



Berenstein Bears Hardback book with 8 stories- SRP \$19.99 Save \$10
\$9.00- NGR Price

Check out the BOOKSTORE

Just received several kids board books at discounted prices
“Good Morning God”
“Good Night God”
“How Do I Love You?”
“A Love Letter from God”
“Oh, Where is My Hairbrush?”

Check out the dishes-
Mugs, Casserole Dishes, Pie Plates, Spatulas, Cutting Boards, Tumblers, Individual Soup Cup, Casserole Carrier

Clearance

Duck Dynasty T-shirts- Reg. \$19.99
 Now \$9.00 for 1 or 2 for \$15 or 3 for \$20
 Si’s Tea Glass- Reg. \$6.00 now \$2.90

Sarah Young Devotional Bible
 SRP- \$39.99 now \$20.00

NKJV Gaither Homecoming Bible
 SRP- \$44.99 now \$22.50

February

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




Men's Prayer Breakfast



Jameson Baptist
Saturday, 8:00 am
February 21, 2015
All Men Invited!

WHEN GOD SAW YOU, IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT



“We love Him because He first loved us.”
 1 John 4:19

Missouri State Evangelism Conference

FURNACE, the 2015 State Evangelism-Discipleship Conference- Thursday-Friday February 5-6, 2015, at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Springfield. The theme is based on Daniel 3:25 *“I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”* (KJV)

For details about the schedule, pre-conferences, conference leaders, and breakout sessions, visit www.mobaptist.org/furnace. Dr. Greg Frizzell has been invited to serve as our event pastor, leading prayer and invitation times throughout the conference. Charles Billingsley will be leading worship.

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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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Church Camp

VBS Training Clinic
Monday- April 27th
Tenth Street Baptist Church
NGR VBS Director
Dianna Crawford

Youth Camp- June 22-26, 2015
Children’s Camp- July 27-31, 2015

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

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

By way of reminder our Associational theme for the next 2 years is "ACTS 1:8- ON MISSION FOCUS." As of now these are the ministries that we are accentuating...

Our "Jerusalem" - the BSU and the Bookstore Ministries. (Check out last month's newsletter concerning these.)

Our "Judea" - Medicine Valley Community Ministry and Grand Oaks Baptist Camp Ministry. Lewis and Mabel Rogers are doing a remarkable job in leading this mission in our own backyard. Through the food ministry to 70-125 families each month, revivals, crusades, special events, VBS door to door evangelism efforts, home Bible Studies, regular worship services, sports and children events, counseling, Celebrate Recovery ministry and simply caring for people- the attitude of the community toward the Baptist Church has dramatically changed for the good, souls have been saved and baptized, lives have been changed for God's glory.

They always need help with the food ministry each month. Contact Lewis or Mabel at 660-358-4839 to be involved.

Keep them in your prayers as they do God's will.

Don and Jolette Boyer do an excellent job overseeing Grand Oaks Baptist Camp outside of Chillicothe, MO. Eight associations (including ours) are involved in having representatives on the Executive Board which governs the camp. Our association uses the camp in partnership with Harrison Association to have a Youth Camp week and a Children's Camp week. These camps have been very instrumental in seeing many youth and children coming to know Jesus Christ and growing in their faith.

Please remember the Boyers and the Grand Oaks Camp in your prayers.

In some of the following newsletters, I will share about our "Samaria" and our "Ends of the Earth" ministries.

Let's continue to cry out to our Lord for REVIVAL in our churches and SPIRITUAL AWAKENING in our area!

For His Glory,

E.J. Barnes

**MISSION CENTER
CLOSED
FEBRUARY 16**

Presidents' Day

**Pastors Prayer & Fellowship Time
at Pizza Hut
2nd Monday
of each month**

Pastor's Luncheon

Church Giving

Church Service Times

December 2014 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 234.54	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 572.60	\$ 63.62	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 859.17	\$ 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	\$ 295.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 180.90	\$ 60.30	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley			9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 197.50	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 130.97	\$ 200.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 492.20	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 114.10	\$ 48.90	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 783.32	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 95.36	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 572.29	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	
Tenth St.			9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 964.47	\$ 214.39	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 448.03	\$ 220.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00
Total	\$6,035.45	\$1,157.21				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				

Join any of these churches in worship

Seminary Checking	\$263.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,291.01
Benevolent Savings	\$769.05
NGR Savings	\$425.43
BSU- December- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$1,351.74
Income	\$2,772.63
Total	\$4,124.37
Expenses	\$2,347.62
Ending Balance	\$1,776.75
General BSU Fund	\$751.25
Designated BSU Fund	\$1025.50

December 2014 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$5,128.84
Income	\$13,966.61
Total	\$19,095.45
Expenses	\$13,606.83
Ending Balance	\$5,488.62
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$4,545.34
General Fund	\$903.28
Checking Balance Total	\$5,448.62
NGR October- December 2014 (Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$33,999.62
Expenses	\$34,000.72
Difference	\$-1.10



NGR Church News

Medicine Valley- In recent weeks we have had the privilege of Baptizing four individuals, two adults and two children. As of this writing one other is awaiting baptism.

Over the past several years we have reached a number of people yearly for faith in Jesus, but for various reasons were unable to baptize any of them.

We are thankful this dry spell has been broken at long last. We hope and pray to see others come to the Lord and become baptized followers of the Lord as members of the congregation.

In my message, January 18, based on Hebrews 11:1-12, I reminded my people the word "hope" is often misused. People use it when what they really mean is "I wish a thing to happen but, I feel it may not".

The Biblical meaning is expectation, faith to believe a thing is genuinely coming to pass. My hope (expectation) of eternal life is based upon my acceptance of Jesus and his righteousness.

The distributing of December's "Christmas Food Boxes" was less than expected this year, due in part, to the necessity of postponing distribution by one day, January's distribution was back to normal.

In addition to Sunday morning services at the Baptist Chapel at Newtown, we continue to offer Tuesday night Bible Study and Celebration Station for children in the Humphreys area and Wednesday night Bible Studies for Adults. Both at our home in Humphreys.

We are beginning to develop plans for a possible area-wide revival at Humphreys. The focus on this week long series of meetings would be evangelistic, bringing the lost to know Jesus, in the hope, (expectation) of developing a full-fledged church type ministry at Humphreys.

The success of such a venture will depend upon the Lord's leadership, the empowering presence

of the Holy Spirit, and the support of dedicated churches and individuals, throughout the association, along with the man of God and his message for us.

We are presently asking all who will, to join with us in prayer for God's leadership in this matter. We believe God is prepared to perform a mighty work in this area and the prayers of godly people, I sense, are an important factor in unleashing the forces of heaven.

May God's blessings continue upon us and upon all who support by your prayers, finances, and hands on ministry, this mission in your own backyard.

Trenton FBC- January has been a good month for our church. There has been good attendance in AWANAS, youth group and then RA'S, GA'S and Mission Friends. We appreciate those that are teaching our children and youth Bible truths and missions.

On January 16th- 32 of our senior adults met for a soup luncheon. Shawn Allee our youth pastor, shared his testimony and gave an update on our youth ministry. Laura Ewing is our Senior Adult leader.

We continue to pray for our interim, committee's and those who minister to our congregation. As we continue the process of calling a pastor. We would appreciate our sister churches praying with us.



Northeast Region Training February 27-28

First Baptist Church
302 N Rutherford St.
Macon, MO

Additional training information and online registration can be found by visiting www.mobaptist.org/dr or by contacting MBC at 1-800-736-6227 ext 317.


NGR FINANCE REPORT

The NGR Finance Committee continues to meet and work on the financial status of the association. A letter was mailed to all churches and put in the Encourager last month requesting input from churches and church members on suggestions of steps the Finance Committee should take. At this point we have received 6 letters and some suggestions made to the office and members of the committee. Those comments were summarized and reported at the NGR Executive Board Meeting on January 19th. If your pastor or board member was at the meeting you can obtain some of that information from them.

The Finance Committee plans on meeting February 2nd and reviewing over the current finances, letters and comments. We ask for your prayers as we seek God's leadership in what His plans are for our association.

We want to sincerely thank all who have responded with letters, calls, or visits with the committee from the letter that was sent.

Harold Myers
Chairman



Baptist Global Response (BGR) is the Southern Baptist international disaster relief and community development organization with a heart for helping people in need. BGR connects people in need with people who care.

The BGR Hospice Bucket Kit is a collection of medical/hygiene supplies placed in a 5 gallon, heavy-duty plastic bucket with a sealable lid that will provide assistance to caregivers and quality of life to homebound terminally ill patients. These buckets will go to countries like Swaziland, Lesotho, Mozambique and South Africa where HIV/AIDS is crippling populations, and in many cases, wiping out communities. In addition to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, thousands in Sub-Saharan Africa die each year from sicknesses like cancer, tuberculosis, malaria and other devastating diseases.

Our area is responsible for Ziploc gallon-size freezer bags; .35 oz SQUEEZABLE Carmex Lip Balm tubes (suggest 3 ct. pack for economy) and 8-10 oz FRAGRANCE FREE moisturizing body lotion. NO PUMP bottles (suggest Equate (Wal-Mart) for economy).

If your church chooses they can fill a bucket or collect the items above and bring to the office before April 1st. There are ladies going to the WMU Annual Meeting and they can take them. This project will be for the year and there will be other times that items can be delivered to collection points as they are announced through the year.

BSU @ NCMC

By the time this article is read, the January Winter Retreat at Grand Oaks Camp partnered with NW-Maryville and MOWest-St. Joe will be history. I'm praying that I will be able to report to you that again this year we ministered to approximately 80 students and saw many students make strong commitments to seriously function as mission evangelists on their respective campuses. Pray that the Truths they heard from Pastor David Mason on "Relational Wisdom" during the 3 worship sessions become buried deep in their spirits and that the Holy Spirit will not let them rest until they are walking in those Truths. This generation is so very vulnerable to Satan's "half-truths" and "lies" that unless we can convince them to gird themselves with God's Armor we will have the spiritual death of multiple generations.

The other very significant event this month was attending Makayla Moon's graduation from "Fusion", at MidWestern Seminary. NGR prayer warriors, pray like you never have before, because we now have one of our own BSU students serving for the next 5 months in the Middle East, sharing Jesus with Muslim women. Pray God's hedge of thorns around this young woman, that God will use her story to see lives transformed. Pray for her parents as well as they wait.

The Focus for the month of February for our students is the Engage Conference, Feb. 20-22, 2015, at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The purpose is to raise up kingdom leadership among our college students. A scholarship to help one of our NCMC students attend this year's conference is \$40.

At the annual meeting last September, NGRBA agreed to partner with and support the new church plant in Lenox, IA, known as Country Roads Baptist Church, pastor Mitch Green. The BSU students have made a commitment to spend their Spring Break, Mar 19-22, with Mitch's church and help their church family reach people in their community. The following is a list of supplies Mitch suggested we bring. Pray how you can help the BSU collect these supplies so that Country Roads will not be burdened by the expense. Thank you in advance for whatever you and your church family contribute:

Mitch writes, "I did a satellite count of residences in Lenox and came up with about 600 – 620 residences. This is both houses and apartments. Calvary Baptist Church donated batteries..

· As far as supplies, it would mostly be re-painting and simple repairs. The exception might be a new construct of a "fish-pond" foldable wall. We'll have a better idea of what needs to be done after their carnival (local elementary school) this year in early February. As far as supplies – we're talking mostly primary colors in latex paint (quarts would be best), 1 inch and 2 inch dry-wall screws, sand-paper, brushes and small bowls/buckets, maybe a few rolls of painter's tape. We can provide the tools needed such as hammers, power drill/screwdrivers, etc.

· You might also bring along some "yard/BYBC" games to utilize in the park, but it could be as simple as joining the soccer or basketball game already in play." end of email quote.

The other semester discipleship training and mission opportunities for our students are: 1. Canada Trip, 2. summer missions, 3. weekly leadership training, 4. weekly Bible Study, 5. Tues 9pm worship, and 6. Sunday Night Alive-evangelism to dorm students.

Matthew 28: 19-20 "Therefore, go and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Most of us are very familiar with this passage. In fact, for Baptist it seems to be our "Mantra". But how seriously do we actually take this COMMAND? Because, as one of my colleague's said, "Jesus phrased these words in such a way that as a believer, we are **required to obey**. It's NOT an option." We MUST be making disciples. Are you intentionally making a disciple? Pray how you can help the BSU "make disciples" among our NCMC students this coming semester. Shalom—

HE is worthy to receive the rewards of HIS sacrifice—Souls Diann



Associational WMU Meeting—January 20, 2015

The meeting was opened at 11 am with prayer, with many local and national concerns mentioned. Shelly asked for prayer for Grace Evangelistic, the group that she does mission work with, who was in Haiti this week, Princeton to find a pastor, Spickard Church and many others.

Mission Celebration is scheduled for April 10-11 at St. Charles Baptist Church. The fee to attend is \$30 before March 25 and \$40 after that date. Shelly plans to attend and will take a car load. If you want to go let her know.

February 8-15 is WMU focus week. Remember to promote this in your church.

Diann Barnes sent a letter about the Spring BSU mission trip to Lennox Iowa. This is the town that our association has decided to support in mission outreach. One of their activities is to deliver 9 Volt batteries to each household in town with a sticker with the Lennox church address and phone number. Calvary Baptist Church has donated batteries for this project.

Northwest Missouri WMU and local churches have been asked to collect items for the "Buckets of Love" project for Africa. Our particular items to collect are Ziploc gallon-size freezer bags, tubes of Carmax lip balm and bottles of unscented lotion. There are flyers to explain the collection plan. All items will be taken to Mission Celebration in April to fill the buckets.

The group discussed the 3 baskets that they would fill as mission project for the Alberta Gilpin fund for missionaries and take to the April meeting. One has sewing supplies and material, the second had Christian books and the third has a tea pot and teas. If you have anything that might work in these bring it to the February meeting.

Shelly presented a short program on PTSD, one of WMU mission focus subjects for the year.

Virginia Crumpacker gave a devotional on 2nd Timothy 4:1-8. Fifty six missionaries had birthdays on the day of our meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 17 at 10:30 am.

We ended the meeting with a delicious luncheon and birthday party for Bev Martin.

2 Timothy 4: 2 --to preach the work of God urgently at all times, whenever you get the chance, in season and out, when it is convenient and when it is not.

Shelly Sims
WMU Director

