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**North Grand River Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
April 15, 2013**

**Please submit reports by April 10th.**

On the agenda will be-

- The decision for the date of the NGR 2013 Annual Meeting. There was not a quorum to vote at January meeting. Your attendance is very important.
- Recommendation from nominating committee to fill two vacant spots.

The date submitted was Saturday, September 29th. If you prefer a Sunday afternoon or another time please let your pastor or Board Representative know what you prefer.



Pastors Prayer & Fellowship Time at Pizza Hut

**Pastor's Luncheon**

2nd Monday of each month

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**Revival's**

**Lineville- April 14th-19th**

6:00 pm Sunday- 7:00 pm Nightly  
Evangelist- Jim Burke

**Alpha- April 14-18**

Sunday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Nightly  
Evangelist- Stephen Williamson  
Music- Amy Ewing

**BIBLE DRILLS-** Congratulations to those that have competed in the Children's and Youth Bible Drills. Be praying for them as they have State Competitions in April and May. We will have their names & churches next month.

**NGR Singspiration** has been moved to May. More details to come. If you are interested in singing, call Debbie at the office- 359-3897.



**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

**Galt Baptist Church  
Saturday, 8:00 am  
April 20, 2013  
All Men Invited!**

Director of Missions

Rev. E.J. Barnes

Ministry Assistant

Debbie Dickinson

BSU Director

Diann Barnes

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**

- Alpha
- Edinburg\*
- Gallatin\*
- Galt
- Jameson
- Jamesport
- Laredo
- Lineville
- Medicine Valley
- Mercer
- Modena
- Princeton\*
- Ravanna
- Rural Dale
- Salem
- Shelburne\*
- Spickard
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First
- Union

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**NGR VBS CLINIC  
April 22, 2013  
Trenton First Baptist Church**

Leaders bring your materials.  
Be praying for your VBS.

6:00 pm- Register upstairs

- Kayla Michael- Directors
- EJ - Pastors
- Preschool- Ann Schreffler
- Children (1-4) - Cathy Rice
- VBX (5-6 grades) - Joy Stotts
- Youth - Dakota Darby
- Adult - Steve Dennis
- Club VBS Jungle Jaunt - Becky Rogers
- Missions - Belinda Hogan
- Music - Renea Lynch
- Crafts - Sherri Betz
- Recreation - Scott Betz
- Snacks - Association women

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



**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**  
Love In Action



## From My Heart to Yours

One of the biggest concerns in my heart at this time is the Grand Oaks Camp Strong Roots and New Branches Capital Campaign. Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly's Board of Directors has approved a \$500,000 capital campaign that will enable the camp to replace the aging swimming pool and replace the non functional Parker Hall. A new pool and a functional recreation building will enhance the existing lodging, dining, meeting and recreational facilities that God has faithfully provided at the camp.

We are partnering with the other 7 Baptist Associations that share in the ministry of Grand Oaks Camp to help in this project. Each Association will be conducting their own unique campaign to spread the word. It will require sacrifice to accomplish this goal, but will no doubt bring about much fruit for years to come.

Our Associational Campaign Director Jim Whitley, me, the pastors and church leaders with whom we have met together are proposing that each of our churches schedule a month or a special day to take up an offering for these needs as soon as possible. We are praying that our Associational churches would altogether give at least \$50,000. Three of our 20 churches have already set April and May dates to collect their respective offerings.

We will have promotional brochures, videos, pledge cards and offering envelopes available at our Mission Center for you and/or your church to use.

This is a God-sized challenge, but we believe with God's help it is more than do-able. In fact I personally believe there are 10 people in our Association who could give \$5,000 each because they are prompted to do so by God's Spirit for God's glory.

These youth and children's camps each summer at Grand Oaks are super effective in reaching souls for salvation and for strengthening those who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Please pray earnestly and give obediently and cheerfully as our Lord leads!

For His Glory-

*E.J. Barnes*

### Grand Oaks Camp 2013

**Youth Camp— May 28th-31st**

**Children's Camp— July 8th-12th**

**Camp forms are available at your church  
or at the Mission Center.**

**Youth Camp Form Deadline- May 3rd  
Mission Center at 5:00 pm**

Please be in prayer for camp.

**How is God leading you to serve  
at camp this year?**



**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**

**Love In Action**

April— Cooperative Program Month-  
April 14— Cooperative Program Sunday

### Church Giving

### Church Service Times

February 2013 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 171.73	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 495.48	\$ 55.05	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 624.40	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 283.00	\$ 50.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Jameson			9:30	10:30		
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	7:00	6:30
Laredo	\$ 230.00	\$ 150.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 304.08	\$ 101.36	9:45	10:45	6:30	7:30
M. Valley	\$ 35.98	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 300.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 101.19	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	7:30	7:00
Princeton	\$ 488.93	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	7:00
Ravanna	\$ 60.00	\$ 26.00	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 577.68	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem			10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Shelburne	\$ 359.88	\$ 75.00	9:30	10:40	6:45	7:00
Spickard	\$ 60.00		9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.			9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 868.07	\$ 192.90	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:30
Union	\$ 195.26	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,180.68</b>	<b>\$1,175.31</b>				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				

Join any of these churches in worship

### February 2013 NGR Account

Beginning Balance	\$5,767.72
Income	\$10,262.16
Total	\$16,029.88
Expenses	\$12,916.50
Ending Balance	\$3,113.38

### Line Items in General Checking

Designated Funds	\$3,113.38
General Fund	\$0
Checking Balance Total	\$3,113.38

### NGR October— February 2013

(Does not include designated funds)

Income	\$57,656.35
Expenses	\$57,060.25
Difference	\$596.10

<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$460.21
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,066.02
<b>Benevolent Savings</b>	\$743.75
<b>NGR Savings</b>	\$433.41
<b>BSU— February— Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$4945.88
Income	\$2500.31
Total	\$7,446.19
Expenses	\$1,435.71
Ending Balance	\$6,010.48
General BSU Fund	\$4,648.83
Designated BSU Fund	\$1,361.65



**Edinburg**— Our average attendance for February was 32 for Sunday School; Morning Worship 54; Evening Worship 38 and 12 for Wednesday Bible Study.

**Gallatin**- The WMU will be holding a special service called – **“Cups of Appreciation”** - for our service workers in town which will be held on Sunday night, March 24 at 7 p.m. 53 coffee mugs will be filled with hot chocolate packets, small candy bars, snack bars, and we will be presenting them to over 53 individuals who serve in the community.. Come and join in the fun.

Shelly Sims just returned from Haiti and describes it as one of the best trips ever, both in the amount of work that was accomplished and the conditions that they worked in. It is hard to believe that you can be just 2 hours from a capital city of a country and find an area that few to no missionaries have worked. Shelly shares that she is always amazed at the amount of need and help that the country of Haiti needs.

They had a very active medical clinic and saw and gave medicine to 960+. They were able to save a few lives medically and 60—70 lives spiritually. Bible school, food distribution hygiene classes also went on. 112 Girls have new dresses on that the ladies from our church made.

This year’s Easter Music that our Celebration Choir will present is called “Victorious!” is an exciting collection of new music with a remake of “Were You There?” thrown in. We are presenting a sunrise service at the river as well for Easter morning at 7 a.m. Plan to celebrate this most important day in a Christian’s life with us on Sunday morning, March 31 at 10:40 a.m.

Ron Mackey from The Baptist Home will be sharing with us a program on avoiding fraud and scams during our April 4 Keenagers luncheon meeting.

Our youth recently attended the Winter Jam, and Acquire the Fire events.

**Mercer**— Our average attendance for February was 68 for Morning Worship and 20 for Evening Worship.

**Princeton**- The WOM 1 & 2 meet the first Monday and Tuesday of each month. They collected over \$500.00 for PURE WATER, PURE LOVE. The WOM'S next project is to collect snack items of any kind for the Ambulance, Sheriff and Fire departments, during the month of March.

On March 9, the Men's Breakfast served Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Scramble Eggs and Fried Potatoes with Onions for 17 people attending and served 8 meals to the shut ins.

Each Wednesday night the Kings Kids & Youth meet at 5:30 PM, with prayer meeting at 7:00 pm. Every Sunday evening from 5:00-6:00 pm the youth have a book study and from 6:00-7:00 pm they have Bible study with Youth Pastor Josh.

During our last snow storm, Dennis & Judy Bagley and the Youth went and cleaned sidewalks and driveways for those who are unable to get out and shovel the snow. These efforts by our Youth and leaders was very much appreciated. So big THANK YOU goes out to each and everyone of them.

Saturday March 23, will be showing the movie “JOSEPH” with snacks and fellowship to follow the movie.

Thursday March 28, will have Maundy Communion Services, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate the Risen Christ our Lord for Easter Sunrise Service beginning at 7:00 am. Breakfast will follow services. We will be serving Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Links, Scrambled Eggs. Orange Juice and Coffee.

During this month three people were saved and baptized. The Lord is still working with those who want to know and believe in him.

**Salem**- We had the Glory Road Southern Gospel group for our Sunday morning service. There was a wonderful time of music and blessings with a great group of talented people. We are certainly a fan of them. We voted to get new tables for the Sunday School class rooms. We want to say a huge THANK YOU to Connie Crawford and her crew, for what they have done with decorating our church. Painting all the Sunday School rooms, putting up scripture, it all looks so wonderful and bright, and new. Also rearranging the foyer and painting, redoing the bathrooms, making curtains for the fellowship hall and I can't even begin to name everything. It's like a new place, and we are so blessed to have Connie and her decorating skills. We can't thank them enough. We will have Easter breakfast on Easter morning prepared by the men, at 9 a.m, followed by an egg hunt for the children. Worship service will followed and communion. The young adults have begun a new Bible Study on Wednesday night. They are studying Heaven. The adults will wrap up their Revelation study this coming Sunday night. We have had a wonderful study of this book of the Bible. Wishing everyone a blessed Easter as we celebrate the most glorious day of the year.

**Trenton First**— Many exciting ministries are going on at First Baptist. Awana is well attended and the children are excited about learning God’s Word, singing and spending time with friends. Area 56 (5th and 6th grade) is involved in Bible Study, recreation and other activities. They will continue to meet this summer. Our older youth are involved with Bible Studies, activities and are going on a mission trip this summer.

Senior adults have great plans this spring. April will find them going to Arrow Rock to see “Smoke on the Mountain.” May will be a road trip to Humeston Iowa. Eating at the Grass Roots Café and shopping at Syders. June will find them at the “Silo” by Laredo. Seniors continue to collect money for Back Pack Buddies and food items for the Medicine Valley Ministry


*Trenton First continued*- Our church collects items monthly for the Shoe Box ministry, with a packing party in November planned.

We do hope you will save the days of June 7th, 8th and 9th (2013), on your calendar as First Baptist will be celebrating 175 years of ministry.

**Union**- *“I press toward the mark for the prize of the higher calling of God in Christ Jesus.”* Philipians 3:14

Isn't it **GREAT** to serve a **Risen Savior!** Praise God for His Resurrection! This month’s activities includes our service to the CWU Thrift Store on Fridays and Saturdays during the month of April. WorldCrafts Tea Party at Trenton First Baptist on Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 pm. Go to [www.worldcrafts.org](http://www.worldcrafts.org) to see products and support our sister church! Union Baptist’s Business Meeting is the 3rd Sunday evening at 6:00 pm, which is April 21st. On that same date we will be leading the services at Eastview Nursing Home at 2:00 pm. Call Pastor Doug at 359-3094 to see how **YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE**. Ladies, remember WMU Annual Meeting in Warrensburg on April 12-13 and the NGR Singspiration on April 20th. Call Debbie Dickinson at 359-3897 for more information on these activities.

Every Wednesday night is supper at 6:00 pm with Bible Study at 7:00 pm. Call Ryan Hughs for rides from Brimson at 654-0435 or Mike and Sherry Knapp for rides from Trenton at 789-3841 or Doug and Dianna Crawford at 359-3094. Everyone is welcome! Remember if you are looking for a church home to come worship with us! We are down home folk that love the Lord!

	<p>Tenth Street Baptist Church 1200 E 10th St Trenton, MO</p>
<p>Every Saturday Worship at 6 pm, Group at 7 pm The Rock Café at 8 pm</p>	





**BSU @ NCMC**

**Know Him Make Him Known**

We have just returned from a week long mission trip, bringing the hope of Jesus to the lost and hopeless. Our NCMC students partnered with Ozark Technical College in Springfield, Missouri to do a Spring Break mission trip in Olathe, Kansas. The students were absolutely blown away by the effect they had on the places where we worked. Monday afternoon, the initial team of 7 prayer walked the campus of Johnson County Community College, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest 2-year college in the United States with a population of 22,000 students. On Tuesday, we worked at City Union Mission's family shelter cleaning and making minor repairs to parts of their building. The team also ate lunch with the homeless families residing there and talked to many about Jesus' love. Some of our students were also able to pray over a new comer woman who was still struggling with many problems. Tuesday night the rest of our team joined us from NCMC, making a total of 11 members. Wednesday, we spent the whole day on Johnston County Community College campus where we were able to partner with a Christian organization called "InterVarsity" Christian group, walk the campus and share Jesus. We had over 90 conversations with people ranging from believers of Jesus, to Muslims and atheist. At least 15 of the total conversations we had were conversations that challenged students to seek Christ. One of our students from OTC was even able to lead a student to the LORD right there in a hall way!! God is so GOOD! Thursday we worked with Southside Mission in Olathe, unloading a bus, unpacking and shelving supplies, and filling bags with food for their food program to teenagers. We also assisted with their ministry of giving clothes, and goods away to struggling families in the Olathe area. Finally, Friday we finished our trip by working at the City Union Men's shelter. There we cleaned bathrooms, offices, and their Chapel, and was able to eat lunch with the residents. During our debrief time, the students talked about how God showed up and showed off at JCCC campus on Wednesday, and how they were able to care for the poor and hopeless, just like Jesus! Thank you so much, for all those who helped by donating money, food, desserts, and especially prayers for this trip. We couldn't have done it without your blessing!

Our next mission trip opportunity will be Canada. The Canada dates have been changed from May to June 3-10<sup>th</sup>. We can use all the prayers and blessings you lift on our behalf, as we reach out to the First Nations people at "White Dog" in Ontario, Canada.

Our Tuesday night Communitas worship is revealing changed lives of students. One of our young men preached our worship service just before Spring Break. During our week, I overheard students discussing the student's thoughts he had preached during Communitas.

God is moving and pushing students to boldly walk outside their comfort-zones. Continue to pray. At the end of the day of the JCCC campus visit, one student texted his mom to share with her that he had walked up to 3 different people to share Jesus' story with strangers. Another student commented how he was amazed that JCCC students went into their classrooms and during class shared that there was a group of Missouri students visiting campus sharing Jesus' story.

--He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice--

*Diann B. and Christina B.*



**Missouri WMU Annual Meeting**

Shelly Sims, our Associational Assistant WMU Director, have an in-depth presentation on the life of Annie Armstrong, including many little known facts about the this inspiring, energetic, dedicated woman, at our March 19th Associational Program and Luncheon. Thanks Shelly, for all of the research and the wonderful presentation!

I hope we have several from our association attend our state's WMU Annual Meeting April 12-13 in Warrensburg. The program plans sounds amazing! Belinda Hogan, Shelly Sims and I plan to attend, but I hope there will be others.

The April 16th Spring Program and Prayer Luncheon will be at FBC Trenton at 10:30 am. Those attending the WMU Annual Meeting will be sharing their experiences. We will also have handouts and information. A covered dish luncheon will follow.

Thursday, May 2nd, will be the National Day of Prayer for our nation and our government leaders, our May 21st Women's Program and Prayer Luncheon will begin at 10:30 am at the Mission Center with a time of prayer. Then we will prayerwalk past City Hall to the Courthouse and back, followed by our devotional and prayer time for our missionaries with birthdays. Those unable to walk will remain at the Mission Center to pray.

Hope you have a wonderful spring!

*Bev Martin*  
WMU Director

**125th Anniversary Missouri WMU  
Missions Celebration  
2013 Annual Meeting  
April 12-13, 2013  
First Baptist Church  
Warrensburg, MO**

Early Bird Registration Fee \$25  
After April 1, Fee is \$35

For more information or to register, go  
online at  
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Sharon Paris by email at  
[sparis@mobaptist.org](mailto:sparis@mobaptist.org) or by phone at

**You're Invited to a WorldCrafts Tea Party  
Trenton First Baptist Church  
Sunday, April 7, 2013- 2:30 pm**

Come and enjoy finger foods and you will have the opportunity to shop from some exciting countries.

We will have some of the actual crafts on hand to view and books from which you can order. WorldCrafts vision is to offer an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life to every person on earth. Their goal is to help crest viable, fair employment for women and men in poverty. WorldCrafts abides by and requires all partnering artisan groups to abide by Fair Trade Federation guidelines. Artisans receive fair wages and goods are produced in an ethical and environmentally friendly manner. WorldCrafts products are handmade, not mass-produced, so quantities are limited.

Jewelry, Purses, wooden items, ceramics... lots to choose from.

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