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August

- 4 Roberta Dennis
- 7 EJ Barnes
- 12 Aaron Stark
- 17 Ron Helton
- 18 Carolyn Chesnut
- 21 EJ & Diann Barnes
- 30 David & Roberta Dennis
- 31 Aaron & Michelle Stark



Anniversaries

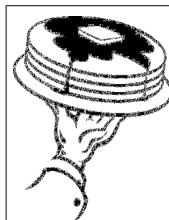
CHILDREN'S CAMP



Be in prayer for Children's Camp on August
4-8. At this time there are over 175 regis-
tered, including staff. The theme is "Made
Right" and the scripture is Romans 3:22.

The Camp Pastor is Josh Ishmael and the
Worship Leaders are Stephen Williamson
and Dan Yates.

Camp Directors are Bruce Williams and
Steven Nelson.



**There will be no Men's
Breakfast for the
month of August.**



Pastor's Luncheon

**Pastors Prayer &
Fellowship Time
at Pizza Hut
2nd Monday
of each month**

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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
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North Grand River Baptist Association Revival Theme- PASSIONATE LIFE REVIVAL

**Sunday August 31—Sunday September 7th
7:00 pm each night**



**Evangelist- Richard Green
Leading Worship- Don Boswell**

*"as His divine power has given to us all things that
pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of
Him, who called us by glory and virtue."*

2 Peter 1:3 NKJV

Sunday & Monday- August 31 & September 1st at Princeton First Baptist
Church

Tuesday & Wednesday- September 2nd & 3rd at Rural Dale Baptist Church

Thursday & Friday- September 4th & 5th at Gallatin First Baptist Church

Saturday & Sunday- September 6th & 7th- Ketcham Center-
NMC Campus

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



THOUGHTS
FROM THE
HEART

From My Heart to Yours

“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him, who called us by glory and virtue.” 2 Peter 1:3 NKJV

The Message version puts it this way: *“Everything that goes into a life pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God.” 2 Peter 1:3*

This is the theme verse for the Associational Wide Revival August 31st—September 7th. The theme is PASSIONATE LIFE REVIVAL. The verse should be an encouragement to us and a motivation for us to live a passionate life promised and empowered by our Lord.

Almost everyone is passionate about something. People are passionate about sports, entertainment, food, beverages, hobbies, other people etcetera. But, we, as God’s People are called to be passionate about our Lord and the things of God.

Webster’s New World Dictionary defines passion as “extreme, compelling emotion; enthusiasm; strong love” and even relates it to “the agony and sufferings of Jesus during the crucifixion or during the period following the Last Supper.” [2nd College Edition, page 1038] Therefore, we should also, as His disciples, live as he lived — a life of total passionate commitment to our Heavenly Father and sacrifice for others’ edification and salvation.

People must see that we are truly passionate in our love and devotion to Jesus Christ, His Word and His Will! Our prayer is that God’s people will be revived in this passion and that our churches will be on fire with spiritual fervor. We pray that these Revival services will be used to help bring real Revival to God’s People in and beyond our Associational area!

For His Glory-

E.J. Barnes

July Executive Board Report

The Executive Board for the association met on Monday, July 21st. No business was conducted as there was not a quorum present.

Regarding the sale of Medicine Valley Harris property will be voted on at the annual meeting. The Trustee’s and the Administrative Committee had voted to sale the property, but the proceeds were to be held by NGR Mission Center until the Executive Board would decide what to do with the funds.

Copies of the North Grand River and BSU budget can be picked up at the office. Questions regarding the budgets may be submitted prior to the Annual Meeting.

Reminder was made for churches to not forget and elect their messengers for the NGR Annual Meeting and MBC Annual Meeting.

BSU Continued-

Again this year we will be giving a string backpack to every dorm student and making 50 bags to give to Wed Lunch attendees. If your church would like to contribute 1 item per bag with your church identification label on item, please have 200 count if this item to BSU by 8/12. Saturday 8/16 these bags will be in the dorm room to welcome each student as they move in. We will also have a “Welcome” table in front of Ketchum again this year. If you are willing to supply cookies for this table or bottled water for our coolers to host the parents, call Diann, 660.654.0785 and let her know how many dozen you will be bringing by on Friday for the table. Thank you for your generous support.

He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice—Souls Diann



The NGR Ladies Prayer Program and Luncheon will not meet in August, but we will meet on Tuesday, September 16th at 10:30 at the Mission Center.



Missouri Baptist Children’s Home

Apple Festival

September 13, 2014

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

First Baptist Church,
Raymore

ALL FOR YOU

Surrender—Sacrifice—Serve

NORTHWEST WMU RETREAT

Grand Oaks Assembly– Chillicothe

Thursday, September 25, 2014

Cost \$15.00 that includes lunch

Register by Thursday, September 18, 2014

Bev Null, 13584 NE Craig Drive,

Breckenridge, MO 64625

Make checks payable to St. Joseph Baptist Association & put in memo section- “Grand Oaks Retreat”

Run to the Cross Sunday, September 14

Sponsored by Trenton 1st Assembly of God

5K-10K

Run/Walk &

Soup & Ice Cream Sunday Bar

To enter run/walk please bring 10 canned food items (no expired dated foods)

Soup & Ice Cream Social

(Eat what you want, pay what you want)

All proceeds go to the Community Food Pantry

Run/Walk will start at 4 pm with the starting mark at First Assembly of God parking lot. To do the 5/K you will run/walk to the cross and be transported back. To do the 10/K you will run/walk to cross and back to the First Assembly Family Activity Center for a Soup & Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Y-Shirts available to purchase

Orders must be turned in by Friday, August 29th

To order a T-Shirt– call the church office at 359-4400 during office hours Monday—Friday 9 am to 4 pm.

Youth Small to Adult XL- \$13.00

XXL-4X- \$16.00



Medicine Valley- As one voice among the many leaders in the churches that make up our association may I take the privilege of sharing some personal thought and insight with you all?

I was impressed with the spirit of unity coupled with concern for the needs expressed in the July Executive Board Meeting. A blanket of prayer is definitely needed for the various churches and ministries that make up this association and for the Association as an entity.

Such prayers, I believe, should not be couched in terms of fear and desperation but in expectation of God's ability to supply our needs. I would suggest that rather than focusing attention on cutting back on ministries, we focus more attention on leading our people to be true stewards of the manifold grace of God.

I love the reminder in scripture that "the cattle on a thousand hills are the Lord's". I am always reminded that not only the cattle but also the thousand hills belong to him.

Perhaps an associational wide stewardship emphasis would produce some positive results.

Some time ago I was told by the pastor of one of our larger churches of his concern that as their older members died off it would continue to affect the level of giving as younger adults were not tithing or giving as generously.

Perhaps this is a pattern in many of our SBC churches. Perhaps there is a need nationwide for a renewed emphasis on life stewardship, faithful support thru tithes and additional offerings coupled with wise use of what remains at ones disposal.

Back in the 50's there was a series of Stewardship Revivals across Missouri in which pastors exchanged pulpits and preached on stewardship, then giving an invitation for committed Christians to come to the altar and pledge anew their reliance on God as they committed to tithing and the practice of ideal stewardship of all God in trusts to their care and provision.

In our nine years with Medicine Valley Community Ministry God has provided for our needs in miraculous ways. In June, we experienced red ink in the General Fund for the first time, necessitating the closing of two special projects funds to cover the general fund deficient.

While we do not know what this month may hold we remain steadfast in our confidence that God will, through his people, continue to meet our needs. We pray God's Spirit will touch the hearts of those whom He would lead to support our ministries.

Perhaps the rambling thoughts of one solitary individual may be a blessing and encouragement to others. May God's blessings be upon us all as we seek together to do his will and claim his promises.

Salem- Our VBS was July 11th, 12th and 13th. Commencement was held on Sunday night. They had a great program. The kids really enjoyed it, and sang every song so good and knew their Bible verses. We all had a great fellowship with cookies and ice cream, after the program.

Trenton FBC- We had our VBS parent night with a music program followed by a cook-out, which was very well attended.

July 27th was our Music Minister's last day with us. The Remus family will be greatly missed. Mrs. Lindsay Jenkerson will be our interim Minister of Music until we call a new Minister of Music.

August 9th we will have our annual Helping Hands free clothing and school supplies giveaway for babies through high school. Doors open at 7:45 am, August 9th at the activity building behind the church.



The Crafty Ladies at Trenton First Baptist Church are continuing to meet at 1:00 pm on Monday afternoons. We are working on our own projects and learning new crafts, while we continue to work on the 7 inch square project.

We had the pleasure of having Sherry Stirling of St. Luke's Home Health and Hospice speak at one of our recent meetings. She told of the many ways people can volunteer with the organization, and also gave us ideas of needs that the clients have. Some suggestions of items that are needed are hats, arm covers, and sensory blankets. At the end of the meeting, we were privileged to present her with a throw from the 7 inch square project that she could share with someone in the hospice program.

Anyone wishing to help with the 7 inch square project, or in giving a demonstration of a new craft, or wanting more information about our meetings can contact Marilyn Bain at 660-359-2456.

August NGR Committee Meetings

- 4 Nominating Committee- 5:00 pm
- 11 Administrative/Personnel Comm.- 5:00 pm
- 12 Medicine Valley Advisory- 7:00 pm
- 14 Mission's Committee- 6:30 pm

Seminary Extension



The Fall Semester of Seminary Extension starts on Thursday, September 4, 2014. Classes will be held from 7:00-9:00 pm at the North Grand River Baptist Association.

The three hour course, "How to Understand the Bible", will be taught by Dan Wilford. Because of God's amazing grace, the tuition will be free. The only expenses to students will be the \$18.00 text that will be used for the course. Please register early and make a commitment to complete the course. Last year was an expensive year because three students dropped out or never did start. Please let's not let this be a repeat.

This past semester there were four students completing the course on "Survey of the Old Testament", Part II, with three getting credit and one auditing the course. Praise God! Please be praying for your Seminary Extension and promote it in your churches. This is a course that every born again believer could benefit from. Please sign up early so resources can be ordered in a timely manner. Let's have another great year.

Dan Wilford
Director-Teacher

NGR 173rd Annual Meeting Saturday, September 27, 2014

Rural Dale Baptist Church

ACP'S are here. MBC has made some changes on the format and filing by computer this year. Please note the changes. All ACP's are due to be turned in by Friday August 22nd.

Department reports and calendar dates for 2014-2015, please turn in by Friday August 22nd.



The Objectives this year were: 1. Make Disciples, 2. Develop Leaders, 3. teach students to be intentionally mission minded. God has allowed us to see harvest in all three areas through the spring ministries, the Canada Mission Trip, and the summer mission work our students have been involved in this summer.

During the Spring term we had 2 students make salvation decisions. One of those students plus another student were baptized during the spring term.

Arriving on Sunday, June 1, the 18 member Canadian team lived 1 week in White Dog Indian Reserve school, working in the classrooms with Pre-K through 12th grade students during the day, conducting backyard Bible club after school, serving lunch to faculty/staff and supper to residents of reserve, and having worship services every night. On Monday, 5 minutes after school had started, the vice-principal asked 2 team members to cover a third grade class for a short time. The teacher for this class had had a stroke so the assignment lasted all week long. Our team was given free reign to teach anything they desired. By Wednesday, 12 of our 18 members were teaching in multiple classrooms, and all were teaching Bible lessons about Jesus Christ and His redemptive plan for mankind.

Our last day Friday, we gave an Indian doll (made by Gallatin FBC) to each girl, and tennis balls to each boy, and every student plus every home on reserve received a Gideon NT by Friday this year. Many students shared with us that they had read the Bible, we had given them last year, through at least 2 times, by the time of this year's visit.

In past years White Dog has had the worst reputation among all the reserves in Canada. Because of the transformation we are seeing among the Indian children through reading God's Word, in a few years that reputation will be completely changed. Pray for the children.

During our time in Canada, God convicted one of our students that he should serve doing summer mission work the rest of the summer. So, just as soon as we returned, this young man tendered his resignation, and 2 weeks later moved in with us, and served in summer missions until he was called home to help with a brother's care who had been in an accident.

By the end of this summer the 5 students plus Christina will have done 1 mission trip, 5 camps, and 7 VBS weeks, all with in an 11 week span. Anyone who has ever served in ministry understands that this summer schedule has been one of the most aggressive our students and Christina have ever accomplished. Throughout this service all 6 missionaries have had multitudes of conversations with students of all ages and even shared their personal experiences with adults. All have had very intentional personal quiet times with God and most of them have been aggressively memorizing scripture, hiding it in their hearts in order to build a storehouse of God's Word in their minds that God will use as He uses them to share His Love with others. Continue to pray for these young people, asking God to call them into His kingdom work wherever He might send them.

Pray for Gracie Cabral, April Robb, and Lowell Henry as they serve Jesus on NCMC campus this fall. Pray for Bola Saliu as she pursues her medical career in Kansas City. Pray for Makayla Moon as she finishes her IMB training this fall (starting August 1st) and then is sent overseas as a foreign missionary. Pray for Christina and myself as we seek God's kingdom work for NCMC campus this fall with the purpose of once again engaging students to 1. become disciples, 2. Grow as Leaders, 3. learn to be a missiologist (one who studies the culture and its inhabitants well enough to understand how to best share God's story with those people.) Acts 1:8

Church Giving

June 2014 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.
Alpha	\$ 209.07	\$ 25.00
Edinburg	\$ 525.15	\$ 58.35
Gallatin	\$ 759.02	\$ 50.00
Galt	\$ 327.00	\$ 50.00
Jameson		
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Laredo	\$ 362.74	
Lineville	\$ 301.62	\$ 100.54
M. Valley	\$ 34.48	\$ 25.00
Mercer	\$ 422.57	\$ 25.00
Modena	\$ 111.72	\$ 150.00
Princeton	\$ 329.95	\$ 50.00
Ravanna	\$ 114.94	\$ 49.26
Rural Dale	\$ 708.77	\$ 75.00
Salem	\$ 63.76	\$ 25.00
Shelburne	\$ 514.28	\$ 75.00
Spickard	\$ 70.00	
Tenth St.		
Trenton FB	\$ 1,167.67	\$ 259.48
Union	\$ 182.42	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 6,230.16	\$ 1,142.63
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00
MBC		\$ 460.00
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00
Highview		\$ 49.35

Seminary Checking	\$31.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,286.97
Benevolent Savings	\$767.69
NGR Savings	\$421.68
BSU- June- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$8,502.90
Income	\$3,039.08
Total	\$11,541.98
Expenses	\$7,153.18
Ending Balance	\$4,388.80
General BSU Fund	\$3,367.39
Designated BSU Fund	\$1,131.40



Training Date and Location
September 5-6, 2014
New Hope Baptist Church
664 E 16th St Sedalia, MO 65301

Registration begins at 4:30 pm Friday, supper to follow at 6 pm, and Intro to **Disaster Relief** begins at 7 pm. Breakfast is served at 7 am Saturday with training beginning at 8 am. Training for Chain Saw and Communication will continue after lunch. Other areas of training are scheduled so you will be able to train in more than one area. All training will be complete by 3 pm.

Please note you must be 18 years of age and a member of a Southern Baptist church to be certified as a **Disaster Relief** Volunteer. All trainees must submit a background check request, have a letter of recommendation signed by your Pastor or Director of Missions and attend the Introduction to **Disaster Relief** every three years. Those training in Chaplaincy, refer to the Chaplaincy information on the MBC website.. For convenience and efficiency we plan to offer all types of training at every location. Forms are available on MBC website for your convenience. www.mobaptist.org

June 2014 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$4,735.68
Income	\$10,539.61
Total	\$15,275.29
Expenses	\$11,121.79
Ending Balance	\$4,153.50
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$3,824.42
General Fund	\$329.08
Checking Balance Total	\$4,153.50
NGR October- June 2014 (Includes Designated Funds)	
Income	\$105,497.77
Expenses	\$104,713.68
Difference	784.09