

December Calendar of Events

- 4 NCMC Last Day
- 5 Pastors, Wives & Staff Christmas Party
- 6-13 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Emphasis
- 15 Ladies Prayer Luncheon- FBC- 10:30
- 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast- FBC- 8:00 am
- 24 Mission Center Closed
- 25 Christmas- Mission Center Closed
- 31 Inventory- Mission Center Closed

North Grand River
Executive Board Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2010
7:00 pm
Mission Center

Please submit reports by Jan. 12, 2010

Tenth Street Baptist Church invites you
To a Gospel Concert with

Steve Ladd

On Saturday, December 5th
At 6:00 pm

Also appearing will be
Living Water, Glory Road and the Veatch's

December Birthdays

- 3 Lewis Roger's
- 6 Linda Niffen



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Christmas Programs

Gallatin

Sunday, December 13-- Children's
Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20-- Adult Cantata

" Sing Joy " 10:40 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 24--Christmas Eve - 5-7 pm

Galt

December 20th-- Christmas Program-- 6pm

Jamesport

Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 19th-- 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 20th-- 11:00 am

Laredo

December 13-- Christmas Program-- Evening
Finger Food Fellowship after program

Princeton

Candlelight Service- December 24th-- 7:00 pm

Salem

December 20th-- 6:00 pm

Spickard

December 20th- 10:00 am

No Sunday School

Trenton First

December 13th-- 10:40 am

"Emmanuel"

Guest Speakers to follow

Greg Pitchford & Donnie Kamp

(Lay Speakers for a Mission trip to Africa)

December 24th-- 5:30 pm

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
- Jameson*
- Jamesport
- Laredo
- Lineville*
- Medicine Valley
- Mercer
- Milan Hispanic
- Modena
- Princeton*
- Ravanna*
- Rural Dale
- Salem
- Shelburne
- Spickard
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First
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Christmas Blessing

*May Jesus Himself draw near and
Be with you in all your
Christmas Celebrations.
Have a wonderful Christmas*

*Staff of North Grand River
Wish you a very
Merry Christmas
And a Joyous New Year
In Celebration of our
Savior's Birth*

*E.J. and Diann Barnes
Debbie Dickinson*



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

This is the essence of Christmas in a nutshell gleaned from the second chapter of Luke:

Christ came
Here to
Rescue each
Individual from
Sin and
To bring
Man the
Assurance of
Salvation eternally!

During this Christmas season let's glorify and praise God for Jesus' birth as did the angels and the shepherds. Let's share the good news concerning Jesus as did the shepherds and thus cause those who hear us to marvel. Let us, like Simeon, bless God for sending His Son, and let us, like Anna, give thanks to the Lord and share the truth of redemption in Christ to all who are waiting to hear.

Please consider giving Jesus a present on His birthday by giving as much to the Lottie Moon Christmas as you give for the highest individual present you give to someone at Christmas. In other words if you spend \$75.00 on your loved one then give \$75.00 as a gift to Jesus also. I promise you that you can, and when you do, you, as well as many others, will be richly blessed!

Hope to see all you Pastors and wives and staff members and mates at our annual Christmas supper (at Rural Dale at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 5th). A gospel concert will follow at Trenton, Tenth Street Baptist Church at 6:00 pm.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

For His Glory-

E.J. Barnes

Pastors & Wives & Staff Christmas Supper

Rural Dale Baptist Church

Saturday, December 5th- 6:00 pm

Bring either a vegetable and dessert dish

Or

Bring a salad and a dessert dish

NO GIFT EXCHANGE THIS YEAR



North Grand River Baptist Association welcomes the new pastor for Gallatin First Baptist Church- Marty Harkey and his wife Teresa. They have one daughter still in school, Danielle and 2 married daughters residing in Texas and Oklahoma

We also welcome to Trenton First Baptist Church their new Music Minister- Matt Remus and his wife Jennifer. They have one son- Robert.

October 09 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 182.74		15	22	10						
Edinburg	\$ 544.09	\$ 64.01	53	83	57		11	9	25	1	
Gallatin	\$ 572.87	\$ 50.00	80	102	33				58		
Galt	\$ 113.00	\$ 25.00									
Jameson											
Jamesport	\$ 25.00		34	50	20						
Laredo	\$ 249.64		23	27	12		7	4			
Lineville	\$ 215.92	\$ 43.18									
M. Valley	\$ 38.18	\$ 25.00	14	16	9				9		
Mercer	\$ 300.00	\$ 25.00		56	17						
Modena	\$ 91.56		9	15	12						
Princeton	\$ 663.87	\$ 50.00	108	166	42	15	26	35	120		
Ravanna	\$ 147.28		11	11					7		
Rural Dale	\$ 542.45	\$ 50.00	74				8		43		
Salem			31	35	15						
Shelburne	\$ 463.21	\$ 50.00	42	53	26	24					
Spickard											
Tenth St.	\$ 805.95	\$ 134.33	90	149	49	30	2	10	48	4	
Trenton FB	\$1,178.59	\$ 196.43	112	155	38				91		
Union	\$ 282.73	\$ 100.00	62	103	34	88					
Total	\$6,417.08	\$ 812.95	758	1043	374	157	54	58	401	5	
Chilli, FBC		\$ 43.00									
MBC		\$ 460.00									

Seminary Checking	\$191.62
Seminary Savings	\$2,040.99
Benevolent Savings	\$1,135.93
Belarus	\$2,475.14
BSU- October- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$1,482.78
Income	\$1,423.65
Total	\$2,906.43
Expenses	\$1,641.95
Ending Balance	\$1,264.48

October 2009 Account Records	
Beginning Balance	\$21,536.25
Income	\$10,233.96
Total	\$31,770.21
Expense	\$13,098.21
Ending Balance	\$18,672.00
Line Items in General Checking	
Beginning Balance	\$18,672.00
Designated	\$9,027.79
General Fund	\$9,644.21
NGR October 2009	
Income	\$10,233.96
Expense	\$13,098.21
Difference	(\$2,864.25)



Edinburg— On Monday, October 19, our Children's Church hosted our semi-annual church wide skating party at Big Time Skating Center in Cameron, Mo. There were 73 in attendance. A bus was provided for transportation by Mike Knapp from the Coon Creek Baptist Church.

On Thursday, October 22nd, our WOM hosted the Birthday Party at Eastview Nursing Home. There were 23 residents present for the event. Birthday cake and punch was served to the three honorees while cookies and punch was served to the rest of the residents. One of our members provided the entertainment on the keyboard.

For an outreach project, our Children's Church is decorating a six foot Christmas tree with ornaments crafted by the children. The tree will then be donated for sale by the Special Olympics Festival of Trees on November 27th.

Jamesport— On Halloween, we hosted a Trunk 'n Treat in the church parking lot. We also served hot chocolate to the visitors.

November 14th we partnered with Jameson to provide the meal for Celebrate Recovery, our church also helped to serve the meal.

We had our annual Harvest Dinner Sunday evening, November 15th, with an evening of wonderful food and fellowship.

The Mustard Seed Thrift Store has moved to a new location with more space and higher visibility. Come visit our new location at 502 N Locust, across from the funeral home. The Mustard Seed will be having a Christmas Bazaar at the Festival Park during the Jamesport Christmas Festival on November 27-28.

Our Church will be providing the desserts for the BSU luncheon on December 2nd.

A Christmas cantata with a "Little House on the Prairie" setting will be presented Saturday, December 19th at 7 pm and Sunday, December 20th at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited.

Medicine Valley- This has been another busy month with extensive work continuing on the building and grounds. Finishing touches are being completed on several projects at the Chapel at Newtown, which along with the new roof and handicap access ramp make the building much more comfortable, convenient, usable and attractive.

At Harris we are just completing the building of two retaining walls, one bordering a new driveway and parking spaces and the other along the west boundary to the south of the basketball court.

Work remaining to be done at Harris includes installing eve troughs, some sheet rock work in the stairs and upper hallway. Fill dirt still is needed around the basketball court and behind the retaining wall for the new driveway.

After the first of the year we could use volunteer help in the installation of the planned for handicap accessible restroom on the sanctuary level.

A carry-in dinner is planned for Sunday, December 6 at the Chapel, following the morning services. A Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday morning, December 20.

The Home Bible Study Group meeting at our home in Humphreys on Tuesday evenings began a new series of studies on November 24. We will be utilizing Bruce Wilkinson's "The Dream Giver" and a variety of scripture passages, along with other resources, to do some vision casting for individuals and for kingdom endeavor. A soup supper and movie were enjoyed on November 17 with most members of the group present. Average attendance in November was eleven.

We are exploring the possible creation of two additional Home Bible Study Groups. We earnestly covet the prayers of God's people in regard to this and regarding the direction of God's leadership in our continuing ministries to the people around us.

Medicine Valley continued

So again, we express our deepest and most sincere gratitude to all who are supportive of this, "mission in your own backyard". May God bless each one and grant to each of you a blessed and glorious Christmas in service to Him.

Lewis and Mabel Rogers

Gallatin— We are excited about our new pastor—Marty Harkey. Bro. Harkey and his wife Teresa, will be joining us on December 1st.

Upcoming events include our Annual Harvest Meal following the morning worship service. On Friday, December 11th we will have Women's Christmas ornament exchange. Sunday evening at 6:00 pm will be the Children's Christmas program. The Deacon's will serve the Lord's Supper on Christmas Eve.

Mercer— Our church hosted the community Thanksgiving Program on November 22nd. All four churches in Mercer shared with the public being invited and welcomed to attend.

Princeton- We had 18 who attended the Fish Fry at Coon Creek Baptist Church. We had 4 people who went to the MBC Annual Meeting in Raytown. Treat Night for the children was held Saturday, October 31, with approximately 100 in attendance. We had our all church Thanksgiving dinner on November 8th with a group from Faith Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, providing the program.

We have also participated in collecting items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes as well as offerings for Rheubin L. South and World Hunger.

We will be having Men's Breakfast on Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 a.m. and Candlelight Service on Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. There will be no Awana's from December 16 through December 30th. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Salem— On November 22nd we had our carry in Thanksgiving supper followed by a service of Thanksgiving. A special harvest offering was be taken at that time.

We want to welcome Adam Clark as a new member, into our church family.

December 20 is our date for our Christmas service.

At this writing it is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Even with all this nasty weather, we have so much to be thankful for, we are a blessed people. Let us all be in prayer for our nation and our troops that are serving overseas protecting our country. We hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Tenth Street- We continue with our "Friday Night Revival" every Friday night at 7. If you want Revival we are offering a platform for it. Come and check it out.

Trenton First— FBC called Matt Remus as part time music Minister. Matt and his wife Jennifer have one son, Robert. Matt is the teacher for the Trenton Middle and High School.

The Senior Adults had a Thanksgiving dinner on November 20th with Richard Hurtgen, the Baptist Home Chaplain, as guest speaker. On December 12th the senior adults will be going to the Bed and Breakfast open house at Jameson.

November 29th we will have our International Mission Study for the evening service. December 6th will have our International Flag Ceremony.

On December 12th the Grand River Choir will present the "Messiah" at FBC at 7:00 pm.

December 13th Greg Pitchford and Donnie Kamp from Chillicothe FBC will be our mission's speaker following the cantata "Emmanuel".

MBC-BSU Campus Ministry @ NCMC

Several new things have been happening since the beginning of school. The front room basement was given a clean coat of paint with the help of Ron and Christine Ward, Robert Kincaid and EJ. A new shelf for the TV and DVD player were installed upstairs, compliments of Jim McGowan and the trustees, to be used with the Wednesday Lunch ministry and the WOM meetings. New valances were installed above the windows downstairs and a movie screen (donated by Jamesport) was hung by John Rice. A new built-in microwave with a 3-speed ventilation hood was installed over the stove in the basement due to the skill and talents of John Rice and Lou Bankson. All these improvements have combined to enhance the evangelistic ministry to our campus students. A huge thank you comes from the depths of my heart. Without all these helping hands, this ministry would not be what it is. So, THANK YOU church families for not only seeing the NCMC students as a God ordained ministry but putting feet and hands to your prayers.

The Ronald McDonald House mission project was a huge success. As always you NGRBA churches stepped up, when asked and donated enough toilet paper and paper towels (along with FCA and other student groups) to fill the larger house's storage closet. Trenton 1st provided desserts (and a van), Galt Baptist provided the homemade rolls, the BSU provided the skillet lasagna and salad, and 4 students went with EJ and I and ministered to about 30 hurting people. One of the students had personally made about 100 color-bead key chains to give to the house guests as they came for supper. Each time they accepted her gift, she asked them if they knew what the colors represented and then proceeded to share her faith in Jesus Christ. God has given us some awesome students this year who love Jesus enough to talk about Him every chance they get. Continue to pray for our students, especially those who are seeking and those who need a spiritual heart transplant.

Evangelist John Hill will speak at our Thanksgiving dinner for the students, Nov. 22. Pray that God will give him just exactly the right message that Jesus wants him to share with our students, especially our international students. On that Sunday there will only be about 3 weeks of school left, which means only 3 weeks of opportunities to share Jesus with many of these students whom we will never see again. Pray that God will continue to plow their hearts with His gospel until they leave us. And then pray that God will continue to confront each of them with His passionate followers, that they might be given every opportunity to know HIM and His awesome gift.

It doesn't seem possible, but fall term is ending and spring term is just around the corner. I want to take this opportunity to thank all you church families who helped host a Wednesday Lunch this semester. The numbers each week have been unpredictable, serving 101 one week and 60 the next. However, each host church has taken this in stride and continued to bless the students with delicious hot meals, devotions, and covered them with lots of prayers. Thank you, churches. If you have been blessed by ministering to our students and would like to help in the spring, please don't hesitate to call me, 660.654.0785, or email me: ngrmission.diann@sbcglobal.net and let me know which Wednesday will work best for your team. I know this request seems early, but contacting me now will be a great help to me, since I'm also teaching school again this year. The 1st Wed. is **1/13 thru 4/28**, except **3/10** (Spring Break). I praise God regularly that He has caused you churches to be burdened with this ministry, supporting it not only with your prayers but personally with your time and finances. NGRBA churches are truly Acts 1:8 churches.

HE is WORTHY to receive the REWARDS of His SACRIFICE! Diann



Come Join Us for our Christmas Celebration

What a great time we had at our Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Program in November at First Baptist Church in Trenton! Hilka Rose Lincoln led the program with some of those attending taking part in the program. We want to thank FBC Trenton and the WOM ladies there for hosting us. The food and fellowship were wonderful as usual!

Our December Christmas Celebration, December 15th, will also be at FBC Trenton at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall with a covered dish luncheon to follow. Special music and group singing of Christmas carols are planned. Also remember the missions project for Chaplain David Mansingh. Your WMU Director or Church should have received all of the information by now. If not, call Belinda Hogan or me. Please have items to the Mission Center by December 15th or bring items to the Christmas Celebration at FBC Trenton.

The January 19th Prayer Luncheon will be at 11:30 am. We will welcome in our new year with the devotional time and a time of prayer and fellowship.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord this month, I pray that we will not get so busy that we miss the joy of Christmas and the peace that comes from the Prince of Peace.

Christmas Blessings,
Bev Martin

**MEN'S
BREAK
FAST**



December 19, 2009

Trenton FBC

8:00 am

All Men Invited

There were 22 men present for the November meeting at Rural Dale. What a blessing we received from Bro. Jeremy's message that he shared from Isaiah on praying. We spent time praying specifically for people by name. The presence of the Spirit was definitely there and moving among us. We encourage you to come and join us this month at Trenton First.

Robert Hutchinson
Men's Prayer Coordinator

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WHOSE MISSING?
MISSION?**

**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**

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Pastors & VBS Directors

Mark the date of January 12th-7 pm at the Mission Center

At this meeting you will also be able to order the Sampler Kit & other supplies as well as learn information that will help you as you begin planning your VBS for 2010.