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BLOOD RIVER REVIEW

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Wedding Anniversaries

- Jordan & Hailey Roach, Sugar Creek
April 11, 2015
Shawn & Kiki Hanes, Cherry Conner
April 24, 1998



2016 VBS CLINIC
APRIL 12, 6:30 PM

NEW HARMONY

BAPTIST CHURCH
4817 SYMONIA HWY.
BENTON, KY



April 24,
2016

Bethel: "Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 As we here at Bethel focus on this scripture and our desire to please Him, we seek ways to minister to those around us and in the uttermost parts of the earth. We are in the midst of prayer and offering for North American missions as we continue with the Annie Armstrong campaign. We are also helping our Youth as they raise funds to attend the up-coming DiscipleNow, summer camp and other activities to develop and encourage their walks with the Lord. We're excited about a renovation project going on to up-date the Children's Church area and one adult Sunday School room. We realize the church is the people, not the building. However, we want the building to reflect the passion we have for the Lord and His Kingdom. We enjoyed one of our own, Ronnie King, who recently shared the Gideon message. That offering was just another opportunity to spread the Word, hopefully easing the burdens of others as they reach for that Bible in a hotel room, a classroom, or around the world."

Elva: "We had a group go to Ronald McDonald House in Nashville March 12th. They received a great blessing from this experience. We are doing the 'War Room' bible study on Wednesday nights. Our Easter Egg Hunt and fellowship meal will be at 5:00 on the 26th."

New Bethel: "Here at New Bethel on February 13th, we had our annual Valentine's Banquet, with lots of fun, fellowship and great food. On February 28th, we had the Men's Breakfast, with the men doing the cooking—these guys can really cook! Upwards Basketball ends soon and it's been another great year for this outreach program with lots of kids, parents and grandparents participating or attending the games and bearing the Gospel along the way. Our Haven of Hope, HOPE Clinic Baby Bottle Campaign is coming to a close, and hopefully, our Baby Bottles filled with change, cash and checks will help this wonderful organization continue its good work. For our ladies, Secret Sister is coming soon, and it'll be lots of fun. Hopefully all our Churches have a copy of the Petition to sign up to support Senate Bill 180 on Religious Liberty. We love and appreciate Brother Mark and Jackie and are so thankful that the Lord sent them here to New Bethel."

Pleasant Hope: "Hopefully the snow storms are behind us and Spring is coming next week, Thank You Lord Jesus. We had 15 go to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis on the 13th of Feb. and each one was touched in such a wonderful way, everyone was so appreciative of the meal and craft they did with them and just spending a little time to make their time go a little faster while there. We really appreciate our pastor's wife as she is always coming up with ways to help our church right alongside our pastor. We are planning a trip to see the Passion Play this month, and know it will be a great yet sad program for this Easter time of year."

Pleasant Valley: "Spring is definitely in the air. Cheerful, colorful March flowers as well as the sounds of nature start humming thru the air. It always fills our hearts with hope of new life and refreshment. Easter is on it's way too which gives Christians our greatest hope thru what Christ did for us. We have to take our hats off to all the youth, folks behind the scenes, Robin Bedwell, and Deanna Pearson as the coordinators, for all the hard work done at the Sweetheart Banquet. It is amazing how they transformed a simple gym into an elegant restaurant with the cutest waiters and waitresses you could find. It was a beautiful night shared by all. We want to thank Laurie Byars too for her fantastic Photography. It is a job to make some of us look good but she manages to bring out our best sides. Everyone gets a nice family photo on top of a delicious meal and a dinner show. There were over 70 people in attendance and some which had never been to our church. That is what it truly is about. Fellowship and bringing folks to church. Activities plays such a vital role in every church's ministry. Jim and Bonnie Gibson were crowned the 2016 King and Queen. Bonnie is wondering why she had to wash her dishes the next day thinking there might be a free maid service or cook to go along with the title! We are having our annual Easter egg hunt at the church for any elementary kids on the church property at 10:00 on Saturday, March 26th. It is always a fun time for the kids. The Transformers Sign Language group started back up. It has been a while since they performed and hope to present Arise my Love on Easter Sunday. We want to recognize Hope Pratt for her accomplishment at Central Elementary School Academic team. Her group competed at the Governor's Cup in the category of Future Problem Solving and won. They move on now to the Regionals. Happy Easter and may we all put some Spring into our Labor for our Lord for all He has done for us."

Salem: "I think we are all looking forward to spring. The Lord certainly blesses us this time of year with beautiful flowers and trees blooming and green grass to walk on. The past few weeks we have been getting better acquainted with Bro. Calvin and wife, Annette, as he continues to be our Interim Pastor. He has blessed us with some good messages from the Lord. In February we managed to share a nice potluck meal with them in between church cancellations because of the snow. We were sad to hear of Bro. John Sheppard's passing. He was our Pastor and a member of our church family for over eighteen years. We extend our Christian sympathy to Phyllis and family. Easter is going to be the last Sunday in March this year, and we look forward each year to bearing the resurrection message that Jesus is alive! God is so good to us."

Spring Creek: "In all my years, and they are many, I don't remember a year when the weather has been quite like this...And the world has never been so filled with evil...and we ask "God why do you wait?" Bro Tim Cole visited on March 6, We were reminded of our missionaries...Especially this month, we think of Annie Armstrong.. I am reminded of the old bluegrass song we heard on the old battery radio.. Even with static on Saturday night's Grand Ole Opry we heard these words:

HERE THE LABOUR IS SO HARD AND THE WORKERS ARE SO
TIRE D AND OUR WEARY HEARTS ARE LONGING FOR A
REST AND WE FIND WE'RE GETTING ANXIOUS TO BE IN
THAT HAPPY LAND WHERE WE'LL ENJOY SOME PEACE
AND HAPPINESS BUT WAIT A LITTLE LONGER PLEASE JESUS
THERE'S SO MANY STILL WANDERING OUT IN SIN JUST
A LITTLE LONGER, PLEASE JESUS JUST A FEW MORE
DAYS TO GET OUR LOVED ONES IN. He arose, He's alive, He is
coming back....ready or not."

Sugar Creek: "25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live, 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die, Do you believe this?" John 11: 25-26 Spring is just around the corner and the winter months will soon be behind us. Sugar Creek has had several activities and a great month. We had to postpone our Valentines Dinner due to the weather, but we were able to enjoy food and fellowship on February 21 and had a wonderful time. We also had our annual dessert competition and the desserts were unbelievable. Congratulations to Bro. Gerald Walker for his famous Coconut Cake, it was wonderful. We are so excited about our new Young Adults Sunday School Class that has started. We hope that this class is filled to its potential and thank you Bro. Jordan for stepping up to teach this class. We will have our Sunrise Service on March 27th at 6:15 a.m. Please feel welcome to come and join us for this service and join us for breakfast food after the service and then our regular Sunday school and church services. We had several Sunday school teachers attend the meeting at Bloodriver Baptist Association. The information was very good and we plan to implement the ideas very soon. Happy Spring to everyone!!! We invite everyone to check out our website at www.sugarcreekmurray.org. "Good seasons start with good beginnings." Sparky Anderson"

Rosebower Baptist Church, Paducah is searching for a part-time music minister. Email resume's to rosebower@bellsouth.net or mail it to:

Rosebower Baptist Church

1120 Tyree Road

Paducah, KY 42003

The salary will range from 12,000 - 25,000 depending on experience and ability to be involved at Rosebower.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

bloodriverassoc.org



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

Church Leader for your group must attend.
Cost: \$3.00/person, sponsored by BRBA



JUNE 18-24
Calloway County

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS:

<i>Hamlet</i>	<i>Ledbetter</i>
<i>Old Salem Road</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Union Ridge</i>	<i>Vanzora</i>

WELCOME NEW PASTORS:

David York (D), Old Salem Road
Rick Yarbrough (D), Ledbetter
Kim Reeder, Grace (April 3)



Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m. Ministers' Prayer Fellowship, BRBA
Mar. 25 - Good Friday, Office Closed
Mar. 27 - Easter
Apr. 8-9 - KY WMU Annual Mtg., FBC Madisonville
Apr. 11, 6:00 p.m. - Mission Trip Meetings, BRBA
Apr. 12, 6:30 p.m. - Associational VBS Clinic, New Harmony
Apr. 14, 6:30 p.m. - Mission Board Mtg., Briensburg
Apr. 19, 5:00 p.m. - Retired Ministers/Wives, Sirloin Stockade, Murray
Apr. 24 - On Mission Celebration
Apr. 25, 9:00 a.m. - Quarterly WMU Mtg./OMC, New Zion
May 1 - Senior Adult Sunday
May 8 - Mother's Day
May 12, 6:30 p.m. - Mission Board Mtg., Kirksey
May 14, 8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast, New Harmony
May 14, 9:00 a.m. - KY Changers Training, 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

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**THE
BLOOD RIVER ASSOCIATION
MISSION BOARD MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
APRIL 14, 2016
BRIENSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH
892 BRIENSBURG R.D.
BENTON, KY 42025
MEAL/FELLOWSHIP - 6:30 PM
BUSINESS MEETING - 7:15 PM**

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We are putting the final touches on the "On Missions Celebration". I hope all of you are as excited as I am about bearing first hand what our Missionaries are doing locally and all over the world. The monies you all send in through the Cooperative program helps fund their ministries. Your Pastor has a copy of who is coming to your church and what their ministries entail. The Celebration takes place on April 24th. You will hear from three missionaries on that day. This past week we had some children do various ministry projects. One project was putting together Easter Baskets for less fortunate children. These will be handed out through our Bags of Hope Ministry. Speaking of Bags of Hope, it is providing many families with additional help through your generous giving. The majority of our churches are involved in this ministry and it seems to be running smoothly through our wonderful volunteers. Another project done by the children was putting together appreciation Veterans boxes with snacks and letters in them. These will be distributed to the V.F.W. in Benton. Last year they were sent to Calloway County. We rotate them each year. We had children's ministry day on the 5th and the children put together gift bags for the missionaries who are coming for the "On Missions Celebration". These bags were personalized to fit the personality of each missionary and their families. It was a great day watching our young people being introduced to missions. I hope everyone participated in the Pastors wives Appreciation Sunday on the 6th. I appreciate their sacrifice and love they have for their church. Please keep them always in your prayers. The Evangelism Conference in Princeton was very refreshing and we all heard some good preaching. I attended the Spring Meeting for Directors of Missions in Elizabethtown this past Tuesday and it was very informative. Heard from different speakers on various new ministries we all could participate in. We attended a Missions Fair at Briensburg on Wednesday night and it was well received. The association had a table of the upcoming mission trips. If you are interested in a mission trip there will be a meeting on April the 11th for Monticello, Inez, and the Jerusalem Project. All will be at 6p.m. and all will be at the Associational Office. The Pinewood Derby was a huge success as always and Cherry Corner along with Dexter put on a fine event. Thanks to all who took part in this ministry. Today we had a Kentucky Mobilization Breakfast meeting. It is to inform all pastors of ministries provided by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. I'm anticipating a great turnout. Pray for us today as we assemble together to get fresh ideas of doing ministry. Don't forget that Easter is coming up this month. Please encourage all your family and friends to attend this great celebration of our risen Lord. Keep also in mind Kentucky Changers which will take place in June. We still need churches to provide meals for the groups and we are always in need of financial support for all ministries. It looks like it is going to be a larger group than what we had last year in Marshall County. If you know of a home in need of outside repairs and in Calloway County, let us know. Just call the office. As you can see my space in the newsletter limits me on how much I can share to you. More is going on all the time. To see all that is going on you can come by and get the 10 cent tour and you can also go online to our new website and our Facebook page as well. Talk to you all later. Thanks for all that you do. May God Bless.

Bro. Tim



April 15, 2016

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