



**“DO YOU BELIEVE” DVD  
ON SALE  
AUGUST 5th  
\$15.00  
SRP is \$24.99**

**NEW!** From Stephen and Alex Kendrick  
**WAR ROOM**

*Prayer is a Powerful Weapon*  
“War Room” Bible Study \$7.50  
“The Battle Plan for Prayer” \$14.40  
(If you have the opportunity to watch this movie in theatres, you will not want to miss it  
It will be showing beginning August 28th)

**Summer Novelty Items-**

Whistle with Bubbles- .75  
Sidewalk Chalk- looks like fish- .75

**Auto Window Decals Sale**

Most are western or with a fish  
\$5.10 Small—Sale \$2.50

**August**

- 7 E.J. Barnes
- 12 Aaron Stark
- 17 Ron Helton
- 21 EJ and Diann Barnes
- 31 Aaron and Michelle Stark



**Shelburne Baptist Church** is seeking a Bi-vocational Youth minister/Leader. If interested please call Pastor Aaron Stark at 660-339-7323 or send resume and letter of interest to:  
Shelburne Baptist Church  
C/O Aaron Stark  
423 W. 10th Street  
Trenton, MO 64683

**Remember to turn in your VBS Church Report Form— even if you did not do Lifeway, please submit the form.**

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

**ALTAR EGO.** by Len Jones



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

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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
- Spickard
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First\*
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Remember in prayer for all the children as they return to school- pray for their safety and for what they will be taught. Pray that they may have the relationships with their parents or other family members to discuss what they have been taught and know what

God's Word teaches.

Pray for the teachers. Pray for the bus drivers that all may be safe in traveling. Pray for all others that are involved- be it custodians, cooks, office help, nurses and many others involved.



Remember our churches in prayer as they begin their fall programs. Pray for teachers, leaders, families and that many will grow Spiritually as well as reaching out to others to come and know Jesus.

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

“...beseech you to live a walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things unto Him who is the head— Christ— from when the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:1-3, 15-16

I, like you, am grateful for the over all unity we have in our Association among our churches and among individuals. All of us would desire even more Spirit sourced unity. So much more is accomplished in the Kingdom of God when there is unity— when we are mutually supportive of one another— when we weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice— when we are mutually committed to carrying out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

The enemy is not pleased about the great fruit that is being produced through us. The enemy is aware of the potential record harvest that is just ahead if we will move forward in unity. The enemy would like to divide and conquer us and is working through every means to bring our unity in the Spirit to halt.

I believe if each of us would be filled and led by the Holy Spirit and would with His help obey God’s Word, we would be even more unified and would continue to grow stronger and healthier.

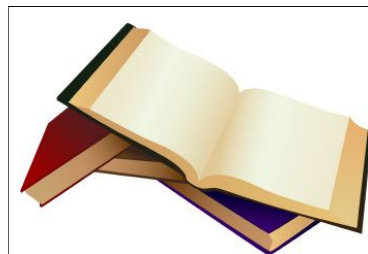
We must walk in integrity, in humility, in love, in peace and in truth with one another as brothers and sisters in Christ in order to experience and maintain true unity in the Spirit.

We must not relate to one another according to the flesh (according to our own thoughts, feelings and desires) or according to the world (according to what others’ own or mutual thoughts, feelings and desires are).

Continue to pray for one another as churches and individuals, as well as for me and Diann, that we would all operate in the power of God’s Spirit and thus in the center of His will. Let’s walk in the unity of the Spirit where there is the fruit of love, joy, peace and life eternal!

For His Glory-

*E.J. Barnes*



August will be the last month that the books from the NGR Media Library will be available in the foyer. The books are free and take all you want. There are many that are for Children and Preschool leaders. We are downsizing all the media books but we are still keeping some information books that you can check out.

## Church Giving

## Church Service Times

June 2015 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 272.37	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 730.77	\$ 81.20	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 795.88	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 148.00	\$ 25.00	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	\$ 508.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 190.96	\$ 63.65	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley	\$ 57.90	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 222.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 165.55	\$ 250.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 497.47	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna			9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 945.48	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 98.50	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 641.65	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.	\$1,272.56	\$ 212.09	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,111.12	\$ 111.11	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union			10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,753.21</b>	<b>\$1,143.05</b>
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00
MBC		\$ 460.00
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00
Zion BC		\$ 25.00
Milan FBC		\$ 314.71

Seminary Checking	\$263.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,294.99
Benevolent Savings	\$779.72
NGR Savings	\$436.18

BSU— October— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$4,175.32
Income	\$3,538.44
Total	\$7,713.76
Expenses	\$4,976.83
Ending Balance	\$2,736.93
General BSU Fund	\$1,836.69
Designated BSU Fund	\$900.24

Join any of these churches in worship

### June 2015 NGR Account

Beginning Balance	\$10,083.60
Income	\$11,878.44
Total	\$21,962.04
Expenses	\$10,507.39
Ending Balance	\$11,454.65

### Line Items in General Checking

Designated Funds	\$7,080.05
General Fund	\$4,374.60
Checking Balance Total	\$11,454.65

### NGR October 2014—June 2014

(Does not include designated funds)

Income	\$98,256.85
Expenses	\$93,044.37
Difference	\$5,212.48



**Edinburg**— we have been quite busy the months of June and July. We had a Baptism service and a one day VBS which was closed out with a cook out for all. We had our Annual

Fish Fry with 75 attending. “Four His Love” gospel group had their ministry in songs on our fifth Sunday. The concert was well received by all who attended with several area churches represented.

On July 1: Paul and Lori Babb gave their program on their mission work in the Ukraine. Lori spoke at the WMU meeting and Paul spoke to the Men’s Bibles Study. Finger foods and fellowship followed.

On July 5: Children’s Church sponsored a Fellowship and Fun night. There were hot dogs and homemade ice cream. Mr. Lynn McVay gave hot air balloon rides. Sixty six attended and fun was had by all.

On July 12: The Ladies Book Study reviewed the book “Chasing Sunsets” by Karen Kingsbury. It was decided the next book would be “Jaded” by Varina Denman.

On July 18: A singspiration was held with various talent from our local area. What an inspiration they were for the 69 that attended.

Our search committee is working and seeking God’s will for a new pastor. Rev. Ed Bell and JC Davis have been filling the pulpit.

**Medicine Valley**- In August we will be starting a new series of studies in our Adult Home Bible Study Group meetings at our home in Humphreys. Included in the studies will be several videos from the Creation Museum and a booklet entitled “God’s Plan After Salvation”.

We are scheduled to resume Bible Study and Celebration Station the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of August for Children and Youth. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August.

On Sunday, July 19, I will begin a new series of messages at the Baptist Chapel at Newtown emphasizing God’s nature as our loving heavenly Father.

Through the Food Pantry last month we have provided assistance to 180 individuals in 68 households. This included 62 children in 32 families.

The booth we have at “Dusty Attic” in Jamesport is providing some, much needed, additional funding for our ministries, although more is needed. Donations of old tools, windows, doors, trim, jewelry and glass and kitchen items can be of help as well as cash donations.

We are truly grateful for help received in whatever form: food items for the pantry, cash donations, prayer support and volunteer assistance in the food pantry and otherwise.

We are presently planning to sell the parsonage at Newtown. This will enable us to better undergird these ministries through another year and perhaps beyond.

Again our thanks to all who support this “Mission in your own backyard”.

**Trenton FBC**— We had a great VBS. Family night which was such a blessing with all of the families attending and participating in the fellowship after the program.

We are looking forward to hear from those away from us in ministry at this time.

Paul and Lori Babb have been a great blessing, sharing with us while they are on furlough from the Ukraine.

Thank you for praying for us as our search committee seeks a pastor for our church.



*First Baptist Church WMU  
Invites you to a Worldcrafts Brunch  
Saturday, September 12, 2015  
10:30 am  
Downstairs Fellowship Hall*

**VBS  
Rural Dale Baptist Church  
August 3rd-7th**

**Coon Creek**— “Journey off the Map”, was a blessing. Our VBS was well attended this year and we had lots of fun which was enjoyed by all who attended. We had 110 enrolled, with an average of 75 kids and 7 who made decisions for Christ. Amen and Praise the Lord! All ages, had several parents come out this year with their kids and made it a family affair. We were also blessed with over 45 workers. Had great crafts, wonderful recreation time, music, missions, and Bible study. We had supper every night and a kick-off with a special guest, Hannah Persell, from our Crowder State Park, a wonderful program, great fellowship. and a swim party, very well attended. We also had a VBS- Gifted program, Hawaiian off the map theme, finger food, Devotion - about following our guide our Lord. Games, crafts, songs around the bonfire, and a visit to our picture booth, great fun. We had an Adult VBS and had average of 56. We were so blessed with helpers for all our events. Thanks, so much for donations, prayers, set-up, tear down, clean up, create, food prep, any help in any way.

In conjunction with our VBS Program on Friday evening, we commissioned Maerissa Knapp as a missionary to Kenya.

Maerissa will be teaching preschool at the West Nairobi School in Karen, Kenya. She is serving through the network of International Christian Schools (NICS). This is a low-income position and NICS recommends outside support. Anyone who feels led to help Maerissa in this endeavor can contact her Mom, Sherry Knapp at 660-789-3841. Any and all gifts would be appreciated. No gift is too small— it can be used by God.

As her home church, we at Coon Creek are excited to “send out” one of our own and are looking forward to seeing what God will do through her.



### Baptist Global Response- Bucket Project Update

Missouri's first 486 buckets for 2015 arrived at the Houston port and were sent to Mozambique. The next load of buckets is promised to Togo and will be distributed in Togo, Ivory Coast, and Burkina Faso. Please let your people know of our appreciation of those who have already contributed and please encourage those who have not taken the opportunity to fill a bucket to make it a summer family or group project.

Stories arrive on a regular basis of folks whose lives have been changed for eternity because someone loved them into the Kingdom through A Bucket of Love.

You are a major key to the success of this project and we truly appreciate your help in continuing to get the word out as we push forward toward the challenge of filling 5,000 buckets in 2015.

Be sure to remind everyone that donations may be sent to First Baptist Church, Raytown, 10500 East 350 Highway, Raytown, MO 64138. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Raytown with the notation "For Bucket Project".

Remember to go online to [www.gobgr.org/buckets](http://www.gobgr.org/buckets) to find any information you might need, and don't hesitate to reply to call us at 816-830-5367 or 816-809-2267 if you have further questions.

May God bless your summer in a mighty way,

Bill and Carol Bowers  
Missouri Coordinators for The Bucket Project

### Annual Meeting Saturday, September 19th Tenth Street Baptist Church

- ACP's have been sent to the churches or the clerk. Please return the forms to the office by August 18th. Remember to include your Memorial list. Also need your church history for the last year.
- All Department reports need to be turned in by August 28th.
- All calendar items need to be turned in by August 28th.
- Please elect your messengers and turn in with your ACP. Messengers are based upon the following numbers— every church receives 4 for the first 100 members. After that for each fraction you can elect one member up to a total of 10. Messenger computation is based on resident membership. Pastors do not automatically count as a messenger.

Messengers for Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting- Messengers are based on 1 member for every 100 total members. October 26-28, 2015 at Springfield, MO



Meet at the Mission Center  
Saturdays at 8:30 am  
August 15th  
August 22nd  
August 29th  
September 5th

### Upcoming Events

**Missouri Baptist Children's Home**  
Apple Festival  
September 12- 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
FBC at Raymore, MO

**National Sunday School Director Seminar**  
Raytown FBC  
September 12, 2015  
Cost- \$39

**Northwest WMU Retreat**  
Grand Oaks  
Thursday, September 17, 2015  
Cost \$15- includes lunch

**Seminary Extension**  
Fall Class on Thursday evenings- October 1  
"NT 2175 Romans"

### Volunteers Needed!

Medicine Valley Community Ministry needs volunteers to help with the preparation and distribution of the Food Pantry Ministry

The food is distributed every month on the 3rd Thursday. The food boxes are put together on the Tuesday prior to the 3rd Thursday at the Newton Baptist Chapel from 9 am to noon.



July dates to help with food distribution at Medicine Valley Community Ministry  
August 18th- Prepare Boxes at Newtown Baptist Chapel- 9 am to noon  
August 20th- Food Distribution



### National Sunday School Director Seminar

September 12, 2015 (Saturday)  
Raytown - Kansas City Area, MO: First Baptist Church

HIGHLY ENERGETIC, INTENSELY FOCUSED, QUICK-MOVING AND TOTALLY DEVOTED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS!

Sunday School Directors, Pastors and Ministers of Education,  
Department Directors, Age Division Coordinators

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