

# Blood River Review

NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



June

- 2nd - Bro. Jack Kee, Union Ridge
- 2nd - Bro. Larry Salmon, Coldwater
- 2nd- Karla Cox, Elva
- 5th- Charlotte Yarbrough, Ledbetter
- 15th- Kili Hanes, Cherry Corner
- 16th- Todd Dotson, Olive Baptist
- 19th- James Stom, Owens Chapel
- 19th- Jordan Roach, Hazel Baptist
- 23rd- Chris Moore, Sharpe
- 26th- Sarah Sanders, Bethlehem
- 28th- Hal Barrow, Blood River

## Church Anniversary

1st Sunday

- Darrell Walker, Gilbertsville First (2012)
- Jack Studie, Hamlet (2010)
- George Culp, Jr. Pleasant Valley (2016)

5th Sunday

- Doug Sanders, Bethlehem (2013)



- 5th- David & Sandy Little , Dexter 1982
- 14th- James & Sally Stom, Owens Chapel 1974
- 21st- Ed & Chrystie Chapman, The Spring 1997
- 24th- Rick & Martha Miller, Symsonia 1977
- 26th- Jack & Jana Kee, Union Ridge 1982
- 28th- Kim & Jennifer Reeder, Grace 2003
- 29th- Mark & Kristin Sickling, BRBA 1985

### ATTENTION:

IN ATTEMPT TO BE BETTER STEWARDS OF THE RESOURCES GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH, AS OF JULY 1, 2018, THE BLOOD RIVER REVIEW WILL MOVE TO AN E-NEWSLETTER FORMAT. THIS CHANGE WILL ALLOW US TO DIRECT MORE OF OUR RESOURCES TO MINISTRY NEEDS. YOU WILL NEED TO DO ONE OF TWO THINGS TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE BLOOD RIVER REVIEW.

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The Clothes Closet @ BRBA is wanting to move the winter items to make room for the spring and summer items.

Please come and check us out Thursdays 10 - 2 Pm

Be sure and sign up for the Jerusalem Project. Call the office if you are interested in doing a mission right here in our back yard. We need volunteers to do VBS, Repair projects, fixing lunches and knocking on doors to let the community know we are there for them.



**Hazel Baptist:** HBC continues to be blessed by God as we have had 3 additions, 1 by baptism and 2 by letter, since the last newsletter. Since our Revival last month, we have been busy about our Lord's work getting ready for VBS, planned for June 18-22, with the theme being "Game On! Gearing Up for Life's Big Game." On April 22nd we had the New Harmony Mennonite Youth Choir. How awesome they were singing praises to our Lord and Savior! We are remodeling our Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms. On May 20th we had "Friends and Family Sunday"! We went over our Sunday School goal by having 137 and in the morning worship we had 177. We enjoyed special music provided by our own Kevin Crawford and Scooter Paschall along with special guests, Ryker, Jennifer and Logan Wilson and Ricky Hixon. Needless to say, WE WERE BLESSED and this was all followed by a potluck lunch. God not only filled our hearts with His word through song and a wonderful message but also by filling us up physically. God bless you all is our prayer at HBC!

**Pleasant Valley:** 47 years old in September of this year. Our church celebrated Homecoming May 6. Vanzora was our sister church who sponsored the 17 member group. We wanted to thank them. There have been different pastors, members, and workers who have played a role and souls were saved and revived. We want to send a word of praise to all who had a part. Our church is still going strong under the leadership of Bro. George and Joan Culp and it is a pleasant valley. There is much love and appreciation within the walls of our church home. Wed. May 16th we are going to do what we Baptists are famous for. We are having a fish fry which is always a fun night of fellowship and fine feasting. Beauty and the Beast was the theme of this year's Sweetheart Banquet and the message was that love is on the inside. It was dinner and a show with the sweetest waiters and waitresses. Our youth are precious and very talented. It takes a lot of hard work to put on such an event. Countless hours of work on practices and decorations by Robin Bedwell, Deanna Pearson and Kim Morris. Laurie Byers captured the moments on camera. She helped with make up and hair styling. Jessie Powell sewed beautiful costumes. There are always behind the scene folks who I may have left out but God always keeps the correct list and know He will bless every helping hand.

**Notes From The Food Pantry**

**The month of April we were able to help 95 families. We gave out 2738 food items and 341 bread items**

**We want to thank you for your continued support for this ministry. We are asking each church to work one Monday and one Thursday in the coming weeks. This is the schedule through June.**

May 14th & May 17th Flint

May 21st & 24th Hamlet

May 31 Briensburg, June 7th & 11th Altona

June 14th & 18 Oak Grove, June 21st & June 25th New Zion

**Thank You and God Bless**

**CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS**

**Hamlet**

**Salem  
Old Salem Rd.**

**Kirksey**

**UPCOMING  
Events**

**May**

20-27 Week of Prayer for Assoc. Missions  
27 William Skinner Offering  
28 Memorial Day/Office Closed  
30 Deadline for Golf Tournament

**June**

2-6 Memorial Baptist VBS 9-11:30am  
2 New Harmony VBS Kickoff Fish fry  
3-7 New Harmony VBS meal @ 5, 6-8:30  
3-7 Salem Baptist Church VBS  
4-8 VBS at Union Ridge  
12-13 SBC Annual Meeting Dallas TX  
14 Flag Day (No Mission Board MTG)  
17 Father's Day  
17 Baptist Men's Day  
18-21 Jerusalem Mission Project (BRBA)  
18-22 Hazel Baptist VBS 6-8:30, "GAME ON"  
21 First Day of Summer  
24-27 Oak Grove VBS 6-8:30 "Ship wrecked"  
25-30 VBS Bethel Baptist "Galatic Starveyors"  
26-29 Pleasant Valley "Ship wrecked"  
25-27 Dexter VBS 6-8:30  
25-30 Bethel Baptist VBS

**July**

4 Independence Day Office Closed  
12 6:30pm Board Meeting, Hazel Baptist  
13-14 Flint VBS 13th 5pm, 14th 9am  
15-19 Scotts Grove VBS 6-8:30, Moose on the Loose  
18 12:00pm Minister's Prayer Lunch & Fellowship, Habenero Mexican Grill Draffenville

**Union Ridge:** Our church has been busy this month. The Deacons hosted a Luncheon for all of the widows of the Church at Ponderosa in Draffenville KY. We are preparing to have a block party. It will be June 2, 2018 at Pirates Cove. We hope to promote our V.B. S. and meet a lot of our community. We have been getting workers and teachers ready for Vacation Bible School on June 4-8.

**Oak Grove:** April was a busy month for Oak Grove as we were making plans for up-coming events for the summer. The choir blessed us on Easter Sunday with the cantata entitled "Let All the World Sing" They did an excellent job, and Bro. Carl brought an outstanding message on the resurrection. Plans are being made for VBS in June and revival was set for the first week in August with Bro. Todd Gray as the Evangelist. Former pastor, Bro. Van Russell, will be the guest speaker for Homecoming in August. April 22, reservations were made at Carmack's Fish Barn in Como for everyone to have lunch after the Sunday Morning Service. The large dining room was packed with Oak Grove people, and everyone had a great time of food and fellowship. April 29th was our regular fifth Sunday singing, and this was followed with pizza and all the trimmings in the fellowship hall.

**Symsonia Baptist Church:** A commissioning service was held at Symsonia Baptist in March for 17 people that went on the "Walk A Mile" mission trip to Guatemala. Our people built small houses and provided medical care for the people in the village. It was a great and humbling experience for all who went and they hope to go back next year. Our Wednesday night children enjoyed a visit from ventriloquist Martha Wallace in April. A story from the book of Daniel was shared. Roger Woods has been coming once a month to speak on addictions. If you have dealt with addictions or have family members that have, we invite you to come listen! Please call the church office for date and times. He is currently scheduled for May 20 in the evening service. Our VBS is coming up June 11-15. Everyone is invited! We welcome our newest members to our church family: Ron & Pam DeBernardi and David & Regina Prince.

**New Bethel:** April 1st was Easter Sunday-Jesus died on the Cross for our Inequities, He was Buried, He was Resurrected and He Lives Today, our Creator and Savior. Hallelujah! April 8th was the last day for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. On April 10th our Young at Heart Seniors went to Parcel's in Draffenville for their monthly outing. Our WOW class had been collecting items for Bags of Love and ended on April 18th. On April 22nd we had a Church wide Fellowship meal after the morning service. On April 29th in the evening service, we celebrated the Lord's Supper, an Ordinance from Christ Jesus. The Bags of Hope Food Pantry Ministry continues to bless many needy families in our community. Crossings Youth Camp for our Youth and Kids Camp for our younger kids will be here before you know it. On May 21st we are having a Women's Conference, "Hats We Wear" here at New Bethel in the FLC, with a Meal, Music performed By Grace, and Guest Speaker Lori Scott. Please pray for each other, our Community, our Country, our Leaders at all level of Government, all our kids and their Schools and pray for Brother Mark and Jackie.

**Vanzora Baptist:** Vanzora Baptist Food Pantry would like to thank the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 85, Benton for its generous \$200 food donation. We can help a great many people because of their support! We also welcomed Shawn Misner, Luke Misner, Alex Pugh, Justin Futrell and Chad Sheets as brothers in Christ through baptism in April and May. Our youth group had a successful spaghetti dinner and desert auction, with the funds going to support more youth trips and activities, and we continue to see growth in our youth basketball league. They started their first official games in May. If you would like more in your prayers. We held a baby dedication on May 20 for all those interested in dedicating their child to the Lord, and are currently getting ready for VBS. There are opportunities arising in area schools for the gospel to be shared, so please be in prayer for Bro. Mike Farmer and other area pastors, as they seek to opportunities to reach our area's youth. We send our love and prayers to our sister churches, and look forward to what lies ahead for all of us.

**New Zion:** Acts 6:4—"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." Greetings from New Zion! This month Bro. Dale has been preaching on the symptoms of being near the Resurrected Lord, the 3 things Jesus came back to do, the 5 Principles of Church Growth, and how we are to pray. Last Sunday he preached on why the heathen rage and what a powerful message he shared. We can surely say it has been good to be in the house of the Lord. The Billy Graham "Sharing Hope in Crisis" seminar was such a blessing and we want to thank everyone who helped with it. April 29<sup>th</sup> our youth fundraiser was a huge success. Their taco bar brought in over \$900 and we are so thankful for this group of young adults. We also held our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday singing in the evening service and the Holy Spirit showed up and showed out! Our Lord was smiling as songs of praise filled the Church. The adults did an amazing job and then our youth stole the show with their songs of praise. On June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the youth group and leaders will be spending the night in the Creation Museum and visiting the Ark. Our WMU are busy with several mission projects and we will be recognizing our graduates with a reception on May 20<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in the Mountain View Baptist mission trip on June 3, please see Glenn Wyatt. If you missed the National Day of Prayer service at the courthouse on May 3, you missed a huge blessing. Bro. Dale's sermon on heathen raging was so needed as we watch our freedoms being taken away more and more. As God's Church, let us all pray without ceasing and do our best to share His Holy Word.

**Salem Baptist:** The past month has been filled with last minute details for our 170th Anniversary celebration. On April 15 we were blessed to have as speakers Bro. Mike Littrell, Bro. Joe Pat Winchester, Bro. Van Russell, Bro. Jim Simmons, Bro. Charlie Simmons, Bro Mark Sickling and Bro. Royce Dukes. They all served as either Pastor or Interim Pastor here at Salem. In between speakers we had special music. At noon we had a wonderful meal, and than at 1:30 the Kings Sons blessed us with more special music. We thank our song leader, Charles Peeler, and our musicians for the day, Denise Windsor, Carol Miller and Phyllis Sheppard for the beautiful music. Everyone who attended this Anniversary celebration was truly blessed. Our calendar is filling up with future church activities. Plans are being made for our Vacation Bible School in June. Thank you, Lord, for being our honored guest on April 15 and for your faithfulness in leading Salem for the past 170 years.

**Pleasant Hope:** It has been another busy month here at Pleasant Hope. We went to Nashville to the Ronald MacDonald House on April 28th and did a meal for the Families of the Children in the hospital, it is always a Blessing to talk with them and give them a little encouragement, we did grilled hamburgers and hot dog and had one little boy say "That is the Bestest cheeseburger I ever ate" that made our day, to shed just a little sunshine in their day. Then we went to Lambert's on May 4th and even got to take Bro. Mark Sickling with us everyone had a great day and no one ate too much HA! We want to wish all the Mother's a Happy Mother's Day, we have some of the best here. We will be having our Homecoming the 10th of June Bro. Ray Lewis will bring the Message @ 11:00 and For Heaven's Sake will sing around 1:00, then on June 11-13 will be our Revival, Bro. Rodney Wallace bring God's message each night, we invite everyone to come out for all of these services. Fellowship with Martin Severn and Johnathan Clark

**Sugar Creek: 2 Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." 3 but you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the one who lifts my head high. 4 I call out to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy mountain. Psalm 3:2-4** We are so thankful for this beautiful month and all the amazing blessings God has given us. We are looking forward to all the events coming up at Sugar Creek, Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 we will be honoring our graduates with a meal and after dinner we will kick our Vacation Bible school with a balloon release. We hope you can join us the week of June 11<sup>th</sup> for our VBS. It is always a great time learning about Jesus at sugar creek Baptist church. There will classes for all ages, we will have games and food so bring a friend and come on out to fellowship with us. "Father lead me, because I can't do this alone."

**Blood River Baptist Association  
Special Called Board Meeting  
May 31st @ New Bethel  
6:30PM (No Meal)  
No Board Mtg In June  
July Board Mtg. the 12th  
Hazel Baptist @ 6:30pm (meal)**

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**From Dee King WMU Director:**

Prayer walking will be part of the Jerusalem Project. We will have groups walking at the schools, court houses, judicial buildings and VBS sites. The times and places to meet will be determined and available through the BRBA office. Each church is asked to choose a school closest to them and get a group to go to the school at their convenience. We will have prayer suggestions available. We would like to be notified of the leader for prayer group, the school selected and a time. A suggested time is before/during/after a Wednesday evening prayer service or other evenings. Approval has been granted by the school officials in both counties and both groups have expressed appreciation for this.

Marshall court house and judicial buildings have given approval and thanks for the prayers. Calloway sheriff department and court house also approve for groups to come on the premises in the parking lot or sidewalks outside and express their thanks.

Individuals can come to the VBS site at 9:30 on Monday before the students arrive to cover the

needs with prayer. Also, we will have prayer suggestions available there.

Any other ideas for prayer walking are welcomed and individuals are certainly encouraged to prayer walk at your churches and other places on your hearts.

**Mark's Memos:**

Our Jerusalem Project, June 18-21, is now only days away. We are trying to finalize a few last projects and continue to need willing workers. We need help with the Backyard Bible Clubs; the Prayer walking team; and the Light Construction Teams. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Jerusalem Project please call or stop by the Associational office.

Our Men's Golf Scramble scheduled for June 9, at Memorial Golf Course in Murray, is also just a few days away. If you haven't registered for this fun event, please do so by May 30th. If you need more information, feel free to contact me or Bro. James Stom.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who has expressed Christian love, encouragement, and offered up prayers for me and my family during my mother's extended battle with cancer.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark

**May 24, 2018**

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