

**"Truth or Dare"**  
1 John 1:6-7

**Children's Camp**  
August 9-13, 2010

Registration Deadline July 9th  
Cost \$70- after registration deadline  
the cost is \$100

Each church **must** send a leader for every  
1 to 5 campers they send

**Missouri Baptist Children's Home**  
**Apple Festival**



Saturday, September 11th  
9:00—2:00

First Baptist Church, Raytown

Contact the Mission Center for more information  
or for forms if you are entering quilts or other  
items.

**August**

- 7 E.J. Barnes
- 8 Jesse & Carol Cass
- 12 Aaron Stark
- 17 Ron Helton
- 18 Carolyn Chesnut
- 21 E.J. and Diann Barnes



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**Jamesport**

August 8-11 7:00 pm  
Evangelist- Dr. Jay Scribner  
Music- Carl & Glenda Fisher

**Alpha**

August 22-25 7:00 pm  
Evangelist- Richard Greene  
Noon Bible Studies at Mission Center  
On Monday and Tuesday

**Modena**

50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee  
September 15-18 7:00 pm  
Sunday, September 19  
10:30 am  
Lunch following the service

**Shelburne**

September 17-19 7:00 pm  
Evangelist- Alan Brock



Check out the  
BOOKSTORE

The Bookstore will be  
having In-Store Specials.  
Come by and check out  
the specials and the new  
items.

North Grand River Baptist Association

# The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Volume 35, Number 8  
August, 2010

**"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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**North Grand River Baptist Association**  
**169th Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, September 11, 2010**  
**Trenton First Baptist Church**

Registration begins at 8:30 am  
Meeting will be called to order at 9:00 am

Noon meal provided of sandwiches and dessert

Vince Blubaugh will be MBC Speaker sharing about the  
*"Great Commission Resurgence"*

Leaders please submit reports and calendar dates for  
October 2010 through 2011 to Debbie by August 11th

Churches don't forget to elect your Messengers

Meeting should conclude around 5:00 pm



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



THOUGHTS  
FROM THE  
HEART

### From My Heart to Yours

I am still praying that our Lord would call out 300 "Prayer Tillers" by the time of our Annual Meeting (September 11). A "Prayer Tiller" is someone committed to praying weekly for these 10 concerns: (1) your church and the 5 other churches you are grouped with each quarter. (2) Your Pastor, Deacons, Worship Leaders and officers of your church. (3) Every house within a 5 mile radius of your church. (4) Association staff, BSU staff and ministries of each. (5) Revival in NGRBA churches and ministries of each. (6) Spiritual Awakening within the NGRBA area. (7) More laborers for a Spiritual Harvest in our area (More Pastors, Prayer Tillers, Witnesses, Compassion Healers, Young People, Youth/Children's Workers and Musicians). (8) That God would make Himself know however He wills. (9) For at least 3000 souls to be truly born again in NGRBA area by the end of 2012, and (10) For our members to love our brothers and sisters in Christ by encouraging, strengthening and praying for one another.

If you would join us as a "Prayer Tiller", please let us know at the Mission Center.

Pastors, please make it a priority to come to the Mission Center August 16th, 7:00 pm to pray and to have input on "The Harvesting the Land" Campaign future plans.

I want to say I'm thankful for my wife Diann— our 39th Anniversary is August 21st.

May you have a productive August. Remember our Children's Camp in your prayers!

For His Glory,  
E.J. Barnes

FYI— Brother Jesse Cass and I are working on a Deacon/Wife Training Event (tentatively scheduled at Grand Oaks on November 6th). More info later— but mark your calendar.



### Church Updates in North Grand River

**Rural Dale**— North Grand River wishes Bro. Jeremy and Michelle Skinner the very best as they move to Ottumwa, Iowa. They are following the Lord's guidance. Please remember them in prayer as they move and readjust. Remember Rural Dale Baptist Church in prayer as they seek a new pastor.

**Spickard**— We welcome Charlie Bullman and his wife Lou as he begins to pastor at Spickard,,

**Princeton**— We welcome Dr. David Robertson and his wife Barbara as he will be the pastor at Princeton the latter part of August.

June 2010 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 207.99		15	22	10						
Edinburg	\$ 644.06	\$ 75.77	48	92	44		11	12	25	2	
Gallatin	\$ 916.28	\$ 50.00									
Galt	\$ 184.00	\$ 25.00									
Jameson			11	15							
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	27	48	18					1	1
Laredo	\$ 381.78	\$ 150.00									
Lineville	\$ 296.50	\$ 59.30									
M. Valley	\$ 42.00		16	20							
Mercer	\$ 486.00	\$ 25.00		48	21						
Modena	\$ 99.78		10	17	15						
Princeton	\$1,062.63	\$ 50.00	110	149	49	5	21	28			
Ravanna	\$ 151.49	\$ 64.92	10	10							
Rural Dale	\$ 596.75	\$ 50.00									
Salem	\$ 191.70		33	47	23						
Shelburne	\$ 538.26	\$ 50.00	50	61	30	28	10				
Spickard	\$ 100.00		9	14							
Tenth St.	\$ 848.62	\$ 141.44									
Trenton FB	\$1,273.17	\$ 212.20	105	145	35					1	
Union	\$ 405.37	\$ 100.00	48	86	19	0					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,451.38</b>	<b>\$1,078.63</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

Chilli, FBC	\$ 43.00
MBC	\$ 690.00

**Seminary Checking** \$316.73  
**Seminary Savings** \$2,048.79

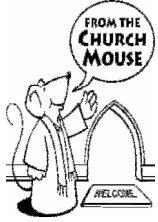
**Belarus** \$1,165.96

**BSU—June— Income to Expense**  
 Beginning Balance \$1,932.46  
 Income \$2,167.84  
 Total \$4,100.30  
 Expenses \$1,102.50  
 Ending Balance \$2,997.80

**June 2010 NGR Account**  
 Beginning Balance \$33,752.17  
 Income \$11,444.89  
 Total \$45,197.06  
 Expenses \$21,032.48  
 Ending Balance \$24,164.58

**Line Items in General Checking**  
 Designated Funds \$13,993.22  
 General Fund \$10,171.36  
 Checking Balance Total \$24,164.58

**NGR October 2009-June 2010**  
 Income \$122,455.45  
 Expenses \$119,827.12  
 Difference \$2,628.33



**Edinburg**— We had two adults and six youth attend the summer camp at Grand Oaks which was held on June 21 through 25.

On June 26th our RA's went on a one day fishing trip to the Jamesport Community Lake. The group ate lunch at the Country Cupboard at Jamesport. There were four adults and three boys in attendance.

Our WOM members finished a quilt that they had been working on for quite some time and donated to the Missouri Baptist Home in Chillicothe. The quilt was displayed at the "Homecoming" on Saturday, June 12 and left on display through June 21st to be sold to the highest bidder. It was purchased as a wedding gift for a couple's granddaughter.

On Sunday, July 4th, our Children's Church sponsored their annual balloon launch on the church grounds. The event started with grilled hot dogs followed by the balloon launch. The children passed out the balloons to the individuals as their names were called. Homemade ice cream, brownies and cookies were served after the launch. There were 95 balloons launched and 80 persons in attendance.

**Jamesport**— "Living Water" blessed us with their music for our Sunday Night Sing, the last Sunday of the month, July 25th. A time of food and fellowship followed the service.

August 8-11 is our revival, with Dr. Jay Scribner as the evangelist and Carol & Glenda Fisher as the music leaders. There will be an "Afterglow Fellowship" after the evening services Monday through Wednesday.

Walter Plant will bring a special time of music on Friday evening, August 27th.

**Medicine Valley**- Attendance and participation in the Sunday services at The Baptist Chapel at Newtown presently varies from 15 to 25. In addition we are ministering regularly to another 35 to 40 individuals through three home Bible Study Groups.

A group meeting south of Reger usually has 9 to 12 present for their monthly meeting, all adults. A group meeting at our home in Humphreys varies from 6 to 8 or 9 adults and from 2 to 5 children each week. The third group meeting at a home in Newtown is now ministering to 6 or 7 adults weekly and sometimes as many as 5 or 6 children are present and needing someone to work with them.

The food pantry presently ministers to the physical needs of 75 to 80 households. We assist between 35 and 45 of these families each month.

In the basketball sessions and devotional services at the Ministry Center in Harris we work with from half a dozen to about 2 dozen children and young people one day per week.

In our recent Vacation Bible Schools we had an enrollment of 20 at the Newtown VBS and an enrollment of 35 at the Humphreys VBS. Two decisions for Christ were registered at the Newtown school.

This week (July 19-23) we sponsored a basketball camp at the Newtown/Harris School Gymnasium. As of today, Wednesday, there are 19 youth and children participating.

Plans for the future, as God leads, call for the creation of seven additional Home Bible Study Groups. To assist in this and in our youth ministries we have obtained the services of a Mission Service Corps couple, Dale and Kim Osborne, from Fort Walton Beach, Florida. They now reside in the Baptist Parsonage at Newtown. Our sincere thanks to those who are providing furniture for the parsonage.

John Crumpacker and his wife, Virginia, of Salem Baptist at Spickard are also assisting with the development of additional Home Bible Study

### From the Executive Board Meeting- July 19, 2010

The following motions were voted on and passed-  
1. The Finance Committee makes the recommendation that the designated line item accounts of

- Insurance money left from the roof totaling \$4,559.48, Providence Church funds left of \$4,919.37 for a total of \$9,478.85 be put into a savings account at Citizen's Bank. For any funds to be removed must be approved by the Finance/Budget Committee.

2. The Finance Committee and Trustee's request permission from the Executive Board that funds for the purchase of a copy machine be taken from the savings account when the time comes for the need to replace it. Currently the machine is still working and we will continue to use it until it quits. The estimated cost will be under \$3,000 at this time.

3. The Trustee's recommend that the association purchase a folding machine for the office. The cost is \$860. The funds to pay for this would come from the Equipment Capital budge line. This machine is a medium duty machine and has a one year warranty.

Thank you for the folding machine that the Association purchased for the office. It has arrived and already been put to use. It will be a great help in time that was spent folding.

Debbie



Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Princeton First Baptist Church

**August 14- 7:30 am**  
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE  
2nd Saturday and TIME



### NGR Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 11  
Trenton First Baptist Church

### Worship Leadership Conference

September 17-18  
Union Hill Baptist Church  
Holts Summit

Featuring:  
Mike Harland  
Lifeway Christian Resources

### WMU/Women's Ministry Retreat

Saturday, September 18  
Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly

### Empowering Sunday School Leadership

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

First Baptist Church, St. Joseph  
Conferences: 6:30 pm- 9:00 pm



Remember in prayer all the children, youth and adults as they return to school this month. Your church might consider having an adult/senior adult to "adopt to pray for one child" every day through the school year. They could pray for their safety, their salvation, choice of friends, etc.

Remember to pray for the teachers and staff. Pray for the college students, for those that are leaving their homes and attending elsewhere and for those staying here at home and attending NCMC.

June 1-3 saw me taking 4 college students to Hannibal LaGrange to summer missionary training, in preparation of them serving in our area for the next 9 weeks. They all 4 have served as small group leaders at Super Summer in Hannibal and been assistant cabin leaders and recreation leaders at our NGRBA/HBA Youth camp. They have taught in 5 VBS's in 4 weeks, doing 2 VBS each day in one week. They have held a "Basketball—Bible Basics" Camp at Galt gym for Rural Dale and Galt Baptist Church, seeing 39 kids grades 1 through 9<sup>th</sup> attend with God giving us 4 salvations by the end of the week. One of those salvations was a 12 year old young lady who had been brought to the camp by Katie Welch, Canada Mission Trip Team member, to specifically be able to have her questions answered that she was asking about Jesus. In the process of answering her questions, I was given the privilege of leading her to a personal relationship with Him.

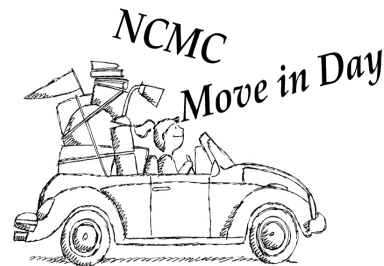
The next 3 weeks will see the SM team conduct a basketball/Bible camp at Newtown and another Basketball-Bible camp in Bethany for area Baptist Churches. Canaan and KJ will be participating in a mission trip to Colorado. Sarah and Kaycee will be assisting in another VBS. Pray that in everything we do, God will find us being about His business sharing His story.

August 20, Friday night, the BSU will be hosting the new baseball team and all the Residential Assistants from both dorms for a supper at the BSU facilities. NGRBA Ladies, if you have a favorite dessert you would be willing to share, please contact me @ 654.0785. I will be serving about 50 college students, with 2 hollow legs and some standing about 6'5". So please don't hesitate to call if you can help. If you bring desserts, then the task of cooking for this many will be shared and lightened and I will greatly thank you for your continued support.

Saturday, August 21 is again MOVE-IN-Saturday at the dorms. We will be making up "Welcome" gift bags for each resident student to welcome them to our campus. Again this year I would like to include a small baggy of your homemade cookies in each gift. I will need enough bags of cookies to fill 150 gift bags. Chocolate chip, snicker doodles, oatmeal/raisin and peanut butter seem to be the favorites among the students. Each year these gift bags are a pleasant surprise to new students and are greatly sought by returning students. It also allows us to introduce the BSU to our new students who have not yet heard about us. So please help me welcome our students back to campus, by bringing about 3 dozen baggies of cookies to the associational office by Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> so we can get them put in the "Welcome" bags. We will also have a welcome table on campus Monday, August 23.

Matt 28:19 <sup>19</sup>"Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations,..."

He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice.



Saturday, August 21, 2010

## Christmas in August Time Again.



First to just let you know what you missed at the July Celebration and Prayer Luncheon. Lou Bankson gave a great presentation with pictures of the mission trip to south Kansas City with members of Coon Creek and the Cowboy Church. They were helping with construction of a new church building. Then Debbie Havens from Tenth Street gave a very moving presentation about the Creation Museum and the spiritual as well as the scientific effect it can have on children and young people who are being taught evolution in our schools. She had a display of various materials that are available from the museum including DVD's and contact information for ordering them. After our devotional and prayer we enjoyed a wonderful lunch and time of fellowship.

Doris Provorse was introduced as the new WMU Director for Edinburg. We certainly welcome her at the same time I want to thank Johann Kirk for her years of service and hard work as she served in that position. We also discussed and made plans to minister to the carnival workers at North Central MO fair. By the time you read this we will have delivered gift bags and bottled water to them on Sunday August 1st.

By the time you receive this encourager the WMU Directors should have received a copy of the Christmas in August list. We will be collecting these items at the August 17th Celebration and Prayer luncheon or you can bring these items to the Mission Center prior to that date. Also at the August program Evelyn Trickel will share about her trip to Canada with a World Changers Group.

Ladies it will soon be time to report organizational leaders for the new year. I'll be sending out the forms this month when I receive them from the state WMU office.

There are lots of things happening in September! Our NGR annual meeting will be Saturday, September 11, at Trenton FBC. On Friday evening, September 17, Tim and Iracema Kunkel, missionaries to Uruguay will be at Tenth Street. Tim will be speaking at the 7 pm service with a fellowship time to follow. Ladies please bring finger foods. This service will take the place of our September Program and Prayer luncheon.

North Missouri regional WMU/Women's Ministry Training at Grand Oaks will be Saturday, September 18. You will be receiving more information in the mail.

If your WOM group or any of your age level groups have something they would like to share that they have done or been involved with let me know.

Hope all of you have been able to keep cool.

*Bev. Martin*  
WMU Director

*Medicine Valley Continued-*

groups, and in our work with children. They are targeting an area northeast of Newtown where John lived during his formative year.

A Southern Gospel Music Jubilee is being contemplated for mid to late September at Newtown along with other outreach endeavors throughout the year.

An area-wide Evangelistic Crusade is scheduled for August 24-28, 2011, at Humphreys. Evangelist Richard Greene of St. Louis is to deliver God's message nightly. Jamie Page, of Fayette, pastor and nationally known musician is to be the worship leader.

With full involvement of area Baptist Churches and the support of all the churches of NGRBA we believe it will be possible to see numerous individuals come to Jesus during those services.

Finally, in order for us to fulfill all God has set before us there is a tremendous need for additional financial assistance from our sister congregations and concerned individuals. Additional funding beyond what we now receive is needed to cover the cost of utilities and new furnaces at the parsonage, to provide literature for the expansion of the Home Bible Study Groups to underwrite costs relative to the Gospel Jubilee and other outreach events, and preparatory needs of the Gospel Crusade.

Thanks for all your prayers and financial support of God's work in our ministry area, from Lucerne to Newtown, to Harris, to Osgood, to Humphreys and Reger; Mission points all "In your own backyard".

### **Encourager On Line**

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**Lineville** - Our church participated in Brush Arbor last week. With all of the rain and heat, they had a good turn out each evening. Summer is quickly passing and we are already getting ready for late summer and fall activities. In August we will be hosting our third Back to School Fair here at the church. Included are carnival games, prizes, refreshments and free school supplies! We are hoping for a good turn out with lots of fun to be had by all who attend. What a blessing it is to be able to help families in need. The children in our morning Sunday School classes are anxiously waiting for the first of August. This will end an eight week long attendance competition with the winners getting a day of free skating and fun at the Bethany skating rink. We have certainly had good attendance all these weeks and will have several children going. We are making plans for our After School Program which will begin the first of September. We hold this children's program every Wednesday after school. We offer snacks, playtime, bible study, a chance to memorize bible verses, and a host of other activities. We expect another good turn out this year. We hope everyone is enjoying the summer

**Mercer**— We would like to invite you to our monthly music night. It is really spiritual uplifting as everyone contributes to the praise in song and music. Third Sunday of the month at 6:30

**Princeton**- We are looking forward to Children's camp at Grand Oaks on August 9th-13th.

We have hired a Pastor— Dr. David Robertson and his wife, Barbara who will be coming the latter part of August.

We want to thank Brother Church Miller and his family for filling in for the past 8 months as our Interim Pastor. God Bless You for a wonderful service you have done.

**Salem**- On June-19th a surprise 40th Anniversary party was held for Tom and Sharon Grant, by their children and the church before Sunday school that morning. Rev. Steve Dennis gave the prayer. Cake and punch were served. Our 4th of July cook out on the grounds was a success, even though the threat of rain was to happen at any moment, the Lord held the rain off until we were done. Our VBS is getting prepared to start on July 18th. The Lords supper was held on July 11th during the morning worship service. August 28th a bridal shower will be held for Melissa Wayman, who is marrying Chasse Dennis, son of Bro. Steve and Peggy Dennis. August 29th we will be having the Sunnyview Nursing Home service at 2:00pm.

**Trenton First**- June and July have been busy months of ministry at FBC. We hosted World Changers June 21-25. We appreciated the help of other churches in the community that served meals,. July 18th we had a special time of prayer for those going from our Church with World Changers to Bon Terre, July 19-23.

Our VBS was well attended. We started with a prayer walk on July 7th followed by a block party and pre-registration on July 10th. Sunday evening to Thursday evening was our time of teaching, music, crafts and recreation. Sunday evening was our family fun night.

Senior Adults have been very busy. June 6th was Senior Sunday. June 25th we had a picnic at Moberly Park. On July 7th was breakfast at Galt. July 11-15th was Adult Vacation Bible School. July 23rd will be a game night with a light supper. September 24th a trip to the Pioneer Museum at Corydon, Iowa is planned.

## ***"The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry"***

**Trenton First Baptist Church  
Sunday, September 12th- 6:00 pm**

This movie is highly recommended and very evangelistic. It is for all ages. You will leave very inspired.

The DVD retails for \$24.98, but you will be able to purchase the DVD that night for \$20.00 and get the DVD "Unidentified" for **free.**



**EVERYONE WELCOME**



Reports coming in at this time from churches are that this has been a great VBS. If you have not submitted your report from your VBS, please do so as soon as possible. Even if you did not do Saddle Ridge, Lifeway would like to have the reports.

Next year Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in LifeWay's Big Apple Adventure™: Where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus – sharing the message of Christ with their world.

We will be having the Early Bird VBS Clinic in January or February that you can preorder your VBS sampler.

***Show-Me Sunday***

***Sunday School High Attendance Day- Sunday, October 31, 2010***