



CHECK OUT THE DVDS!

Several new ones—
Great Christmas Gifts!
Many for only \$5 or \$8

NEW! "Called to Pray" figurines—
Choose from: Soldier, Police Officer, Firefighter, Young Girl or Boy, Man or Woman, Baseball player, Football player, Basketball player.



NEW! Holman NKJV Study Bible-

Features 15,000 study notes, 141 photos, 62 timelines, 59 maps, 40-page concordance, 20 articles and essays on practical and theological issues, 16 illustrations and reconstructions, and 15 charts. Other details of the *NKJV Study Bible* include a two-column text setting, center-column cross references, the words of Christ in red type, extensive book introductions, one- and three-year Bible reading plans, a notes section, four-color presentation page and family records section, and two-piece die-cut gift box. All study features throughout the *NKJV Study Bible* are designed to put the emphasis where it must be " on making the Scriptures, God's written Word, clear and understandable. '


Clearance- Leanin Tree Card Package's— now \$10.00
Look for the yellow sticker on other clearance items.

Christmas Boxed Cards arriving soon!
Many items make great Christmas Gifts!



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Rural Dale Baptist Church
Saturday, 8:00 am
November 16, 2013
All Men Invited!



The Mission Center will be closed on November 28-29th in observance of Thanksgiving.



Pastor's Luncheon

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

November

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 Doug & Dianna Crawford
4 Mabel Rogers
15 Earl Nance
17 Steven Nelson
26 Gene & Ann Schreffler



North Grand River Baptist Association

1108 N Main
Trenton, MO 64683
Fax: 660.359.0200
E-Mail: ngrmission@sbcglobal.net
BSU Telephone— 660.654.0785
DOM's Office— 660.359.3365 Telephone — 660.359.3897
Web Page— northgrandriverbaptist.com

Director of Missions
Rev. E.J. Barnes
Ministry Assistant
Debbie Dickinson
BSU Director
Diann Barnes

North Grand River Baptist Association

The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Volume 36, Number 11
November, 2013

"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

U
N
I
T
E
D

O
N

M
I
S
S
I
O
N



DNOW 2013

Disciple Now Retreat

Harrison & North Grand River Association

December 6-7 Cost: \$30

Register 6th: 6:30 pm - Leave 7th: 9:00 pm

Grand Oaks- (outside of Chillicothe)

Trevor Darr & Shawn Allee – Youth Leaders

What to Bring: Yourself -Bible-Sleeping Bag/ Winter Clothes/ Working Clothes/PJs/Tooth Brush-Fun-A willingness to be Changed by God
Contact Trevor, Shawn or either of the association offices by November 22nd and give them T-Shirt sizes and an estimate of how many will be attending.



The staff of North Grand River Baptist Association wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving as we stop to give praise and thanks to God for all He has done for us.

"In all things give thanks"
1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love is eternal. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love is eternal. Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His love is eternal." Psalm 136:1-3

THOUGHTS
FROM THE
HEART

It's the middle of October 2013. Like a lot of people I'm dealing with a myriad of challenges: physical health concerns, family physical and social health concerns, financial strains, ministry responsibilities, my personal weaknesses and growing edges, spiritual attacks, adjusting to a culture rapidly declining, spiritually and morally, frustration with having to have things fixed, disappointments over the failures of others, losing loved ones to death, caring for the hurting— just to name a few. I realize that my challenges are minimal to what most people are going through. So, what am I to do? What are we to do as we walk through November?

First and foremost we are to GIVE THANKS! We must maintain an attitude of gratitude— no matter what the circumstances. We are to have hearts so full of thanksgiving that our mouth cannot but help to share it privately and publicly. To whom am I to give thanks? To whom are we to express our thanks this month (and every month)?

First and foremost we are to GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD! Who is He? He is "the God of gods", "the Lord of lords", the Wonderworker, the Creator of the heavens and earth, the Sustainer of living beings and "the God of heaven" according to Psalm 136. But, why am I to give Him thanks? Why are we to express our thanks to Him unendingly?

First and foremost we are to GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD. HIS LOVE IS ETERNAL. As He delivered the Israelites from the Egyptians, defeated their enemies, directed them through their wilderness journey, deeded them the promised holy land even though they themselves were humbled by their sin and circumstances— He has and will do the same for His chosen people today— for those of us who know Him personally as our Lord and Savior. He is worthy to receive thanks from us because He is good, and His love is eternal!!!

For His Glory

E.J. Barnes



The 2013 theme for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is "Totally His ... heart, hands, voice," based on Matthew 22:36-39. Totally committed to God, first to love Him, then love others. No less than all of our heart, soul and mind is what's required of us as believers in Christ. All believers, all of the church, all Southern Baptists — totally His.

Mark your Calendars for Disaster Relief Training

Training offered will be; Introduction, Mass feeding, Chain Saw, Child care, Shower unit, Mud out, Communication, Assessment, & Chaplain. If anyone would like to do one or more of these for DR; for more info on details of training offered contact Harold Myers at his cell phone number— 660-635-2260.

TRAINING DATES - 2014

Eureka, Mo. - Feb. 21-22
Maryville, MO. - April 11-12
Sedalia, Mo. - Sept. 5-6
Houston, Mo. - Oct. 10-11

Church Giving

September 2013 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha			9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 509.22	\$ 56.58	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 717.09	\$ 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	\$ 328.10	\$ 150.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 256.08	\$ 85.36	9:45	10:45	6:30	6:30
M. Valley	\$ 28.08	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 170.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 141.12	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 448.44	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 105.56	\$ 45.24	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 676.62	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem			10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 855.25	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:45	7:00
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	
Tenth St.	\$3,207.96	\$ 702.69	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 957.26	\$ 212.72	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 160.95	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Total	\$8,656.73	\$1,827.59				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				

Church Service Times

Join any of these churches in worship

September 2013 NGR Account

Beginning Balance	\$3,397.24
Income	\$12,342.11
Total	\$15,739.35
Expenses	\$12,369.94
Ending Balance	\$3,369.41

Line Items in General Checking

Designated Funds	\$3,369.41
General Fund	\$0
Checking Balance Total	\$3,369.41

NGR October– September 2013

(Includes designated funds)

Income	\$146,264.99
Expenses	\$146,467.26
Difference	(-\$202.37)

Seminary Checking	\$510.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,081.45
Benevolent Savings	\$755.71
NGR Savings	\$434.54
BSU– September– Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$5,104.94
Income	\$3,325.30
Total	\$8,430.24
Expenses	\$2,073.46
Ending Balance	\$6,356.78
General BSU Fund	\$5,160.06
Designated BSU Fund	\$1,196.72



Edinburg- The WOM entered another quilt in the Apple festival to help raise money for the Baptist Children's Home. The quilt placed second. What a great reward and a terrific way to help the Baptist Home. We have some hard working ladies in our church.

On Oct. 6, all children and youth from 3-18 were joining in fellowship for a complete day of learning, praising, and fall fun. The teachers were Judy Wynne and Kelli Hines. There were several attending that day and \$55 was raised to help support Grand Oaks Camp in revamping their pool and numerous other buildings. Remember this opportunity to give locally when supporting missions. This is a true mission to many children and youth. Sometimes this is the only opportunity they get to hear about Jesus.

We welcome all visitors to our church. Our pastor is Dr. David Robertson and our Church Services start at 11:00 AM. May God bless your month.

The averages for September were Sunday School 31; Morning Worship 55; Evening Worship 27 and Wednesday 17.

Gallatin First Baptist- Our fall has been busy. AWANAS is in full swing with around 80 children, teens and workers. The patter of many feet can be heard on our fellowship hall during game time.

Dakota Darby has resigned as Youth Pastor with November 3rd being his last official day. We will send him off with a special dinner that evening. We wish him well in whatever God is calling him to do, but he will be missed by everyone in the church. He has truly become a part of our church family.

Gallatin Continued- Helping Hands completed their mission project to bless a local family October 12th. Thirty members helped replace siding and painted the house over parts of 3 days. The family has 5 children and the mother has liver cancer. This is our fourth project in the past 5 years to reach out to a local family in need.

A men's retreat is being planned for Oct. 25-26 at the Miracle Hills Ranch near Bethany.

Trunk N' Treat is being planned for Oct. 31.

Medicine Valley- On Sunday evening, October 20, we co-hosted a very special meeting held at the Christian Church at Newtown. The purpose of the meeting was to turn our thoughts to the question, "What can be done to protect our children from the rapidly increasing sale and use of illicit and illegal drugs?"

We viewed the video "Life Stolen" after which I shared thoughts primarily focusing on parental responsibility, and secondly on community action. There were a large number of youth present, whom I spoke to briefly prior to showing the Video. After the video the youth left for other activities.

The evening closed with a period of discussion, and a closing prayer asking God's direction and his protective grace. One small step, but many a long journey begins with one small step.

For the past several months we have been conducting meetings for children called Celebration Station, an adjunct ministry to our Celebrate Recovery Services.

In August and September there was a period of about 6 weeks in which we did not have Celebrate Recovery sessions. They have been resumed in October with a small number of individuals presently involved. We expect to see participation gradually increase. It is encouraging to see a few individuals involved who are genuinely desirous of overcoming their addiction.

Medicine Valley Continued-

Turnout for the children's Celebration Station has been excellent with generally some 10 to 14 children participating.

The food ministry continues to bless the lives of some 75 to 85 households each month with distribution from the Food Pantry at Newtown and from the Community Center at Humphreys.

The Annual Food Drive did not result in as much food as we had hoped for, in part due to rain on the Saturday for scheduled pick up in the Humphreys-Galt area and partly due to low turnout of volunteers. Consequently, we were unable to cover most of the rural areas.

Nevertheless, we are thankful for what was received and grateful for the assistance of those who gave of their time as well as those who gave food.

Sunday School and Church attendance at the Baptist Chapel at Newtown has increased slightly with more adults present in recent weeks. The children are always welcome, but more adults need to become involved.

We continue to pray for additional dedicated workers at both Newtown and Humphreys. It is hoped the Lord will send us someone to work with the children at Humphreys utilizing the Celebration Station material there.

Additional financial support is greatly needed to enable us to continue our present scope of ministry. Unless additional sources of support develop our ministry activities will eventually need to be sharply curtailed.

Much appreciated are those who give continuing hands on support, and prayer support and financial assistance to this mission in your own backyard.

Union- We will be having our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner again. If you do not have a place to go for Thanksgiving or would like to help in any way, please contact Dianna Crawford at 359-3094.

Salem- A large group of women from our church attended the Women of Faith at the Sprint Center. They really enjoyed it and look forward to it every year. They came back with testimonies and song from their experience. They were truly blessed, and blessed us in return with sharing.

October 18th, Friday evening Salem met together to decorate our float for the Missouri Day Parade. It is always a lot of fun decorating and having a fun time together.

We had 52 attend our hay ride and marshmallow roast. It was a fun time of fellowship in the Forks of the River.

We donated to The Salt House in Chillicothe.

We are making plans to have the Backlight Brigade to come with information to be posted later.

We pray for God's blessings once again in America— for a unity of faith, in prayers for our country.

Trenton FBC— November 4th our WOM will host the Baptist Women World Day of Prayer at 10:30 am. A covered dish lunch will be at noon. All ladies are invited to come.

November 24th will be our annual flag ceremony honoring our IMB missionaries. November 16th at 9:00 am we will have a huge packing party with the items we have collected all year.

November 18-22 you will be able to drop off your OCC boxes at the Activity Center at Trenton FBC.

December 9-10 we will have a group of 15 going to Minneapolis to the OCC processing center.

October 17th we were privileged to host the annual soup supper sponsored by the Trenton Ministerial Alliance to help with the Samaritan Fund, which helps those in need in our community. Afterwards was the opening ceremonies for Missouri Days. Our church also participated in handing out water during the Missouri Day Parade and events. Labels were on the water telling about the "Living Water."



BSU @ NCMC- Students--MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

God is moving in the hearts of our college students. Those that are sold out to Jesus are a force to be reckoned with. Seven of the 12 students who went to Get-Away, Sept 27-29, personally shared with Christina or myself how God is calling them to walk a deeper walk with HIM. (Edinburg, Coon Creek, and Lineville, and some individuals all contributed to helping the BSU with this trip. Thank you, contributors. You helped make a difference.) One of our students is leading an Esther Bible study in her dorm on Thursday nights. God is calling this same student to coordinate a 27 hour FAST to be held at the Ketchum community center in November, inviting all high school Uth groups to the event. These HS students will be challenged to DO their faith not just talk about it. Five of our students are doing a six week study on how to defend their faith by asking questions of activists and people who espouse theories so contrary to God's Word that it makes you shudder. Four of our students plus Christina and myself handed out 300 children's gospel tracks during the MO Days Parade. One of our students wants to do something so badly for his Creator on campus, that he is planning to establish a new club called, "Club MAD" (Making A Difference!). He has designed a long-sleeve "Club MAD" T-shirt that he will be selling for \$20. The proceeds will help the BSU fund Club MAD to buy more Bibles to give away and fund more promotional materials to reach more students with God's story. If you want to help this young man with his vision, drop by the BSU, check out the shirt and see if it might make an excellent Christmas gift for that person whom God is calling to make a difference to the people in his/her surroundings. Two of our students are actively involved with the Middle School and HS "Young Life" chapters in their church. Tuesday night 9pm Communitas worship has had a consistent number of students worshipping, praising God, and praying with each other asking GOD "How" and "What" He wants them to be about. The closeness of Community is so real with these students that it is hard to get them to leave after Aaron Stark is finished preaching. Most Tuesday nights it is 11:30pm or midnight before Christina or I can leave to seek our own beds.

The entire month of October, NCMC students are collecting packages of toilet paper and paper towels. Saturday, Nov. 2nd, BSU students will deliver these donations to the Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City. Churches, if you want to help our students be an even bigger blessing, have your church or a Sunday School class or children's class collect for this month, and bring your supplies to the BSU before Friday, 11/1. With everyone cooperating we can be a really HUGE blessing to these RMH homes, who are trying to help make the lives of hurting families a little less painful.

Many times I have heard my generation express their concern of the lack of 20 and 30 year olds not being present in our traditional worship services. And, if you observe a typical AM worship service you will find they have a point when you notice that most heads are white as snow. However, there is HOPE!! The I-Y generation may not be as visible in our traditional services as we would want to see, but they are out there in our world. And, those who are sold out to Jesus, are BOLD enough to assault Hell with a water pistol, VIBRANT enough to be attractive to other young people, and PASSIONATE enough to simply ask "which way, Lord?".

William Blackaby is quoted as saying, "Find out where God is working, and get on board!!" Many of you have done this very thing. You have given financially, prayed unceasingly, and supported in multiple ways God's work here among our NCMC students. If you are asking God how you can support this work, consider asking your church to have a one time "Love Offering", a monthly "Love Offering", or increase by 1/2 percent the faithful "Love Gift" that you already give. Another valuable way is to pick up an extra gallon of green beans, BBQ sauce, picante sauce, taco seasoning, boxes of pasta, eggs, oil, dish detergent, etc. (The second week of school I arrived at the BSU to find someone had left a case of pasta noodles for us to use. What a blessing this has been. You know who you are--and I thank you.)

I Chronicles 23:27 says that the Levites were required to register at the age of 20 to serve God. Let's help our 20 year olds serve Jesus here at NCMC.

HE is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of HIS Sacrifice--Souls. *Diann*



WMU Focus for October—Operation Christmas Child

The Associational WMU met at the Mission office October 15 for its monthly meeting and luncheon. We opened with prayer with several special prayer requests.

The focus this month was "Operation Christmas Child". The program was given by Belinda Hogan highlighting the needed steps to fill the boxes for the next 2 months. National collection week will be November 18-25. Trenton First Baptist Church will be the collection site during that week and all local boxes need to be dropped off there. Belinda has extra flyers and bulletin fillers to explain the program. She will be leading a group of 15 people from Trenton First to the regional collection site in Minneapolis to assist in getting the boxes ready to ship overseas.

Missouri Days will be the next event that our association actively participates in. A request for cookies from churches was made to be brought to the association office on Friday in preparation for the Saturday morning parade. The WMU served cookies and the Brotherhood served hot chocolate outside the association office.

A special surprise party was given for Bev Martin who had served as WMU Associational Director for 13 years. She received several gifts of 13 items each and Shelly gave a short Bible study on the number 13. She has promised to stick around and help but she has big shoes to fill.

Concerned Women of America are encouraging all state and local entities to proclaim Thanksgiving week as "Americans Christian Heritage Week".

Bev Martin and Shelly Sims met with Tenth Street Baptist WMU on October 10th.

Monday November 4th, is "World Day of Prayer". We will be meeting at Trenton First Baptist at 10:30 am with Virginia Crumpacker leading the program. Come and join us, the food and fellowship are always worth the trip.

The current government activities made this verse especially meaningful this month—Isaiah 3:12 (Living Bible) *"O my people! Can't you see what fools your rulers are? Weak as women! Foolish as little children playing King. True leaders? No, misleaders! Leading you down the garden path to destruction."*

Shelly Sims

WMU Director

Sonrise Children's Home near Princeton is asking the churches of our association if they have people willing to be respite workers for a weekend or even just 24 hours. They are also looking for mentors who would be willing to visit one on one with their youth about once a month.

Contact Jane Wilmus 660-748-3660, cell 660-868-1191 or

www.sonrisechildrenshome.org

Bev Martin

Thanksgiving Week—

America's Christian Heritage Week

As thanksgiving approaches once again it is time to focus on our Christian heritage and the history behind this celebration. In past years some Missouri governors have proclaimed this week as America's Christian Heritage Week. Last year our Trenton Mayor and City Council made this proclamation. We are urging our churches and age level organizations to emphasize the week of Thanksgiving as America's Christian heritage week. For additional information visit barilla@achw.org

Christian Life Co-Director's

Beverly Martin & Sherry Knapp