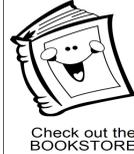


Trenton First Baptist Church
Invites you to watch the movie

COURAGEOUS

Saturday, 6:30 pm
February 18, 2012

Everyone is invited! Bring a friend!
Freewill offering will be taken



"Courageous" DVD with the 2 hour exclusive- \$17.50 while supply lasts. These DVD's include the 2 hour bonus segments. Cost after these are sold will be \$19.00.

We can order your Courageous Bible Study Materials

Bible Study Note Books
Boxed Valentine Cards

Clearance- Boxed Jewelry- now \$2.50

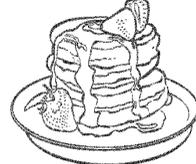
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February Sale on Fiction Books- NGR price is marked at least 15% off SRP, now during the month of February take another 15% off.

Coming Soon- NEW Lillenas Praise & Worship 4.

We carry vocal & keyboard books.

Men's Prayer Breakfast



February 18, 2012
Jameson Baptist Church
8:00 am

ALL MEN Welcome
Come and Join us!

North Grand River Baptist Association

The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Volume 35, Number 2
February, 2012

"Churches working together to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission."
Matthew 28:18-20



NGRBA Churches

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| Laredo | O |
| Lineville | N |
| Medicine Valley | M |
| Mercer | I |
| Modena | S |
| Princeton | S |
| Ravanna* | I |
| Rural Dale | O |
| Salem | N |
| Shelburne | |
| Spickard | |
| Tenth Street | |
| Trenton First | |
| Union* | |



"Introduction to Christian Ethics" CE 231

Classes begin February 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Mission Center

Teacher- Dan Wilford Total Cost- \$154.00

A study of the ethical principles of the Bible and Christian responsibility in contemporary society, focusing on such issues as human sexuality, economics, human relations, politics, abortion, euthanasia, world hunger, capital punishment, and medical issues. One unit deals with ethical decision making.



North Grand River Brotherhood & WMU

Chili & Soup Supper

Invite you to come to the
Saturday at 6:00 pm
February 4, 2012
Rural Dale Baptist Church

Bring either a dessert,
Relish or cheese tray.
Everyone is Invited
Come and Join Us!



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

NGR Annual Meeting

1. It was voted on at the January 16th Executive Board meeting that the NGR Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, September 22nd beginning at 8 am with a breakfast at Modena Baptist Church. The meeting will start at 9:00 am and conclude approximately around 1:00 pm. There will be no Brotherhood Breakfast that month.
2. The mileage reimbursement guidelines were approved for the Policy & Procedure Manual.

February

- 9 Bobbie Helton
- 12 Peggy Dennis
- 15 Stan Rushton
- 17 Dana Nelson
- 21 Debbie Dickinson



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**THOUGHTS
FROM THE
HEART**

From My Heart to Yours

"Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins." Proverbs 10:12 "But I say to you, Love your enemies; bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you," Matthew 5:44

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him.' 'He who does not love Me does not keep My words;..." John 14:23-24

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:12-13

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good." Romans 12:9

"Owe no one anything except to love on another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law." For the commandments, 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Romans 13:8-10

"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."

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." I John 3:14-16

"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." I John 4:7-8

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love fore one another." John 13:35

Let's commit ourselves to know what real love is and to grow in expressing it to our Lord and to others. Thank you for the love you express to Diann and me!

E. J. Barnes

National Sunday School Director Seminar
March 31, 2012
Skyline Baptist Church, Branson, Missouri
8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Information has been given to all churches or you can check it out online at www.mobaptist.org/sunday_school

MBC Evangelism Conference
Saturday, March 3, 2012
FBC, Macon

Saturday, March 31, 2012
FBC, St. Joseph
9:00 am—3:30 pm

December 2011 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT/Wed	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 151.99	\$ 25.00	13	20	10						
Edinburg	\$ 573.95	\$ 63.77	44	75	59	41	10	12	21	1	
Gallatin	\$ 967.73	\$ 50.00									
Galt	\$ 163.00	\$ 25.00									
Jameson	\$ 467.50										
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	30	59	27						
Laredo	\$ 311.00	\$ 150.00									
Lineville	\$ 147.21	\$ 29.44									
M. Valley	\$ 34.32	\$ 50.00	14	16		12					
Mercer	\$ 134.00	\$ 25.00		68	10	10					
Modena	\$ 77.52		5	15	7						
Princeton	\$ 536.46	\$ 50.00	94	110	18	11	21	15	102		
Ravanna	\$ 152.10	\$ 65.19	16	16							
Rural Dale	\$ 665.92	\$ 50.00	80				8		68		
Salem											
Shelburne	\$ 706.95	\$ 75.00	41	50	31	29	6				
Spickard			14	34		7					
Tenth St.	\$ 767.10	\$ 127.85	92	156		30			89	1	3
Trenton FB	\$1,032.63	\$ 172.11	99	160	37						
Union	\$ 306.45	\$ 100.00	48	72	24	55	8				
Total	\$7,220.83	\$1,083.36	590	831	223	195	53	27	280	2	3
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00									
MBC		\$ 460.00									

Seminary Checking	\$487.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,061.79
Belarus	\$10,322.95
Benevolent Savings	\$744.14
NGR Savings	\$4,427.18
BSU— December 2011— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$152.09
Income	\$1631.02
Total	\$1,783.11
Expenses	\$1,435.75
Ending Balance	\$347.36
General BSU Fund	\$304.70
Designated BSU Fund	\$42.66

December 2011 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$3,900.02
Income	\$14,544.05
Total	\$18,444.07
Expenses	\$13,292.39
Ending Balance	\$5,151.68
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$2,160.37
General Fund	\$2,991.31
Checking Balance Total	\$5,151.68
NGR October— December 2011 (Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$36,832.06
Expenses	\$35,767.14
Difference	\$1,064.92

**Association VBS training
April 23, at FBC Trenton,
6 pm – 8:45 pm**



**It's coming! It's coming!
AWA...AWA...AWA.....
Amazing Wonders Aviation
Encountering God's Awesome Power.**

Yes, that is the new VBS theme for 2012!!! This year, the theme is based on six beautiful God-made natural wonders. And it is taken from Psalm 147:5 — *"Our Lord is great, vast in power; His understanding is infinite"* (HCSB)

From the Matterhorn Mountain, to Victoria Falls in South America, to the Northern Lights, and Grand Canyon in the USA, to Great Barrier Reef off Australia and then the newest volcano in Mexico,the kids will be going around the world taking in six of God's wonderful natural wonder.

They will be learning that God has the power to create these awesome natural wonders, but He also has the power to make an awesome impact on our lives. We will be teaching that they can rely on God's power to do whatever He wants them to do.



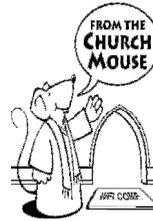
M-Counter

April 20-21, 2012

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Missouri

Early Bird Registration: \$25 before April 1
After April 1: \$35
"Unhindered!"

Bible Study on Theme—Breakout Sessions
Praise & Worship— Missionary Speakers



Edinburg— Sunday, December 4th the adults and children of our Church presented in dinner theater style the play entitled, "in Bethlehem Inn". We are looking forward to having more productions from the Edinburg Players.

Saturday, December 24th, we had our usual candlelight Lord's Supper and we presented our Christmas Gift to Jesus by filing by the manger and giving our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Sunday, December 25th, we only had the Morning Worship Service and dismissed our Evening services for our families to have family time with the Lord on His birthday.

Our goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was set this year at \$900 and praise the Lord we were blessed with a total of \$1218.

We now have our Sunday Worship services on the internet if you're interested you can find it at sermon.net/edinburgbaptist

BLOCK TRAILER

As you begin to make summer plans for your church you may want to include the Block Trailer. The block trailer is an excellent opportunity for outreach, VBS kick-offs or VBS Family night and many other opportunities. Call the office at 359-3897 to reserve the block trailer.

Bumper Stickers

God loves everyone, but
Probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over
"religious nuts"

God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called

If God is your Copilot— swap seats!

Princeton- We are having Valentine Dinner/ Party on Sunday evening, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be observed after worship service on Sunday morning Feb. 05, 2012. Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday morning, Feb. 11 at 8:00 A.M.

Trenton FBC— Our AWANA'S began meeting January 4th after the Christmas break. Attendance is very good. Our ladies served the BSU luncheon on January 11th with an attendance of 127. Pastor Denny Chesnut gave the devotion.

On January 8th we showed the movie "Courageous" until the power went off in Trenton. The movie has been reschedule for Saturday, February 18th at 6:30 pm.

January 22nd we began the Beth Moore Bible Study on "James, Mercy Triumphs". Carolyn Chesnut is the study leader. On January 27th the senior adults made valentines for our International and North American missionaries.

Kindred Spirits will be presenting a Blue Grass/ Gospel concert on January 29th.

February 24th (weather permitting) the seniors will take a day trip to Humeston, Iowa. The Frazzled Females" group continues to meet each Thursday. On Saturday, January 7th they enjoyed a carry-in meal and games. Sonya Tabbert is the study leader.

Salem- Christmas is over, the tree is down and back to the norm. We had a blessed Christmas. We had a candlelight service on Christmas Eve, very nice with serving communion, lighting candles and singing. Scripture was also read by Bro. Tim. We had church and Sunday School on Christmas morning. What a better time to have church. The tree was removed after our January business meeting. A light pole has been set on the south side of the church for lighting the parking lot and the church. The movie screen has been ordered so we are looking forward to that.

Salem Continued- We are studying the book of Revelation for our Sunday Night Bible Study.

Plans are being made for the mothers and their daughters to attend the Women of Faith conference for teens in Oklahoma.

We are all ready for spring to come. Bet you are too! God Bless, from Salem.



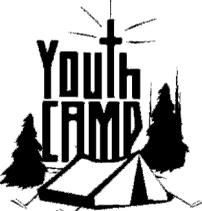
Celebrate Recovery is a program designed to help those who are struggling with hurts, hang-ups and habits

by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. It was founded by John Baker in California in 1991. It is a time of training, fellowship and encouragement. God has used Celebrate Recovery to change the hearts of thousands of persons who find themselves in unwanted circumstances. The purpose is to focus on God's healing power through fellowship with others by working the Twelve Steps and the Eight Beatitude Principles. The focus is on Christ and stresses that there is no other Higher power except for Jesus, whereas some other groups encourage members to choose their own concept of a Higher Power. There are no requirements for membership.

Celebrate Recovery is a safe, supportive and confidential program. Those in the program understand what it's like to admit that you have a problem; we want you to know that it's okay to not be okay.

Meetings are held in our area at the Tenth Street Baptist Church on Saturday's at 6:00 pm. With a large group worship time, followed by going to small groups and ending with a fellowship meal together in our Solid Rock Café. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend if seeking support in getting or staying on the right road. You can call Tenth Street Baptist Church at 660-359-5544 OR 660-359-3307.

"Twelve"
"Transformed not Conformed"
Romans 12



YOUTH
CAMP



CHILDREN'S
CAMP

June 4-8
7th-12th grade
completed

July 16-20
3rd-6th grade
completed



Focus on WMU

The January Prayer Luncheon was cancelled due to the weather. How I miss the fellowship with our ladies when we don't get together!

February 13-19 is WMU Focus Week. I pray that WMU Directors and WOM leaders have partnered with Pastors and church leaders to schedule special times of emphasis on WMU, its purposes, programs, and levels of missions education. Visit www.wmu.com/leaders for resources or perhaps consider a special display of World

Craft items or a special offering for Pure Water, Pure Love to focus on some of the WMU ministries. (See pages 68 and 69 of our WMU Yearbook)

February 14th, Valentine's Day, will be our February Valentine Celebration with an emphasis on WMU Focus Week. Belinda Hogan will be sharing about their trip to help with the Shoebox Ministry. Our special guest speaker will be Virginia Stephenson, WMU Adult Specialist for the Northwest Region. A covered dish luncheon will follow. Since we had planned to take up a Love offering for Sparrow Ministries at our January Prayer luncheon, we will do so at our February Valentine Program and Prayer Luncheon. What better time to take up a "Love Offering" than on Valentine's Day!

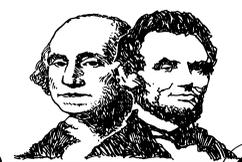
Has your church or group ordered materials for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering? I hope there are plans for special ways to emphasize the Easter Offering. See page 31 of your yearbook for ideas and resources.

M-Counter 2012 will be April 20-21 at First Baptist Church of Jackson, Missouri. Online registration began in January at www.mobaptist.org/wmu or www.mobaptist.org/wm for Women's Ministry. You can also register by calling Christie Dowell at 1-800-736-6227 ext 641. Early Bird Registration Fee is \$25 per person. After April 1st the registration fee will be \$35 per person.

I am excited about 2 groups that have started and are starting up! Hopefully, some of our faithful groups that have been "dormant" for the winter will begin again soon.

Happy Valentine's Day! And, come join us at the Mission's Center on Valentine's Day for our program and celebration!

Bev Martin
WMU Director



Presidents' Day

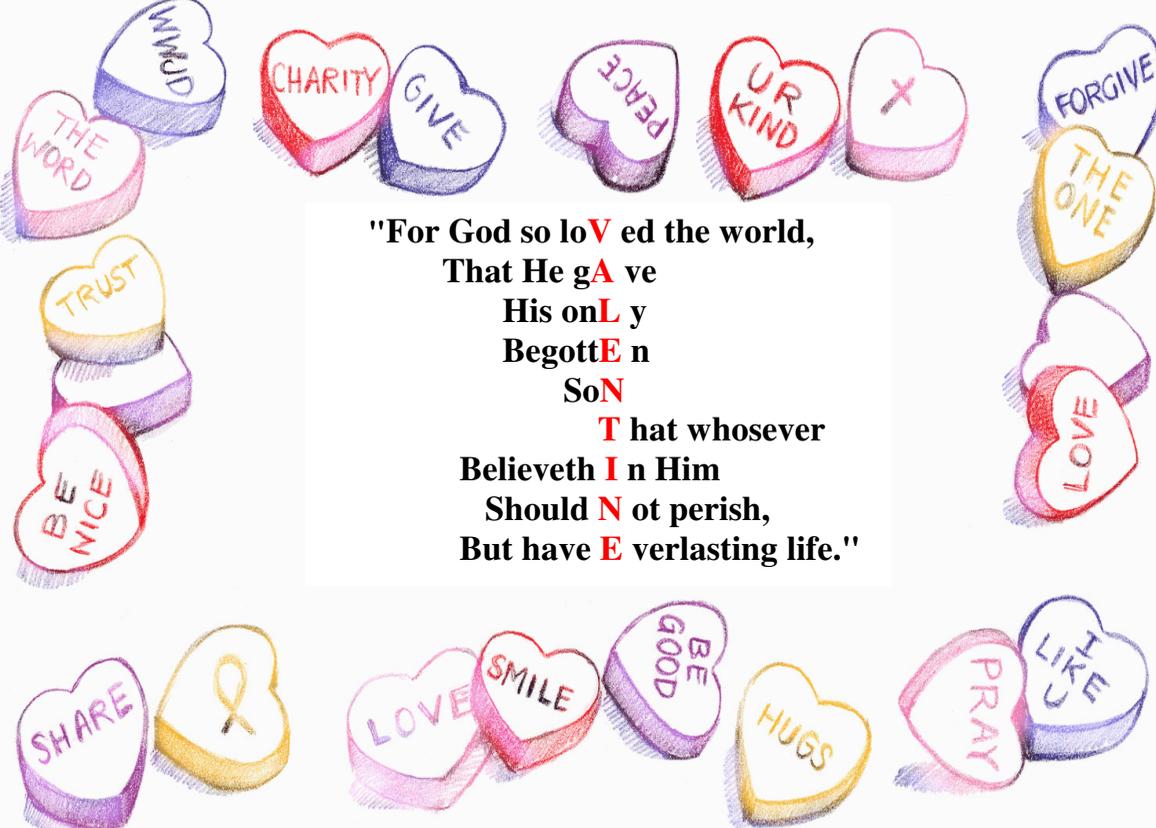
February 20th, Mission Center Closed

Beth Moore Conference

With Worship by Travis Cottrell
April 12-13, 2012
Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City
Tickets \$65

Group rates are available— if you have a group going it has been suggested to call the office and maybe together there would be enough to get the group rate.

For more information go to lifeway.com/livingproof or call 800.254.2022



**"For God so loved the world,
That He gave
His only
Begotten
Son
That whoever
Believe in Him
Should not perish,
But have everlasting life."**