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August

- 2 Christy Gottman
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- 12 Aaron Stark
- 14 Josh & Christy Gottman
- 14 Abner Neill
- 17 Ron Helton
- 21 E.J. & Diann Barnes
- 31 Aaron & Michelle Stark



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From the Executive Board-

At the July 16th Executive Board meeting the budget was presented and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

It was voted to tile and paint the kitchen upstairs.

Mark Clifton presented a proposal from his time serving as Interim DOM. He recommended a New Direction Team that would look at the concerns that had been expressed to him from the pastors and leaders of the association. The New Direction's Team would present their findings at the annual meeting. Those serving on that team are: Steve Dennis, Doug Crawford, Tim Munday, John Rice, Iva Gail Ratliff and Debbie Dickinson.

At the end of the Executive Board Meeting was end of Mark's service as Interim Director of Mission's, he will continue as an consultant to help the New Direction's Team.

The conference room has been painted and new carpet is down. In the serving area wood tile was laid.

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



- Alpha
- Edinburg
- Gallatin
- Galt
- Jamesport
- Laredo
- Lineville
- Medicine Valley
- Mercer
- Modena
- Princeton
- Ravanna
- Rural Dale
- Salem
- Shelburne
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First
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North Grand River Baptist Association- Presents
A night with RZIM Ministers
Saturday September 15th 2018
from 6:30 – 8:30
Ketchum Center

On the campus of NCMC Trenton Mo.
With Guest Speaker

Nathan Rittenhouse an Itinerant Speaker
with Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

Nathan will also be conducting a Q&A session following his message, and will entertain all questions concerning Faith, Christ, God, And Christianity.

Free will Love offering will be taken

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



And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. – Genesis 26:18

Each year more than 800 Southern Baptist churches cease to exist. That's more than 15,000 churches in the past 20 years. The vast majority of the churches that ceased to exist were in communities that had experienced population growth in the previous decade.

Make no mistake, when Southern Baptist loose over 15,000 churches in one generation the enemy is at work attempting to rob God of His glory and limit the impact of the Gospel on the lives of people. The declining and death of churches in the midst of communities of people who need the gospel is an act of spiritual warfare. Thousands of churches have been buried by the enemy in such as way that they can no longer effectively provide a source of life giving hope.

I have personally experienced the toil, the danger, the frustration and the unimaginable joy of unstopping a well. Our church, Wornall Road had long ago been filled in by the enemy. Long ago they had lost their focus and passion and no longer did they serve the neighborhood. But it was still a church. There was indeed life giving water if the work was done to dig again the well.

Church revitalization is digging again the well. It is most challenging and personally costly task I have ever undertaken. It has been and continues to be worth every ounce of effort to bring life to a dry land for God's glory and our joy.

Here in North Grand River Association we have many churches who need to dig again that wells. As you look to a new future and a new leader be praying that all of us will see the need to revitalize our churches to open up wells of living water for all of our region.

Pray for your New Directions Team -(Steve Dennis, Doug Crawford, Tim Munday, John Rice, Iva Gail Ratliff and Debbie Dickinson) as they begin their work next week to help your association discover the future our Lord has in store.

I have enjoyed serving as your Interim DOAM. My role with you concluded July 16, 2018. I am committed to working with your New Directions Team and your association as a coach/consultant in the weeks ahead as you seek your new future.

God bless you all!

Mark Clifton

Church Giving

Church Service Times

June 2018 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 144.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 647.51	\$ 71.95	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 683.41	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt			10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	7:00	7:00
Laredo	\$ 206.03	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 198.72	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley			9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 121.85	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 40.74		10:00	10:40	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 179.29	\$ 80.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 133.48	\$ 57.21	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 646.22	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:45	5:00	6:00
Salem	\$ 119.99	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 553.33	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Tenth St.	\$ 403.01	\$ 134.33	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,014.42	\$ 92.22	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 179.20	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00

Total	\$5,296.20	\$ 885.71
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00
Milan FBC		\$ 126.48
MBC		\$ 920.00

Seminary Checking	\$134.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,329.24
Benevolent Savings	\$808.70
NGR Savings	\$8,571.11
Knapp Scholarship	\$5,409.67
BSU- June- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$6,897.00
Income	\$2,448.71
Total	\$9,295.71
Expenses	\$745.93
Ending Balance	\$8,549.78
General BSU Fund	\$8,489.11
Designated BSU Fund	\$60.67

Join any of these churches in worship

NOTE: BSU included in NGR Account below.

June 2018 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$42,489.77
Income	\$10,515.42
Total	\$53,005.19
Expenses	\$16,941.19
Ending Balance	\$36,064.00
Line Items in NGR Checking	
NGR Designated Funds	\$4,472.52
NGR General Fund	\$23,041.70
BSU Line Item Balance	\$8,549.78
NGR October 2017—June 2018 (Includes BSU & Designated Funds)	
Income	\$114,561.20
Expenses	\$118,738.05
Difference	\$4,176.85



Edinburg- The BBQ for the young group went well and was enjoyed by all.

We had 4 to attend the NGR Senior Society meeting on July 3rd. Pastor Brad Prater of Rural Dale had the message in song. It was a blessing. There were 16 attending and 5 churches represented.

We had a real good turn out for VBS this year. We had a swim party on July 7th as part of VBS. Everyone enjoyed the food, swimming and fellowship together.

We had our ice cream social on the 8th of July. Everyone enjoyed the homemade Ice Cream, hot dogs, chips and wonderful fellowship.

We had 7 to 8 children and one brave leader that went to Children's Camp. If you haven't ever helped at camp, maybe think and pray about helping next year. I know I (Kelli) have been blessed by going and helping out!

On July 29th we are planning a movie at 6 pm at our church, "I Can Only Imagine". As always everyone is welcome at our church. Hope to see you there!

Princeton- Our VBS attendance was an average of 46 children each day.

We are having a monthly night of worship with all churches welcome to attend and if anyone has a talent let Pastor Abner or Abi Neill know.

Our July worship attendance was 80+ with good singing from our ladies and the special.



Trenton FBC— July has been a very busy month for us. A group went on a mission trip to Canada, VBS, family night at the Royals, Keenager events and we ended the month with a church picnic at Crowder.

The Wednesday night group is spending most of the time in prayer for the ministries of the church, the lost, other churches in the association and other needs. Most of the time is spent in prayer and then Bible Study in Judges. It is a time of blessing to each one as together we pray and study God's Word. You are welcome to join us.

July 30th the youth will leave for Super Summer Youth Camp. They have been busy with activities and studying God's Word.

While all these activities are good and fun we are challenged to make each one a time to "Connect, Grow and Serve", our church's mission statement.

**North Grand River Association
Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 29, 2018
Shelburne Baptist Church**

**ACP'S Due August 27th
Department Reports Due September 4**

**Don't forget to elect your messengers
at the August business meeting**

Each church is allowed 4 messengers and beyond the first 100 members a church or mission shall have one additional messenger. An additional messenger shall be named for each fraction of 100 members beyond the first 100 members. Limit of 10 messengers per church. Only registered messengers are eligible to vote.

Union Coon Creek—Maerissa Knapp who is visiting from Africa shared on July 1st about her upcoming backpack tour through Europe and sharing Jesus as they go. After the tour she will return to Africa to continue her teaching ministry in Kenya.

We have had 2 baptisms since our last report and Pastor Doug has just finished a series on Letting Go from the 1st part of Moses life in Exodus. We also look forward to our Deacon in training, Bob Clover coming along side our other deacons and growing in his service to Jesus Christ. Bob's wife is Joyce.

We held our kickoff for Bible School July 5th at CF Russell stadium and followed with Bible School nightly from July 6th – 11th. Our theme was "Game On" with a decorative setting based on athletics and growing strong in studying our playbook, the Bible. We averaged 65 people a night in attendance, with close to 90 for our closing program. We seen 3 salvations and 2 commitments on following through with baptisms.

We have several enrolled for children's camp in July.

We regret the resignation of our associate pastor Matt Arthuad but wish him the blessings of God as he goes to Columbia MO to practice in the cardiac ER department. We also give a hearty Congratulations to Matt and Kara On the birth of their new twin girls Elise Micah and Olivia Mae.

We look forward to our 5th Sunday meal on the 29th of July and remind everyone we go to East-view Nursing Home every 3rd Sunday of the month.



**August
NGR Church Prayerlist**

Alpha & Salem
Edinburg & Rural Dale
Gallatin & Ravanna
Galt & Princeton
Jamesport & Modena
Laredo & Union
Lineville & Trenton FBC
M. Valley & Tenth St
Mercer & Shelburne

**The Mission
Center will be
Closed for
Labor Day on
Monday,
September 3**

*Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...*

1 Corinthians 15:58

**Missouri Baptist Children's Home
Apple Festival 2018
September 8**

First Baptist Church, Raymore
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Handmade Quilt & Craft Auction
Fun & Free Children's Area
Food including Breakfast, lunch and a
variety of Apple Treats

Live Christian Entertainment

www.mbch.org
1-800-264-6224



ON MISSION: HIT THE ROAD!

October 12-13 at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly
Registration Deadline is October 4, 2018

Register online at mobaptist.org/wmu Online registration is \$36.00
T-shirts available for \$7.00 each through 9/17/18

GA RETREAT is a missions' education experience for girls in grades 1-6. *All girls, from any organization may attend- they do NOT have to be part of Girls in Action!* Girls will have fun in a camp setting, meeting girls from other churches. They will meet missionaries and participate in games, crafts, Bible study, prayer and more!

For more information, contact Terri Broeker at 217-779-3396 or
tbroeker@marktwain.net

Artwork Contest- Drawings will be chosen for: Banners, Retreat Bookmark, Program Cover and Retreat T-Shirt

Artwork Guidelines: Must be drawn by girls on 8½ by 11 copy paper; no computer designs; Simple 2-3 color design (avoid small drawings; Print name-church-city on back; Include leader name and phone number on back.) DEADLINE 8/31/18
Send to Teri Broeker, 269723 275th Ave, Ewing, MO 63440

Minister's Juggling Act- Retreat for Ministers- September 27-29 What is the Minister's Juggling Act?

Are you tired from trying to juggle all of life's priorities? Would you like a better balance between ministry and family?

MBC Family Ministries team wants to make an investment in your ministry and family. We are funding this event except for your registration cost per couple, which includes lodging, conference materials, and most meals.

This is a time for you to relax and be casual. It's a getaway, an opportunity for you to refocus on your main priorities. Because this is a couples event, we encourage you to make arrangements for your children in order to maximize your time together. This event is for all church ministry staff. Come and have a great time with your spouse!

Each retreat session is limited to 75 couples. For more information call 800-736-6227, ext 342 or email family@mobapitst.org. Cost: First Time Attendees: \$249 per couple; Returning Participants: \$299 per couple.



I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.
1 Corinthians 9:22-23

NORTHWEST REGIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly, Chillicothe, Missouri Thursday, September 20, 2018

Registration 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Mission Project: New or Gently Used Bibles to Go Overseas

Cost: \$15.00 that includes lunch

Mail Registration form to: Bev Null, 13584 NE Craig, Breckenridge, MO 64625

Make Check Payable to: Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly

NOTE: Please put "NW Missouri WMU Training" in Memo

Registration Forms are preferred by Thursday, September 13th in order to plan for lunch.

