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# BLOOD RIVER REVIEW

NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



*April 3 - Amber Henshaw, New Mt. Carmel  
10 - Johnny Coffenberry, Pleasant Hope  
14 - Terry Joselyn, Scotts Grove  
17 - Rick Miller, Symsonia  
17 - Hermelina Alvarez, el Manantial  
21 - Ed Chapman, The Spring  
22 - Christi Bedwell, Spring Creek*

#### *Staff Anniversaries April*

*1st Sunday - Charles Miles, Sinking Spring, 2015  
Kim Reeder, Grace, 2016  
2nd Sunday - Rob Ison, Poplar Spring, 2010  
Jack Kee, Union Ridge, 2016  
4th Sunday - Glenn Cope, Flint, 2010*

#### *Wedding Anniversaries*

*Jordan & Hatley Roach, Hazel  
April 11, 2015*

*Shaun & Kili Hanes, Cherry Conner  
April 24, 1998*



## *Afternoon Tea*

Sunday, March 26th

2-4 p.m.

Blood River Baptist Association

**IN HONOR OF  
BRO. TIM COLE  
&  
MARTHA LITRELL**

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**New Bethel:** "On Feb. 5th, one of our ladies started teaching sign language for 3rd-12th grades. There was a Missions Planning meeting on Feb. 15th to get started on planning for a local mission for us to be involved in. We had a full slate of Upwards Basketball games on Feb. 25th—it's been a great year for Upwards so far. Feb. 26th wound up with the Secret Sister reveal, one final gift, finding out who your Secret Sister really was and a fun meal at Patties Restaurant in Grand Rivers. Our March Bags of Hope items are Chili and fruit—this Ministry has helped a lot of needy people in our community. The HOPE Clinic Baby Bottle Offering is ongoing and a great way to help a great organization. Our Youth, 7th-12th grades have begun signing up for Crossings Camp which will be July 3rd-8th this Summer. Coming up soon for the kids, Pinewood Derby on March 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the Dexter Baptist Church—car kits are available at the Blood River Associational Office. Folks, keep our Country, our Leaders, our Churches and our Pastors and their families in your prayers and let's pray for each other. We just thank you Lord for all your many blessings and for Brother Mark and Jackie—we love and appreciate them."

**New Zion:** "Rev. 3:11 'Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.' Greetings from New Zion! This month is Pastors' Wife Appreciation month and we are so blessed to have Ms Gail. On 3-5 we presented her with a gift of gratitude. We truly appreciate all she does and ask God to bless her as she continues to labor for the Lord. We are so blessed to have Tracy and Barbara Morgan as head of our Bus Ministry and pray that God will lead them and bless them. 3-9 our Senior Saints had lunch @ Pizza Hut. Anyone interested in the Monticello Mission Trip on June 4th-9th needs to sign up before March 31st. We need candy for our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt so please see Christy Willoughby for details. On Sunday March 26th from 2-4 pm @ BRBA there will be a Farewell Tea for Martha Littrell and Bro. Tim Cole. Please come and help send these two dedicated workers off with many thanks and well wishes. On 3-5 Bro. Rodney preached an amazing sermon on The 5 Crowns of Righteousness. It was one of those sermons that really hits hard and makes you think. We all need to work hard using the gifts that God has equipped us with so we might earn some of those crowns and then one day lay them down at the feet of Jesus."

**Oak Grove:** "We continue to be blessed at Oak Grove. Our Sunday School attendance continues to grow, along with our morning worship service, and we were blessed to have Patricia Phillips unite with our church by letter. We welcome her into our fellowship. With the arrival of February, we begin to think of spring and look forward to all the beauty that God has created when spring burst forth. Scott Massey's class began to think of Valentine's Day and how his class could do outreach to grow the class. So, a party was planned and many contacts were made to invite those who were not attending Sunday School. It was a great time of food, fun, fellowship, and games. Our thanks to Scott and Alice, Andy and Kathy Paschall, and to Melissa Bogard who provided all the games and to everyone who brought food. Our WMU Women of Hope held their monthly meeting on February 27 and our goal of \$1000 was set for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The church recently voted to buy new microphones for the choir and for the piano and organ so that the choir can be heard better. The church also voted to take bids on a new security system. It was also voted that our young people be in charge of the Sunday service on months with fifth Sundays."

**Pleasant Valley:** "March came in like a roaring lion with several tornadoes and thunderstorms..... reminding us that Satan is like a roaring lion. If we don't stay near to God, He is ready to sift us like wheat. We had our Sweetheart banquet with a wonderful big turnout. We had Batman, Flash, and Captain America waiters and Super Woman, Cat Woman, and Poison Ivy waitresses to name just a few. They all put on a little show which Bro. George got in which was as much a surprise to him as everyone else. He kept trying to get back in his seat but the Joker kept pulling him back into the script. Bro. George and Joan were crowned 2017 Sweetheart King and Queen. We want to thank everyone involved who made yet another delightful evening of fellowship and fun for our members and visitors. It is good for folks to see that Christians can have fun and activities is often the vehicle that will bring folks into our churches. Thanks to Laurie Byars for capturing all the moments with her wonderful photography. Most of all we want to thank Jesus because He is truly the real Super Hero. James "Jim" Ross and Brent Morris are now ordained deacons of our church.

We had a very special and sweet service. Jim had three of his son in laws including our own Steve English who serves as one of our deacons, to be on the ordination committee which truly added to the specialness of the service. We want to thank all the members, family, and fellow pastors and deacons who came to serve. Two of our former pastors were part of it. Bro. Jack Kee and Bro. Duane Holland. Jim Ross and Brent Morris will be a great addition to the deacon body we now have and we know that God is gonna truly use them and bless them as we strive to further the Kingdom's cause here. We want to congratulate Hope Pratt for her accomplishment on her Academic Team. God has blessed her with the gift of intelligence. Her team at school won 1st place in the Regional Academic Team. We know that takes a lot of time and discipline to study to accomplish such a feat. Lastly, we are sad to lose Bro. Tim Cole as the Director of Missions but God has closed this season of his life. He did a fabulous job. Bro. Duane Holland is serving as interim while serving as full time pastor too. So we need to keep both in our prayers that God will guide them, give strength for these new doors, and bless all their efforts."

**Salern:** "We sure are enjoying this warm beginning to 2017. Hardly seems like winter. On January 8 one of our youth brought the message, Charlie Heeke, and he did a great job. On that same day we had two of our youth and one adult to come forward and accept Jesus as their Savior. What a special day! We had several baptisms in January and then a fellowship meal on January 29. Bro. Philip brought the message. It's always good to see Bro. Philip and Teresa. We are looking forward to the "Youth Takeover" on March 26. The youth will be conducting the service and all aspects of our worship service that day. We will definitely be blessed. We thank all our youth leaders for all their time and effort that goes into these activities. We are sorry to hear that Bro. Tim and Martha are leaving their positions. They have both done excellent work in our Association, and we wish them the very best. We are in a transition right now searching for a Pastor as Bro. Lucas Nance resigned. We wish Bro. Lucas and his family the best in their ministry. God is so good to us."

**Sugar Creek:** "*The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.*" Solomon 2:12 Well Spring is upon us and we are now having Winter! As things begin to bloom outside, we are busy doing God's work. On February 12th, we had our Valentine's Banquet and Dessert Competition. Here are the winners: Best Looking Dessert - Red Velvet Cake by Aaron Wolford; Best Tasting Dessert - Strawberry Cookies by Hayden Crass; Most Creative Dessert - Rolo Pretzels by Bro. Bazzell and Best Overall Dessert - Carmel Apple Poke Cake by Scott DeShields, Sr. What a wonderful time we had. March is full of activities: March 18 - Church Clean Up day for the kids; March 19 - Birthday Celebration dinner; March 22 - Nursing Home Singing and Visitation and March 25 - Youth Bowling Event. God is doing so much at Sugar Creek and it is wonderful to see how He is working.

We would like to welcome to our Sugar Creek family Audrey Jeziorski. We are so glad to have her join us. "Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world." -Virgil Kraft"

**Union Ridge:** "On March 4th, the deacons treated the widows at Ponderosa for lunch. This year there were nine widows and a total of seventeen in attendance. It was a beautiful day and great fellowship. Timothy 5:3—Honour widows that are widows indeed. Union Ridge has made the Widow's Luncheon a tradition in the spring. On Sunday, March 5, we honored our pastor's wife, Jana Kee for Pastors' Wives Appreciation Sunday. Jana, we appreciate you very much. We now are looking forward to our Spring Revival which is April 9-12 with Bro. Roger Rice speaking. It will begin Sunday morning at 11 a.m.; evening service at 6 p.m. Monday - Wednesday will begin at 7 p.m. Please be in prayer for our revival. We wish Martha Littrell and Bro. Tim Cole God's blessings in their retirement and as they travel on their new journey of life. You both will be truly missed by all. We will continue to pray for the Director of Missions Search Committee that they will follow God's lead. Praying also for Duane Holland who is filling the position temporarily. We know that he will do an excellent job."



Save-A-Label

Best Choice has a program for food. Either take off the UPC symbol or the entire label of any of the Best Choice products and bring them to the Blood River Baptist Association and we can redeem them to get certificates for food to benefit our Bags of Hope Food Pantry



### Mission Trips

Mountain View Camp, Monticello, KY

June 4-9, 2017, Cost \$100/person

Sign up deadline is March 31

Meridzo Ministries, Lynch, KY

June 18-23, 2017, Cost \$125/person

Sign up deadline is March 31



### Men's Golf Tournament

June 10, 2017

7:00 A.M./Miller Golf Course, Murray

Cost is \$45 per person/Teams of 4 players

Limit is 21 teams/Deadline is May 24, 2017

For info: Tommy Atkins@270-350-8537

### CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS:

Hamlet	Ledbetter
Locust Grove	New Harmony
Oak Grove	Old Salem Road
Salem	



Mar. 26, 2-4 p.m. - Tea for Bro. Tim & Martha, BRBA  
 Mar. 31-1 - KY WMU Annual Mtg., Central B. Ch., Corbin  
 Apr. 9 - Cooperative Program Sunday  
 Apr. 9 - Palm Sunday  
 Apr. 10, 6:30 p.m. - Lynch Mission Trip Team Mtg., BRBA  
 Apr. 11, 9:30 a.m. - First Place Victory Celebration, TBA  
 Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m. - Mission Board Mtg., Northside  
 Apr. 14 - Good Friday, Office Closed  
 Apr. 16 - Easter  
 Apr. 18, 5:00 p.m. - Retired Ministers/Wives Fellowship, Sirloin Stockade, Murray  
 Apr. 19, noon - Ministers' Lunch/Fellowship, Ponderosa, Dr affenville  
 Apr. 23 - SBC Seminaries Day  
 Apr. 24, 7p.m. - WMU Quarterly Mtg., BRBA, Hardin  
 May 7 - Senior Adult Sunday  
 May 8, 6:30 p.m. - First Place Orientation, BRBA  
 May 11, 6:30 p.m. - Mission Board Mtg., Pleasant Hope  
 May 13, 8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast, Pleasant Valley  
 May 14 - Mother's Day  
 May 14-20 - Christian Home Week  
 May 16, 9:30 a.m. - First Place Meets every Tuesday  
 May 17-19 - DOM Leadership Advance  
 May 21-28 - Week of Prayer for Associational Missions, William Skinner offering  
 May 29 - Memorial Day, Office Closed

### Note From Disaster Relief

On behalf of all volunteers of Disaster Relief, I would like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU for your generous support of this group. We could not help others and tell of God's love without your help.

Matthew 9:37-38 37. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

Again, thank you for your donations, support and most important your prayers.

BRBA Disaster Relief Director

Larry Doughty



THE  
BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION  
MISSION BOARD MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
APRIL 13, 2017  
NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH  
884 RADIO RD.  
ALMO, KY 42020  
MEAL/ FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 PM

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Greetings to all from a very nervous & uncertain Interim D.O.M.! Bro. Tim asked me if I would write his article this month, since I will be serving in this position temporarily, while our Search Committee seeks God's man for the special labor. The Blood River Association's Policy Manual states that, when the Director of Missions resigns or retires, whoever is serving as Moderator becomes the Acting D.O.M. At the February Executive Board Meeting, the Personnel & the Budget & Finance Committees jointly moved that I serve as Interim until the Association secures a new D.O.M.

It is with humility & a great deal of fear that I try to keep things moving forward during this time! Although I don't "officially" take up that position until April, the reality is that I am already "knee-deep" in the work, begging Bro. Tim for every scrap of information I can get, to help me do what is necessary! By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have already made a trip to Lynch KY. (the Meridzo Ministry) and to McDowell, KY. (the G.A.P. Mission Work), looking at the various ministries in which we will be involved, in those 2 mission trips, scheduled in June, as well as planning & scheduling a dozen other things! On March 21, I will be meeting with those persons who are going to McDowell & the G.A.P. Ministry.

I am trying to get a handle on some of the things Bro. Tim is required to do, writing pages of notes, then having the joy of figuring out what my notes actually say! It is my intention to be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, for a minimum of a half-day & likely longer. I will be following through with evening & night meetings. If I happen to be out of the office when you call, please be patient & I will return your call as soon as I can. I would like to be able to visit with our churches, but I remain the Pastor of the sweet folks at Holly Hill Baptist Church and they have been very gracious to uphold me with their prayers as I take up this responsibility. I also urgently need your prayers as well as your patience! Please pray for the Search Committee as they attempt to find the man God has for us!

One other thing... Please don't forget the "Tea" for Sister Martha Littrell, who is retiring as our Associational Secretary for 22 years plus 11 years prior as Assistant Secretary, and for Bro. Tim, as he leaves us after 10 1/2 years. This will be Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 4 PM, March 26th, at the Associational Office.

Yours by Calvary's ties,  
Bro. Duane



April 14, 2017  
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You MUST LIMIT your article to 200 WORDS!