

**Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting**

**Next Meeting
November 8, 2018
Altona Baptist Church
5827 US Hwy. 62
Calvert City, KY 42029**

Blood River Baptist Association
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Mark's Memos

I want to express my appreciation to Dee King, our WMU Director, and all of the WMU ladies in our churches for their help in promoting the KBC Christmas Backpack project this year. This year our churches contributed over 300 backpacks filled with toys; clothes; books; and a leaflet explaining the Christmas story. Please join me in praying that the children that receive these Backpacks will come to know that Jesus loves them and desires a personal relationship with each of them.

Also, if your church is contributing toys for our annual toy drive for the Freeda Harris Center, those toys need to be in our office by Wednesday, November 7. We will pack the toys on Thursday, November 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. So if you can help, please make plans to be present.

Our daughter, Sarah Beth Sickling, who works with Refugee Hope Partners, a ministry to International Refugees in Raleigh, NC, will be sharing about her ministry on Tuesday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m. at Briensburg Baptist Church. I hope many of you will be present and learn how you and your church can partner with Sarah Beth and Refugee Hope Partners in sharing the love of Christ with those who are coming to our country seeking refuge from war and/or persecution.

Finally, I want to remind you that we are asking 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. The Turkeys and other food for the Thanksgiving Baskets need to be turned in to the Association or Bags of Hope by November 12

Serving Him Together,
Bro. Mark



November 30, 2018
EMAIL US AT:
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Remember to limit your words to 200

Blood River Review

November 2018 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

November



- 1st - Dawn York, Old Salem Rd.
- 17th - Joan Culp, Pleasant Valley
- 23rd - Bro. Brett Miles, Northside
- 27th - Francette Mc Neill, Oak Grove
- 29th - Alice Farmer, Vanzora

Church Anniversary

- 2nd Sunday
Bro. James Stom, Owens Chapel (1984)
Bro. David Little, Dexter (2000)
Bro. Brandon Bramlet, Locust Grove (2017)
- 4th Sunday
Bro. Hal Barrow, Blood River (2003)



- 1st - Bro. Johnny & Bonnie Coffenberry (2007)
- 2nd - Bro. Royce & Beverly Dukes, Lakeview (1972)

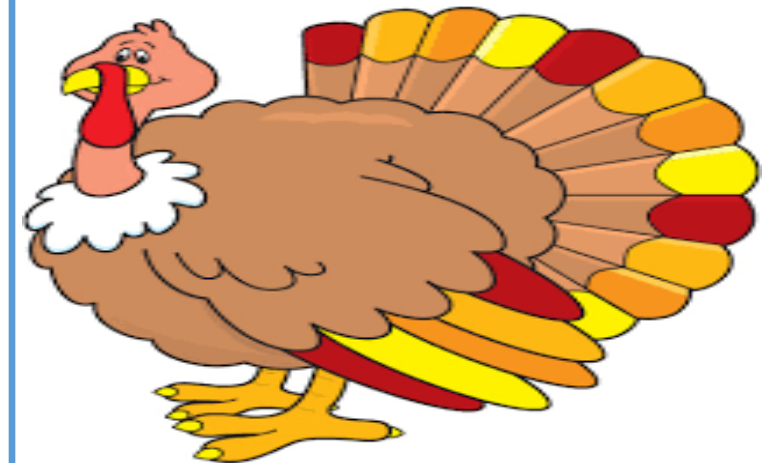


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**Don't Forget to Vote
November 6th**



Reminder



Turkey's and all the fixings are due at Bags of Hope by Nov. 12th. Thank you for helping others have a Blessed Thanksgiving by giving.



Thank you sister churches for all your help and support though out the year. May each of you receive a Blessing and Have a Very Blessed Thanksgiving.

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Wanted

Oak Grove Baptist Church in Puryear TN is seeking Youth Minister. Interested parties may call Bro. Carl Mc Neill at 270-705-1452 or send resume to: Oak Grove Baptist Church
5525 Jones Mill Crossland Rd.
Puryear TN 38251

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**

Do not wrap toys, you may send wrapping paper, ribbon & tape.

Toys will be packed for shipping **Nov. 8th @ 9:00 am.**

Everyone is welcome to come and help pack!

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

**New Mt. Carmel
Altona**

Kirksey

Salem

UPCOMING Events

November

- 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

December

- 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

2019 January

- 1st Happy New Year (Office Closed)
- 4th Deadline for Scholarship Applications
- 6th 4:30 PM 1st Place Orientation, Memorial
- 7th 6:30 PM 1st Place Orientation, BRBA
- 8th 2:00 PM Missions Committee @ BRBA
- 10th 6:30 PM Exec. Board Mtg. Bethel Baptist
- 13th 4:15 PM 1st Place meets weekly at Memorial
- 14th 5:00 PM 1st Place meets weekly @ Memorial
- 16th 12:00 PM Minister's Luncheon Sirloin Stockade Murray KY
- 20th Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 21st Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
- 28th 10:00 AM WMU Quarterly Mtg. @ New Harmony

New Zion: Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

Greetings from New Zion! October is Pastor Appreciation Month and Philippians 2:3 fits our pastor to the tee. How blessed we are to have such a selfless, humble, and loving servant of the Lord. His days are long and yet he always has a smile on his face and an endless energy to share the love of Christ. His sermons this month pointed out how *Jesus Went to the Cross Freely, The Process to Destruction, No Middle Ground: You Cannot Live on Both Sides of the Fence, The Great Missionaries of the Bible, and The Attributes of Christ*. These are just a few of the sermons God laid upon Bro. Dale's heart and they most definitely opened our eyes and hearts to the Word of God. October is a busy month! September 29th our youth went to the Corn Maze, September 30th they held a youth fund raiser spaghetti supper and received \$700 in donations, and October 20th they will head out to the Judgement House. September 30th we held our 5th Sunday Singing and praise God for all of the talent in our Church. October 20th we will have our annual church wide fish supper. Special thanks to Bill Gold for his lesson on "Decisions" he presented to the youth group and to Stephanie Kelly from Life House Care Center in Murray for coming to speak to our WMU. We give God the glory for our 13 new members this month. The Holy Spirit is showing up and showing out!

Union Ridge: Our Church is excited about a new Bible Study we will be having in October. We have had several visitors to come worship with us. We have enjoyed getting to know them and two of them joined our Church family. We will be having a Baptism soon for two young adults. Praise God! We are still collecting toys for Freeda Harris Toy Drive.

Pleasant Hope: We have had a very Blessed couple of months and we give God all the glory for it. We have had so many of our young people come to accept Our Lord and Savior and a little older man along with them and several move their letters to join with us. Our Wednesday Night Youth Worship is still growing, God has sent us a few more good teachers also to help out with that ministry. We appreciate our Pastor Johnny Coffenberry for all he does for the church, and Ms Bonnie had her surgery and is doing much better and about ready to get back to picking up the kiddos (they are her passion) again. We will have our Trunk or Treat on 10/27/18 from 4:00-6:00 with games and hot dogs and chili to go with it.



Don't Forget November 18th is the Thanksgiving Offering for Sunrise Children's Services. If you need information about this call the BRBA.

New Bethel: September 9th was Grandparent's Day and we hope that these special folks all had a wonderful day. On September 11th our Young At Heart Seniors here at New Bethel had their Annual Picnic at Mike Miller Park. On September 30th, in the evening service, we observed the Lord's Supper as ordained by Christ Jesus. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering kicked off on October 1st. We are participating in the KY Baptist Convention's Christmas Backpack Program and 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. The Freeda Harris Toy Drive started on July 25th and ends on November 7th—new toys in the \$10.00 to \$12.00 price range for boys and girls ages 6 months to 16 years. Our Wednesday Night study of James is ongoing. The KY Baptist Disaster Relief Team has deployed to North Carolina—please keep them in your prayers. Also pray for all of our kids and their teachers and their schools, for our Community, our Country, our leaders at all levels of government, pray for each other (there's a lot of folks on our prayer list) and pray for Brother Mark and Jackie.

Oak Grove: We are so blessed at Oak Grove. There's a touch of fall in the air, the kids are back to school and there's excitement about activities in the future. Sunday night, Sept. 9th we had "Team Kids Kick Off". Sept. 14th, we had a large group attend the Sr. Adult Rally at Dexter Baptist Church. Thank you, Dexter, for a great time of food and fellowship. We are now looking at the possibility of building a new fellowship hall instead of enlarging the present one. Preliminary plans have been drawn up and posted in the foyer for everyone to see. Sept. 28 we attended the Pastor/Deacon/Wives Retreat at Sugar Creek. We were blessed, the food was great, and we say "Thanks to Sugar Creek for hosting this event. On Sunday Sept. 30th we collected a love offering in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used to buy Christmas gifts for the Dessie Scott and Buckhorn Children's Homes in eastern Kentucky. Everyone enjoyed the 5th Sunday night singing. Thank to all who Participated.

Sugar Creek: You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light. 2 Samuel 22:29 Fall has officially arrived and we are so excited for all the things to come. We kicked off this season with our fall revival. We had a great time and God truly blessed us all. This month our youth group will be shopping for the Freeda Harris Toy drive, each year they enjoy this mission outreach. Later in the Month we all get excited for the annual fall festival. It will be at 4:00 October the 27th. We will have a hayride, games and a Chili cook off with lots of other good food. We would love to see you there! Gather here with thankful hearts.