



WOW!

- "The Circle Maker" \$8.00
- "The Story" hardback \$9.00
- "The Story" Teen paperback \$8.00
- "Experiencing God" Devotional \$11.00
- "Power of Praying Together" \$10.20
- "Stories for the Heart" \$11.00
- "Love and Respect" SRP \$22.99 \$12.00

Adult and Children's Valentine Cards

Jewelry- make a nice Valentine's Gift
God's Girl jewelry for girls

NEW SHIPMENT OF BOXED CARDS! Lots to choose from

Several Bibles to choose from or we can order.



Pastor's Luncheon

Pastors Prayer & Fellowship Time at Pizza Hut

2nd Monday of each month

February

- 9 Bobbie Helton
- 12 Peggy Dennis
- 17 Dana Nelson
- 21 Debbie Dickinson
- 24 Doug Crawford



The Mission Center and Bookstore will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of President's

Grand Oaks Camp 2013
Youth Camp- May 28th-31st
Children's Camp- July 8th-12th

Please be in prayer for camp. Pray for the children and youth; Cabin Leaders; Camp Pastors; Kitchen Staff; Camp Missionary; Camp Worship Leaders; Bible Study Leaders; Camp Committee and parents of campers.

How is God leading you to serve at camp this year?



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Jameson Baptist Church
Saturday, 8:00 am
February 16th, 2013
All Men Invited!

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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



NGRBA Churches

- Alpha
- Edinburg*
- Gallatin*
- Galt
- Jameson
- Jamesport
- Laredo
- Lineville
- Medicine Valley
- Mercer
- Modena
- Princeton*
- Ravanna*
- Rural Dale
- Salem
- Shelburne*
- Spickard
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First
- Union

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Love In Action

North Grand River Baptist Association
Brotherhood and WMU

Chili and Soup Supper



February 2, 2013

6:00 pm

Galt Baptist Church

Soup and Drink Provided
Bring Cheese or Relish Tray or a Dessert

Everyone is Invited!

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



**THOUGHTS
FROM THE
HEART**

From My Heart to Yours

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

February is known as the love month. The emphasis is usually on romantic love. There is definitely a place for romantic love, but let me share some additional ways to express real love, which is characterized in the verses above.

We must learn to express love (1) through spoken and written words – words of praise, thanksgiving, honest confession of one’s wrongs, as well as words of endearment, truth and simple interactions. Praying with and for others. Sharing your faith with others.

We must learn to express love (2) through unselfish deeds and actions– being a dependable worker, helping around the house, doing acts of kindness in Jesus’ name and serving with others in Christian ministries and endeavors.

We must learn to express love (3) through giving gifts– material things to those in need as well as loved ones, money to worthy causes– especially tithes and offerings to the Lord through a local church—sacrificial and meaningful giving for God’s glory and others’ good.

We must learn to express love (4) through physical touch– touches that are affectionate (hug, kiss, hand shakes, high fives– that which can be done publicly or privately but honorably and tastefully) and touches that are passionate (mutually acceptable sexual intimacy in marriage– remember in marriage our bodies are not our own alone—we must be respectful and sensitive to each other).

Let’s grow in properly expressing love to others this month and beyond. Remember the ultimate expression of love from our Heavenly Father, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”* John 3:16

For His Glory-

E.J. Barnes

It’s good to be a Christian and know it,
But it’s better to be a Christian and show it!



“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

John 13:35



“I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?”

Church Giving

Church Service Times

December 2012 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 140.53	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 468.82	\$ 52.09	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 682.72	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt			10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Jameson			9:30	10:30		
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	7:00	6:30
Laredo	\$ 250.74		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 323.12	\$ 107.71	9:45	10:45	6:30	7:30
M. Valley	\$ 24.30	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 227.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 185.00	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	7:30	7:00
Princeton	\$ 532.88	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	7:00
Ravanna	\$ 58.73	\$ 25.17	9:30	10:45	6:00	6:30
Rural Dale	\$ 664.52	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 123.43		10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Shelburne	\$1,034.07	\$ 75.00	9:30	10:40	6:45	7:00
Spickard	\$ 60.00		9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.			9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 954.52	\$ 212.11	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:30
Union	\$ 196.45	\$ 123.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Total	\$5,951.83	\$1,020.08				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				

Join any of these churches in worship

Seminary Checking	\$300.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,066.02
Benevolent Savings	\$743.75
NGR Savings	\$433.41
BSU– December– Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$3,813.56
Income	\$1,930.08
Total	\$5,743.64
Expenses	\$1,735.38
Ending Balance	\$4,008.26
General BSU Fund	\$3,406.61
Designated BSU Fund	\$601.65

December 2012 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$3,213.48
Income	\$12,310.19
Total	\$15,523.67
Expenses	\$12,397.98
Ending Balance	\$3,125.69
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$2,855.28
General Fund	\$270.41
Checking Balance Total	\$3,125.69
NGR October– December 2012 (Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$35,963.36
Expenses	\$35,020.55
Difference	\$942.81



NGR Church News

Medicine Valley- On Friday night December 7th we held Celebrate Recovery Services with 9 people present including 5 adults and 4 children. A great need is for someone to be able to work with a children's program utilizing Celebrate Recovery materials for children.

The Sunday services at Newtown was low in December with an average attendance of seven. Attendance at the Tuesday night Bible Studies at Humphreys remains strong, although several families have moved from the community. Average attendance in December was 6 children and 2 adults.

In December we distributed food to 321 individuals in precisely 100 homes and to an additional three households. The Christmas food boxes included turkeys, (Newtown Christian Church supplied 71 turkeys). We had purchased 30 turkeys making it possible to provide a turkey for each homestead. Several elected to take a roast instead, also provided along with a variety of other foods by the Newtown Christian Church.

A Wild Game Dinner was held at the Community Center on December 15th with about a dozen in attendance. The meal was followed by a sing-along of Christmas songs.

We are so grateful for the support of those among our area churches who assisted in so many ways to undergird what we do in Christ's name. Without the support from God's people we would be extremely ineffective or even cease to function as a viable ministry. We are constantly amazed at God's timely provision as He continues, through his people, to meet our every need.

There will be a shift in our ministry emphasis over the next three months as we spend time developing materials in answer to the question "What can be done to halt or slow the rapid escalation in the sale of illicit drugs to our children" Your prayers and support are needed in this endeavor.

Princeton- December 19th, 12 Youth delivered food and gifts to our adopted family for Christmas. December 21st, 12 Youth went to Fastlanes in Chillicothe to bowl and had pizza. All had a great time.

December 31st, There was a New Years Eve lock-in for the youth at the church from 9 pm to 7am. Games were played and watched movies. Lighted off fireworks at midnight, all were tired but happy. The adults also had a New Years Eve Party, with everyone bringing finger foods. Games were played.

On January 12th, the Men's breakfast served 17, and delivered breakfasts to 10 shut ins.


January 26th 13 youth are going to a Winter Jam in Des Moines.

February 09th, there will be an all men's breakfast beginning at 7:00 am. The men's breakfast's are held each month on the 2nd Saturday.

February 10th, we are having a Valentines Church Supper beginning at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the evening, adults, singles and couples in having Christian fun.

Each Wednesday night services for the Kings Kids and Youth. Prayer meeting at 7:00 pm.

We observed SANCITY OF HUMAN LIFE on Sunday January 20, 2013.



Tenth Street Baptist Church
1200 E 10th St
Trenton, MO

Every Saturday
Worship at 6 pm, Group at 7 pm
The Rock Café at 8 pm

Salem- We voted in favor of giving the BSU \$25.00 a month. We are collecting for the food pantry this month. Filling boxes with food and giving a donation of money. We also are making a donation to the Women's Abuse Shelter. On February 18th, the youth will be going to the Crown Center in KC for ice skating. We have had a lot of sickness this past month, as has every other church. Will be nice to see Spring again. This weather is so crazy.

Tenth Street- Our Awanas has averaged 111. Morning Worship has done well with the average at 161 and the evening at 43. We praise the Lord for 3 Baptisms.

Trenton First- Our senior adults met January 25th with a sack lunch meal at noon. During the afternoon they made valentines for our missionaries and their families.

January 26th our men hosted a Tony Dungy Simulcast "All Pro Dad".

February 3rd we will start a new Beth Moore Study called "The Law of Love". This is a study of the book of Deuteronomy. Carolyn Chesnut is the study leader.

Our Sunday School continues to grow. We added a new adult class the first of January for adults of all ages.

Our youth groups is growing with many activities planned for the winter. Shawn Allee is our youth leader.

Awana attendance is down because of illness. "Area 56" fifth and sixth grades continues to grow.

Our Women on Mission groups plan to observe WMU Focus Week on February 11-17th with displays. There will be a meeting at Belinda Hogan's to make valentine tray favors for residents of our nursing homes in Trenton. Both groups had an attendance of 7 in January.

Union- "Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour." Ephesians 5:2

Coon Creek would like to express their sincere condolence to E.J. & Diann Barnes for the recent loss of E.J.'s father. May God wrap you in his loving arms to comfort you at your time of loss.

This month activities included the Wild Game Supper on February 16th at Coon Creek Baptist Church. The business meeting is the third Sunday evening at 6:00 pm.

Every Wednesday night is supper at 6 pm with Bible Study at 7 pm. Call Ryan Hughs for rides from Brimson a 654-0435 or Mike and Sherry Knapp for rides from Trenton at 789-3841 or Doug and Dianna Crawford at 359-3094. Sunday School at 9:30 am with Morning Worship at 11:00 am and Sunday Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm with Evening Worship at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Remember to continue to celebrate Jesus through out the year! How is your challenge (New Year's Commitment) to read your Bible completely in one year going? Have you returned to your first love (God)? Remember God meets you where you are!

Note: Due to unknown weather conditions; one may wish to contact Pastor Doug regarding cancellations of service or activities at 359-3094

Mid Winter Gospel Sing
"The Lesters"
February 9, 2013 at 6:00 pm
North 65 Center, Trenton

Also appearing will be Jordan Crouse and The Lifeline Band and The Veatches



**MARK DATE FOR NGR VBS CLINIC
April 22, 2013
Trenton First Baptist Church**

Enlist your leaders early. Leaders need to have their materials in their hands by the conference. Be praying for your VBS.

**"Pastors and Worship Leaders
Planning Worship Conference"**

**March 22, 2013
Highview Baptist Church
Chillicothe, Missouri**

Speakers:
Kevin Collins: Sermon Preparation
Brenda Collins: Wives Conference
Music: Steve Howell

Registration: 6:00 pm
Meal: 6:15-7:00 pm
Breakouts: 7:00-8:20 pm
Worship: 8:30-9:30 pm

Registration Fee: \$10 per couple or
\$20 per church

**State Evangelism/Discipleship Conference
February 28—March 1, 2013**

"Refresh"

First Baptist Church Branson
400 S Sunshine St.
Branson, MO 65616

Speakers

Michael Catt— Senior. Pastor— Sherwood BC,
Albany, Georgia

Tom Eliff— President of IMB

Ken Jenkins— Photographer & Naturalist

Ronnie Floyd— Sr. Pastor, Cross Church
Northwest, Arkansas

Daniel Simmons— Sr. Pastor,
Mt. Zion, Albany, Georgia

Mark Willard, Sr. Associate Pastor of
Worship,- Sherwood BC, Albany, Georgia

There is no charge (Provided by CP funds)
but you have to register— at mobaptist.org

Festivals of Marriage

March 8-10, 2013
Branson, Missouri
Featuring
Les 7 Leslie Parrott
Brandon & Jen Hatmaker and Ken Davis
Worship by Carl Cartree

"Sunday School Done Right!" Conference

Saturday, March 23, 2014
First Baptist Church, O'Fallon, MO

Speaker: Allan Taylor
Minister of Education, Woodstock, GA

Cost: \$15 per person before March 8th
Register online at
www.mobaptist.org/sunday_school



WMU Focus Week

Prior to the January New Year's Luncheon, the WMU Council met to discuss plans for the February meeting and for upcoming months.

The January New Year's Luncheon was a great time of fellowship and looking ahead to the new year. Those present were given the opportunity to help with the purchase of items for the cups of appreciation that we will fill at this month's meeting.

Our February 12th WMU Focus Week Program will be at the Mission Center at 10:30 am. We will be filling 55 cups of appreciation for local firefighters, first responder's, police and sheriff's departments. We will also have a time of sharing how your church or WOM group is celebrating WMU Focus Week. A covered dish luncheon will follow.

Since March is the month of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering emphasis, we'll have a special presentation by Shelly Sims, Assistant WMU Director, at the March 19th Program and Prayer Luncheon.

I'm hoping we will have several from our association attend the annual WMU Missions Celebration in Warrensburg on April 12-13. If your church hasn't received an information packet, please let me know. There will be a time of sharing about the annual meeting at our April 16th Spring Program and Luncheon.

Shelly Sims, Emma Bankson and I had a great visit with Princeton's Monday WOM group. They always seem to have a project in the works. Way to go, ladies!

Bev Martin
WMU Director



"For God so lo**V**ed the world,
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
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That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."
John 3:16