



DECEMBER SALES

NOVEMBER 28—DECEMBER 2
ALL BOXED CARDS
15% OFF

DECEMBER 5-9
BIBLES— 15% OFF
BIBLE CASES— 10% OFF

DECEMBER 12-16
CD's, DVD's— 10% OFF

DECEMBER 19-23
BOOKS— 10% OFF

IN-STORE SPECIALS THROUGH THE MONTH

CHILDREN NATIVITIES



December

- 3 Lewis Rogers
- 6 Linda Niffen
- 16 Kenny Wilson
- 19 Abner & Jennifer Neill
- 26 Jennifer Trunk



Trenton Downtown Christmas

On December 9th the Trenton area will be having a downtown celebration. The Bookstore will be part of the merchants staying open that night until 8 pm. For that day only everything in the Bookstore will be 10% off.

We need Christmas carolers to sing carols as they go up and down the street. If you have a group that can participate in this please call me. I am looking at groups for 30 minute intervals.

BOOKSTORE OPENED TILL 8:00 PM
DECEMBER 9, 2016

EVERYTHING IN STORE IS 10% OFF
ONE DAY ONLY!



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Trenton First Baptist
Saturday, 8:00 am
December 17, 2016
All Men Invited!

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2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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“Churches working together to fulfill Jesus’ Great Commission.”
Matthew 28:18-20

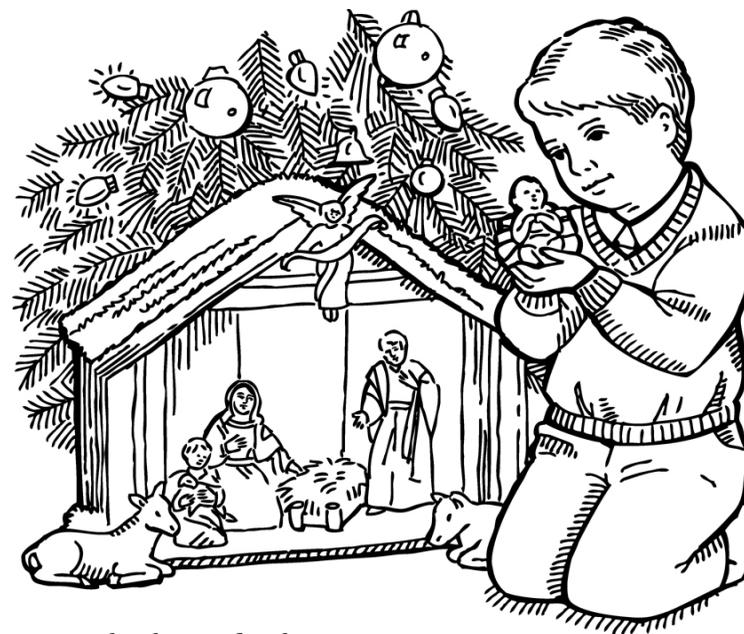


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- Edinburg
- Gallatin
- Galt
- Jamesport
- Laredo
- Lineville
- Medicine Valley
- Mercer
- Modena
- Princeton
- Ravanna
- Rural Dale
- Salem
- Shelburne
- Spickard*
- Tenth Street
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*May the love of Christ
Fill your heart this Christmas
And throughout the New Year.*

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

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

God's Promise to Mary

"Blessed is she who believed, for their will be a fulfillment of those things, which were told her from the Lord"

And Mary said,

My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted them of lowly.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. Luke 1:45-55

From all appearances, Mary was an ordinary girl living in a one stop-light town— when an amazing moment revealed both her extraordinary character and her uncommon faith in her un-seen and ever faithful God. Believing the angel's outrageous claim that she would give birth to God's Son and completely trusting that the Almighty would enable her to walk that path, Mary yielded her life—her very body— to her Creator. Despite the cost to her, despite the public shame and her derailed dreams, Mary was a model of humble and willing submission to the Lord's plans, and the world has celebrated her obedience to God for more than two thousand years.

Taken from "The Hope of Christmas"

Beginning in January there will be an article from one of the pastor's in our association on this page.

The Mission Center will be closed December 26th and 27th for the Christmas Holidays. We will be open Friday, December 23rd.

The Mission Center will be closed January 2nd for New Year's Holiday and open on January 3rd.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

*We wish you a Wonderful Christmas
And a Joyous New Year in our Lord.*

*The staff of NGR
Debbie Dickinson
Christina Boatright
Doug Crawford*

Church Giving

Church Service Times

October 2016 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 95.33	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 523.09	\$ 58.12	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 579.37	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 113.00	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Jameson		(\$425.00)	9:30	10:30		
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	7:00	7:00
Laredo	\$ 284.28		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 300.06	\$ 100.00	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley			9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 165.15	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 324.42	\$ 250.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 319.87	\$ 80.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 130.87	\$ 56.09	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 810.72	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 94.11	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 562.24	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.			9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,021.33	\$ 102.13	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 153.26	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00
Total	\$5,572.10	\$ 646.34				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Zion BC		\$ 50.00				
Milan FBC		\$ 157.31				

Join any of these churches in worship

NOTE: BSU included in NGR Account below.

October 2016 NGR Account

Beginning Balance	\$28,588.21
Income	\$18,916.34
Total	\$47,504.65
Expenses	\$11,722.45
Ending Balance	\$35,782.20

Line Items in NGR Checking

NGR Designated Funds	\$9,662.54
NGR General Fund	\$18,606.08
BSU Line Item Balance	\$7,513.58

NGR October 2016

(Includes BSU & Designated Funds)

Income	\$18,916.44
Expenses	\$11,722.45
Difference	\$7,193.99

Seminary Checking	\$109.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,305.08
Benevolent Savings	\$783.83
NGR Savings	\$463.16
BSU- October- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$8,122.93
Income	\$1,523.67
Total	\$9,646.40
Expenses	\$2,133.02
Ending Balance	\$7,513.58
General BSU Fund	\$7,259.80
Designated BSU Fund- Canada	\$253.78



Edinburg- The new pastor and his wife have moved into the parsonage.

Our Church hosted a balloon event for everyone and several members combated height fears and took the challenge to go up in the balloon. We had soup afterwards with around 75 people in attendance. We also dedicated our new steeple. It was a wonderful event with pictures taken and Bro. Ed Bell and Pastor Ron giving messages. We looked back on our church and what it means to have the steeple. The money was donated when our deacon and friend, Archie Wynne, passed away; it was a dream of his to have a steeple on the church. I know he would have been proud of the steeple and his family.

Our children and youth had a hayride, and trunk and treat on Oct. 30, we had 82 kids and adults. Thanks to the church and the neighborhood for furnishing some yummy snacks, and Chris and Danny Gott for getting the trailer and tractor to pull the hayride.

We had our first event for the Older Adults; it was a coffee, breads, and games. It was a smaller attendance but we had great fellowship. The next event for our older adults is a movie, set up at the church, on November 17th.

We had our joint Thanksgiving services with Dockery Chapel and Shelburne on Nov. 18th at Dockery Chapel.

Our Church had its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov 20. We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and that we remember just how fortunate we are and to be thankful for all the freedoms of our great country.

Edinburg Continued:

The WOM held a packing party to fill the shoe boxes for Christmas. We packed 50 boxes.

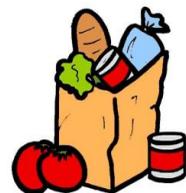
Christmas is getting close and we are having program practice and costumes being made at an amazing rate of speed. We love doing our programs and at the last minute when you think it will never come together, God says, "let go and let me", and it just happens miraculously. Our Christmas program is Dec. 4 at 6 PM. We had a movie night for our older Adults, and we had attending the movie God is not Dead #1. IT was a great movie and great fellowship. Christmas eve service is set for 6 PM, a quiet time to remember the true and only meaning of Christmas. Christmas day service will be at 11 AM with no Sunday school that day or no evening service.

We invite you to come see what's happening at Edinburg Baptist Church!

The New Year is just around the corner; pray for new beginnings and that we might grow in the right direction.

Volunteers Needed!

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



December dates to help with food distribution at Medicine Valley Community Ministry
 December 13th– Prepare Boxes at Newtown Baptist Chapel– 9 am to noon

December 15th– Food Distribution

Medicine Valley- Our plans for the season; Thanksgiving thru Christmas, includes the following:

*A Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday December 3rd (which incidentally is also the pastor's 85th birthday). A good attendance is expected including various members of our support churches.

*A Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for a portion of our morning worship services on Sunday, December 18 and services on Sunday the 25th will include a message on the coming of Christ.

*On Sunday, November 27 we began a series of messages entitled "The Gift of Christmas" to conclude with the Christmas message on the 25th of December.

*At Humphreys we began a series of Wednesday night Bible Studies utilizing David Jeremiah's messages and study material entitled "Is This The End?" (for America and for the world).

Attendance at Newtown has shown a gradual increase over the past several months and attendance at the Humphreys midweek Bible Studies has remained steady.

EJ Barnes filled the pulpit on Sunday, October 23rd during the pastor's absence. Also assisting in the Sunday School and Music services were Diann Barnes and Christina Boatright. We are grateful for the help provided by all of these while we were on vacation at Branson.

We remain ever grateful for all who support these ministries; those churches and individuals who support these ministries financially and all who assist with the food ministry. We thank God for all who continue to support this, "Mission in Your own Backyard"! God Bless you one and all.



Trenton FBC- December 4th-11th is IMB week of Prayer. There will be a group meeting each day of the week with time spent praying for the missionary focus that day.

December 11th at 6:00 pm will be our Children's Choir presentation of "Really, Really, Really Good News ". Christy Gottmam is the Children's Choir Director. On December 18th during the morning worship service at 10:40 am the Adult Choir will be presenting "Mary Did You Know", directed by Lisa Reid.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 5:00 pm.

The men will be hosting the NGR Brotherhood Breakfast on Saturday, December 17th at 8:00 am. We encourage all the men of the association to come.

We would love to have you come and join us for any of these celebrations of Christ's birth.

Union- We had our annual hayride with 2 wagon load of riders and a devotion by Pastor Doug and ate hot dogs afterward around a bonfire with several workers who did not ride.

We set up a booth for the Rock Barn harvest festival giving away bags of candy and tracts. We like to call it "Tract or Treat".

We held our Church Thanksgiving meal on the Last Sunday of the month in October. Trey Shaw gave our morning message and Micah Knapp led our Worship music.

We are on countdown for our annual Thanksgiving Community meal and delivery.



Hello BSU Friends and Supporters,

I just wanted to inform everyone that things are going great here at the BSU, we have high numbers but most importantly we are seeing great growth spiritually amongst our students.

One of our big events was our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on November 20th at the Mission Center. This event was open to all students and their families. Thank you so much to all those who helped and served the students.

The BSU will also be doing Finals Survival bags for students during finals week, items that you can donate to make this happen would be popcorn, hot chocolate, candy of any kind, tea bags, stress balls, pens, encouragement cards etc. There would need to be at least 150 of whatever item you choose to fill the bags with, we will need all donations by December 2.

I am in the process of scheduling churches for the noon meal on Wednesdays for the Spring Semester 2017. If you would like to sign up your church you may contact me at 660-635-0089 or email me at chrstn_boatright@yahoo.com or leave a message with Debbie at the office.

Also just a reminder to all our financial supporters that we now have one checking account with the association so to give to the BSU please be sure designate your checks in the memo line to the BSU.

Thank you for everything and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at the number written above!

For Jesus,
Christina Boatright



NGR WMU

Please come and join us on December 20th for program and luncheon. Alan Brock will be our guest speaker. Bro. Alan is the Director of Missions for Linn-Livingston Baptist Association located in Meadville. The meeting begins at 10:30 with a carry in luncheon to follow.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer went very well. We had several guest speakers. Virginia Crumpacker did a great job putting the program together. Following is the list of speakers and the country they did a mission trip to: Christy Gottman spoke about her trip to China; Sherry Betz spoke about Haiti; Nora Gottman spoke about the Dominican Republic; Marjorie Keuhn spoke about Canada; Evelyn Trichel spoke about the Czech Republic. Thank you ladies, it was very interesting and informative.

As always we had a wonderful lunch. Please note that the January meeting will begin at 11:30 am.

Beverly Martin,
Assistant WMU Director

2017 Great Commission Conference (formerly the MBC Evangelism Conference)



Join us in Springfield Feb. 23-25, 2017, for the Great Commission Conference. Formerly known as the MBC Evangelism Conference, the 2017 GCC is an expanded multi-generation event to equip and encourage Missouri Baptists in all facets of gospel ministry. It is designed for pastors, church staff leaders, students, campus missionaries, and anyone else seeking encouragement and equipping for The Mission!

There will be biblical preaching and teaching, corporate worship, training / equipping, networking/ relationship-building, and story sharing. Together we will celebrate God's work among us to make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders.

Theme: Transform

Where: Ridgecrest Baptist Church, 2210 W Republic Road, Springfield, MO 65807.

When: Feb. 23-25, 2017

What: Biblical preaching and teaching, and corporate worship; training / equipping; networking/ relationship-building; story sharing; celebration of God's work among us to make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders.

Cost: There is no cost to participate. The registration fee is provided by your faithful giving to Missouri missions through the Cooperative Program.

Speakers:

- Dr. Alvin Reid (Senior professor of evangelism at SEBTS)
- Dr. Robert Smith (Christian Preaching professor, Beeson Divinity School)
- Dr. John Avant (Concord Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN)
- Dr. Ed Litton and Kathy Litton (Redemption Church, Mobile AL; NAMB consultant for ministry to pastor's wives)
- Dr. David Garrison (Global Gates Executive Dir.; former IMB Global Strategist for Evangelical Advance)

"the gospel resounds"

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2016

Your gifts provide salaries and living expenses for missionaries, education for their children, language training and funds for their ministries, enabling them to work and live in global cities and extreme places. Your gifts help missionaries raise up and equip local believers to become effective leaders. Training in biblical church-planting strategy leads them to become church planters among their own people — and the nations.