

### Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a religious nondenominational program designed to help people overcome hurts, habits, and hang-ups. The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We show people that it's never too late to seek God and His glory. All our leaders have gone through some problems in their past and with the help of Jesus Christ were saved and reborn. Now we are spreading the good news to others in hope that they may also see the light.

Celebrate Recovery is located at Tenth Street Baptist Church. We hold our worship service at 7:00 pm every Saturday evening. At 8:00 pm we break down into small groups, men with men and women with women to discuss our hurts, habits and hang-ups. At 9:00 pm we gather together again for fellowship and a meal. Transportation is provided within the city limits with prior arrangements.

For further information you can contact Tenth Street Baptist Church at 660-359-3307.



Several churches prayer walked their towns and communities in March and delivered bags to houses to invite households to church for Easter Services. Pray that people will come to know Jesus as their Savior.

### April Anniversary and Birthday

- 4- Brad & Sherry Walker
- 5- Nellie Osborn

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# 2010: Missions Odyssey

### GA Retreat 2010

- April 16-17- Grand Oaks
- April 23-24- Grand Oaks
- April 30- May 1- Grand Oaks

### 2010 Ministry Project

#### Retreat Camp Supplies

You may choose to bring one or more of these items to the GA Retreat:

1. 50 Count latex or non-latex exam gloves
2. Dish rags/towel
3. Thick oven mitts
4. Spray cleaners (no aerosol)
5. Volleyballs, basketballs, kick balls, Frisbees

All girls grades 1-6 are invited to attend, whether or not their churches have active GA organizations. Girls will meet missionaries, participate in games, crafts, music, Bible study, prayer and more! They will enjoy meeting girls from other churches.

Cost by March 15th- \$35.00

T-Shirts bring at \$6 each by order only

Cost after registration deadline- \$40.00

No T-shirt orders taken

Register online at:

[www.mobaptist.org/wmu](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu)

North Grand River Baptist Association

# The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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**“Churches working together to fulfill Jesus’ Great Commission.”**  
Matthew 28:18-20



NGRBA  
Churches

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| Alpha           |   |
| Edinburg        |   |
| Gallatin        |   |
| Galt            |   |
| Jameson*        |   |
| Jamesport       |   |
| Laredo          |   |
| Lineville*      |   |
| Medicine Valley |   |
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| Modena          | N |
| Princeton*      |   |
| Ravanna*        | M |
| Rural Dale      | I |
| Salem           | S |
| Shelburne       | S |
| Spickard*       | I |
| Tenth Street    | O |
| Trenton First   | N |
| Union           |   |



WHERE DOES IT GO? THE GIFT WHO DOES IT IMPACT?

Your gift is comprised of your tithe (10% of what God provides) and offerings above your tithe, is given to the Lord through your local church. This puts love into action...



...in your church and community. The numerous programs, ministries, and missions of your **local church** utilize the greatest portion of your gift.



Your church commits part of your gift to reaching people through the Cooperative Program (CP). The first stop for your gift is your **state convention**. There a portion of your gift is used to put love in action through a wide assortment of ministries and missions.



State conventions forward part of your gift to the Southern Baptist Convention. Your gift equips future pastors, missionaries and other ministry leaders in **six seminaries**, empowers national (**North American Mission Board**) and international missions (**International Mission Board**), and enables you to address social and moral concerns and their impact on your family through the Ethics & Religious Commission (**ERLC**).



**A waiting world** hears and responds to the Gospel thanks to your gift.



North Grand River Baptist Association's Purpose- "To mutually and prayerfully support, encourage and challenge one another as churches to exalt Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to edify and equip His disciples to serve him and one another, and to evangelize those who have yet to come to know Him personally." Matthew 28:19-20



## From My Heart to Yours

THOUGHTS  
FROM THE  
HEART

*"He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that he is risen from the dead...So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, 'Rejoice!' And they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.'" Matthew 28:6-10*

The message of Easter essentially is that Jesus Christ conquered death and arose from the grave proving that he is Lord. He completed his victory over every enemy of mankind: Satan, demons, the flesh, the world, sin and "the last enemy" death.

For those of us who have experienced the reality of our Living Lord, we are to REJOICE and WORSHIP HIM. In other words we are to be glad, happy and delighted and are to be full of joy over the fact that Jesus Christ is ALIVE not buried in some ancient tomb. By virtue of Who He is and What He has accomplished He is worthy to be shown the highest degree of reverence and to be given the highest praise and our deepest devotion.

According to the Scriptures those of us who have experienced meeting and knowing the Risen Lord Jesus have been commanded to GO and TELL others how they can know Him also. Let us go quickly to tell those we love and every soul we can about the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ—that He is ALIVE and desires for all to know Him, to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to know what He commands and to do His will (Matthew 28:18-20).

May all our churches be motivated to REJOICE, WORSHIP, GO and TELL during this Easter time and beyond!

For His Glory and With His Love-

*E.J. Barnes*

P.S.— By the way Diann and I and 5 students are going to Canada on a mission trip to share with the First Nation people about Jesus—many of whom have never heard the Gospel. At least two of our students need financial help. The cost is at least \$485.00 per person. Maybe you or your church would sponsor or help sponsor these young people. Send your support offering to NGRBA and designate for CANADA MISSION TRIP. We will be leaving May 17th and be gone for 2 weeks. We covet your prayers!



February 2010 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 196.45		13	18	10						
Edinburg	\$ 587.96	\$ 69.17	49	76	52		12	12	23	1	1
Gallatin	\$ 713.12	\$ 50.00	95	128	31			5	59		
Galt	\$ 179.00	\$ 25.00	27	38							
Jameson	\$ 818.00		10	14							
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	20	33	20						
Laredo	\$ 511.90	\$ 150.00	17	24	12						
Lineville	\$ 274.33	\$ 53.56	24	34	16				25		
M. Valley	\$ 40.15	\$ 25.00	15	18						1	
Mercer	\$ 483.00	\$ 25.00		55	17						
Modena	\$ 100.74		4	7							
Princeton	\$ 831.50	\$ 50.00	98	150	17	6	2	40	119		
Ravanna	\$ 142.80	\$ 61.20	11	10					8		
Rural Dale	\$ 637.57	\$ 50.00	57				9		52		
Salem			30	36	15						
Shelburne	\$ 648.41	\$ 50.00	40	58	25	24	9				
Spickard	\$ 65.00		9	14							
Tenth St.	\$ 929.59	\$ 154.94	85	144	46	30			44	2	2
Trenton FB	\$1,110.02	\$ 185.00	99	126	23				93	4	2
Union	\$ 635.72	\$ 100.00	39	76	40	38					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,930.26</b>	<b>\$1,073.87</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>

Chilli, FBC	\$ 43.00
MBC	\$ 690.00
<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$316.73
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,043.56
<b>Minister Benevolent</b>	\$737.36
<b>Belarus</b>	\$8,436.42
<b>BSU- February- Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$1,417.67
Income	\$1,836.87
Total	\$3,254.54
Expenses	\$1,414.53
Ending Balance	\$1,840.01

February 2010 Account Records	
Beginning Balance	\$18,222.38
Income	\$16,164.76
Total	\$34,387.14
Expenses	\$13,751.12
Ending Balance	\$20,636.02
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated	\$9,512.53
General Fund	\$11,123.49
Checking Balance Total	\$20,636.02
NGR October 2009—February 2010	
Income	\$64,281.00
Expenses	\$65,181.23
Difference	(900.23)



**Edinburg**— On Sunday, February 28, we had one baptism. Our Children's Church and Youth Church were present for the event.

On Tuesday, March 16, we held our first Vacation Bible School meeting. Our VBS will be held this year starting on Sunday, June 6th through Friday, June 11.

Children's Church is making plans for their 4 year anniversary dinner which will be held on April 11, 2010. Children's Church is also making plans to host their annual Church-wide skating party scheduled for the month of April.

**Galt**— We had our Sweetheart Banquet on February 13th with 13 couples attending. There were 9 youth who did the decorating, cooking and serving.

We would like to invite you to our Good Friday Service "Upper Room" on Friday April 2nd at 7:00 pm.

**Mercer**— March 26th—27th will be the Hoop Fest at Ozark, Missouri. Our church will be providing our bus and helping with those attending from our area.

On April 26th—30th we will be having our Spring Revival beginning at 7:00 pm each night. The speakers will be Tim Wilson, Stan Rushton, Zack Martin, Dale Short, Max Carmichael.

**Spickard**— We want to invite you to our Easter services. We will have breakfast at 8:00 am followed by worship service at 9:00 am.



**Medicine Valley**- Improved weather does result in improved attendance. Attendance for Sunday services at Newtown has been up in both Sunday School and worship. However, we presently seem to have numerous children and few adults involved on a regular basis.

Attendance of adults at our week night Home Bible Study groups at Humphreys and Reger remains strong. The third group, recently started at Newtown, is experiencing somewhat slower development but shows promise of fulfilling a definite need.

The food pantry provided assistance this month to 40 households comprised of 124 individuals. There were 10 volunteers present on the day of distributions to assist in disbursing the food.

We greatly appreciate the help of all who assist with the food distribution and trust those presently helping will continue to stay involved.

The Mission's greatest need at present are:  
*\*More adult not only in attendance at Sunday services but assisting with the ministry as well.*

*\*Additional funding to provide adequately for the mission's continuing and expanding ministries*

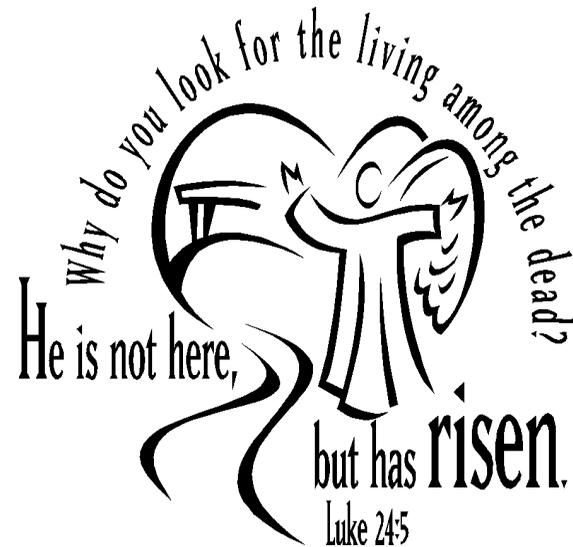
*\*Additional canned good for the food pantry.*

We presently have an opportunity to secure the services of a Mission Service Corps couple who would assist with the work for at least two years. They would assist with expanding the Home Bible Study Groups and with the summer sports program, and provide assistance in the Sunday School and music ministry at the Chapel at Newtown.

Pray God's Spirit lead as we contemplate the possibility of their coming to work with us. We thank God for the prayers and financial support of God's people as we determine to share the good news of salvation with the people of our Medicine Valley area.



There are 5 girls that will be going on the Canada Mission Trip. They are Katie Welch, LaToya Richardson, Mattie Lynch, Kristina Dean, and HS senior Kaycee Crawford. The girls have all gotten passports, and made their first installment payment for their Canada Mission Trip to the 1st Nation's People living in "Grassy Narrows" Indian Reservation north of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. Their 2nd payment of \$150/each is due April 1, and 3rd payment of \$185/each is due April 29. Please be in prayer for the girls as they prepare for this mission trip.



**NGR Executive Board**  
**April 19, 2010 — 7:00 pm**  
**Mission Center**

On Agenda— need to elect one person to be on Executive Board/Personnel Committee.

Please submit reports by April 14th to Debbie.



Check out the BOOKSTORE

NKJV Bible- suede cover- NEW!  
KJV Study Bibles almost half price  
"Desire" by John Eldredge  
"Kabul 24" by Henry Arnold & Ben Pearson  
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"Sunday School Musical"

CD's

"Resurrection Worship" Songs of hope

Check out all the 16 Great CD's Resurrection, Southern Gospel, Blue Grass, Praise and Worship and more to choose from

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Great Selection of boxed cards for only \$2.75

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"Heart of Stone" by Jill Marie Landis

"Kelly's Chance" by Wanda Brunstetter

CHILDREN'S DVD'S

"Read and Share Bible" Easter

"What's in the Bible"

"Little Ruth", "Little Moses", "Little Joseph"

Church Supplies

Jewelry- Postcards- pens- trinkets for children...

# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Revivals-</b> <b>Tenth Street</b> – April 7-11– Don Walton <b>Trenton First</b> – April 25-30- Ralph Lee <b>Princeton First</b> – April 25-30– Bill Payne <b>Mercer</b> – April 26-30– Tim Wilson, Stan Ruston, Zack Martin, Dale Short & Max Carmichael				<b>1</b> <i>Grand Oaks Board Meeting</i>  <i>BSU Advisory</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Mission Center Closed</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>  Easter	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>BSU Luncheon- Princeton</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>RA Congress at Sedalia</i>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Cooperative Program Sunday</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Medicine Valley Advisory Meeting</i> MBC Exec. Board– Jefferson City	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>BSU Luncheon- Spickard, Salem &amp; Mondena</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Men's Prayer Breakfast– Galt– 8 am Camp Rep. Mtg– Gilman</i>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>NGR Executive Board* 7:00 pm</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Ladies Prayer &amp; Program Luncheon</i>	<b>21</b> <i>BSU Luncheon- Lineville, Ravanna &amp; Medicine Valley</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Beth Moore Conf. Blue Mound  GA Retreats</i>
<b>25</b> <i>Revivals Begin →</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>BSU Luncheon- Edinburg, Jamesport &amp; Jameson</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>GA Retreats</i>	



## M-Counter and GA Retreats this Month

Hope your churches had an exciting month with the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Emphasis. We had a great time at the March program and Prayer Luncheon with the "To Tell the Truth" presentation.

By the time you receive this it will be about time for M-Counter, our annual Missouri WMU/Women's Ministry Meeting in St. Joseph. I'm hoping we will have several go from our Association. The program outline sounds great with lots of informative and exciting sessions.

Also I hope we will have a number of girls from our churches attending the GA Retreats at Grand Oaks this month.

At our March program the Rural Dale ladies presented an idea for our ministry in April– bringing food items for the Medicine Valley Food Pantry. Mabel Rogers advised they especially need canned vegetables, canned fruits and cereal. You may bring these items to the April 20th program and prayer luncheon or have at the Mission Center by that day.

The National Day of Prayer will be Thursday May 6th, let's promote and participate in this important time when our country is in such desperate need of prayer.

Prior to the May 18th Prayer Luncheon we will meet at the Mission Center at 10:30 am and prayer walk or prayer drive in the area. We are also planning to prayer walk./prayer drive in June in support of our Associational year of prayer "Tilling the Land".

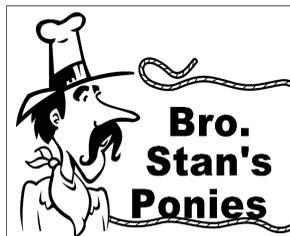
Easter Blessings!

*Bev Martin*  
WMU Director

**Feed your faith and your doubts  
will starve to death.**

*But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith in the preserving of the soul.*

Hebrews 10:39 (NASB)



Bro. Stan Rushton will have his "Lil Trotter" ponies available again this year. He comes on a love offering. With the cowboy theme this year of "Saddle Ridge" they would be great to use for a pre-registration or family night event. You can contact Stan at 660-654-0668 or email him at [jerushton@hotmail.com](mailto:jerushton@hotmail.com).



If you need to contact me after office hours please call me at

660-635-1960



## Lineville—

To our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Last year the Lord gave us a vision to add on to our current church building. After much prayer, we began in earnest to be obedient to what we felt the Lord was leading us to do. Our first step was to request help on the “The Bridge”, the North American Mission Board building project site. Though we were told that we might not be able to obtain teams for that summer, God blessed, and within a month we had a full slate of teams for the summer.

Teams came from as far away as Louisiana and Virginia, and as close as Princeton, Trenton and Lamar, MO. Just like in the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness, God also provided us with men of wisdom. These men provided us with building plans and dirt excavation, out of their great love for the Lord. Before we knew it summer was quickly approaching, concrete was poured, and then the teams arrived. We met some of the most generous and wonderful people. They came and not only raised a building, but they opened our hearts and showed us what it means to be a dedicated servant. After the teams had went home, our congregation took over and diligently worked to make the vision a finished reality. We had our last cleaning day at the end of February.

With this in mind we would like to thank our LORD for His providence, protection, and blessing through this project. Further more, we would like to thank everyone who had a part in this project.

So to close, we would like to invite you to celebrate the completion of our new church addition by helping us to dedicate it to the Lord. The dedication will take place on Sunday, April 18th from 2-3 pm in the afternoon.

Sincerely,  
First Baptist Church, Lineville.

**Jamesport—** A Valentine Banquet was held on Sunday evening Valentines Day with a good attendance . Our “Missouri Stan” was the emcee of the program afterwards which included serenading our very young ladies.

In March several members of our church have prayer walked in and around our community. We also did some prayer driving and are planning to deliver the GPS bags the last Saturday of March.

March 21 was Men's Day beginning with a breakfast cooked by the men. The men also led the worship service with several men reading scripture, providing special music, leading in prayer and presenting the missions moment and children's message. Troy Smith gave the message.

Easter services will begin with a breakfast at the United Methodist Church of Jamesport, followed by a devotional there, prior to our services at Jamesport Baptist Church.

The Sew-Good sewing group has mailed a box of little comforters to Gregg and Andrea Brummitt in the Czech Republic. Donations from the church members help pay the postage.

The Mustard Seed Thrift Store has been having weekly specials come see us some Wednesday or Saturday between 10 am and 4 pm.

**Princeton—** Let's begin with God and pray!

Easter, a Sunrise Service with Communion will be held on April 4 at 7:00 A.M. Following the service, breakfast will be served by “Hallelujah Walkers”. Donation will be taken. Regular Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and church services at 10:45 a.m. Evening Services will be held with discipleship starting at 6:00 a.m.

WOM 1 luncheon meeting will be held on Monday, April 5 and WOM 2 luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6.

Awana, Youth Bible Study, and Prayer Meeting will be held each Wednesday evening starting at 5:45 am

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 10th at 7:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study on Tuesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

On April 25, our Spring Revival will be starting with Brother Dale Payne. The evening services will start off with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Meat will be provided – everyone to bring a covered dish. **The public is invited to attend.** A Forty (40) Member Choir from the Faith Baptist Bible College/Theological Seminary of Ankeny, Iowa, under the Direction of Dr. R. Irving Van Hooser will be presenting a concert of sacred music starting at 6:30 p.m. Theme: “Who Is Jesus?” The public is invited to attend this free concert. A Goodwill Offering will be taken.

The remainder of our revival will be held each night starting at 7:00 P.M. from April 26-30.

On May 2nd we will have “Birds of Faith” program beginning at 6:30 pm. The “Birds of Faith” Bible Study shows us how the Lord has used birds to help us.

You'll witness these exceptional birds as they roller skate, ride bicycles, play basketball, raise the American flag, spell out 'Salvation' and even talk. You'll witness a live dove in the Bible.

**Rural Dale-** On April 11th we will begin the study “New Kid by Friday” by Kevin Leman. This is a 6 session study. We will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

**Shelburne—** We will be hosting a Good Friday service on April 2 at 7:00 with Edinburg and Dockery Chapel. Bro. Stan Rushton will be the speaker. We would like to invite you to our services on Easter. We will be having the Sunrise service at 6:30 am, Breakfast at 8:00 am, Sunday School at 9:00 am and Worship services at 10:00 am.

**Tenth Street—** We want to invite you to our Revival Services on April 7-11 at 7:00 pm. Our Evangelist will be Don Walton with E.J. and Diann Barnes as the Music Evangelist. Special music will be Tenth Street Choir, Living Water and The Veatch's.

**Trenton First-** Easter Service will have an early service at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship service at 10:40 a.m. Had around 50 men for the Men's Pre Easter breakfast on March 10th. Senior Adults will have a St. Patrick's day dinner on March 26th at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. April Will have a revival with Ralph Lee April 25 - 30th. All evening services start at 6:30 p.m. AWANA Sunday will be April 25th - Ralph Lee will be guest speaker for the morning service. A carry in dinner to follow the morning service. In the afternoon there will be a pinewood derby race for the Awana kids in the activity center. Bro. Guy Thomas church planter with the NAMB in Kansas was our NAMB speaker on March 21.



Congratulations to Church and Associational Bible Drillers from Tenth Street Baptist Church- **Children's Drillers** going on to State Drills are Christy Young and Emily Bonta. **Youth Driller** going on to State Drills are Ben Young.