

# BLOOD RIVER REVIEW

## NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



- June
- 2- Jack Kee, Union Ridge
  - 2- Larry Salmon, Coldwater
  - 3- Lana White, New Providence
  - 5- Cara Chandler, New Zion
  - 5- Charlotte Yarbrough, Ledbetter
  - 6- David Chandler, New Zion
  - 15- Kili Hanes, Cherry Corner
  - 16- Todd Dotson, Olive
  - 19- James Stom, Owens Chapel
  - 19- Jordan Roach, Hazel
  - 23- Chris Moore, Sharpe
  - 26- Sarah Sanders, Bethlehem
  - 28- Hal Barrow, Blood River

### Staff Anniversaries

June

- 1st Sunday—Rodney Wallace, New Zion-2009
- Darrell Walker, Gilbertsville- 2012
- Jack Studie, Hamlet- 2010
- George Culp, Jr., Pleasant valley - 2016
- 5th Sunday - Dough Sanders, Bethlehem- 2013

### 7th Annual Youth Challenge Mission Rally

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Fredonia, KY  
August 5, 2017  
7:30 am-6:00 pm

Free Event that youth groups from across the counties come together to serve the Lord in Missions from yardwork, free car washes, nursing home visits, painting and the list goes on.

#### Not all work and no Play!

After a morning of doing missions the teams return for a free lunch and then a time of games, praise and worship, youth testimonies, speaker of the day and close out with a water slide made on a big hill by the church!

Call 270-871-8597 for details  
Registration deadline is June 30th

### Wedding Anniversaries

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

### Super Saturday 2017

- Lexington - August 19
- Erlanger & Paducah - August 26
- Owensboro & Pikeville - Sept. 9
- Louisville - Sept. 16

### This is the flagship training event for the KBC and its churches

Training offered in these ministry areas: Church Finance, Church Revitalization, Collegiate Ministry, Discipleship, Evangelism, Preschool & Children, Sunday School, Women's Ministry, WMU, Worship & Music, and Youth.

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**“New Bethel:** “On April 11th our Young at Heart Seniors had their monthly outing, and as always had a great time. On April 15th we had our Annual Easter Egg Hunt here at New Bethel with lots of kids, lots of eggs, lots of fun and plenty of candy for everybody. April 16th was Easter Sunday as we celebrated the Risen Christ—He’s alive folks, Jesus is alive and we worship Him! April 19th was Make a Bowl for Marcella’s Kitchen Night in the FLC with Pizza before making the bowls. On April 30th we observed The Lords Supper, an Ordinance given to us by our Lord Jesus. The month of April was for our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering—all of this offering is used for North American Missions. We have a new Ladies Bible Study—“Jonah-Navigating a Life Interrupted.” The Best Choice Food Program is ongoing—bringing labels or UPC symbols from Best Choice products to be redeemed for food for the Bags of Hope Ministry. The Bags of Hope Ministry is helping a lot of needy folks in our community. We love and appreciate Brother Mark and Jackie—please pray for them and pray for each other and pray for our country.”

**Oak Grove:** “We continue to be blessed at Oak Grove. God is working in our church and in our people. We welcome four new members, Bro. Carl and Fran and Brad and Mitzi Bray to our fellowship. Our first Good Friday service was a real blessing. Sixty three attended and decorated the cross with red and white carnations in memory or in honor of loved ones. Finger foods were served in the fellowship hall following the service. On Easter Sunday our choir blessed us with special music from the Cantata “Mighty to Save”. Our goal of 65 for Sunday School was met, and we surpassed our goal of 100 for our worship service with 108. On Sunday, April 23, the church voted to call Bro. Carl McNeill as pastor. We received a special offering of \$1500 for the Pollack family who lost everything by fire. April 30th we had youth Sunday. The youth were in charge of taking the offering, special music, etc. Sunday night was our fifth Sunday singing. Thanks to all who brought the special music.”

**Sugar Creek:** “*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.*” Genesis :22 “When Spring approaches, we always look forward to celebrating Easter. Sugar Creek had a wonderful sunrise service and it is so amazing to stand outside and enjoy the wonderful creations during the service. We had a great turnout and the fellowship was wonderful. We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday May 21 with a meal after our evening service. We were blessed to have with us on Mother’s Day, Ms. Florence Barnett who has been a member of Sugar Creek Baptist for 80+ years. What a blessing to everyone she is. Congratulations to Sydney Carver on your graduation. Our youth has a big trip scheduled for May 27 to Holiday World. The kids have been working so hard and are so excited about this trip. They are going to have a great day! We have two new members to welcome to the Sugar Creek family, Ms. Adalee Cone and Ms. Audrey Jeziaski, we are so glad to have you.”

**Salem:** “We have a lot of planning going on at Salem. In April of 2018 we will celebrate our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so we are doing a new church directory and new cookbooks. It will be a special time for us. We thank all those who are involved in children’s church each Sunday, both in the sanctuary and in the back. Not only are the children getting a good lesson but the adults as well. The Mennonite Youth Singers sang at our Fifth Sunday Singing. What a great group of young people with beautiful voices. What a blessing! On May 7 we honored our high school graduates. We had finger food and fellowship after the evening service. We wish these two young people the best in their future endeavors. Bro. Jerry and Susan have settled in, and we are enjoying the messages that God has laid on his heart. Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 16 through 20 and we are making plans for that as well. We exceeded our goal for the Annie Armstrong offering. We thank all of you for your interest in missions. Thank you, Father. You are so good to us. “

**Symsonia:** “We had a great Easter Egg hunt in April for our children and everyone enjoyed our Easter Cantata by our adult choir. Congratulations to Joey & Erica West on their recent marriage. It was great having the very talented pianist Jeff Stice here in concert. We look forward to our upcoming Deacon Ordination service. Our kids are collecting different items each month for our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. “

**Pleasant Valley:** “Sept. 12, 1971 our church was established. There were 13 charter member who began what has grown into an almost 46 year history. Georgie Balkey donated the land and there was a little house where the first service was held. Ken Holland did the first service singing Amazing Grace and began with Genesis 1:1 as the devotion titled “In the Beginning God” which we know is where all success starts. There have been 12 pastors and their wives, a few serving as Interim, who have been the Shepherds in our past and now Bro. George & Joan Culp. What is most important is the work continue that started on that September evening so many years ago. When you look at the collective sermons preached, souls saved, souls rededicated and the hard work that was done during the seasons they each served has been tremendous., We celebrated the history of our church on Homecoming day and reflected back on it. We want to thank Brent and Kim Morris who donated a painting from Bro. Ken Holland where the first pastor, Bro. Albert Johnson, was painted baptizing his granddaughter. Bro. Eugene Powell did a super job preaching the message. The Baptist Men’s breakfast for the Association will be sponsored here this coming Saturday, May 13th. We want to thank all the women for their hard work at decorating and feeding the men. One of the things Baptists are noted for. We do like to socialize over a good meal. We also want to congratulate Dylan Morris and Sara Chambers as Senior graduates from Marshall County High School. What an accomplishment! We are so proud of our youth. We wish them the very best of blessings on their future and know God has some great plans for their lives. We want to recognize some Little graduate changes are Hope Pratt, Christian Byers, Landon Louke, Brandon Grimes and Kobie Harper who will be moving to the middle schools. Travis Morris and Faith Pratt will be graduating from middle school and going to the High School. Our youth is the future to not only the history of Pleasant Valley but all of our churches and will be giving the reins over to them one day. So we need to invest in their lives and be their cheerleaders for their successes. “

**New Zion:** “Philippians 4:19” But my food shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus, “This year is passing by so quickly and somehow I missed sending in last months article so I need to catch up. On 3-26 we had 16 youth and adults go to the Forgiveness House and 2 re-dedications were made. On 3-29 the youth held a farewell service for Bro. David Chandler. Easter Sunday the Lord held back the rain so our children enjoyed their egg hunt and our members participated in the Lord’s Supper in our evening service. April 24-30th Bro Rodney and Ms. Gail enjoyed some much needed vacation days and special thanks to Bro., Jimmy Seaford for filling our pulpit. May 5-6 our Brotherhood cooked the most wonderful breakfast for our ladies and oh my what a great job they did. Freddie Gibbs received 1st place trophy in our fisherman’s club yet the women caught the most fish. April 30 we held our 5th Sunday singing and Praise service. We have some of the best talent and what a blessing we all received. Our church is in need of a youth pastor so please be in prayer as we wait for God to supply our need. Special welcome to all our new members, God is surely blessing us. “



Men’s Golf Tournament  
June 10, 2017  
7:00 Am  
Miller Golf Course





## Ministers Prayer Lunch/Fellowship

Country Crossroads, Murray KY

July 19, 2017

12:00 P.M.

Meal is Dutch



Be In Prayer For Our Upcoming  
Mission Trips

June 4-9

The G.A.P. in McDowell, KY

And

Mountain View Camp, Monticello, KY



Please help Bags of Hope Collect Back to School Supplies for the up coming school year. We are collecting pencils, pens, rulers, glue sticks, crayons and folders.

Please bring supplies to Blood River Baptist Association by the end of July.

Thank You for your continuous support

### CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Elva	Hamlet
Kirksey	Ledbetter
Locust Grove	New Harmony
Old Salem Rd.	Salem
Sinking Spring	



#### MAY

29

Memorial Day, Office Closed

#### JUNE

4-9

Mission Trip to Mountain View Camp, Monticello, KY

4-9

Mission Trip to the G.A.P, McDowell, KY

8

No Mission Board Mtg.

13-14

Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Phoenix

18

Father's Day

#### JULY

4

Independence Day, Office Closed

13- 6:30 pm

Mission Board Meeting, Oak Grove

19- 12:00 pm

Ministers' Prayer Lunch/Fellowship, Cross Roads, Murray, KY

24- 7:00 pm

WMU Quarterly Meeting, Memorial

#### AUGUST

4

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

8 - 9:30 am

First Place Victory Celebration

8 - 6:00 pm

STF Mtg. BRBA

10 - 6:30 pm

Mission Board Mtg. Sharpe

12 - 8:00 am

Men's Breakfast, Dexter

13

Student Evangelism Day

20-26

Worship Music Week

28 - 6:30 pm

First Place Orientation BRBA

### Notes From the Food Pantry

We continue to get new families coming every week to the food pantry. We want to thank everyone for your continued support. Without support we could not do what we do.

It's almost time for school to be out. We fix bags for the kids during this time. With individually wrapped peanut butter and crackers, cheese and crackers, cookies, chips, fruit cups, and pudding cups. If anyone would like to help with this effort it would be appreciated.

Thank You  
God Bless

THE  
BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION  
MISSION BOARD MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
JULY 13, 2017  
{No Association Mtg. for June}  
OAKGROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
5525 Jones Mill Crossland Rd.  
Puryear, TN 38251  
MEAL/FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 PM  
BUSINESS MEETING - 7:15 PM

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Time.....There's never enough & what we have seems to go by so fast! School is about to be out for the summer, but it will start again, August 10th. (Guess What? That's about 10 weeks from now!) The weather is beautiful and it helps make all of us feel much better. Excitement is in the air, Revivals are going on, our D.O.M. Search Committee is prayerfully working, some folks who've been ill have gotten better and Sunday School & Worship attendance is increasing! We have a new Associational Secretary: Mrs. Sandy Little.. She is the wife of Bro. David Little, Pastor at Dexter Baptist Church. Welcome aboard, Ms. Sandy!

Please join us in praying for our churches without Pastors. I also want to extend a word of praise from the Director of the Bags of Hope Ministry. Bro. Marvin Gore reports that the support of the churches of Blood River Association is tremendous! Your faithfulness in responding and providing groceries and personal items for this ministry has been awesome! Several churches have faithfully provided financially for this work. So many families are helped and a Gospel presentation is provided for each family in a variety of ways.

You have two Mission Teams making trips to Eastern Kentucky on the first full week of June. One will be heading for the Mountain View Baptist Camp in Monticello, KY. That's about 20 miles east of Somerset, KY and Lake Cumberland. The other team will be headed for "God's Appalachian Partnership" Ministry at McDowell, KY. That's southeast of Hazard, KY. The total number of individuals from Blood River Association for both teams, is 72 people! Both teams will be leaving the Associational office building on Sunday morning, June 4th, and will be returning sometime the following Friday evening. Please pray for both teams and individuals EVERY DAY! What joy it will be to come back home with testimonies of many people being saved and the needs of many being met!

Our Association is one of the most active associations in the state and certainly one of the most "mission-minded!" Your prayerful, financial, and mission support is what makes that the case! As your Interim Director, I am in constant need of your prayers! Please keep in contact with your associational office with announcements, prayer requests, etc.

Yours by Calvary's Ties  
Bro. Duane



June 15, 2017

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