

# Blood River Review

**NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**



## Birthday's This Month September

Sept. 5th- Amy Dotson, Olive

7<sup>th</sup> - Darrell Walker, Gilbertsville

7<sup>th</sup> - Mary Barrow, Blood River

13<sup>th</sup>- Judy Studie, Hamlet

13<sup>th</sup> - David York, Old Salem Road

17<sup>th</sup> - Kristin Sickling, BRBA

19<sup>th</sup> - Rick Johnson, New Bethel

21<sup>st</sup> - Mona Johnson, New Bethel

24<sup>th</sup> - Sally Stom, Owens Chapel

26<sup>th</sup> - Gail Wallace, New Zion



## Church Anniversary

Martin Severns, Memorial Baptist (2007) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Mike White, New Providence (2012) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Rick Miller, Symsonia Baptist (2000) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday



Sept. 14th- Bro. Tim & Katrina Franklin (1996)

Sept. 22nd- Bro. Charles & Robin LaChance (1990)

Sept. 23rd- Bro. Todd & Amy Dotson (1995)



## SENIOR ADULT RALLY

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**

**4:00 PM**

**DEXTER BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MEAL PROVIDED AND**

**ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE BRO. TIM  
BERTRAM GOD'S GRAFFITI: ART WITH  
A MESSAGE!**

**COST IS \$7.00 PER PERSON**

**CALL 270-437-4203 FOR  
RESERVATIONS**



## meet & Greet

Please join us for a Meet & Greet to welcome the new Director of Missions Mark Sickling and his wife, Kristin.

August 27, 2017 from 2-4 pm

at Blood River Baptist Association

If you would like to bring a dessert or finger food or have any questions please call the Association at

270-437-4203

Associational Office will be



September 4, 2017

**Freda Harris**



JULY 24-NOVEMBER 5

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

Please bring toys to the Associational office by November 5th.

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

Toys will be packed for shipping on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.



**Mission Trip**

Please be in prayer for our Mission Team Members going to Oneida Baptist Institute Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are still a couple of available spots, if interested contact BRBA at 270-437-4203.

**U.M.W. Fall Mission Project**

We will be collecting \$25 gift cards to benefit Sunrise Children's Home's foster parents. Gift cards can be from retail stores (Walmart, Dollar General etc.) or an eating establishment. They will be used to buy needed items when they receive a child or children with very short notice or for a much needed date night. If you prefer, money can be donated and the W.M.U. will purchase the card. Please deliver cards or money to either BRBA office or mail to Christy Bollinger at 1632 Foust Sledd Rd. Benton, KY 42025. Call 703-1750 with any questions. Will be collecting through September.

Pastor/Deacon/Wives Retreat

September 29, 2017

6:00 PM

New Harmony Baptist Church

4817 Symsonia HWY Benton KY

Meal is provided, please bring a dessert



For Reservations call:

270-437-4203 by September 18



**August**

28 First Place Orientation, BRBA

**September**

3 Single Adult Sunday

4 Labor Day, "Office Closed"

8 4:00 pm Senior Adult Rally, Dexter BC

10 Grandparent's Day

10-16 Week of prayer for state missions/ Eliza Broadus Offering

12 9:30 am First Place meets every Tuesday, BRBA

14 6:30 pm Mission Board mtg., Salem BC

15 All ACP's are due at the Association

17 Anti-Gambling Sunday

17-22 Mission Trip to Oneida Baptist Institute

**Blood River Baptist Association ANNUAL MEETING**

October 2, 2017

7:00 pm

Hazel Baptist Church

October 3, 2017

9:30 am

Briensburg Baptist Church

October 3, 2017

7:00 pm

Grace Baptist Church

**NOTES FROM THE FOOD PANTRY**

In July we were able to help 85 families. We continue to have new families every month. We gave out 2,348 food items, 467 hygiene items. Thank you for your continued support.

We want to thank Owens Chapel and Pleasant Hope for making cards to go in the grocery bags.

**New Bethel:** On July 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, our youth, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, attended Crossings Camp. On July 9<sup>th</sup> we had an Ice Cream Social with some great homemade ice cream and other treats and a lot of fun fellowship. On July 11<sup>th</sup> our Young At Heart Seniors traveled to Triplet's BBQ in Cadiz on their monthly outing and had a great time. On July 12<sup>th</sup> there was another meeting for the Inasmuch Mission Project which is coming up in September. On July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, our kids, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, attended Kid's Camp. On July 30<sup>th</sup> in the evening service, we observed the Lord's Supper. We collected several Back to School supplies for Bags of Hope and that ended on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget our Bags of Hope items as this Ministry is helping out a lot of folks in our Community. Life Line Screening will be back at New Bethel on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. You can register for this event by calling toll-free 1-888-653-6441, or go to [lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word "Circle" to 797979. Centershot starts this afternoon in the FLC, so limber up those bows kids, we're on target to have a lot of fun. Keep Brother Mark and Jackie and their family in your prayers and pray for our country and our leaders."

**Sugar Creek:** "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken." Psalm 55:22. "Time flies... the kids are back to school and summer is winding down. Thank you Robert and Dana Crass for having the Back-to-School Bash for the youth, it was fun for everyone who attended. VBS was wonderful, there was so many activities during the week. There were classes for all age groups and we had fun learning about Jesus and the wonderful things He has done for us all. Thanks to all who helped with VBS, it was a great week. We ended the week with Family night and Bro. Phillip was able to enjoy a lot of cool whip and chocolate (in his face), thank you Bro. Phillip for being such a wonderful sport.

We have several exciting events coming up: Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 3-6pm there will be a Cruise In at the church. Everyone is welcome to come and bring your RIDE for everyone to enjoy. There will be FREE hot dogs and drinks and great fellowship. We will be having our Fall Revival Sept. 21-23, 6:30 pm each evening. We have a lineup of wonderful speakers: Bro. Todd Gray-21st, Bro. Darrel Walker-22<sup>nd</sup>: & Bro. Ben Stratton-23<sup>rd</sup>. Please come and join us each evening and see what God has in store. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> will be our Homecoming with speaker Bro. Brad Walker. This will be a great day of music by the Moreheads's beginning at 9:45am with the service to follow. We will end the day with a pot luck meal after the service in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of each event and see what God has in store. ~encouragement-before you ever had a problem, God already had the solution...."

**New Zion:** "Greetings from New Zion! The youth have been very busy and some of our parents have stepped up and graciously given of their time to teach our youth some very important lessons. July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> they went to Nashville to feed and pass out clothing to the homeless under the bridge and when each one shared with us how this experience changed their lives it brought such joy to our hearts. On Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> the youth went to Fredonia to work on an elderly man's home. These kids hauled cabinets, pulled up carpet and so much more. Special thanks to each parent who helped to teach these young adults how to reach out and love the brethren. Bro. Rodney's sermons for the month of July have been from the Book of Ruth. July 16<sup>th</sup> we held a church wide alter prayer to lift up so many in our church who are struggling with sickness. July 30<sup>th</sup> we held our 5th Sunday sing and praise service. Aug. 6th we enjoyed our Annual home made ice cream social. Bro. Rodney has been in revival @ Oak Level Baptist and special thank to Bro. Jimmy Seaford. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> our Senior Saints went to Cypress Springs in New Concord, KY and Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> our Wed. night meal ministry begins. We lift up prayer for our teachers, students, bus drivers and school board."

**Oak Grove:** "July was wonderful month at Oak Grove. Our youth and teachers provided a fireworks display after the evening service, along with wonderful refreshments on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had revival service with Bro. Jordan Roach delivering messages that were uplifting and blessed our hearts. On the first night of the revival, we enjoyed a fellowship meal with our church family and our guests. We hosted the board meeting on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Special guests were Bro. Mark Sickling and his wife. Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, was Vacation Bible School kick-off and pre-registration. Our average attendance was 59 and our workers outdid themselves. Wednesday night was family night with lots of good food and the children presented their program. After the meal everyone enjoyed the huge water slide set up on the parking lot. For youth professed faith in Crist during the week. On the following Sunday morning during Sunday School, Bro. Carl and Ms. Fran witnessed to one of our young girls, and she also gave her heart to Christ. She, along with a young man was saved during VBS, united with the church. A representative from ADS met with us regarding a security system an our committee is making a follow-up on this. We have been having a great study in the Book of Revelation on Wednesday nights. Bro. Carl has blessed our hearts with deep spiritual truths from this wonderful book.

**Pleasant Hope:** "We have really had a busy Summer but it is soon to be over the kids are all starting back to school and we wish them a safe and great year. We had our VBS on July 8th and had a really good turn out with 26 young people and about that many Adults, Went to Hell and Heaven and I am pretty sure all wanted to go to Heaven to live with Jesus, had crafts, music, then a hot dog picnic and played on one of Blood River's bouncy houses. Bro. Johnny and Bonnie have been here for 3 years now and are always a Blessing to our church. We are so glad to Welcome our new Director of Missions and feel Bro. Mark Sickling will do a super job, looking forward to what God has in mind for the new church year."

**Salem Baptist:** "Thank you, Lord, for the rain. You always know just when we need it. The Nominating Committee has been busy at Salem compiling our teachers and officers for next year, and the Budget and Finance Committee has been working hard to finish the budget. We appreciate all those dedicated folks on these committees who make things run smoothly. Our WMU Ladies attended the quarterly meeting at Memorial Baptist Church this month. It was a very informative meeting, and we appreciated their hospitality. Our WMU is preparing to do backpacks for Christmas, and we will be receiving church wide donations to fill the backpacks. We are looking forward to our fall revival Sept. 13-15 with Bro. Roger Haney as our evangelist, and then our annual fish fry will be held on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> with men doing most of the cooking. Our picture packages have arrived, and our new church Directory will be here in a couple of weeks. We have had several members who have been out sick or having surgery. We pray they are back in church soon and feeling better. God is so good to us."

**Union Ridge:** Romans 15:13-"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." "Since summer is officially over with school starting, Union Ridge had their last get-together of the summer. An ice cream social was held on Sunday night, August 13<sup>th</sup>. We were told it was going to be low key with nothing for anyone to bring except conversational skills and a fondness for ice cream! However, to our surprise, some brought cookies, cake, and brownies. We enjoyed visiting with one another and our bowl of ice cream and cookies!! Homecoming is September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will celebrate with Union Ridge Methodist Church. We have many that are sick in our congregation: please include us in your daily prayers."

**BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
MISSION BOARD MEETING WILL BE  
HELD ON SEPT. 14,2017  
SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH  
1034 Browns Grove Rd.  
Murray, KY 42071  
MEAL/FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 PM**

Blood River Baptist Association  
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Fellow Servants of our Lord,

I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by extending to me the call to serve as your Director of Missions. If you would have told me 40 years ago that I would grow up to serve 6 churches as a full-time pastor/or staff member and now be serving as a Director of Missions, I would have probably laughed out loud. It is humbling, yet fulfilling to see how far God has brought me. Yet, I know he wants to do more in my life individually to conform me to the image of Christ...just as He does for you and every one of our 46 churches.

I have also learned over the years that we can accomplish more together, than we can separately. It doesn't matter whether it is picking vegetables, painting or attempting to reach a community for Jesus Christ, most of the time you will get the job done quicker and more efficiently if you have others helping with the project.

By the time you read this article, the great 2017 total eclipse may have come and gone. I want to thank the WMU for coordinating our Associational response and ministry to this event and our Disaster Relief team for their willingness to serve during the unusual event. I hope and pray that as a result of this unusual cosmic event many people will seek the truth and discover that the LORD created the Heavens and the Earth and is actively involved in each of our lives and wants a personal relationship with each and every one of us.

I am looking forward serving alongside our Mission Team that will be going to Oneida Baptist Institute on September 17-22. Please keep this team in your prayers as they seek to minister to the staff and children at Oneida Baptist Institute.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark Sickling



September 15, 2017

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