

Blood River Review

NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



May

- 5th - Charlotte Yarbrough, Ledbetter Baptist
- 10th - Beverly Dukes, Lakeview Baptist
- 11th- Hailey Roach, Hazel Baptist
- 15th- Ashley Medley, Sharpe Baptist
- 23rd- Ann Salmon, Coldwater Baptist
- 24th- Royce Dukes, Lakeview Baptist
- 25th- Mae Cope, Flint Baptist
- 27th- Damian Alvarez, El Manantial Baptist

Church Anniversary

1st Sunday

Chris Moore, Sharpe Baptist (2008)



- May 10 - Jack & Amber Henshaw (2003)**
- 18 - Dale & Bernice Taylor**
- 24 - Glenn & Mae Cope (1962)**
- 27- Mark & Jackie Thweatt (1978)**

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

Everything is FREE pass the word!



It's That time again for VBS!!! Please let the Blood River Baptist Association know when your VBS is so we can put it on a calendar and if someone is looking for one we can direct them. Have fun planning it can be such a blessing



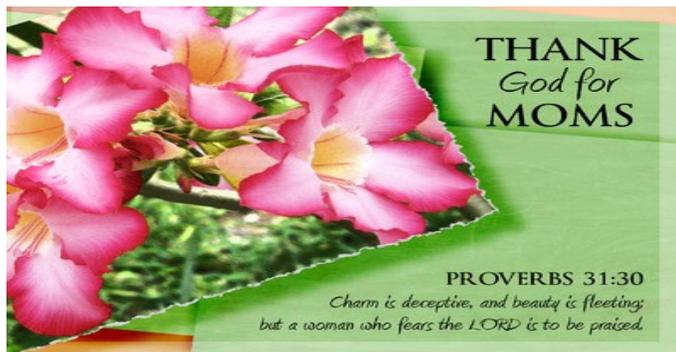
DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT DEADLINE IS MAY 30TH

COST: \$45.00 PER PERSON

TEAMS OF 4 PLAYERS

T-OFF IS AT 8:00AM

Sugar Creek: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. **1 peter 1:3** We are so Thankful, God truly blessed our church at the Easter egg hunt and Fish Fry we had last month. It was a beautiful day we had a wonderful turnout and great food! We are looking forward to celebrating our graduates next month with a potluck, we are blessed to have them in our church. We are getting really excited to start planning our VBS, happening in June. It is always a great time of the year at Sugar Creek Baptist Church. We sure hope you can come visit us. *God has a bigger plan for me than I have for myself.* **Happy Spring!**



**Happy Mother's Day
May 13th**

Notes From The Food Pantry

In March we gave out 1952 food items, 254 bread items, and 123 hygiene items to 88 families. Thank you for your continued support. In the coming weeks we are asking churches to work one Monday and one Thursday at the Food Pantry.

The Schedule for April & May

- April 16th & 19th Cherry Corner
- April 23rd & 26th Gilbertsville
- April 30th & May 3rd Bethel
- May 7th & May 10th Elva
- May 14th & May 17th Flint
- May 21st & 24th Hamlet

Thank You and God Bless

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Hamlet

Salem
New Harmony

Kirksey
Old Salem Rd.

**UPCOMING
Events**

April

- 18 6:30PM Mission Board Mtg. Poplar Spring
- 22 SBC Seminaries Sunday
- 23 7:00 PM WMU Quarterly Meeting, Altona

May

- 6 4:30 PM First Place Orientation, Memorial
- 6 Senior Adult Sunday
- 13 Mother's Day
- 13-19 Christian Home Week
- 14 5:00 PM First Place, Memorial
- 14 5:30 PM First Place, Westside
- 19 Armed Forces Day
- 20-27 Week of Prayer for Assoc. Missions
William Skinner Offering
- 28 Memorial Day/Office Closed

June

- 2-6 Memorial Baptist VBS 9-11:30am
- 12-13 SBC Annual Meeting Dallas TX
- 14 Flag Day (No Mission Board MTG)
- 17 Father's Day
- 17 Baptist Men's Day
- 21 First Day of Summer

July

- 4 Independence Day Office Closed
- 12 6:30pm Board Meeting, Hazel Baptist
- 18 12:00pm Minister's Prayer Lunch & Fellowship, Habenero Mexican Grill
Draffenville
- 23 7:00pm WMU Quarterly Mtg.,
Flint Baptist

New Bethel: March 4th was the last day of the HOPE Clinic Baby Bottle Campaign and we wound up with almost \$190.00 for this wonderful organization that promotes life instead of the taking of life from the unborn. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering starts in March and ends on April 8th—one hundred percent of this offering goes to support Missions in North America. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was on March 24th here at New Bethel with lots of eggs, lots of candy, lots of kids and lots of fun. On March 25th, we had a Churchwide Fellowship meal at the Majestic Restaurant and it was good food and good times for everyone. It's sign-up time for Crossings Youth Camp for our Youth Group and other students going into 7th-12th grade and also for Kids Camp for kids 3rd grade-5th grade. Our WOW Class is collecting items for the Bags of Love Ministry. Also remember the Bags of Hope Food Pantry items and that the Food Pantry has been temporarily moved into the BRBA building. Easter Sunday this year is also April Fool's Day, but this is no April Fool's Day joke folks—He died on the Cross, He was Buried, He was Resurrected and He Lives Today—Christ Jesus is our Creator and He is our Savior! 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.

Oak Grove: We have had a lot of sickness the past two months at Oak Grove our services ere hampered a bit by a gas leak causing us to have our worship service in the fellowship hall one Sunday. This has been repaired and things are getting back to normal. Mrs. Kathy Paschall has started Children's Church for our children ages three - seven. The Choir worked very diligently preparing for the Easter Cantata. The highlight of the month was our Good Friday service on March 30. The attendance was wonderful, and music was provided by some of our people. Our guest soloist was Mrs. Louawana McClure and Bro. Randy McClure delivered a very stirring message. At the close of the service we assembled in the fellowship hall for finger foods and fellowship.

Hazel Baptist Church: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!! What a wonderful month we have had a Hazel Baptist Church. On the Saturday before Easter, we had an Easter egg hunt for the children ages birth - 6th grade, a devotion about why we celebrate Easter and refreshment served to 130 people. We began Easter Sunday with our Son Rise service, followed by breakfast cooked by the men of the church. During the morning worship, our Adult Choir presented a cantata entitled "Majesty" followed by a message from Bro. Kara Blackard from Corinth, Mississippi. During this month the Lord has added 7 saved souls to His kingdom. Praise the Lord!!! How thankful we are for our Pastor and his wife and their leadership at HBC. So, thank you Bro. Jordan and Hailey. God is blessing at HBC and we are praying this continues on and on.

Pleasant Hope: Hopefully Winter will soon be over, know everyone loves the snow but not in April! We have had another busy month here at Pleasant Hope. Our Wed. Youth Worship is still growing and we did a Easter program on the 21th and the kids all did so very well from 2 yr. to 13 year old's. We had a Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning inside after a Great Easter message from our Pastor Johnny Coffenberry. We have had several guest lately and welcome anyone who is not attending somewhere else to join us. We took a group of our senior youth to see I Can Only Imagine on the 5th, a great movie. Then went to Paducah to visit a member in re-hab on the 10th and of course had to go to Pizza Inn, everyone enjoyed the time of fellowship and the Pizza of course. We are headed for the Ronald MacDonald house on the 28th to feed the Families that have children there, it was such a Blessing to talk and pray with some of the families last years.

New Zion: Greetings from New Zion and we hope you had an amazing Resurrection Sunday! We haven't been in the newsletter for a while so let's catch you up. We are excited and thankful to welcome our new Pastor, Bro. Dale Taylor, and his family, Bernice, Nathaniel, and Joshua to our New Zion family. They are true servants of the Lord and are doing an amazing job. Our bus ministry is growing and still needs help so if you feel the call from God please contact Tracy Morgan. We also have one of the best Children's Church programs where the kids are taken through the Bible in a year. We have witnessed many of these little ones come to know the Lord through the dedication of these teachers. Our youth group is very active under the leadership of Jamey and Wendy Powell, Jason and Rachel Lane, and many others who lead and encourage these future leaders of our church. On March 18th, they held movie night with "Facing the Giants" and raised \$900 to help pay for their next mission trip. We still have the best cooks who prepare yummy meals on Wednesday night and then feed the bus riders. Our Senior Saints are still active as ever. This month they headed to Lambert's for a game of "roll tossing" and are planning their next trip. Our WMU and Brotherhood have several projects to work on and special thanks to Betty Thweatt for her awesome WMU studies each month. We were so honored to host the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's "Sharing Hope in Crisis" seminar this month and we will fill you in on the turnout next month. Please continue to pray for this group of people who give their time and talents for the Lord. Bro. Dale is preaching some amazing sermons this month on the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He truly is a preacher who seeks to find the acceptable words, teaches them boldly, and truly loves his flock. **Vanzora:** March and April have been blessed months for Vanzora Baptist. We were happy to host the Truth Troupe Puppet Ministry from Newton's Creek Baptist Church in early March. Our activities building was packed with children and their families from not only Vanzora, but Hopewell Baptist and Dexter Baptist, to see this amazing team of performers. At least 135 were in attendance, and there were 13 professions of faith. It was a great night! We have been blessed to witness the profession of faith and baptism of William, Liz, and Paisly Edmond, Brittany Beale, Carlos Luna, Aliyah Bradly and Kristie Bradly, in March and April, with Aliyah and Kristie receiving their baptism on Easter Sunday. God is good! A group volunteers, lead by our own Adrain Misner, has organized a youth basketball league. Little League is 1st-7th grade, and the High School team is 8th- 12th grade. This venture is available for kids who are interested in sports, and/or just need a place to spend time in a positive atmosphere, while at the same time learning more about Jesus. If you would like more information on this program, contact Adrian at 270-293-3865, or email adrianmisner@yahoo.com. We send our prayers to our sister churches, and look forward to what lies ahead in the coming months.

Pleasant Valley: We were blessed to experience both of our ordinances this month. We ended our celebration of Easter with observing the Lord's Supper and then Kobie Harper gave his heart to the Lord. He was baptized on April 8th. We look forward to seeing how God will use Kobie in the service of our Lord. Bro. Eugene Powell is always ready to fill in wherever needed. He has done some song leading, and Bro. George can always have him fill in for him either at church, the radio station, or this month at the Stillely House. Bro. George has rewarded two stray baby kittens and gave to Bro. Eugene for his devotion. Who needs the Mandrell Sisters to sing? Kim Morris, Laurie Byars, and Robin Bedwell did a knock out job as a trio. If you miss a service, you have missed a beautiful song, great sermon, or a good laugh that leaves a smile on your heart. We were blessed to have Bro. Mark our Associational Director to come visit and preach for us. He wasn't sure he could find us but he made it there. It was a joy to hear him plus all of the work that goes on like the event held at the high school to help with recovery to our students and faculty following the shooting. May 16th we are planning a big fish fry. We always have a big, yummy time here. We will share details of our Sweetheart Banquet which at this writing will be tomorrow night. It is always a sweet time of fellowship. May God's bounty of blessings be upon all of us as we unite to serve our Lord.

**Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting
April 19th @ 6:30 PM
Poplar Springs
749 Poplar Springs Dr.
Murray, Kentucky**

Mark's Memo:

I don't know about you, but the older I get the less I like winter. But, hopefully with the coming of May, our dark, gloomy, cold days are behind us.

I want to thank Mrs. Dee King and the Associational WMU council for their willingness and help promote the 2018 Christmas Backpacks collection. I hope you and your church will participate in the mission project again this year. Backpacks must be brought to the associational office by October 12, 2018. For more information feel free to contact Dee or myself.

The Missions Committee and I have changed the dates for our Jerusalem Project local missions project. It is now scheduled for June 1-2, 2018. Our goal is to get as many people as possible from our churches to be on Mission with Christ and one another as we serve the LORD and others on this first weekend in June. But, we need your help. If you know of a project that is needed in your community, neighborhood, or church, please call me and tell me about it. I would love to see dozens and dozens of our folks serving the LORD and others by doing Backyard Bible Clubs; Block Parties; Light Construction Projects; Landscaping; etc.

I thank the LORD for each of the 47 churches that make up Blood River Baptist Association and consider it a privilege to serve as your Director of Missions. The week of Prayer for Associational Missions is scheduled for May 20-27, so I hope you will set aside those dates to pray for me, to pray for our association and our various ministries and to pray for each of our pastors our churches.

We will be hosting an evangelism training conference at the Blood River Baptist Association office on May 22, from 10:00 – 1:30 pm (Lunch provided). You can register for **Training the Trainer** at www.kybaptist.org/trainthetrainer

Please pray for our sister churches seeking Pastors (Hamlet; Kirksey; New Harmony; Old Salem Road; and Salem) and the interim pastors that are currently leading these churches.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark

April 20, 2018

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You MUST LIMIT your article to 200 WORDS!



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