

2010: Missions Odyssey

GA Retreat 2010

- April 16-17– Grand Oaks
- April 23-24– Grand Oaks
- April 30– May 1- Grand Oaks

2010 Ministry Project

Retreat Camp Supplies

You may choose to bring one or more of these items to the GA Retreat:

1. 50 Count latex or non-latex exam gloves
2. Dish rags/towel
3. Thick oven mitts
4. Spray cleaners (no aerosol)
5. Volleyballs, basketballs, kick balls, Frisbees

All girls grades 1-6 are invited to attend, whether or not their churches have active GA organizations. Girls will meet missionaries, participate in games, crafts, music, Bible study, prayer and more! They will enjoy meeting girls from other churches.

Cost by March 15th- \$35.00

T-Shirts begin at \$6 each by order only

Cost after registration deadline- \$40.00

No T-shirt orders taken

Register online at:

www.mobaptist.org/wmu

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February Events

- 6 Chili/Soup Supper– Edinburg– 6pm
- 9 Evangelism Conference– St. Joe
- 15 President's Day– Mission Center Closed
- 16 Women's Valentine Celebration– 10:30
- 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast– Jameson– 8 am
- 26-27 BSU– Engage- Midwest



Check out the
BOOKSTORE

Select Lawson-Falle

Boxed Cards

\$2.75

Selected KJV Study Bibles

45% off

Selected Veggie Tale DVD's

On Sale for \$8.00

State Evangelism Breakout Session

Frederick Boulevard Church, St. Joe

February 9, 2010

Guest Speakers:

Don Walton, Tim Sadler, John Swadley

February

- 7 Jesse Cass
- 9 Bobbie Helton
- 12 Peggy Dennis
- 15 Stan Rushton
- 20 Jean Osborn
- 21 Debbie Dickinson



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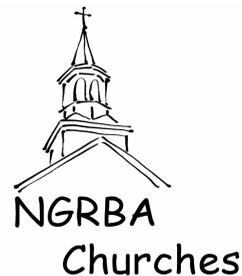
The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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“Churches working together to fulfill Jesus’ Great Commission.”

Matthew 28:18-20



North Grand River Baptist Association
Brotherhood and WMU

February 6, 2010

6:00 pm

Edinburg Baptist Church

Soup and Drink Provided

Bring Cheese or Relish Tray or a Dessert

Everyone is Invited!

Alpha
Edinburg
Gallatin
Galt
Jameson*
Jamesport
Laredo
Lineville*
Medicine Valley
Mercer
Modena
Princeton*
Ravanna*
Rural Dale
Salem
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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

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved if God loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at anytime. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.” 1 John 4:7-12 (NKJ)

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. Pursue love...” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13, 14:1 (NKJ)

February is known as the month where love is emphasized, especially romantic love. Let's seek a deeper kind of love— the totally unselfish love of God that he gives to us to give to others. Let us live out the two greatest commandments: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind’... ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”* Matthew 22:37,39 (NKJ). Remember as we are under the Holy Spirit's control, He supernaturally enables us to produce love through our lives. (Galatians 5:22).

For His Glory,
E.J. Barnes

RA Congress—2010
April 2-3, 2010
Missouri State Fair Grounds
Sedalia, Missouri

Cost is \$10 per person
\$9 if received by March 26, 2010

Activities include...
Archery, riflery, campcraft, basketball hotshot,
punt, pass and kick; RA racers; missions fair,
Frisbee; project hall; missions run; track events;
and lots more!

Special Feature-
Gillam Family Illusions
You won't believe your eyes!

For more info: mobaptist.org/men

Valentine's Day Is for Christian Love

Valentine's Day is for honoring love;
To show those we love we care.
Red hearts with tender sentiments
We send, our love to share.
So on Valentine's Day we're reminded
Of our very first Christian goal:
To love the Lord with all our heart
And all our mind and soul.
To love our neighbor as ourselves
We are also told to do,
So let's live our love by the Bible;
It's God's word, flawless and true.
If we give this Christian Valentine first,
We'll never run out of love,
For infinite love will come to us
From God in heaven above.
By Joanna Fuchs

December 09 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/ Other
Alpha	\$ 176.89		14	20	10						
Edinburg	\$1,012.43	\$ 119.11	46	79	47		12	15	18		
Gallatin	\$ 869.17	\$ 50.00	94	133	70				55		
Galt			22	38							
Jameson											
Jamesport	\$ 25.00		27	45	14						
Laredo	\$ 540.96		24	29			7				
Lineville	\$ 273.68	\$ 54.74									
M. Valley	\$ 52.50	\$ 25.00	12	17							
Mercer	\$ 425.00	\$ 25.00		48							
Modena	\$ 95.16										
Princeton	\$ 899.30	\$ 50.00	91	148	46	21	9	22			
Ravanna	\$ 171.15		12	11	7				7		
Rural Dale	\$ 646.89	\$ 50.00	55						51		
Salem			27	33	11						
Shelburne	\$ 476.64	\$ 50.00	38	53	24	23	7			1	
Spickard	\$ 63.00		11	18							
Tenth St.	\$ 815.79	\$ 135.97									
Trenton FB	\$1,355.19	\$ 225.86	122	154	25		6		78		
Union	\$ 785.62	\$ 200.00	42	72	24	40					
Total	\$8,684.37	\$ 985.68	637	898	278	84	41	37	209	1	
Chilli, FBC		\$ 43.00									
MBC		\$ 460.00									

Seminary Checking	\$316.73
Seminary Savings	\$2,043.56
Minister Benevolent	\$1,137.36
Belarus	\$6,916.83
BSU—December— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$922.38
Income	\$1,463.68
Total	\$2,386.06
Expenses	\$1,540.44
Ending Balance	\$845.62

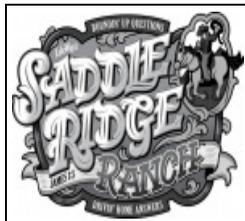
December 2009 Account Records	
Beginning Balance	\$16,914.35
Income	\$15,448.30
Total	\$32,362.65
Expenses	\$14,602.20
Ending Balance	\$17,760.45
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated	\$8,533.35
General Fund	\$9,227.10
Balance Total	\$17,760.45
NGR October-December 2009	
Income	\$37,159.81
Expenses	\$40,935.61
Difference	(\$3,775.80)



Edinburg— On Sunday, December 20, Children's Church held their Christmas Party after their regular Children's Church services. Pizza, cookies and Kool-aid were served and presents were handed out. On December 24 we held our Christmas Eve candle light services.

On Saturday, January 16 we had our men's Breakfast. There were only 27 in attendance due to the inclement weather and fog.

On Baptist Men's Day several of our members gave testimonies, readings and poems. Both the morning and evening messages were given by laymen of the church. All of the activities in Children's Church were conducted by our "young men".



**NGR Association
VBS Training Clinic
March 29, 2010**

Mark your calendars for this date— be enlisting your teachers and come to the meeting with you leader guides

"Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously without criticizing, and it will be given to him." James 1:5



Bro. Stan Rushton will have his ponies available again this year. He comes on a love offering. With the cowboy theme this year of "Saddle Ridge" they

would be great to use for a pre-registration or family night event. You can contact Stan at 660-654-0668 or email him at jerush-ton@hotmail.com. Bro Stan will also be at the VBS Training Conference at FBC on March 29th.

Medicine Valley- At least for a spell here in mid-January improved weather conditions have encouraged a greater attendance at our services. Attendance has been back to normal both the Chapel at Newtown and on Tuesday nights at Humphreys.

We are scheduled to begin meeting with a second Home Bible Study Group on Thursday, February 4th with several families in the Reger area, following extensive visitation in that area.

A third group is presently being developed to meet with employees and families who work for PSF. Many of them work three out of four Sundays and are on call the other Sunday so have little opportunity to attend Sunday services.

A project just started involved gum vending units that we are placing in some area grocery stores and restaurants that will benefit the Sonrise Children's Home at Princeton and the Children and Youth work of Medicine Valley Community Ministry.

In December the Christmas Food Boxes were received by 74 families which included 231 individuals. We appreciated the volunteers who worked several days and long hours to complete this task.

Your continued prayer support of our ministries is of the most extreme importance to use, as we attempt through these Bible Study Groups, to penetrate this area with the gospel message.

Additional financial assistance from whatever sources the Lord provides will also be welcomed. We pray God's blessings upon each church in our association as you continue in service to Him.

Lewis and Mabel Rogers
Church Planter Missionaries
Under the Home Mission Board

Princeton— Let's begin the New Year with God! Due to the bad weather this month, it was a very slow month for activities. WOM 1 or WOM 2 luncheon meeting was not held and no Men's Breakfast on the 9th of January. Our church was represented for the VBS Pre-Information for Pastor's and Director of VBS on Jan. 12 and Executive Board Meeting on Jan. 18. There were 2 individuals that attended the WOM Prayer Luncheon on Jan. 19. Our church did observe the Sanctity of Human Life on Jan. 17 with Brother Chuck Miller having a very appropriate sermon on this matter.

Feb. 1 and Feb 2, WOM will meet with a noon luncheon. Deacon's Meeting will be held Feb. 6 with meal at 6:00 p.m. The Lord Supper will be observed on Feb. 7 in the morning services. Our church will have the nursing home services on Feb. 7. Our new Ladies Bible Study will be held on Tuesday evening – Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13 at 7:00 a.m. Our church Valentine's Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 6:00 p.m. with the church furnishing the meat, potatoes, and drinks. Each family who attends is to bring either vegetables, salads, or a dessert. The Youth will baby-sit the children. WOM focus week is scheduled Feb. 15-21 with Ladies Valentine Celebration at 10:30 am on February 16 at Trenton .

Shelburne— On December 13th, 27 from the church went caroling in the community and at Eastview and Sunnyview Nursing Homes. Later they enjoyed supper at Royal Inn. Shelburne fixed the noon meal on Wednesday, January 13 for the Collegiate Ministry at the Associational building.

On January 10th, the pastor/wife and deacon/wife had a appreciation dinner and fellowship for the church families after the morning worship service.

Salem- Now that the holiday's are over, and we've all rested up, thanks to being iced and snowed in for awhile, maybe things can start getting back on track. We had a very nice Christmas program, with many of our members presenting their talents either in music, poems, or remembrances of favorite memories of the holidays. That was followed with a gift exchange, sacks of fruit and candy, passed out to the children, and a fellowship with snacks, and good visiting. We had guest that contributed to our program. We had a very nice time, in the Lord.

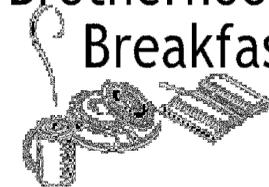
Future things coming up, are a church bowling party, as soon as we can get all our times worked out; on Valentines day, Feb, 14th, we will have a carry-in meal after our morning worship services. We are planning on Anna Fletcher to come and speak when a date can be arranged with her in February. We are making plans for our girls to attend the GA retreat at Grand Oaks in April . We will have the SVNH services at 2:00 pm on April 25.

Trenton First— Awana's resumed meeting on January 13th. The attendance has been very good.

We showed the movie "Fireproof" on Sunday evening January 24th. Beginning January 31st at 5 pm, we will be having the "Fireproof" study for five weeks. Our senior adults will be having a Bible study on "The Lucy Show" series on Wednesday at noon during February.

January 20th we served the NCMC/BSU luncheon.

**Brotherhood
Breakfast**



**Jameson FBC
February 20
8:00 am**

All Men Invited

MBC-BSU @ NCMC

NCMC classes started Jan. 11 with all students hitting the floor at a RUN!!!. Things have really been busy around here. Shelburne helped us host our first Wed. lunch serving 76, and FBC Trenton helped us this past week, serving 60 lunches. As you can tell, numbers are a roller coaster, but students attending have expressed how much they appreciate the ministry. I got to pray with one of the students Wed. as her little boy of 8 was just diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. With tears in her eyes and a huge smile on her face she said, "Thank you for the encouraging word. You are right, 'If God isn't big enough to take care of problems, then no one is!' What a blessing it was for me, to know I was able to speak Jesus into her life.

SNA nights will officially begin this Sunday night as the 1st Sunday back for the student's was followed by a holiday, with no one on campus until late Monday night. Sooooo, thanks to Emma Bankson, who helped me make about 14 doz. Cookies Monday afternoon, EJ, Brad Walker, Evelyn Trickel and I took batches of homemade cookies, cold milk, and an ink pen (I told students that ink pens were guaranteed to have an "A" in each) by each dorm room at 9pm, welcoming each student back to campus, and letting them know the BSU is there for each of them.

Jan 29-30, is a 24-hour weekend retreat, near St. Joe, at God's Mountain Camp Ground. 4 campuses are participating by bringing their students. Besides NCMC, attending will be MO West, NWMO, and Truman State. Our evangelist will be John Hill, illusionist, who will preaching 3 sessions with students: Act I—creation and fall of Man, Act II—Jesus our Salvation, Act III—Know U Know, What R U going 2 do about it?!!. Pray for the students attending as they will be strongly challenged to share their faith unashamedly.

Jan 31, at SNA, Randy Curliss from www.sportscrusaders.org, will be at the BSU to share with the students about his state-wide organization, and also do a Live Radio Broadcast, interviewing 2 of our Christian athletes during the broadcast. You can listen to the broadcast via Internet at www.sportscrusaders.org, 8-9pm. The broadcast will be heard in the St. Louis area live at the same time.

Plans and prayers are going up for 7 of our college students who are making serious plans to join the mission trip to Canada, May 17-30, this year. The trip will be in the Thunder Bay area, with the purpose of ministering to school age children from the Native Indian tribes in the area, and also prayer walking the college campuses in the area, asking God to establish a Christian work on their campuses, like we have here in Missouri and on NCMC campus. Two other campuses will be a part of that trip as well, MO West and NWMO's BSU Directors and their students are also involved in the trip. The cost is \$485/student, and since they don't have money trees please pray how you can help them financially to realize the calling God has put on them to serve.

Thanks to Dan Wilford's support, the BSU has now purchased a data projector to be ceiling mounted in the basement of the BSU for not only student events, but will also be able available for Seminary Extension classes, which plans are to increase the number of classes this fall. Keep praying, as the BSU still needs approximately \$700 more to have enough to purchase the laptop that will be used with the data projector, enabling us to show evangelistic videos via Internet to the students. Thank you Dan for your generous heart.

Jesus is Worthy to receive the Rewards of HIS Sacrifice!!!

Diann Barnes



Focus on WMU

Praise the Lord! We were able to have our January Prayer Luncheon! We even had two guests who came with their wives from Mercer Baptist Church! And two were able to be there from FBC Princeton! Hillkah Rose blessed us with the devotional and prayer program for our missionaries. Then we had a wonderful soup and chili luncheon.

We look forward to our February 16th Program and Prayer Luncheon, which will be during WMU Focus Week, February 14-21, and right after Valentine's Day. So we will combine a Valentine's Day celebration with our emphasis on WMU Focus Week. WMU Directors and WOM leaders, please plan to share with us how your church will be emphasizing WMU Focus Week with special programs, including all age-level groups, if you have them. Ideas for WMU Focus Week can be found in the WMU Yearbook pages 27-28 and on the WMU website, www.wmu.com.

March, of course, is our month emphasizing the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and includes the Week of Prayer. Our state WMU Director, Vivian McCaughan, is one of the featured missionaries! Let's continue to remember her in prayer as she battles cancer. If you would like to "dress up" as Annie Armstrong for our March Program and Prayer Luncheon, that would be great!

Also, come to the March program prepared to share thought about the possibility of our ladies prayerwalking in nearby residential areas in May and June, prior to our luncheon, in support of our Associational Program "Tilling the Land."

Has your church received information regarding the GA Retreats in April? If not, let me or Belinda Hogan know and we'll get the information to you.

Also, it's not too late to begin talking about and planning for M-Counter, our annual WMU/Women's Ministry Meeting, that will be held in St. Joseph this year on April 9-10. The theme this year is "Called to Serve." If you have not received information yet, let me know.

Ladies, let's remember to support our associational outreach program "Tilling the Land". Remember to pray for the churches in your group and the other groups of churches that your group is to be praying for: church pastors, church leaders, music, and any special needs of the churches. Let's make this truly a year of prayer!

Bev Martin

WMU Director