

BLOOD RIVER REVIEW

NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



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Staff Anniversaries

- 1st Sunday - Rodney Wallace, New Zion, 2009
Darnell Walker, Gilbertsville, 2012
Jack Studie, Hamlet, 2010
- 4th Sunday - Curtis Rice, Kirksey, 2009
Doug Sanders, Bethlehem, 2013

Wedding Anniversaries



- David & Sandy Little, Dexter
June 5, 1982
- James & Sally Stam, Owens Chapel
June 14, 1974
- Ed & Chrystie Chapman, The Spring
June 21, 1997
- Brad & Cassie White, Lakeview
June 23, 2001
- Rich & Martha Miller, Symonsia
June 24, 1977
- Jack & Jana Kee, Union Ridge
June 26, 1982
- Kim & Jennifer Reeder, Grace
June 28, 2003

 KENTUCKY
CHANGERS
SUNDAY
MAY 29, 2016

Elva: "We certainly enjoyed our missionary speakers for the OMC. They were a blessing to everyone. We honored our mothers on Mother's Day and also held a Baby Dedication that day. The Lord blessed us with two new babies this past year and thank him for them and for all our little ones. We are in the midst of revival and God is blessing in each service. Thank you Bro. Tim Cole, Bro. Mike Farmer, Bro. Jason Medley and Bro. David Little for presenting God's Word. We also thank all those who brought special music this week."

New Bethel: "New Bethel has a new updated Church Directory thanks in most part to Ruth Belber's photography and organizational skills. On April 20th we started a new Wednesday Night Study, "7 Realities for Experiencing God". April 24th was Mission's Sunday with everyone meeting in the auditorium to hear and meet Paul Radosevich at 10:00 a.m., and Ron and Marilyn Leonard with their Service Dog Molly at 11:00 a.m.—there was a pot luck lunch afterwards and then in the evening service, Mark Edworthy was the speaker. This was a great opportunity to see what happens when you give to Missions, and then a chance to actually personally give to Missions with a Love Offering. What a great day. Lord we just thank you for our Missionaries and the sacrifices they make to spread the Gospel. VBS will be here before you know it—it's a one day event this year on June 25th. Lord we love and appreciate Brother Mark and Jackie and we're so glad that they are here at New Bethel."

Pleasant Hope: "We have had a busy month at Pleasant Hope, on the 8th we had a van load go to see the Dogwood Trail, they were all so beautiful, God is such a Great Creator. Mrs. Bonnie surprised Bro. Johnny with a Birthday party on the 9th and was he ever surprised! Some attended the Mission Trip meeting on the 11th. Then we had the On Mission Celebration and every Missionary we heard was so interesting and we continue to pray for all their efforts to reach those so in need of Our Lord and Savior."

Pleasant Valley: "God uses our hands and our feet to do His work. He shows His love thru us and I believe He especially did that thru our mothers. Sunday we celebrated and honored the women on Mother's day. We have some beautiful moms in our congregation and we just want to take this opportunity to praise them for everything they have done and continue to do. Homecoming is this coming Sunday, May 15, 2016. We look forward to hearing Bro. Max Anderson and having Jane with us. Thank you in advance to all our cooks and those coming to clean the church in preparation. Our church just asks for your continued prayers and for our pulpit committee as we search for the leader that God wants us to have. We have been enjoying some fine preaching and God has been blessing our hearts. We want to congratulate Jalyn Jo Bedwell for graduating 8th grade. She will be making a big transition to High school this coming year. We also want to congratulate Rylee English for trying out for the school talent show. She was one of 40 who won. She will be singing, "This is my Fight song" in honor of her friend Vicki Guill who is battling lung and liver cancer. We ask you to say a prayer for Ms. Guill for God to touch and heal her as well as others who are in a battle with cancer, such as Sherry Price, who is one of our members who is also fighting but winning too and we praise God for His blessings. We also want to congratulate Mike and Amy McNeely on their new granddaughter. Ruth McNeely, daughter of Josh and Bethany McNeely. Babies are such a gift from God. We live in a world of troubles yet God still continues to bless us with special graces and favors. May we continue to keep up the fight and win souls for our Lord!"

Scotts Grove: "Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost." KJV. We thank God for His many *blessings* He freely gives us. Since Jan. the Lord has graciously allowed our church to baptize 3 in His name, we are so excited to get to share in this joy with Him. He has also taken some of our members home to be with Him and they will greatly be missed. Awana club has had a wonderful year. The kids celebrated with a crazy hair day (even our pastor and Awana leaders participated with them.) Our last awana meeting was topped off with a pizza party, ice cream and pony rides. Almost makes me feel like a kid again. Now looking to our future events: GLOW Youth rally May 20-22 All Youth grades 6-12 are invited. VBS June 12-15 all invited. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,....." Proverbs 3:5-7"

Spring Creek: "After Easter, we took a deep breath before the VBS Clinic at New Harmony. Then went head first into special services. On April 17 the Gideons presented their program... The next Sunday we heard three missionaries. One at each service. Mother's Day began our Baby Bottle Project for Life House Care Center, which goes on through Father's Day. As we fill the bottles we pray for a child. Only a short breath until our Community Pancake Breakfast, so rest up workers you are going to be busy. On Father's Day we are having a Ventriloquist as a promotion for the Vacation Bible School June 20-24th. On April 30th our church was stunned by the death of one of our ladies, who was killed in a car wreck. Carolyn Morris was a cheerful "doer". When there was work to do, Carolyn showed up. She may not have been the most visible servant, but she was among the most faithful. She helped serve many meals, and was one of the last ones away from washing dishes. Her seat was seldom empty. She loved her church and church family. Her gift was a willing heart and a winning smile. We will miss her."

Sugar Creek: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." *Jeremiah 33:3* The school year is about to come to an end and Sugar Creek has so many activities planned for the summer for the youth and older members as well. We had our annual Birthday Supper on April 17, and the turnout was great. We had a pot luck meal and wonderfully decorated tables, Happy Birthday to Sugar Creek members, what a wonderful event to be able to have fun, food and fellowship. We will be honoring and recognizing our graduates on May 22 with a dinner, congratulations to all those who will be graduating high school and college. We are in full swing preparing for VBS, which will be June 20-24. This takes a lot of hard work from everyone, thanks to all those who volunteer their time and talent to make this such a blessing for the kids, youth and adults. God is truly blessing Sugar Creek!!!! We invite everyone to check out our website at www.sugarcreekmurray.org. "*Let us never forget to pray. God lives. He is near. He is real. His is not only aware of us but cares for us. He is our Father. He is accessible to all who will seek Him.*" ~ **Gordon B. Hinckley**

Symsonia: "We would like to invite all children ages 4 years old through 6th grade to our "Submerged" VBS this year! Our VBS will be June 13 - 17 from 6:00 - 8:30pm each night. Our workers put in many hours to make VBS a success. You may preregister your child on our website: www.symsoniabaptist.org. Just click on the VBS banner."

Looking for a great missions project? Churches and mission groups are invited to donate items for a community Hispanic outreach ministry. The Iglesia Bautista El Manantial church in Murray is in need of:

Rice	Snacks
Beans	Canned Sodas
Diapers (Size 3 & 4)	Chips
Baby wipes	Paper Plates
Oil	Napkins
Flour	
Oreos	

The items collected will be used for families in need, along with a feeding ministry for Hispanic migrant workers this summer. Items may be dropped off at the Blood River Baptist Association building in Hardin until June 10. If you have questions, please call Janet James at (270) 704-1546.

Attention Prayer Warriors! Please pray diligently that God will work in the lives of a male individual or a married couple to take the lead in international church plant opportunities in the Murray/Calloway County area. Perhaps, God is calling you or someone you know to work with an international people group right here at home! This effort is a joint partnership involving the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Blood River Baptist Association, and local churches. Contact Rob Ison at Poplar Springs Baptist Church for more information.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:
bloodriverassoc.org



Children/Youth Skate Night
3rd Thursday each month
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Circus Skate in Murray
Discontinued



JUNE 18-24
Calloway County

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS:

<i>Hamlet</i>	<i>Ledbetter</i>
<i>Old Salem Road</i>	<i>Pleasant Valley</i>
<i>Vanzora</i>	



Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m. Ministers' Prayer Fellowship, BRBA
May 15-22 - Associational Missions Week, William Skinner Offering
May 29 - Kentucky Changers Sunday
May 30 - Memorial Day, Office Closed
June 5-11 - Mountain View Baptist Camp Mission Trip, Monticello
June 9 - No Mission Board Meeting
June 13-15 - Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis, Missouri
June 18-23 - KY Changers in Calloway County
June 19 - Father's Day
June 19 - Baptist Men's Day
July 4 - Independence Day, Office Closed
July 14, 6:30 p.m. - Mission Board Mtg., East Marshall
July 25, 7:00 p.m. - Quarterly WMU Mtg., Grace



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

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**THE
 BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION
 MISSION BOARD MEETING
 WILL BE HELD ON
 JULY 14, 2016
 (NO MISSION BOARD MEETING IN JUNE)
 GILBERTSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 2114 GILBERTSVILLE HWY.
 GILBERTSVILLE, KY 42044
 MEAL/FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 PM
 BUSINESS MEETING - 7:15 PM**

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What a wonderful "On Missions Celebration" we had at the end of April. I haven't heard one negative thing about it. As a matter of fact, I have heard that it was the best ever. Not only have the churches and pastors enjoyed but the missionaries as well. It was good to hear what God is doing all over the world and to see the great need for the Gospel to be spread. Through your generous giving, the missionaries received \$337.00 each as an honorarium. They have expressed their appreciation and that it will help their families tremendously. During the celebration there were three individuals who gave their lives to Christ on that day. Praise the Lord. Most missionaries stated that they have done many celebrations and this one was by far the most organized and said that we should be the model for all associations on putting a mission's conference together. That made me feel good and it would not have been possible without all of you helping in this great project. At the WMU missions rally we had over 150 in attendance and we heard from 29 of the 39 missionaries. It was very heart touching. The missionaries enjoyed this time to be with other missionaries. Thanks again for making this all possible. Our next big project will be Kentucky Changers in Calloway county. We need all of you to help in this ministry. There will be 150 students coming to do 20 home repair projects and they will work alongside adults to accomplish this mission. While working, they have an opportunity to get acquainted with the homeowners and present the Gospel to them. Some of the students who are attending are without Christ and each night is a youth rally and the Gospel is shared there and many of the students will receive Christ. What a blessing to be a part of something as awesome as this. On the fifth Sunday of May, we have asked the churches to take up a love offering for this project. The projected cost will be around \$25,000 and to date we have \$18,000. I feel that God will come through and that He will use you to make it happen. It was sad to hear about the tornado that swept through Graves and Marshall County. Many homes and businesses were completely destroyed. Please pray for these families. We at the Association gathered up 300 canned food items from the Bags of Hope Benevolence Center and took to the fairgrounds at Mayfield. We were the first to bring food items and they were greatly appreciated. Because of your willingness to give to our food pantry this ministry became possible. It is amazing what God will do if only we let Him. We have become His hands and feet. And for that I thank you. Most of the needs are being met to all who were survivors of the destruction. I will let you know if they are in need of anything else. I will be attending a Directors of Missions Retreat this week at Rough River Dam. We will have several classes to attend and hopefully they can teach this hard head of mine some new and better ideas to perfect ministries at the Association. Don't forget about the "Wild Game Supper" on the 23rd at the office and the Sunday School leadership conference at Briensburg on the same night. Next month starts our mission trips for the summer. The first will be Monticello. Pray for those who are going. The VES clinic at New Harmony was a blast and all who attended was encouraged to share the Gospel to the children of their community. The retired ministers and wives fellowship was very rewarding for me to sit among those who paved the way for our current ministries. The Baptist Men on Missions breakfast was delicious or should I say heavenly. How could you go wrong with bacon! Someone once asked a country boy "what was his favorite drink?" and his reply was "Gravy". Sounds like that might have been me. Thanks to all who had part in all these ministries and activities. I hope you enjoy these articles. If you do would you send me a note letting me know. I sometimes wonder if anyone is reading them at all. May these words bless you in some way and to God be all the glory and Honor. Until next month.

Bro. Tim



June 15, 2016

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