

# Blood River Review

## NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST



- Sept. 5 Amy Dotson, Olive Baptist  
7 Darrell Walker, Gilbertsville First Baptist  
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19 Rick Johnson, New Bethel Baptist  
21 Mona Johnson, New Bethel Baptist  
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### Staff Anniversaries

September

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

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 14th Tim & Katrina Franklin, (1996) Sharpe  
22nd Charles & Robin LaCance, (1990), Bethel  
23rd Todd & Amy Dotson, (1995), Olive

### Camp Courage 2017

Overnight Camp for Boys (grades 1-12) & their Leaders

Theme: True Disciples

July 28-29, 2017

Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, Corbin, KY

Worship Rally With Missionary Speakers, campfire, Smores, Bible telling, knot tying, log sawing, archery, team obstacle course & fire building

For more information & to register:  
[kywmu.org/courage](http://kywmu.org/courage)

Online registration closes July 14

To register by mail: stop by the Blood River Baptist Association for forms. All mailed forms must be postmarked July 14

### SCHOLARSHIP Application

Ministry Scholarship Applications can be picked up at the Blood River Association office but there is a Deadline of August 4th. It will be here before you know it.



Association's Men's Breakfast at Dexter Baptist

August 12th 8:00 AM

**Dexter:** Hello, greetings from Dexter Baptist. We have had a blessed month with VBS our biggest we have ever had. We had a blast and had 9 salvations. Bro. Terry and Ms. Susan Adams did a wonderful job putting it together and thank you Elva Baptist for the decorations and material. We had a wonderful slide presentation Sunday morning with many thanks to Ms. Jolynn for her hard work putting it together. We celebrated Fathers day with a special gift for all our dads present. We also had a celebration for all our graduates from pre-school to college. We have two members (Hannah O'Brian and Emily Pritchett) that graduated College. Can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us next month.

**New Bethel:** On June 5th our Young at Heart Seniors went to Parcell's Deli & Grille in Draffenville for their monthly outing. Our VBS this year, Camp Out, Getting S'More of Jesus was June 11th and 12th, with close to 50 attending each night, over 20 kids and the rest crew leaders and helpers, with the offering totaling about \$90.00 which will go to the Benton/Central Family Resource Center. June 14th was another Missions Projects Night as we continue to search out local mission projects in our community that New Bethel can do that will let us show the love of Jesus. June 18th was Father's Day as we honored our Father's, just as we did our Mother's, with a donation to Sunrise Children's Home from New Bethel. The Forth of July Holiday, Independence Day, is coming up and we should remember that our Independence and Freedom were won at a high cost, and we are kept Independent and Free through the sacrifices of many and we are still the greatest country in this world after all these years because we're "one Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all," We love and appreciate Brother Mark and Jackie-keep them in your prayers and pray for each other, pray for our country and pray for our leaders.

**Salem:** On Father's Day we honored our fathers at Salem. A couple of dads spoke about the importance of being a godly father. We are blessed at Salem to have so many fathers who devote their time and energy to make Salem what it is today. Vacation Bible School was exciting and a big success!! The children who attended and all adults had a great time! Thursday night was family night. We had pizza, watermelon, a bouncy house and fire trucks came and hosed down the children!! We are thankful for our VBS Director and all the teachers and workers who helped. On Sunday morning after VBS we were presented with a slide presentation of children in different activities and adults too. We also heard from the youth and adults who attended Crossings. They came back excited and couldn't wait to tell us about the time spent there. We are very thankful they had this spiritual experience in their young lives. Many thanks to our youth leaders and chaperones who are encouraging our youth on these trips. Bro. Jerry and Susan are doing a wonderful job during this transition period. We are thankful for them. God is so good to us.

**Oak Grove:** Summer has arrived and many of our people have been taking vacations, but June was a great month at Oak Grove. We have been busy making plans for upcoming events. Revival is scheduled for July 9-12 with Bro. Jordan Roach as guest speaker. Work is on going for our Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for July 16-19. Our father's were honored on Father's Day and all the men received gifts. For Bro. Carl, it was a most wonderful day as his granddaughter who reside in Tennessee was visiting along with her husband, her dad and stepmother. When the invitation was given she walked the aisle and gave her heart to Jesus Christ. Bro. Carl said that it was the greatest father's day gift he could have received. We have been having a great study in the Book of Revelation on Wednesday night. Bro. Carl has blessed our hearts with deep, spiritual truths from this wonderful book. At our June business meeting, the church voted to contact ADS to have a representative come and speak to us regarding a security system.

**Sugar Creek:** "So then faith cometh by hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17 We had our Ice Cream Social on June 25th, it was such a wonderful time with so much homemade ice cream and sweets. The fellowship was enjoyed by all and the turnout was great. We are gearing up for VBS at Sugar Creek. There is so much planning going on right now, we hope that everyone will come and join us for the week of fun, games and learning more about Jesus. Classes provided for all ages, July 24-27 from 5:30-8:00p.m. each night. Meal will be served each night. Our family fun night will be Friday, July 28th. Everyone is welcome.

We would like to welcome Don Billington to our Sugar Creek Family.

~faith...it does not make things easy it makes them possible.

**New Zion:** Psalms 145:3 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Greetings from New Zion! Summer is passing by so quickly and we have so many thing to praise the Lord for. Our VBS "Galactic Starveyors" was amazing. We had great numbers in attendance, the boy's won the money count, and we collected \$1,400 for the Children's Sunrise Home. Praise the Lord we had 7 receive Christ and 1 surrender to the ministry. Our adult class did a study on spiritual warfare and how it is happening all around us. June 18th we recognized the Father's and on June 25th we held our Homecoming. I cannot remember a Homecoming like this one. The McKendree's sang praises to the Lord, Bro. Van Russell preached a sermon about what the churches would look like if we didn't have so many backslided Christians and then we witnessed 11 baptized. Praise the Lord for these new babes in Christ. The Potluck tasted so much better after witnessing the stirring of the water. On July 2nd our children did an amazing job singing in "Big Church". Our youth has been busy with fundraisers for their Nashville Mission trip. June 21st they held a spaghetti supper, July 8th they collected at Wal-Mart, and July 9th they had a movie night. If you have not seen the movie "What If" you need to. It will bless your heart and open your eyes to the choices we make in life. July 13th our senior saints are headed to August Moon in Murray for lunch. Our Lord is great and so worthy of our praise!

**Pleasant Valley:** Praise the Lord! Glory Hallelujah! Gracious Goodness! Bro. George started every evening during VBS with this and had the kids repeat it back. Bro. George had as much fun as the kids did. We appreciate all the hard work and effort given. You learn quickly what working for Jesus means. It is work and you know what sacrifice is all about. We had meals served every night which was greatly appreciated because there was little time to get a supper in before we got started. We did not have any souls won but plenty of good seed sown. We want to thank the ladies Sunday School class for honoring the men on father's day. We had Dad's and Donuts. Great way to start the morning for all of us to enjoy. Boom! Pop! We celebrated the freedom of religion and this great country by enjoying some good food, fun, fellowship, and finished up the evening with a wonderful display of fireworks in commemoration of the birth of this country. Bro. George is a Chaplain for the American Legion Post 236 and is certified to assist with the proper ceremony and way of disposing of a American Flag. It is very humbling to think of how our nation and veterans honor the flag with a 21 gun salute, taps and to show that our flag was given the respect that it stand for and that it has been worn out because of worthy service. It makes you very proud to be part of such a great history and heritage as we remain a nation Under God. Jim and Bonnie Gipson want to thank the church for building a wheelchair ramp for him. What a benefit it has been for both. God mad us a Family. We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another. We help one another and we worship and work together. Praise God for our Families! We are looking forward to our annual summer trip. Plans are under way to go to Holiday World which the kids are excited about. We have a great youth bunch and a good time. May God lead, guide, and bless us all.

**Union Ridge Baptist Church:** **Luke 21:30** - "When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand". Summer is nigh at hand and everyone is busy with vacations and gardening. Bible School ended and then vacations and gardening started. Union Ridge is now focusing and planning activities for the fall. We honored fathers on Father's Day with gifts for all. Also, around July 4th, we honored our military. Homecoming will be our next big event which is Sept. 3rd. We share our Homecoming or Memorial Day, as we like to call it, with Union Ridge Methodist Church across the road. They will be in charge this year.

## W.M.U. Quarterly Meeting

July 24, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

### Memorial Baptist Church



Donations Needed for Solar Eclipse 2017

- Bottled water (can have your church label)
- Gospel Tracts
- New Testaments
- Inspirational Bookmarks
- Church Promotional Items
- Cash to purchase Items

People are also needed to help to set up booth, hand out solar glasses, give a ways, and water, Greet visitors, to take down booth, to make a photo face cutout board or participate with your own unique ideas!

Call the BRBA at 270-437-4203 to help



Bags of Hope will be Collecting Back to School Supplies for the upcoming school year. We are collecting college ruled notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers, glue sticks, crayons and folders.

Please bring supplies to Blood River Baptist Association by the end of July.

Thank You for your continuous support

#### CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Elva	Hamlet
Kirksey	Ledbetter
Locust Grove	New Harmony
Old Salem Rd.	Salem
Popular Springs	
Sinking Spring	



#### JULY

- 4 Independence Day, Office Closed
- 13- 6:30 pm Mission Board Meeting, Oak Grove
- 19- 12:00 pm Ministers' Prayer Lunch/Fellowship, Cross Roads, Murray, KY
- 24- 7:00 pm WMU Quarterly Meeting, Memorial

#### AUGUST

- 4 Deadline for Scholarship Applications
- 8 - 9:30 am First Place Victory Celebration
- 8 - 6:00 pm STF Mtg. BRBA
- 10 - 6:30 pm Mission Board Mtg. Sharpe
- 12 - 8:00 am Men's Breakfast, Dexter
- 13 Student Evangelism Day
- 20-26 Worship Music Week
- 28 - 6:30 pm First Place Orientation BRBA

#### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Single Adult Sunday
- 4 Labor Day, Office Closed
- 8 - 4:00 pm Senior Adult Rally, Dexter
- 10 Grandparents Day
- 10-17 Week of Prayer for State Missions, Eliza Broadus Offering

#### Notes From the Food Pantry

In June we were able to help 91 families (families have 1-8 people in them). We gave out 2253 food items and 521 hygiene items. Thank you for your continued support. If anyone would like to donate a new or good used fan to the pantry we have some families that could use one. Thank You and God Bless.

**BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION  
MISSION BOARD MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
August 10, 2017  
At SHARPE MISSIONARY BAPT.  
9181 Scale Road  
Benton, KY  
MEAL/FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 PM  
BUSINESS MEETING - 7:15 PM**

Blood River Baptist Association  
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Greetings to one & all! July has been a very busy month for everyone! Vacation Bible Schools have gone on, all over our Association. Please send in your VBS Reports as soon as you can! Our office is already working on things for our Annual Meeting in October. Request have gone out to various Directors & Committees, seeking their reports & it is very important that these reports be returned as soon as possible!

By the time you receive this month's newsletter, we may already have a new Director of Missions! That would be exciting! We will simply trust the Lord to show us His Will. The various ministries of our Association continue to move forward. Bags of Hope is staying very busy and that ministry is able to do this because of your faithfulness to support it. We have completed two mission trips so far this year, but here is one more mission -trip planned for this year (September) and it will be to Oneida Baptist Institute. At the writing of this article, I have no information about any who are planning to make this trip. If you are planning to make the trip, please call the Associational Office as soon as possible! I will need your name, address, & phone number & I will get back to you with the information I am in process of receiving.

Further, I will be out of the office beginning Thursday July 20th and will return on Monday, Aug 7th, unless we have a new D.O.M. at that time. Please help both Ms. Sandy and me by getting reports in quickly. We have to begin working on materials for the Annual Meeting in October, right now! There are so many meetings and things to get done in August & in September, so your follow-through is very important. Ms. Sandy is doing an awesome job as our new Secretary but she's learning, day by day & this is the hardest time of year to have to learn everything!

I am grateful for your patience with me, and for all the help you've provided while I've been trying to serve as interim. With one step at a time, we will get through it all, to the praise of His glory!

Yours by Calvary's ties,

Bro. Duane



July 18, 2017

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**WORDS!**