



October is Pastor Appreciation Month- Several items to choose from for a gift or a Gift Certificate to the Bookstore would be a nice gift.

Check out the BOOKSTORE

**NEW!** "Called to Pray" figurines-

Choose from: Soldier, Police Officer, Firefighter, Young Girl or Boy, Man or Woman, Baseball player, Football player, Basketball player.

Earl Nance's new book- *"Flight of the Sparrow"*  
DVD- *"Music & Majesty Praise & Wonder"*

CD's- Jars of Clay- Inland  
Bethel Music- Tides

7eventh Time Down- Just Say Jesus  
Kim Walker Smith & Skyler Smith- Home  
(Above CD's great gift for young person)

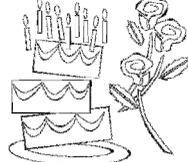
**NEW!** Cutting Boards, Pie Plates also  
Check out spatula's- great gifts- sold many

**Missouri Day Special— October 17-18**  
**10% off all Bibles and Bible Covers**  
**Open Saturday October 19th—**  
**8 am to 10:30 am**

 **October**

- 2 Ann Schreffler
- 4 Denny Chesnut
- 7 Dianna Crawford
- 22 Steve Dennis
- 30 Steve & Peggy Dennis
- 31 Lou Bullman

*Birthdays &*



*Anniversaries*

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**MBC Annual Meeting-**

October 28-30, 2013

"The Holy Way"- Isaiah 35:8

The annual meeting is at the Sheraton  
Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center  
2345 McGee St., Kansas City, MO

**Eric Hall Ordination Service**

You are invited to the ordination service for Eric Hall at Jameson Baptist Church on October 20th at 2:30 pm. Eric has been serving as Jameson's pastor.



**Pastor's Luncheon**

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



**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Tenth Street Baptist Church  
Saturday, 8:00 am  
October 12, 2013  
NOTE- Date change to  
2nd Saturday

North Grand River Baptist Association

**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

**October- Pastor Appreciation Month**

- Alpha- Jim & Cathie Whitley
- Edinburg- Dr. David & Barbara Robertson
- Gallatin- Garrett & Jennifer Trunk
- Galt- Gene & Ann Schreffler
- Jameson- Erik Hall
- Jamesport- Rich & Chris Neeley
- Laredo- Deryl & Linda Niffen
- Lineville- Interim- Kenny & Judy Wilson
- Medicine Valley Ministry- Lewis & Mabel Rogers
- Mercer- Ron & Bobbie Helton
- Modena- Don & Debbie Boone
- Rural Dale- Steven & Dana Nelson
- Ravanna- Earl & Rebecca Nance
- Princeton- David & Roberta Dennis
- Salem- Tim & Cyndy Munday
- Shelburne- Aaron & Michelle Stark
- Spickard- Charlie & Cloris Bullman
- Tenth Street- Ron & Iva Gail Ratliff
- Trenton First- Denny & Carolyn Chesnut
- Union- Doug & Dianna Crawford
- Sparrow Ministry- Earl & Rebecca Nance
- Director of Missions- E.J. and Diann Barnes

*Ron Helton & Gene Schreffler have served at least 25 years at their church. We express our congratulations and appreciation for your faithfulness.*

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

*“Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give an account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.” Hebrews 13:17*

THOUGHTS  
FROM THE  
HEART

William Barclay, the renown New Testament expositor and scholar, writes: “To the present leaders the duty of the congregation is obedience. A Church is a democracy, but not a democracy run mad; it must give obedience to the leaders whom it has chosen as its guides. That obedience is not to be given in order to gratify the leaders’ sense of power, or to increase the prestige. It is to be given so that at the end of the day the leaders may be seen to have lost none of the souls which are committed to their care and to their charge. The greatest joy of the leader of any Christian fellowship is to see those whom he leads established in the Christian way.”

The Scripture also says in 1 Timothy 5:17-18- “Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,’ and, ‘The laborer is worthy of his wages.’”

This month is annually designated as Pastor’s Appreciation Month. I believe our churches are blessed with Pastors (including Youth Pastors, etc.) who are God-called, Holy men of God who are committed to caring for their congregations by unashamedly sharing the Word of God and the Love of God in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are blessed to have them serve with us.

I believe that they should also be highly respected and loved. They need our daily prayers. They deserve our humble submission. They need our faithful partnership in serving the Lord and one another. They also need our words of encouragement. It is my prayer that this would be a special month of expressing your (individuals and churches) love for you Pastors by giving them and their families gifts that would bring glory to Jesus Christ as well as special blessings to them. Be generous. Be glad to do it, and you too will be blessed beyond your expectations.

This month begins our new church year and associational year. Let’s recommit ourselves to our Lord and expect Him to work supernaturally through our churches and lives for His honor!

For His Glory-

*E.J. Barnes* DOM

P.S. Remember to observe Soul Winning Commitment Day on October 6th.

### World Hunger Sunday- October 13, 2013

There are almost 900 million hungry people in the world today. That’s about 1 in every 8 persons. Last year, over 5 MILLION childhood deaths worldwide were attributed to hunger. 49 million Americans struggle with hunger, including 17 million children. That means 1 in 6 people do not get enough food to be healthy. An estimated 35% of poor families in the US are forced to choose between buying food and paying their rent or mortgage.

Global Hunger Relief is the channel Southern Baptists use to meet hunger needs in North America and around the world. 100% of every gift you make meets hunger needs in North America and overseas. Hunger relief meets both crisis hunger needs and catalyzes change to conditions that cause hunger. For more information visit their website at [worldhungerfund.com](http://worldhungerfund.com)

### Church Giving

### Church Service Times

August 2013 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 313.89	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 518.15	\$ 57.57	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 587.95	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 363.00	\$ 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	\$ 291.25		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 228.72	\$ 76.24	9:45	10:45	6:30	6:30
M. Valley	\$ 28.47	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 249.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 132.39	\$ 100.00	10:15	9:00	7:30	7:00
Princeton	\$ 552.21	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	6:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 84.49	\$ 36.21	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 586.19	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 112.75	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 491.11	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:45	7:00
Spickard	\$ 60.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	
Tenth St.			9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,096.65	\$ 243.70	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 207.78	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,929.00</b>	<b>\$1,063.72</b>				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				

Join any of these churches in worship

#### August 2013 NGR Account

Beginning Balance	\$4,466.19
Income	\$8,439.93
Total	\$12,906.12
Expenses	\$9,508.88
Ending Balance	\$3,397.24

#### Line Items in General Checking

Designated Funds	\$3,570.96
General Fund	\$(-173.72)
Checking Balance Total	\$3,397.24

#### NGR October– August 2013

(Includes designated funds)	
Income	\$133,922.88
Expenses	\$134,097.32
Difference	(-\$174.44)

<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$600.21
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,067.81
<b>Benevolent Savings</b>	\$744.39
<b>NGR Savings</b>	\$433.78
<b>BSU– August– Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$7,212.78
Income	\$3,068.72
Total	\$10,281.50
Expenses	\$5,176.56
Ending Balance	\$5,104.94
General BSU Fund	\$4,486.92
Designated BSU Fund	\$618.02



**Gallatin**— Our youth minister Dakota Darby has resigned and moved.

On October 25-26 we will be having a Men's Retreat at Miracle Hills Ranch in Bethany.

**Princeton**- NAMB - time to pray on October 2, 2013.

We are excited at the wonderful things the Lord is doing through His servants. Many young people have enjoyed the 5th Quarter outreach events Friday night following the game.

Communion will be held Sunday, Oct. 6. Youth 5th Quarter will be held on Oct. 4 and 11th. Men's Breakfast on October 12 at 7:00 am. WMU prayer luncheon will be held at Trenton at 10:30 am. BSU Luncheon at Trenton will be served by WOM group on October 16. Show Me Sunday will be held on Sunday October 27. MBC annual meeting will be held October 28-30 in Kansas City, MO.

**Salem**- September 22nd, we had our annual Forks of the River hay ride. We had a good turnout and perfect weather for it, couldn't ask for better. Thank you Lord.

September 22nd, we had Eric Lynch fill in for Pastor Tim as he had to be out of town. Brother Eric had a good message and it was a pleasure to have him.

Wednesday evenings we are having Bible Study. September 27-28 is the Women of Faith Conference at the Sprint Center. The women of Salem are excited to go.

September 28th will be NGRBA 172nd Annual Meeting at Coon Creek

October 19th we will have a float entered again this year for the Missouri day parade.

We are also excited to take part in Operation Christmas Child this year, which will be here before we know it.

Praying for God to bless this country, and give us Christian leaders in the next election

**.Trenton First Baptist**— September 4th we began AWANAS for this year. We welcomed back many former AWANAS and several new ones. The 5th and 6th grade meet at 5:30-7:15, they are called AREA 56. At 7:30 youth 7-12 meet. We are seeing numerical and spiritual growth in both groups.

September 16th the Crafty Ladies and WMU ladies met and made about 30 pillowcase dresses to put in OCC boxes. From sewing, pressing and cutting, it was a fun day. After our noon lunch, Marilyn led the group in scripture reading and devotional time.

Senior Adults will have a picnic at Crowder Park on September 27th.

October 13th we will observe World Hunger Day with a rice and bean meal. Donations will go to the World Hunger Fund.

November 24th will be our international flag ceremony to honor our IMB Missionaries. This is a change from the usual first Sunday in December. All are welcome to this service at 10:40 am on November 24th.

**Union**- *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way."* Psalm 37:23

Pastor Doug & Dianna have returned from a very needed vacation. We are so glad that they are back and for a safe return.

We had five baptisms; welcome our new brother & sisters in Christ Jesus. We are excited what the Lord is doing in the hearts of our children as they are the future of the church.

We have the Lord's Table scheduled for October 6th, Trailride tentatively scheduled for October 12th at 9:00 am (Weather permitting, check with Robert Hughs at 789-3643); Lock-in to Miss Dianna's Wednesday Night Class of Kindergarten thru Grade 4 on October 18th; Ladies work CWU Thrift Store October 18-19; October 20 is Eastview Nursing Home Services; serving the BSU on October 23rd.



## Seminary Extension Class OT 3104 "Old Testament Survey" Part II a 3 Hour Course Classes Begin Thursday, October 3rd

This is a survey of all the prophetic books of the Old Testament, as well as miscellaneous books known as the Writings. Rev. Dan Wilford is the teacher.

If you plan to enroll in the course, please contact the North Grand River Association Office indicating your interest. We need early registration so materials may be ordered for you. Thank the Lord, your \$125 registration fee will be paid by an interested party. We do require that you pay for the textbooks if possible since they will be yours, although, scholarships are available to cover the cost of books if necessary. The price of the books is \$90.

### Extreme Sunday School Challenge Northwest Missouri Regional Sunday School Leadership Training

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013  
First Baptist Church, Cameron**

Join DOM At Mission Center to leave at 5 pm

Guest Speaker— Doug Schildknecht  
(Pastor of FBC Buckner) He also will lead  
The Pastor's Breakout Session

Age Graded Conferences for each age group—  
Preschool, Children, Student, Adult,  
Sunday School Directors and Pastors

Registration at 6:00 pm with opening session  
Beginning at 6:30 pm. Will conclude at 9 pm

Please register by Friday, September 27, 2013  
There is no registration fee, however, we are asking each church to register so that the conference leaders will have adequate materials

Are you ready for your Sunday School classes to discover new opportunities to reach unchurched people, mature disciples, engage believers in outreach, and increase available resources for ministry Then plan to bring your Sunday School leaders to the Northwest Sunday School Leadership Training.



### RA Congress October 4-5, 2013 MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia

Registration- \$11.00 per person if registered  
by September 18, 2013  
\$15.00 per person if registered at the door  
but no t-shirt orders

Housing and more information can be found  
on the website [www.mobaptist.org/wmu](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu)

Ministry Project—  
You can choose to bring the following items:  
School supplies (notebooks & loose leaf paper),  
Hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc)

### Cooperative Program Emphasis Month Love in Action

CP: Information What is CP all about? The **Cooperative Program** is the funding process Southern Baptists have used since 1925 to support missions and evangelism. Through the **Cooperative Program**, the mission of one church is extended to ministries that reach the lost, hungry, hurting, sick and displaced. In addition, the **Cooperative Program** is how we support more than 10,500 missionaries around the globe. Check out website at [www.cooperativeprogram.com](http://www.cooperativeprogram.com)



## BSU @ North Central MO College

By the time you read this article “SYATP” and “GetAway” will be history. Thursday, 9/12, I submitted my first monthly report to the MO Baptist Convention student department, because I’m a part-time contract worker for the convention serving as a campus missionary at NCMC. It was interesting to see the numbers as I answered their questions. Their first question was “How many students were impacted by the ministry?” Their explanation was “How many times did the ministry connect with students on your campus?” When I tallied our numbers, from 8/17–9/11, we made 1,225 contacts with students, through conversations, invitations, gift-bags, meals and walking the campus. A lot of those contacts were made possible because of you and our churches supporting us with items to put in the backpacks, cookies for Welcome Day, hosting meals, praying, and giving financial support. Thank you for your continued support.

Two other questions asked were: “How many spiritual conversations did you have with students?” and “How many counseling/pastoral conversations did you have with students?” Again the numbers were surprising. I discovered that from 8/17-9/11, God gave me the opportunities to have 12 spiritual conversations, where the student and I talked in depth about knowing Jesus in a deeper way, and 54 conversations of the counseling/pastoral nature. I share this not to boast of myself, but to show you how your financial and prayer support are making a difference. Because of your support, we are able to do things that attract students. 12 students were challenged to grow deeper in their walk. One of these embraced Jesus as personal Lord/Savior at the end of Wed Lunch ministry the 2<sup>nd</sup> week. (It took 12 conversations before 1 student became a believer.)

Our sole purpose of intentional conversations is to see students not only embrace Jesus as Savior, but also to disciple and mentor in students a craving to multiply themselves. We seek to share life with students God gives us, so they in turn “living on mission” wherever God plants them. This lifestyle becomes the NORMAL accepted behavior for a follower of Jesus Christ.

To see this vision of missional living become a reality, we have to camp at Jesus feet, letting Him show us how to spend more time on campus engaging students in conversation. These conversations lead to discovering student needs and by meeting these needs, we establish friendships that lead to more conversations about God.

One of these needs that God seems to be telling us to pursue is providing transportation on an afternoon or Saturday for carless students, to take them to a Wal-Mart to buy groceries and personal items. This ministry would be especially valuable to our 11 international students, who are here away from home with no way to get to a store. But in order for the BSU to initiate such a ministry, we need for God to give us a van (or 2). A 15-passenger van that would allow us to minister to internationals and also provide a way for us to take students to our evangelistic GetAway weekend; our mission project to the Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City; our Leadership conference to train student church leaders; our Winter Retreat when students learn how to intentionally share the gospel on our campus; our Spring mission trip where students actually witness to other students about Jesus; and our end of year mission trip to Canada where students are engaged in missions sharing Jesus with 1<sup>st</sup> Nations People.

The greatest way you can support the BSU is to commit yourself to being a prayer warrior for us, interceding daily for God to provide the resources we need and keep His Vision for His Kingdom work very clear in our minds. Another way is to donate gallon size items like tomato sauce, cheddar cheese sauce, picante sauce, BBQ sauce, cases of pasta, 50 lbs of flour/sugar, Save-A-Lot lemonade mix, dry milk, brownie mixes or cake mixes, and family size tea bags. Many of you have donated these supplies in the past, and your donations have been a relief to our budget, freeing up monies to be used in other areas of ministry. Thank you. Another prayer need is to pray that God will provide a way for both Christina and I to financially become full-time missionaries on our campus. The number of times we invite students to be a part of this ministry and the number of conversations we have with students rival the ministries on 4-year University campuses, because of the amount of time spent on campus. As a result, we are seeing God call students into ministry. Since '09 we have had 11 BSU students serve in leadership roles in churches as youth ministers, worship leaders, in children’s ministries, and two in international missions. One of these will be serving a 2 year term in Tajikistan in the very near future.

He Is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of HIS Sacrifice—Souls—Diann Barnes



## WMU Starts a New Year!

This is the start of a new associational year and this is my first attempt to write the article for the Encourager or lead a meeting. I am Shelly Sims from Gallatin First Baptist. My husband Danny and my dog Dolly and I live on the south edge of Gallatin. We have 6 children and 15 grandchildren and a few more step grands. My hobbies are reading, sewing, and doll collecting. I have a heart for missions and God has called me to do medical work in Haiti.

This is only my second year in WMU, so I have spent the past year trying to learn as much as possible about WMU. Just before I retired Bev came to our church for a VBS program and we struck up a friendship. I asked her if there was a way I could help her out, not realizing what she had in mind, and here I am. Now you know the rest of the story!

The first meeting was a changing of the guard and listed below is the WMU council for the coming year.

- WMU Director—Shelly Sims
- WOM Consultant—Emma Bankson
- GA’s Consultant—Georgia Jackson
- Mission Friends Consultant—Kelly Hines
- Mission Involvement Director—Belinda Hogan
- Missionary Ministries Director—Virginia Crumpacker
- Secretary—Doris Pilcher

Our program opened with a special prayer for American Pastor Saeed Abedini who is in an Iranian prison for being a Christian, and SGT Phillip Monk who is losing his job in the military for not supporting lesbianism.

Renea Lynch gave a moving account of her mission trip with Dr. Keuhn to Haiti where she was involved in medical work, Bible School and other related works. Belinda Hogan gave an account of her trip to Cheyenne Wyoming where they witnessed to the crowd and gave out free water. 61 people committed their lives to the Lord.

October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Mission Center beginning at 10:30 am. The program will be given by Belinda Hogan and it will be about the Shoe Box Ministry.

I Corinthians 12:31- According to your Word, Love is the most excellent way to deal with anything.

*Shelly Sims*  
WMU Director



### GA Retreats— Grand Oaks- October 18-19 and October 25-26

\$40.00 per person— Register at [www.mobaptist.org/wmu](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu)  
Or call Sharon Paris at 573– 635-0400 Ext. 324

Ministry Project-

You may choose to bring one or more of these items to the Retreat with you.

Items will be given to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home

- Items you would need on your “birth” day: baby/nursery items such as...  
Diapers, lotion, sleepers, bottles, pacifiers, etc.
- “Birthday Party in a Bag”- items such as plates, forks, cups, cake mix, icing, candles, gift wrap, crepe paper, hats, etc. (use color theme, please no cartoon characters)