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Max Lucado- Fearless

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25% off Retail- Titles include:

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"Thank You God for Blessing Me" -\$5.25

"A Night Night Prayer:- \$6.75

Summer Novelty Items for Children

On these hot days a great time to sit in by the AC and read a book- several to choose from.

**Show-Me Sunday  
State-wide Sunday School  
High Attendance Day**

Suggested Date is Sunday, October 28, 2012

A packet of materials should arrive in August at your church.

[www.mobaptist.org/Sunday\\_school](http://www.mobaptist.org/Sunday_school)

**August**

- 7 E.J. Barnes
- 12 Aaron Stark
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**Power-Up  
REVIVAL**

**Trenton First Baptist Church  
Evangelist - Rev. Mike Wakeman**

(Pastor of new Life Fellowship- Holden, MO)

August 3- 5

Friday Service at 7:00 pm

Saturday Breakfast at 8:00 am  
Early Service at 9:30 am  
Evening Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Service at 10:40 am  
Carry in Church Dinner  
Afternoon Service at 1:30 pm  
Evening Service at 6:00 pm



**Princeton First Baptist**

**Saturday, 8:00 am**

**August 13, 2011**

**All Men Invited!**

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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**UPcoming  
EVENTS**



**Beth Moore Simulcast**

With Worship Leader Travis Cottrell

Saturday, September 15

Trenton First Baptist Church

Tickets- \$15.00 (includes noon meal)

This will be a live simulcast from Reading, PA

More information available soon. Contact Debbie at 359-3897

**North Grand River's 171st Annual Meeting**

Saturday, September 22, 2012

Modena Baptist Church

Breakfast at 8:00 am

Please submit all reports by August 22nd.

**Seminary Extension Begins October 4th**

"Old Testament Survey"

Mission Center at 7:00 pm- more information to come

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

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6

THOUGHTS  
FROM THE  
HEART

I know that these verses were written by the Apostle Paul to his beloved church of Philippi, but they also speak to me of my relationship to two ladies who are so important to my daily life and ministry. These ladies put up with my shortcomings more than anyone. They challenge me to be a better minister, as well as partner with me in this ministry in which our Lord has placed me.

They are both prayer warriors. They both are committed to growing in their relationship with Jesus. They both are very dedicated to the ministries God has entrusted to them. They both are wonderful wives, mothers and grandmothers. They both have a deep concern for those without Jesus and look for opportunities to share their faith with wisdom. They both are visionary. They both love the body of Christ and will do anything they can to help local churches. They both study God's Word and are growing in its wisdom and knowledge. I know that our Lord will complete what He has begun in them.

I am so thankful for the 41 years I'll be celebrating with Diann on our August 21st anniversary day.

I am also thankful for the 10 years we'll be celebrating with Debbie Dickinson on her August 12th anniversary day of serving as Administrative Assistant here at North Grand River Baptist Association. (She has partnered with me for 7½ of those 10 years.)

I can sincerely say it is a joy to pray for— and with— these ladies with great thanksgiving! Remember them in your prayers also— thanks!

For His Glory-

*E.J. Barnes*

### Northeast Missouri Regional Sunday School Leadership Conference

#### Missionary Sunday School

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Theme: Missionary Sunday School. One Mission. His Story. Every Person.

Featured Speaker: Rev. George Roach, Pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Chillicothe, Missouri  
First Baptist Church

207 E Washington Street, Kirksville, MO 63501

Conferences: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Classes for all Sunday School age group leaders - Preschool, Children, Youth, Adult, General Officers & Pastors.

There is no registration fee for the conference, however we are asking that each church register so that our conference leaders will have adequate materials for each participant. Please register by Friday, August 10, 2012 through the MBC Sunday School Ministries Office: [pjeffries@mobaptist.org](mailto:pjeffries@mobaptist.org) or 1-800-736-6227 ext. 463.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RIDE WITH E.J., MEET AT THE PARKING LOT AT THE MISSION CENTER AT 7:30 AM. IF SEVERAL ARE GOING PLEASE CONTACT E.J. SO CAN OBTAIN A VAN.**

June 2012 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT/Wed	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 161.45	\$ 25.00	12	18	9						
Edinburg	\$ 547.50	\$ 60.83	41	94	37		8	14	20		
Gallatin	\$ 592.57	\$ 50.00									
Galt	\$ 301.00	\$ 50.00									
Jameson											
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	31	81	36					4	
Laredo	\$ 540.00										
Lineville	\$ 168.40	\$ 33.68									
M. Valley	\$ 34.28	\$ 25.00	11	11							
Mercer	\$ 197.00	\$ 25.00		68	19						
Modena	\$ 114.43	\$ 100.00									
Princeton	\$ 532.30	\$ 50.00	94	119	30	12	22	14			
Ravanna	\$ 162.05	\$ 69.45	14	15							
Rural Dale	\$ 630.53	\$ 75.00									
Salem	\$ 98.82										
Shelburne	\$ 485.58	\$ 75.00	38	58	17	16	6				2
Spickard	\$ 100.00										
Tenth St.	\$ 692.47	\$ 69.03									
Trenton FB	\$ 768.77	\$ 170.84	103	157	59						
Union	\$ 221.23	\$ 100.00	49	67	37	49					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,373.38</b>	<b>\$1,003.83</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00									
MBC		\$ 460.00									

<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$455.21
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,062.38
<b>Benevolent Savings</b>	\$742.44
<b>NGR Savings</b>	\$4,431.91

<b>BSU- June- Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$10,177.55
Income	\$2,905.21
Total	\$13,082.76
Expenses	\$9,282.47
Ending Balance	\$3,800.29

BSU General Fund	\$3,198.64
BSU Designated Fund	\$601.65

<b>June 2012 NGR Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$5,675.29
Income	\$10,933.24
Total	\$16,608.53
Expenses	\$13,654.65
Ending Balance	\$2,953.88

<b>Line Items in NGR General Checking</b>	
Designated Funds	\$2,953.88
General Fund	\$0
Checking Balance Total	\$2,953.88

<b>NGR October- June 2012</b>	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$104,814.35
Expenses	\$106,186.81
Difference	(-\$1,372.46)



**Medicine Valley Ministry-** We conducted a food drive for the Medicine Valley Community Food Pantry the end of June and early July. Over 600 pounds of food have been received from the local communities and from several area churches with more to come.

Our appreciation and hearty thank you goes to Mt. Zion Christian Church at Humphreys, to members of the Newtown Christian Church, to Rural Dale, Edinburg and Ravanna Baptist Churches, the Senior Adult class at First Baptist Trenton, the Associational WMU and community friends and neighbors from Newtown and Humphreys.

We pick up food at Unionville from the Central Missouri Food Bank each month. In addition, we pick up another load most months at the Food Bank in Columbia.

While there is a wide range of food and related items secured from the Food Bank, canned vegetables and meat items are always in short supply.

We welcome support of our food pantry from churches and individuals throughout the area as we continue to meet the needs, in part, of a growing number of families.

We are presently assisting some 60 to 75 families each month. This past three months we provided food assistance to an average of 187 individuals per month.

Through our Celebrate Recovery Program we continue to minister to a number of individuals, and their families. Meetings presently are conducted on the first and third Friday's of each month and are open to the public.

We will be resuming Children's Bible Study at our home in Humphreys at 6:30 p.m. this week on Tuesday nights. We expect at a later date to resume Adult Studies as well.

Participation in our Sunday Morning services at the Chapel at Newtown continues to fluctuate like the preverbal yo yo, up and down, up and

*Medicine Valley Continued-*

down.....

Pray with us as we seek to establish dependable lay leadership, and that our Sunday attendance might become more stable.

Our financial need remains critical at this time to enable us to continue to expand these ministries. We thank God for all those who cheerfully support, with your prayers, time and finances, the on going work of this "Mission in your own backyard".

Our trust is in the Lord, that through his people He will continue to meet our every need. God's blessings be upon you all as you continue to serve Him.

**Gallatin-** We invite you to come and join us on Sunday, August 19th, as we will have Joel and LaBreeska Hemphill from Nashville with us. The concert will be at 6:00 pm with a love offering. Some of the songs he has done are "Consider the Lilies", "He's Still Workin on Me" and "Let's Have a Revival".

**FRESH GROUNDED FAITH**

**Featuring Speaker  
Jennifer Rothschild**

**Guest Speaker- Stormie Omartian  
Musical Guest- Michael O'Brien**

October 26-27, 2012  
Friday: 7:00-9:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Wyatt Park Baptist Church  
2902 N Leonard Rd, St. Joseph

**Tickets**

Early Bird Special (thru Oct. 1, 2012)  
\$34 Groups of 10+ \$39 Individual  
Buy 10, One free offer available online or call  
(800) 859-7992

[www.FreshGroundedFaith.com](http://www.FreshGroundedFaith.com)

**Jamesport-** We would like to invite the men of Jamesport and the surrounding towns to join us Monday night, August 6th at 7:00 pm. The Bible Study will be held every Monday night for 6 weeks at the Jamesport Baptist Church. Cost will be \$12, which covers the price of the workbook.

Men, it's time to raise the standard and remind ourselves of manhood as God intended it to be. If you would like to attend, contact Bro. Rich by Monday July 30th to order your book.

**Ravanna-** Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 pm, Ravanna Baptist Church is having a Farewell Service and Reception for Terry and Traci Busker and family as they will be moving to Texas on the 17th. Terry is going to school at Dallas Seminary to become whatever God leads him to be. We are inviting anyone who would like to give the family support and encouragement to be present.

Gary Stanton is serving as our interim pastor.

**Trenton First-** God is pouring out His blessings on First Baptist Church. Some of them are: An Amazing VBS, offering was given to help with the clothing give-away on August 4th in the Activity Center. Had a great VBS program followed by a BBQ and swim party.

Mission trips- we were blessed by the reports given by those who went on the Canada mission trip. When you this Encourager, a group will have gone to Cheyenne, Wyoming to minister at Frontier Days.

August 3rd, 4th and 5th we will be in revival with Rev. Mike Wakeman of Holden, Missouri as the evangelist.

Our fifth Sunday activity was a church wide picnic on July 29th at 6:00 pm.

August 18th we will have a training opportunity for Awana leaders at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Liberty. We are looking forward to Awanas starting in September.

**Union-** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16

We are proud to announce that Associate Pastor Doug Crawford and his wife, Dianna, have been called from Associate Pastor duties to Pastoral leadership in our Coon Creek Church by an unanimous vote at our monthly business meeting. We are excited about what God has in store for our church God has blessed us with- an anonymous donation of a digital piano to enhance our worship services.

The VBS Kick-Off was held July 11th with fun for all in attendance. Amazing Wonders in Aviation VBS was held on July 23-27th from 5:30-8:00 pm. It was a growing experience for all. Thank you to all that served to make VBS a huge success!

Our church will have an all church swim party on August 5th at Moberly Park from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Church cleaning/workday is scheduled for August 11th, and monthly business meeting scheduled for August 19th at 6:00 pm.

Services are Wednesday nights with supper at 6:00 pm/service at 7:00 pm. On Sunday, Sunday School begins at 10:00 am, Morning Worship at 11:00 am; Evening Service at 6:00 pm. All are welcome; please come join us!



Celebrate Recovery is here for you. If you don't need it, come to help others and share your successes. It is for all faiths and those with no

faith. We need you! Meetings in our area are held at Tenth Street Baptist Church every Saturday, starting at 6:00 pm with worship time, followed by small group time, then closes with a delicious meal at our Solid Rock Café which is served by one of our area churches. Rides are provided if needed and everyone is welcome. We see God working in changed lives and people are being saved.



### BSU @ NCMC

This summer has been full of opportunities to share Jesus with all ages. Our 2 summer missionaries have been the most committed to the task of sharing Jesus of any missionaries I have had the privilege to work with. It never ceases to amaze me how awesome our God is to orchestrate the details of "who" He calls to serve in our summer missions program. By the end of 10 weeks, Bola and Prince will have served in 4 week camps, 7 different VBSs, and a week in SE MO serving in a children's ministry teaching children about Jesus. If you add the numbers, the events outnumber the weeks. These 2 college students are going beyond the expectations to meet the needs of our churches as they serve Jesus. Please pray how you can bless these two this summer. They have abundantly blessed our churches.

Move-In-Saturday at NCMC is quickly approaching. The BSU is asking you to prayerfully consider ways to help us connect with new students coming to NCMC. We have ordered string backpacks, a stadium cup, and an ink pen to give as a gift to each student who moves into the dorms this year. We would like to stuff these backpacks with blessings that will show the students NGR churches and the BSU care about them. The backpacks, cups and pens all say BSU @ NCMC. We would like to put a pocket sized printing of the gospel of John in each pack. We can order 300 gospels for \$195. We would also like to put items such as: a package of ramen noodles, a tea bag, a hot-chocolate packet, a sticky note pad, a popcorn bag, crystal light lemonade packets for water bottles, etc... Would your mission group or church consider 1 of these items and provide 200 count of this item to be placed in each backpack? ie 200 bags of tea, or 200 popcorn bags...

Besides the backpacks for each dorm student, another need is for our NGR churches located near and around Trenton to provide a bookmark size card to promote the ministries and worship services that your church has for college students. Please bring these cards or bookmarks to Diann @ BSU by Wednesday 8/15, and we will have them available on our Welcome Table on Sat. 8/18. The other need for this day is again homemade cookies and bottles of water that we can offer to parents as they wait for their student to move into the dorms. If someone in your church has time to drop by our Welcome Table that day to meet parents and welcome them to Trenton, we would really appreciate your presence. We set up by 8:30am on that Saturday. Last year we had 3 different sets of parents drop by and ask us, "Where can I take my student to worship tomorrow here in Trenton?" If your church representative is there 8/18 then you can invite those parents and their students to your services.

Since May 2010 the BSU ministry has seen 5 college students embrace Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Four of these students have been baptized into one of our NGR churches. That may not sound like many, but they are changed lives who are on fire for Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray that the BSU ministry will hold true to our motto: "Know Jesus-Make Him Known!"

He Is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice—Jesus!!

*Diann Barnes*



Remember to pray for all the children, youth, college students, teachers, bus drivers and leaders in our school system as they return to school this month.



### September Shower

Due to some unexpected events, I have not been able to visit WOM groups as planned, but hope to be able to this month.

One Thursday evening in July, I was asked to be the VBS missions guest at FBC Gallatin, representing WMU and explaining its work and purposes. I would like to thank Shelly Sims for inviting me. It was exciting to be able to share about WMU with about 100 children plus workers.

On September 11th, Associational Ladies' Program and Prayer Luncheon will be at 10:30 am. The location will be announced later. Our program will include a shower for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. Also, hopefully we will have some reports on summer missions trips. Items needed for the MBCH: bath towels; wash cloths; hand towels; tooth brush covers/toothpaste; petroleum jelly; shoe box type containers; storage containers— all sizes; hair conditioner for all types hair; household items— foil, Ziploc bags— all sizes, trash bags, tall kitchen, plastic wrap, wax paper, laundry detergent, baby laundry detergent (dye free, fragrance free); dryer sheets; beach towels, women's underwear— esp sizes 5,6,7,8,9— no granny panties or thongs please; yoga type pants sizes small, medium, large, x-large and 2X.

Remember our new year coming up. It will soon be time for reports on new officers for the coming year.

*Bev Martin*  
WMU Director

### MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME APPLE FESTIVAL— 2012

September 8  
9:00 am—2:00 pm  
First Baptist Church, Raytown  
10500 E 350 Hwy, Raytown

All Activities will be indoors!

Handmade Quilt & Craft Auction  
Handmade Craft Sales  
Children's' Area with Clowns, Games,  
Prizes, Face Painting  
Apple Cider, Apple Fritters, Apple  
Dumplings, Apple Cobbler  
Whole pies for Sale  
Live Entertainment

For more information: [www.mbch.org](http://www.mbch.org)

### Northwest/Northeast WMU/Women's Ministry Retreat

Thursday, September 20, 2012  
Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly

Registration Fee: \$15.00 (includes noon meal)

Information packets given to WMU Directors

### GA Safari: Wild About Missions!

GA Retreat 2012  
Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly  
October 5-6  
October 12-13  
October 19-20



Artwork Contest  
Deadline: August 10, 2012  
For more information contact the  
Mission Center