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BLOOD RIVER REVIEW

NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



September 5 - Amy Dotson, Olive
7 - Darnell Walker, Gilbertsville
7 - Mary Bannow, Blood River
7 - Curtis Rice, Kinksey
13 - Judy Studie, Hamlet
13 - David York, Old Salem Road
19 - Rick Johnson, New Bethel
21 - Mona Johnson, New Bethel
24 - Sally Stom, Owens Chapel
26 - Gail Wallace, New Zion

Staff Anniversaries

1st Sunday - Martin Sevens, Memorial, 2007
2nd Sunday - Mike White, New Providence, 2012
3rd Sunday - Rick Miller, Symsonia, 2000



Wedding Anniversaries

Tim & Katrina Franklin, Sharpe
September 14, 1996

Charles & Robin LaChance, Bethel
September 22, 1990

Todd & Amy Dotson, Olive
September 23, 1995



Senior Adult Rally
September 9, 2016
4:00 PM
Dexter Baptist Church

Cost: \$7.00/person
Call 270/437-4203
for reservations



Pastor/Deacon/Wives
Retreat
September 23, 2016
6:00 PM
Flint Baptist Church
Meal Provided, please bring dessert



Reservations - call
270/437-4203
by September 19

Elva: "We had a great VBS with lots of kids, workers, and lots of good food for both body and soul. Thanks to all who helped. Our Homecoming is this Sunday with Bro. Johnny Coffenberry speaking and lots of good music followed by potluck lunch at noon. Our morning worship service will begin at 10:45. Everyone is welcome."

Hazel: "Congratulations to Betty & Thomas E. Paschall celebrating 62 years of marriage. They were married September 11, 1954."

New Bethel: "On July 5th, our Young At Heart Seniors traveled to August Moon in Murray for their monthly outing and had a great time of food and fellowship. On July 10th we had our Ice Cream Fellowship—everybody loves ice cream and this hot, hot summer sure made it all mighty tasty and cooling. On July 13th, our WOW class had Water Night and you know what that means—everybody got wet! Crossings Kids Camp for our children was July 17th-20th at Jonathan Creek, Hardin, KY and thanks to all the kids who attended and the adult Counselors who went with them. Our kids here at New Bethel are outstanding! On July 27th, our New Bethel Youth Group had a get together including a cookout and water games—Jonathan Clark from BCM at Murray State University was the speaker and Elevate FM was playing cool tunes—a special thanks to Rachel Solomon who made it all happen. Also on July 27th, our kids Alpha Class had an outing to Maggie's Jungle Golf. On July 31st, we observed the Lord's Supper, an Ordinance of our Lord Jesus. Lord we thank you for sending Brother Mark and Jackie here to New Bethel—what a blessing they are."

New Zion: "Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God! Greetings from New Zion! What a hot and rainy July we have had but as Bro. Rodney often says, 'I know a place that is hotter'. This month he has been preaching on Faith for the hard times. We are most blessed to have a pastor who faithfully preaches those sermons that guide us through these perilous days. 7-17 thru 20 Bro. Rodney was in revival at West Fork Baptist and special thanks to Bro. David Chandler for filling our pulpit in our morning service and to Bro. Mike Davis for our evening sermon. 7-24 we truly experienced a miracle as our S. S. classes walked the aisle with envelopes in hand, donating money they had collected for our new church. They ranged from nursery to adults and donated over \$10,000. Praise be to God! 7-26 We held a sewing day to work on blankets for our Bus Ministry children. 7-31 our children and youth challenged the adults to a water gun fight and just so no one could claim the win, God joined in, opened up a huge cloud, and wet the whole bunch. In the evening hour we held our ice cream social and 5th Sunday sing and praise service. Thank you to everyone who made the homemade ice cream, snacks, our singers and musicians. 8-11 our Senior Saints had lunch at August Moon and with school back in session, our Wed. night meal ministry begins on 8-16. Please be in prayer for our teachers, students, and bus driver, and as we go through the perilous days we must all look to the author and finisher of our faith, while being about our Father's business."

Pleasant Hope: "Hello again from Pleasant Hope Baptist Church, we pray everyone has had plenty of rain. Remember those that have had too much with all the flooding. We held our VBS on July 9th with good attendance. With visits from both Jonab and John the Baptist, the youth really liked seeing the Great men of God they were studying about come to life. We have continued our Wed. Night Worship for Youth. We held our 5th Sunday Night Singing, with almost everyone participating and also had a guest, Bro. Ron Byars, sang a beautiful song for us—God's Hands—What better place could we be than GOD'S HANDS."

Pleasant Valley: "School is back in session. We want to wish all the students and staff members a most successful year. It is important to keep learning and growing just like it is for each child of God and to find that place in life where God wants us to serve. Bro. George has baptized many people but he had his first baptism here with none other than our little 8 year old Rylee English. Never has a child been more excited about this event in her life. She simply could not wait plus shared it with all her friends and family to come watch. We did enjoy a yummy fish fry dinner welcoming Bro. George and Joan followed by a beautiful display of fireworks. We want to thank everyone involved with making that night a special evening of fellowship and to see the beauty in the skies of celebrating our freedom for which one of those all important ones is the freedom of religion. Thank God we can serve and worship our Lord without harm and consequences. Kody Burdett and Dylan Morris came back from serving in the mission fields at Inez, Ky. They were privileged

to assist in vacation bible schools, do door to door witnessing, and saw lots of souls won to the Lord. We are very proud of these two young men. Kody Burdett has accepted the call from the Lord to be a preacher. He has recently been accepted to the Boyce college to seek his education in the ministry. We are excited to see how the Lord will use Kody to further His Kingdom cause. The women will be serving breakfast to the men on Baptist Men's day. The men will be taking over the services. Danny Uzzle has agreed to come play the piano for us on that day. So we look forward to hearing from different men of the church. We are blessed to have some fine men who love their Lord and honor Him every day of their lives. May God's blessings be upon you is our prayer!"

Salem: "We have certainly had an abundance of rain the past few weeks, but God is in control and always knows what is best for us. We are certainly thankful for the rain and the air conditioning during this hot weather. The WMU ladies attended the quarterly meeting at Grace Baptist Church. We were blessed by the testimony of Damian Alvarez, who is the Pastor at the new Hispanic Church in Murray. We will be collecting items this month to assist that Church in its ministry. On July 31 we rejoiced when two in our congregation were saved and baptized. After the special baptismal service, we had fellowship in the activity building. It was a great day! School has started back and we are praying for our teachers and young folks. We appreciate you! We are looking forward to our fish fry on September 17 which will be a kickoff to our fall revival. God is so good to us."

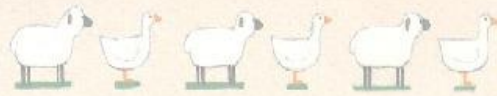
Sugar Creek: "*Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice. Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.*" *Psalms 5:7* We have

been blessed to have many speakers come and share the gospel with us during the past month. Bro. Tim Cole has been filling in and we are enjoying what God has shared with us through him. We have also had Bro. Phil Bazzell and he has done a great job of sharing the gospel as well. We are sure God has someone ready to fill our pulpit and whoever it is, they will be a blessing to our church. Sugar Creek is hosting the Baptist Men's Association Breakfast on Saturday, August 13th at 8:00 a.m. The men are exciting about being able to prepare breakfast and share it with all who attend. You better bet there will be plenty of food.

We will be having our annual Homemade Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 14th. This is always a good time of fellowship and we have several who ask to volunteer to judge so they can have an excuse to try all the wonderful flavors, and with this heat it will be a nice treat. On August 19th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a movie night for all children K-6th grade. The movie showing will be God's Not Dead 2, with pizza and popcorn. Sounds like a lot of fun and we want to thank Robert and Dana Crass for sponsoring this event for our church children. We invite everyone to check out our website at www.sugarcreekmurray.org. *Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.* ~ Pierre de Cbardin"

Union Ridge: "First, we WELCOME Bro. Jack Kee as our new pastor and wife, Jana. We are very thankful that God sent them our way. Since he has arrived, we have had two baptisms and one addition by letter. Bible School was a great success with an average attendance of 70. Thanks to our VBS director Darrin Boren, teachers, leaders, and staff. A yearly "offering" competition between girls vs. boys resulted in giving \$589.59 to the food pantry. Bob Click, outreach director, will be moving to Louisiana with his daughter. We will honor him on Sunday, August 21. Bro. Jack will be having a knee replacement on August 23. Please pray for his recovery. We are preparing for our Memorial Service on September 4th. Union Ridge Baptist and Union Ridge Methodist have a joint service each year. This year's host is Union Ridge Baptist with Bro. Raymond Lewis preaching. In the afternoon, gospel singing by the Believers Quartet and local talent. Everyone welcome. Bro. Jack and Jana's 5 month old granddaughter, Jaylee, had a successful feeding tube surgery at Kosair Children's Hospital last week. She is home and improving. Heart surgery later. Please continue to pray."

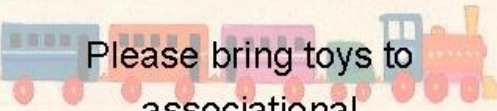
Vanzora: "We at Vanzora are delighted to have Bro. Mike Farmer accept our church as pastor. He and his lovely wife, Alice, reside in Symsonia. His first time with us as pastor was on Wednesday night, August 10. Bro. Mike comes to us from the Hopewell Baptist Church in Lyon County. They are the parents of a daughter, Tonya, who resides in Lexington and a son, Aaron, who resides in Symsonia. Bro. Mike and Alice are ready to get to work, and we look forward to seeing what God has in store for us going forward."



FREEDA HARRIS TOY DRIVE

JULY 25 - NOVEMBER 6

We need new toys, \$10 - \$12 price range, for boys and girls ages 6 mo. - 16 yrs.



Please bring toys to associational office by November 9



Do not wrap toys, you may send wrapping paper, ribbon & tape
Toys will be packed for shipping
Nov. 10, 9 a.m., everyone welcome to help pack.



**BROTHERHOOD
GOLF TOURNAMENT
WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

**MILLER GOLF COURSE
7:00 AM
\$45.00/person, teams of 4
Applications available at
Associational Office**

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS:

*Hamlet Ledbetter
New Harmony Oak Grove
Old Salem Road Sugar Creek*

NEW PASTORS:

Mike Farmer, Vanzora



Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m. Ministers' Prayer Fellowship, BRBA

- Aug. 22, 6:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee meets, BRBA
- Aug. 22, 7:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting Com. meets, BRBA
- Aug. 29, 6:30 p.m. - Missions Committee meets, BRBA
- Sept. 5 - Labor Day, Office Closed
- Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m. - Mission Board Mtg., Holly Hills
- Sept. 9, 4:00 p.m. - Senior Adult Rally, Dexter
- Sept. 17, 7:00 a.m. - Men's Golf Tournament, Millers
- Sept. 18-23 - Oneida Mission Trip
- Sept. 23, 6:00 p.m. - Pastor/Deacon/Wives Retreat, Flint
- Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Sugar Creek
- Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m. - Annual Meeting, Vanzora, lunch provided
- Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Flint
- Oct. 11, 6:00 p.m. - Baptist Builders Dinner, BRBA
- Oct. 13 & 15 - Second Blessings give away, BRBA
- Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m. - WMU Quarterly Mtg., Salem

Blood River Baptist Association



**October 3, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Sugar Creek Baptist Church**

**October 4, 2016
9:30 a.m.
Vanzora Baptist Church**

**October 4, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Flint Baptist Church**

**THE
 BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION
 MISSION BOARD MEETING
 WILL BE HELD ON
 SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
 HOLLY HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
 73 MULBERRY RD.
 CALVERT CITY, KY 42029
 MEAL/FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 PM
 BUSINESS MEETING - 7:15 PM**

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August 15, 2016

Where has the time gone. Summer is passing right before our eyes and school has already started. And its only 132 days till Christmas. Speaking of Christmas, don't forget about our Freeda Harris toy drive. Our Association has been given the opportunity to provide Christmas for 1400 Children in Lookout Kentucky. This ministry is doable if we all work together. What a thrill to know that we will put a smile on a child's face as well as giving a sigh of relief to parents who didn't know where to turn for assistance. If we could be a mouse and be at the homes when they open gifts it would cause us to give even more. God has richly blessed us and there is no reason why we wouldn't want to participate. We are accepting toys now and will through November 9th. The mission trip to Haven of Rest was outstanding and many came back sharing God stories. Three souls were saved and added to the Kingdom. To God we give all praise and glory. Thanks to Bro. David York for leading the group and thanks to all who took part in this ministry. Next year we will be going to Meridzo Ministries in Lynch Kentucky and to God's Appalachian Partnership in McDowell, Kentucky. Be praying that God will send you on these trips. You will receive a blessing by doing so. The WMU meeting was well attended and their focus was on Hispanic Ministries. We appreciate all the women of our churches and their burning desire to keep missions in front of us at all times. The Eliza Broadus offering is coming up in September for State missions and a part of that will help in the ministries in the Association. We want to thank Locust Grove for hosting this month's executive board meeting. We had 18 churches represented and a sweet spirit filled the sanctuary. The men's breakfast was very exciting. I appreciate when our men assemble together to fellowship and praise God at the same time. Thanks goes to Sugar Creek for providing all the fixings of a delicious breakfast. Don't forget that the Senior Adult Rally is around the corner. It will be at Dexter on September 9 at 4pm. This year's meal will be barbeque and you won't want to miss the entertainment. The Brotherhood golf tournament is on September 17th and sign up is going on now. The Oneida mission trip will be September 18 through 23 and 40 will be going to represent Blood river and doing various ministries. The pastor's/ deacon's/wives retreat will be September 23 at Flint at 6pm. Encourage your folks to attend. It is a time of relaxation and fellowship. I also have some personal great good news. Tammy and I are going to be Grandparents for the first time and we are excited. Our son Brent and his wife Vanessa is expecting a boy (Archer Thomas) on December 17th. You all are my family and I would like to invite you all to the baby shower on October 22 at Trace Creek Baptist church from 2 to 4 pm. I do really appreciate all of you for your prayers and support to the Associational ministries. You all make it possible. Your passion and dedicatedness and devotion show through your hearts and for that I am grateful. It is a pleasure to be your Director of Missions. You all make my job a little easier. I don't really think of this as a job but lifestyle. I would love to hear from you from time to time. Feel free to call me at any time.

Bro. Tim



September 15, 2016
 EMAIL US AT bloodriver@mchsi.com
 You MUST LIMIT your article to 200 WORDS!