU Director (2013)
Bro. Charles LaChance, Bethel (2014)
- 4th Sunday
Bro. John Bedwell, Spring Creek (2013)
Bro. Brett Miles, Northside (1996)



- 10th - Bro. Damian & Hermelina Alvarez, El Manantial (2010)

Minister's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship



7:00 AM

October 17, 2018

Martha's Restaurant, Murray



WMU Quarterly Meeting
10:00 AM
October 22, 2018
Union Ridge Baptist Church
1014 Union Ridge Rd.
Benton, KY 42025



Notice: Bags of Hope and Clothes Closet has Moved
Please Donate Clothing to the new address:
3265 Mayfield Hwy Benton KY
Hours: Monday & Thursday 2-5pm for Food
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Food donations can still be donated at the Association Monday - Friday 9AM - 4 PM if More Convenient.

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

Notes From The Food Pantry

In August we were able to help 99 families of whom were new. We gave out 2689 food items, 370 loaves of bread, and 308 hygiene items. Thank you for your continued support for this ministry. Next month we will start collecting for our Thanksgiving baskets.
October Work Schedule:
Oct. 1 and Oct. 4 **Scottsgrove**
Oct. 8 and Oct. 11 **Lakeview**
Oct. 15 and Oct. 18 **Pleasant Hope**
Oct. 22 and Oct. 25 **Owens Chapel**
Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 **Sugar Creek**

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

New Mt. Carmel Kirksey Salem
Altona

UPCOMING Events

<u>October</u>		
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	7:00 am	Minister's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship/Martha's Restaurant, Murray
22	10:00 am	WMU Quarterly Meeting, Union Ridge BC
31		Halloween
<u>November</u>		
4		Turn your clocks back 1 hour
4		Freeda Harris Toys due at church
5		Baptist women's World day of prayer
6		Election Day
7		Freeda Harris Toys due at BRBA
8	9:00 am	Pack Toys for Freeda Harris
8	6:30 pm	Executive Board Mtg. @ Altona
18		Thanksgiving Offering for Sunrise Children's Services
22		Thanksgiving Day
22-23		Office Closed for Holiday
<u>December</u>		
2-9		Week of Prayer for International Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
4	6:00 pm	1st Place Christmas Stars Banquet, Memorial
14	6:30 PM	Pastors/Board Members/Wives Christmas Dinner, Dexter
21-Jan 1		Office Closed for Holidays
25		Christmas Day
31		New Year's Eve

New Zion: Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.* Greetings from New Zion! We want to thank Bro. Jimmy Seaford, Bro. Mark Sickling, and Bro. Don Cothran for filling our pulpit while Bro. Dale has been ill. Praise God he is feeling better and was able to baptize three precious children who received Christ in our VBS. There is nothing more beautiful than to see the faces of these little ones as they realize their need for a Savior and then show their obedience by being baptized. Praise be to God for our Pastor and our Bus Ministry workers, Sunday School teachers, and every member who has a part in training up these little children. Our youth group and youth leaders did an amazing job on their mission work weekend. They helped so many of the elders of our church with work around their homes. We are most blessed to have the best group of young adults with serving hearts; ready to help others. We want to thank Carl Lovett for his time as our song leader and special thanks to Brad Stewart for taking over this position. This month we welcomed four new members and we are so thankful for each one. With the new church year comes new opportunities and new positions to be filled so if you are being called to serve be in prayer and then be prepared to be blessed. God bless and hope to see you on Sunday.

Union Ridge: Our families have been very busy this month getting their children ready for the new school year. Please pray for the safety of these children and everyone that is around them. Our church has already started collecting toys for the Freeda Harris Toy Drive. We hosted our Homecoming Services this year on Sept. 2, 2018. Bro. Jack Kee was our speaker. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and time of fellowship together. The Liberty Boys done an excellent job singing for us. We are preparing to host a table at the Hope Clinic Banquet, that will be held, at the Ky. Dam Convention Center, on Sept. 17, 2018. We have been blessed with several new visitors this month. We are also excited about a new bible study we are going to start.

Pleasant Valley: Hurricanes are interrupting the normal routines of life. We had to reschedule our Holiday World Trip to September 29, 2018. Man realizes how small he is and how in control of his life he is when Forces of Nature come on the scene. We pray for a hedge of God's protection over the East side. On October 5th, we are planning to feed the Marshall County Football team. We did this last year right before a game night. What an opportunity to reach the students of this great county. There is a short devotion during the meal which will feed their souls and always plant seeds for Christ. Is it already Christmas time? Preparations have already begun to assist with bringing in toys to assist the drive for toys in Eastern KY as well as fixing Christmas Back packs. The need is greater every year and we show Jesus to the world the best when we are helping with their needs. When needs are met, then you will have their ear. Volleyball and Finger foods spells an evening after church for fun and fellowship on September 16th. There is a purple team of ladies that somehow have the spirit but they never quite figure out how to pass or spike the ball to win but they probably have the most fun. We have started a new church year with the election of teachers and officers. May God bless and guide the leaders and members and may it be a year of seeing souls won to Jesus and rededications. May God's blessings be upon us all as we strive to serve our Lord and Savior in His purposes and plans for all of our lives.

Symsonia Baptist: August is always a busy month at Symsonia Baptist! We enjoyed a "Back to School" night at the church with sack lunches and old school games outside. It was a great time of fellowship for everyone! We had several people cook food for Back to School night at Symsonia Elementary in August. A workday was held to do some clean up around the church. "Route 66" kids were recognized and presented with a certificate and their family joined us for a meal. We celebrated Homecoming with special guest Bro. Paul Wilkerson speaking. Bro. Paul was our former youth pastor here and it was good seeing him and his family. Bethel Renaissance College Choir brought our special music and a meal was enjoyed after the services. September was our annual "Fins, Hens, and Shrimp Boil" Lots of tasty food was served. Our Guatemala mission team has been meeting and is preparing for their trip in March 2019. We welcome our newest members: Tandy & Becky Henson, Madison Buzanis, Trevor Thompson, Eli Crowley, Jaxon Crowley, Brady Futrell, and Matt Ingram.

New Bethel: We continue our support of the Bags of Hope Ministry which just had Open House on August 12th for their new location on Mayfield Highway. The Needleline School Supply Drive ended on August 8th, and we donated both school supplies and money to help the kids get started back to school with all the things they are required to have. On August 19th, we began 40 Days of Prayer here at New Bethel, as we focus on Prayer for our church revitalization. Our Wednesday Night study of James is ongoing as we study the core message of James: the relationship between Faith and Works. We are going to provide 6 backpacks filled with age appropriate items such as socks, under clothes, toys, hygiene items and nonperishable food for children ages 4 years to 14 years, for the KY Baptist Convention's Christmas Backpack Program. The Freeda Harris Toy Drive started on July 25th and ends on November 7th—new toys from \$10.00-\$12.00 for boys and girls ages 6 months to 16 years. Pray for all of our kids and their teachers and their schools, for our Community, our Country, our Leaders at all levels of Government and pray for Brother Mark and Jackie.

Oak Grove: Oak Grove started the month of August with revival services on Sunday morning August 5th through Wednesday. Bro. Todd Gray from the KBC blessed our hearts at every service, and we praise the Lord for the three precious souls who came to accept Jesus Christ. Following the service on Sunday morning, we enjoyed a great meal in the fellowship hall. On Saturday, August 4th the Junior West/Ray Paschall Memorial Team roping was held at Hazel. Thanks to Casey Little who started this event, a total of \$5,000 was raised for our home mission fund. Also, a big thanks to all the people of Oak Grove who came early and stayed late to make this event such a big success. On Sunday, August 19th, we celebrated 159 years (1859-2018) with a Homecoming service. Former pastor, Bro. Van Russell, was the guest speaker. We rejoiced to hear members of our congregation speak of some highlights in our church history and be reminded that it is a time to move forward and look ahead to the vision that God has in store for Oak Grove Baptist Church. Pictures for our new church directory were taken August 28th and 29th, and we owe a big thanks to Judy Paschall and Jamie Dunn who were the coordinators. Our teachers, officers, and committees were elected for the coming year, and at our last business meeting a committee was appointed by Bro. Carl to look into enlarging our fellowship hall as we have out grown our present facility.

Sugar Creek: *Wilt thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee? Psalm 85:6* This past month has been a great one, we had our annual cruise in with lots of fellowship and food, which was a great kick off to the rest of the events we have coming up this month. We are looking forward to hearing Bro. Ben Stratton, Bro. Larry Purcell, and Bro. Mark Sickling preach for our Fall Revival September 20th-22nd. We hope to see a lot of visitors there ready to hear the word of God. The Sunday to follow, September 23rd, will be our Homecoming and we look forward to hearing Bro. Scott Deshields lead worship and Bro. Derrick McCallum bring the message. Following the service, we will have a meal and would love for everyone to join us. We are so thankful for all the Blessings God has given us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church. *A Praying church is a powerful church in the Lord.*

Elva Baptist: Elva Baptist is excited that we now have a Youth leader, Bro Jackson Reed. He has come to lead our Youth Worship service on Sunday nights and a Sunday School class for youth, 6th grade and older. On Sunday nights, they begin with a meal at 5:30 and worship begins at 6:00. We just finished up our "Summer Series" where we enjoyed different guest speakers and a good variety of special music. We celebrated our Homecoming in August. Bro. Johnny Coffenberry was our guest speaker. We had several excellent singers and a special testimony given. It was a wonderful service and it was great to see so many visitors. A meal was enjoyed after the services. We enjoyed our annual Ice Cream Social in September. We welcome our newest member Jackson Reed to our church family. We look forward to great days ahead, as we go to serve the Lord.