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Wall Calendars- 50% off
Several books marked down

Adult Coloring Books

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New Wall plaques


Bibles for all ages



February 15
Mission Center Closed
Presidents' Day

February

9 Bobbie Helton
12 Peggy Dennis
20 Ron McPherson
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There will be a NGR Missions Committee meeting on Monday, February 1 at 6 pm.

Following the committee meeting there will be a Mission trip interest meeting at 7 pm. If you are interested in doing an associational mission trip to Iowa working with Mitch Green, we encourage you to come to this meeting.



First Baptist Church of Bethany will be offering Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Training April 22-23. Registration fee for the first time volunteers is currently \$40. If you are retraining and do not need T shirts or other clothing items the fee is \$20.

To be certified as a Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Volunteer you must be at least 18 years of age and a member of a Missouri Baptist Church. All trainees must submit a background check request and attend introduction to Disaster Relief.

Men's Prayer Breakfast



Jameson Baptist
Saturday, 8:00 am
February 20, 2016
All Men Invited!

North Grand River Baptist Association

The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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



NGRBA
Churches

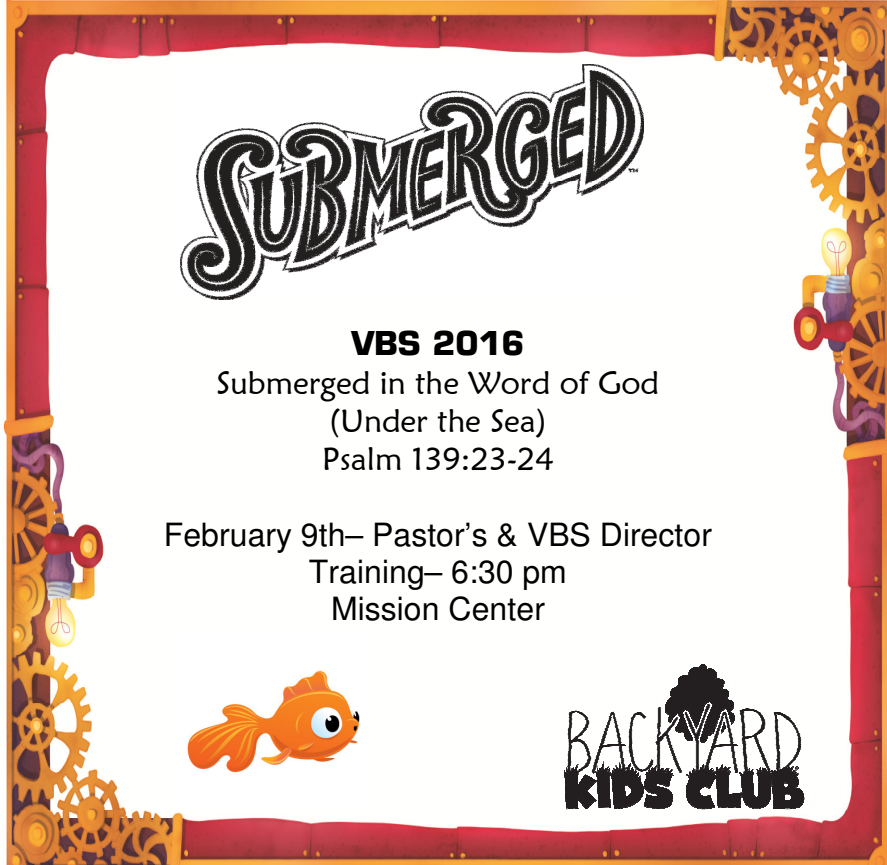
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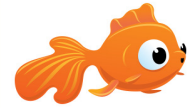

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
Love In Action



SUBMERGED

VBS 2016
Submerged in the Word of God
(Under the Sea)
Psalm 139:23-24

February 9th- Pastor's & VBS Director
Training- 6:30 pm
Mission Center

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

⁷ "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is Love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:7-11

February is known as the month that we emphasize the love people have for one another as sweethearts, married couples, family members etc. It is a good thing to do. We need to express our love for one another as well as receive expression of love. It is a basic need that every one has.

This passage of Scripture shares with us some vitally important facts of true love: 1) God is the source of true love. verse 7 2) God is the essence of true love. verse 8 3) A person must know God to love others in truth, verses 7-8 4) God is the giver of true love. verses 9-10 5) We must love others because God loves us. Verse 11 Jesus put it this way, "This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one that this, that to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:12-13

If, indeed, God is the source and essence of true love, and we must know Him to love others with true love, and He gives true love to us and through us. It is imperative that we receive His love and pursue Him to fill us more and more with true love so that we never cease loving others even to the point of giving up our lives for them is need be!

I am thankful for God's love, my wife's love, my family's love, as well as , the love of you– my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am truly blessed. I pray that I will grow in God's love deeper and deeper that I might love others more and more!

February 12th marks our eleventh anniversary here. I am amazed at how the time has gone so quickly by. We covet your prayers concerning this twelfth year. We need not only God's love to fill us but also His wisdom, energy, direction and courage!

Keep praying about our Acts 1:8 On Mission Focus. Also remember the MBC Evangelism Conference February 4-5th that God will do something very special through it.

Let's cause non-believers to be envious of the love we have for one another and for our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's express our love to non-believers through our prayers, our deeds and the sharing of the Gospel!

For His Glory,

E.J. Barnes

Director of Missions

Church Giving

Church Service Times

December 2015 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 170.16	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 608.93	\$ 67.66	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 912.76	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 315.00	\$ 50.00	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	\$ 377.75	\$ 150.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 225.29	\$ 75.10	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley			9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 240.90	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 745.93	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 400.53	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 144.76	\$ 62.04	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 586.58	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 108.49	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 723.01	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.	\$1,154.90	\$ 192.48	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,303.29	\$ 130.33	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 198.03	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00
Total	\$8,311.31	\$1,327.61				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Zion BC		\$ 25.00				
Milan BC		\$ 94.31				

Seminary Checking	\$263.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,297.01
Benevolent Savings	\$781.77
NGR Savings	\$436.95

BSU– December– Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$3,530.81
Income	\$4,451.92
Total	\$7,982.73
Expenses	\$2,313.01
Ending Balance	\$5,669.72
General BSU Fund	\$5,619.72
Designated BSU Fund	\$50.00

Join any of these churches in worship

December 2015 NGR Account

Beginning Balance	\$13,925.98
Income	\$17,484.08
Total	\$31,410.06
Expenses	\$12,013.16
Ending Balance	\$19,396.90

Line Items in General Checking

Designated Funds	\$8,318.68
General Fund	\$11,078.22
Checking Balance Total	\$19,396.90

NGR October-December 2015

(Does not include designated funds)

Income	\$35,725.58
Expenses	\$28,179.84
Difference	\$7,545.74



Gallatin FBC— Following are some upcoming events at our church:

Wood Marshall, FBC Youth Minister and several of our Gallatin FBC JOY Youth will be attending Winter Jam on Sunday, January

24. The JOY Youth will have a Super Bowl Party at the home of Pam Howard on Sunday evening February 7. Their next event will be snowboarding on Saturday, February 20. JOY youth meet each week on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

Gallatin FBC will be serving the BSU lunch on Wednesday, February 3. Crockpot Pizza, green beans, fruit and desserts are on the menu.

The next Keenagers Luncheon “Celebration of Love” will be held on Thursday, February 4. You won’t want to miss this one!

There will be an Valentine’s Banquet held in FBC Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 13 at 6 pm. Cost will be \$20.00 per couple. The meal will be catered and the men will be serving the meal. (Child care provided)

Volunteers Needed!

Medicine Valley Community Ministry needs volunteers to help with the preparation and distribution of the Food Pantry Ministry



February dates to help with food distribution at Medicine Valley Community Ministry
February 16th— Prepare Boxes at Newtown Baptist Chapel— 9 am to noon

January 18th— Food Distribution

Coon Creek Union Baptist Church: Praying in all circumstances: (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

We had a good Christmas program put on by our kids. The name was “Away in the Manger”. Following the program we had a candlelight service followed with a finger food fellowship. There was Happy Birthday Jesus cakes and gifts for the kids. Pastor Doug tied in his message of the Miracle of the Manger to the blood of the cross. We had great help from the members getting the costumes and sets ready— Thanks a lot!

We adopted 7 families and gave to several missions and we were so blessed!

We’ve only had to cancel a couple of church services because of the weather.

Trenton FBC— Our new pastor Bro. Josh Gottman is on the field and we are looking forward to the many ministries that God has in store for us. We welcome him, his wife Christy and their children- Norah, Seth, Lucy and Guy.

Even though Sunday mornings have been cold and icy Attendance has been very good at FBC. The Keen-agers met January 15th and the Gottman children sang and Ron McCullough spoke on medical directives.

Attendance at our Awana and Youth programs are going well.

Our WMU is making plans for Focus Week in February 7-14th.



We started the new semester by providing gift bags to all the dorm students, and 9 gift bags given away during Wednesday Lunch ministry. Both Saturday night and Sunday night before class start, Christina assisted me in picking up International students at KC airport. Saturday night we returned to Trenton at 11:30pm and Sunday at 3am Monday. This return time proved to be a challenge when Trenton High School called at 6:30am asking me to sub for that Monday. However, the late nights proved to be worth it, as we were able to make some valuable connections with homeless and transportation-less students, who we are now being allowed to meet their needs.

Jason Wood’s parents (International student we picked up on Saturday night) live in the Bahamas. His mother is assistant principal of a Baptist high school in the Bahamas. Through the process of arranging to pick up Jason, I gained a sister in Christ who sent me text messages throughout that Saturday evening as we drove back to Trenton in one of the most fierce wind/snow storms I have ever had to battle. Don’t panic. I didn’t read the texts. Christina had my phone and relayed Sheryl’s messages to me as I battled to keep the van from being blown off the road. Her prayers and EJ’s interceding got us safely home and the students delivered to the dorm.

January 30, Saturday, we will be hosting a 1-Day Retreat at Grand Oaks Camp. The goal is to train those attending how to share their life story, how to ask the kind of questions that will allow them to maintain control of conversations about Jesus, and also to give the students a chance to relax, play games, sled (if there is snow), and in general enjoy a day away from campus. The other purpose for this day is to equip the students to be more prepared for our Spring Break Mission Trip in March.

Pray for our Spring Break Mission Trip. Only God can be credited for orchestrating the details for this trip. The 1st three attempts to establish a mission project fell through. In desperation, I asked God where He wanted us to spend our week doing mission work. He told me, “Google for churches in Mexico Beach, FL”. Obeying this, I found the webpage for FBC, Mexico Beach, with a cell phone number for their pastor. I called the number, leaving a voice message asking the pastor to return my call at his convenience. The very next day, while subbing at THS, I get a call during the only time of the day that I have plan time. The call is from Pastor Eddie La-Fountain. When I explain the reason for my call the night before, he responds with enthusiasm that my phone call is an answer to his prayer. He shares with me that he has been doing neighborhood evangelism for over a year, which has been hard for him because he is bi-vocational at his church. He has been asking God to send him help to reach his community and help grow his church. He was very thankful that God connected us, and said that his church would be thrilled when he shared this information with them. The next week in our 2nd conversation, he related that his church family is very excited about our college students coming to help them reach their city for Jesus Christ. Pastor Eddie shared that there is enough things to do that a team of 18 would be very welcomed. Therefore, if you are wishing that you could be a part of this trip, wish no more. Pray and ask God. If He says yes, join us and make the trip with us to share the story of Jesus in the streets and on the beach of Mexico Beach, FL.

He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice—Souls
Diann Barnes

**WMU Focus Week-
February 7-14**

**Women’s Prayer & Program Luncheon
February 9th— 10:30 am**



Living Proof with Beth Moore

Wednesdays beginning January 6
Trinity Broadcasting Network
(check your local listings)

Join Beth Moore every Wednesday for a new TV series, "Living Proof with Beth Moore," on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). This will be an incredible time of Bible study you won't want to miss, so mark your calendar or set your DVR!

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