

Mercer Baptist Church extends an invitation to the ordained men of your church to take part in their ordination service to be held on Sunday July 18th, 2010 at 2 pm in Mercer, Missouri.

Jim Martin and Barry Miller will be ordained as Deacons of the Church. We encourage you all to attend,

"Truth or Dare"
1 John 1:6-7

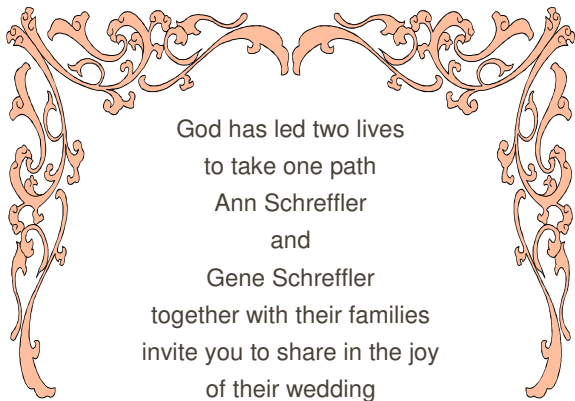
Children's Camp
August 9-13, 2010

Registration Deadline July 9th
Cost \$70- after registration deadline the cost is \$100

Each church **must** send a leader for every 1 to 5 campers they send

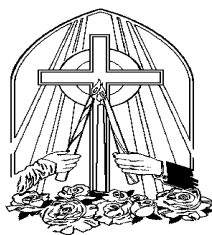
July

- 2 Ron and Iva Gail Ratliff
- 7 Stan & Jan Rushton
- 9 Ron Ward



God has led two lives to take one path
Ann Schreffler and Gene Schreffler together with their families invite you to share in the joy of their wedding on Saturday, July thirty-first two thousand ten at three o'clock in the afternoon
Galt Baptist Church
Galt, Missouri

Reception immediately following
At Galt Community Center
Celebration of 47 years of marriage



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

Jesus and the 4th of July



NGRBA Churches

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

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We gather 'round to celebrate
On Independence Day
Pay homage to our country
As the children run and play.

The stripes upon our stately flag
Were touched by his sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face.

With barbeques and picnics
And fireworks in the air
The flag we own is proudly flown
To show how much we care,

So as you turn to face the flag
For battles that were fought
Be filled with pride for those who died
And freedoms that were bought.

The Stars and stripes spell freedom
She waves upon the breeze
While bursts of colors can be seen
Above the towering trees.

But don't forget to thank the One
That gives the bright display
The reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day.

This is all quite wonderful
We revel in delight
But God above in divine love
Has brought this day to light.

By Marilyn Ferguson

With just a stroke of liberty
A touch of his great hand
He gave democracy to us
And helped this country stand.



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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

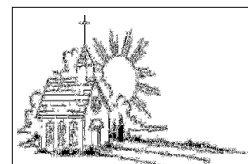
"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36. "For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:2. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1

It's that time of year that we celebrate our nation's independence—our freedom from being ruled by another nation. We are now known as "the land of the free". Our freedom did not come without cost. Countless numbers of people have sacrificed time, energy, resources and their very lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. We should be grateful, but I'm afraid that for the most part we aren't. I also see that we are disregarding the Constitution and laws upon which our country was founded. Sin is being legislated as being good. Rebellion against God's Word is being touted as compassion and tolerance. We are becoming more and more in bondage rather than being free. Real freedom comes from Jesus Christ. Through Him we are free from the bondage of sin. Through Him we are not free to do what we want to do (everyone doing what is right in our own eyes.), but we are free to do what we ought to do (by the enabling power and presence of His Holy Spirit).

This freedom came and comes with a price also. It cost Jesus Christ the ultimate sacrifice of His life on a torturous cross. He died that we might live in true freedom—not to be controlled by Satan, demons, the flesh, the world, sin and/or death!

Let's not live in bondage, but lets live in the freedom of our Lord!

For His Glory—
EJ Barnes



Church Updates

Lineville Baptist Church has called Aaron Stark as their pastor. Aaron and his wife Michelle have been serving the church as Interim Pastor. They have 3 young children and live in the Trenton area. We welcome you as pastor to Lineville.

Medicine Valley Community Ministry has Dale and Kim Osborne with Mission Service Volunteer Corps assisting Rev. Lewis and Mabel Rogers in their ministry. Please read the Church news article on Medicine Valley for more information and the need for the Newtown parsonage. We welcome you to Missouri and our association.

Basketball Camps

Camps for: 1st-6th grades (going into these grades)

Run by: Canaan Fairley, sophomore basketball player at NCMC, and KJ Cool, sophomore basketball player at Central College in Pella Iowa

Sponsored by: Host Churches

Dates and Locations:
Rural Dale and Galt Camp— June 28-July2
Gallatin Camp— July 12-16
Newtown Camp— July 19-23
Coon Creek— TBA



Games- Basketball- Bible Study

For more information contact
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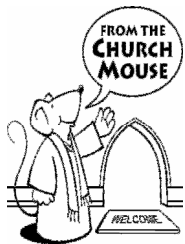
May 2010 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 247.11		15	22	10						
Edinburg	\$ 649.50	\$ 76.41	51	86	59		12	12	15		
Gallatin	\$ 894.04	\$ 50.00									
Galt			19	38							
Jameson											
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	29	58	15						2
Laredo	\$ 395.00		16	23	8						
Lineville	\$ 237.88	\$ 47.58									
M. Valley	\$ 46.15	\$ 25.00	14	15							
Mercer	\$ 317.00	\$ 25.00		70	12						
Modena			8	18	11						
Princeton	\$ 744.70	\$ 50.00	109	165	80	19	22	25	34		
Ravanna	\$ 86.11	\$ 36.90	12	12							
Rural Dale	\$ 580.63	\$ 50.00									
Salem	\$ 232.30		35	50	22					1	
Shelburne	\$ 534.53	\$ 50.00	41	49	28	25	5				
Spickard	\$ 47.00		8	13							
Tenth St.	\$ 732.88	\$ 122.15									
Trenton FB	\$1,263.90	\$ 210.65	110	167	26		7				
Union	\$ 303.21	\$ 100.00	57	99	26	30					
Total	\$7,336.94	\$ 868.69	524	885	297	74	46	37	49	1	2
Chilli, FBC		\$ 43.00									
MBC		\$ 230.00									

Seminary Checking	\$316.73
Seminary Savings	\$2,046.08
Minister Benevolent Savings	\$738.47
Belarus	\$11,367.83
BSU- May- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$1,982.68
Income	\$1,741.69
Total	\$3,724.37
Expenses	\$1,791.91
Ending Balance	\$1,932.46

May 2010 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$33,310.44
Income	\$11,127.36
Total	\$44,437.80
Expenses	\$10,685.63
Ending Balance	\$33,752.17

Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$22,841.47
General Fund	\$10,910.70
Checking Balance Total	\$33,752.17

NGR October 2009-May 2010	
Income	\$111,010.56
Expenses	\$98,794.64
Difference	\$12,215.92



Edinburg— On May 26, 27 and 28 two of our Special Olympic athletes participated in the Special Olympics' State Tournament at Springfield, Missouri for Bocce Ball and Track winning both gold and silver medals. There were three teams from the Grundy County DAWGS winning gold, silver and bronze. One of our athletes also participated in the march for the torch lighting ceremony. The Jackson Family of our congregation were among the nominees for the SOMO Family of the Year. There were three coaches participating from our congregation.

We held our annual fish fry on May 29, 2010. Several of the men from our congregation prepared fish and chicken outside while others brought salad or dessert. There were 84 in attendance.

Also on May 29, our congregation was blessed with a baby boy, Tanner Wagner who made his first guest appearance in Children's Church on Sunday, June 20 escorted by the Children's Church Director.

On Sunday evening, June 6, 2010 we kicked off our Vacation Bible School with hot dogs and all the trimmings, followed by presentation of flags, inspirational services by our pastor and practicing songs and getting acquainted.

On Sunday, June 13, two of our children came forward in Children's Church and confirmed that they had accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and stated their need for baptism. Also another from Children's Church who had previously made a decision for Christ came forward and stated his need for baptism. The three of them was escorted to Adult Church by their Children's Church Director and introduced to the congregation noting their intentions. They will begin their new convert's class at a later date and arrangements will be made for their baptism.

Jamesport— Besides the Mustard Seed Thrift Store, the "Sew-Good" sewing group, and Expanding Horizons, our church has begun Movie Nights again every other Friday night for the Jamesport community.

The men of the Methodist Church fixed breakfast for their ladies for Mother's Day and invited our church for breakfast too. Then after the regular services at our church each mother was given a little potted flower.

For Father's Day our ladies prepared a breakfast and invited the Methodist church to join us. During the worship service the ladies presented music by special groups, solos, the choir, read scripture and took up the offering, with closing words and prayer by Mrs. Bettie Lankford.

Medicine Valley Ministry- We hosted a dinner and worship service for area Hispanics on Saturday night June 5th at the Baptist Chapel at Newtown. The thirty or so people present enjoyed excellent food, fellowship, music provided by the Praise Band of the Hispanic mission of First Baptist Church, North Kansas City, and a powerful message, delivered by Luis Mendoza, church planter and missionary pastor of the mission. Professions of faith were made by an adult and an older teenager. We thank God for their decisions to serve Him.

John and Virginia Crumpacker, on loan to us from Salem Church, are now assisting with our Sunday morning services, the Food Pantry, and in outreach visitation. They will be working to develop Home Bible Studies in an area to the North and northeast of Newtown, the community in which John lived during his youth. We thank God for them and for the willingness of Salem people and pastor to share with us.

Mission Service Corps Volunteers, Dale and Kim Osborne, were with us the weekend of June 5-8, in view of joining our staff as bi-vocational outreach workers. They met on Sunday afternoon with members of the Advisory Council. They returned to Florida for their possessions and

Medicine Valley Continued-

returned on June 18 to begin their work with us.

They will be living in the parsonage at Newtown. They are in need of furniture since they had sold or given theirs away and lived with her parents during a lengthy period of her mother's illness prior to passing from this life. Any donations would be most welcome. Most needed at the time of this writing are a kitchen stove (electric preferred), washing machine, refrigerator and one set of bedroom furniture. Also of use: recliner's and occasional tables for the living room.

Dale expects to become employed locally as a truck driver, a vocation he has worked at for years. They will be involved with developing and leading additional Home Bible Study Groups, and working with children in the summer sports program, perhaps Team Kids in the fall and winter months, in Sunday School and a children's choir.

We have asked the Lord of Harvest (Matthew 12:8) to send forth workers and He has responded to our need. We have also been praying that portion of the Prayer of Jabez that requests of God that He "enlarge our borders" and He apparently is responding to that prayer as well. May He continue to do so and continue to provide the additional workers necessary.

Continue praying for this mission in your own backyard as we serve together in His vineyards and as we look forward to the Area Wide Evangelism Crusade at Humphreys in August of 2011 Both your prayers and financial support are deeply appreciated.

Mercer- We joined with the 4 other churches in Mercer and had our VBS. July 18th is the Deacon Ordination service at 2 pm for Jim Martin and Barry Miller. We invite everyone to this service.

Princeton— We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday evening July 11, 2010.

There were 13 youth and 4 leaders who went to World Changers at Duncan, Oklahoma the week of June 7. There were 150 youth and leaders who helped. This was very successful.

Youth camp was held the week of June 21 with 10 Youth attending, 1 pre-camper, 1 Staff and 1 Leader.

Thomas Payne presented on Sunday, June 20, a film and gave a talk about the European Ministry trip that he and group from the Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa are involved in. This was very interesting.

Salem- As you saw in the E- Encourager, we have the new steeple in place on our church. We want to say a special thank you, to John McCloud, Scott Crawford, and Randall McCloud, for their help in the placement of the steeple. A couple weeks ago the nominating committee met to start the process of asking people to share their talents. We will meet again the 22 of July. On June 19, we had a pancake supper to honor the fathers for their special day on Sunday. Last week the men of the church had a work day at the church building and cleaned the basement—what a difference. Good job guys! July 4th we are having a picnic on the grounds after our Sunday services to celebrate the 4th. July 18-22 we will be having our Forks of the River VBS. We are having a Sunday night Bible study on the book "*The Old Testament Made Simple*". It is very interesting, enjoyable and informative. A great experience to help us all gain more insight and understanding of the Old Testament. I would recommend this study. Everyone have a safe 4th and God Bless our country.

If you would like to receive the E-Encourager by email please email Debbie at

ngrmission@sbcglobal.net



NGR Annual Meeting
 Saturday, September 11
 Trenton First Baptist Church

Worship Leadership Conference

September 17-18

Union Hill Baptist Church
 Holts Summit

Featuring:
 Mike Harland
 Lifeway Christian Resources

Empowering Sunday School Leadership

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

First Baptist Church, St. Joseph
 Conferences: 6:30 pm– 9:00 pm



There is still a need for \$390 to cover the cost of the cement pads that were put in front of cabins at Grand Oaks by the men of North Grand River this summer. If you can help with the cost it would be greatly appreciated. You can send your donations to the Mission Center or Princeton First Baptist Church and mark on your check "Grand Oaks Cement"



Monday- July 5th
 Mission Center Closed
 In Observance of 4th of July



Church VBS Schedule

Medicine Valley
 July 5-9

Spickard Baptist
 July 5-9

Trenton First Baptist
 July 11-15

Tenth Street
 July 11-16

Salem
 July 18 - 22

Gallatin First Baptist
 July 18-23

Princeton First Baptist
 July 18-22

Rural Dale
 July 19-23

Galt Baptist
 July 19-23

Shelburne
 July 25-30

NGR Executive Board Meeting
 Monday, July 19

Please submit reports by July 12th

On Agenda

- Budget Presentation
- Request to purchase folding machine
- Request to start a Savings Account combining two line item accounts



Looking Forward to Special Guests.

Due to the weather our June prayer walk became a "prayer sit" with our ladies praying for those who live around them in their own areas. Hilka Rose Lincoln had prepared a unique devotional sheet for our missionary prayer time. The food and fellowship were great and we had more canned goods donated for the Medicine Valley Community food ministry.

Guest speakers will be the focus of our July 23rd Celebration and Prayer Luncheon. We will be hearing from the Bankson's who have just returned from a mission trip and from some who have recently visited the Creation Museum. We will continue to take donations of canned vegetables and fruits for Medicine Valley Community food ministry. Bring a friend and come join us. A covered dish luncheon to follow.

Our August Celebration and Prayer Program will also feature a guest speaker. More details in the August Encourager as well as our August ministry project.

Ladies it's not too early to start planning to attend the September WMU Training Retreat at Grand Oaks. We will soon be receiving information in the mail.

This is VBS season and how wonderful that our VBS materials include a missions segment, but I hope we can expand our missions education for children and adults in the coming months.

Have a safe and exciting 4th of July.

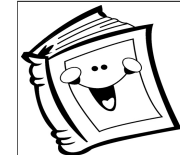
Called to serve
Bev Martin



Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Modena Baptist Church
 Saturday
 July 17
 8:00 am
 All Men Welcome



Missouri Baptist Children's Home Apple Festival
 Saturday, September 11th
 First Baptist Church, Raytown
 Contact the Mission Center for more information or for forms if you are entering quilts or other items.



Check out the BOOKSTORE

American and Christian Flags–
 For outdoors'- 3' by 5'

Secrets of Jonathan Sperry DVD- \$19.00 (Great Evangelistic movie for the entire family

CD's- Praise and Worship, Gaither, Ole favorite one's, instrumental– can order many different CD's

Bibles– KJV Study Bibles, 1611 KJV only \$25.50, NLT Youth \$17.00, Children, Babies, Youth...

Boxed Cards beginning at \$2.60

Gift Items, decals for car windows, several new novelties for children, Bible Cases, ball caps...