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Lineville- Brush Arbor
July 8-14 7:00 pm
Lineville Park

Sunday Evening, July 14th
Guest Speaker Rev. Fred Lehman
From Hope Ministries, Des Moines
And
"Divine Appointment"- Hydorn Family

July

- 2 Ron & Iva Gail Ratliff
- 3 Chris Neeley
- 4 David & Barbara Robertson
- 10 Barbara Robertson



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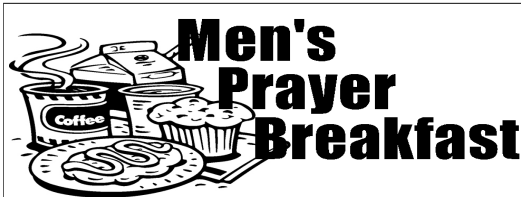
North Grand River welcomes the new pastors we have in the association-
Gallatin- Garrett & Jennifer Trunk
Princeton- Dave & Roberta Dennis
Edinburg- Dr. David & Barbara Robertson

Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings.



*I will remember the works of the Lord:
surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all they work, and talk of thy doings. Psalm 77:11.12*

ACP'S- I have received word that the All Church Profiles have been delayed in printing at Lifeway. They should be here by the middle of July.



Modena Baptist
Saturday, 8:00 am
July 20, 2013
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."
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
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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
Love In Action



The Spirit Of America

Our fathers of old built this land
On the leading of God's Holy Hand.
Each great statesman lived his own life,
Proudly putting his God first in that life.
This country, so beautiful, full of pride ~
Shows it in the colors of her flag as it flies.
We see the lovely blue, that for us, does show,
The great expense of God's heaven above.
Both flag and sky carry the shining stars;
Each star showing the beauty of God's love.
The red, so bright, in the stripes gives ~
The color of the blood first given by Jesus,
and then lost in the many wars of man;
So each American could have so many freedoms.
The white shows first the purity of our God's love;
That we see in each heart that looks to Him above.
In all of America, the greatest earthly spirit is seen,
In the emblem of the strong and soaring eagle.
He shows that each heart that loves God lives free.
We are free to learn from all our history;
When we learn of our many great statesmen,
Who were men of true Christian conviction.
They knew their God-given duty ~
Was to live by their Christian values.
Does each one elected, today, know that he or she
Was elected to carry those convictions for all America?



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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



From My Heart to Yours

“The Declaration of Independence was approved July 4, 1776. John Hancock signed first, saying ‘the price on my head has just doubled.’ Benjamin Franklin said ‘We must hang together or most assuredly we shall hang separately.’ Of the 56 signers: 17 lost their fortunes, 12 had their homes destroyed, 5 became prisoners of war, 1 had two sons imprisoned on the British starving ship Jersey, 1 had a son killed in battle, 1 had his wife die from harsh prison treatment and 9 signers died during the war. When Samuel Adams signed the Declaration, he said: ‘We have this day restored the Sovereign to whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His Kingdom come.’ John Adams said: ‘I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.’ -American Minute- William J. Federer

This should be a time of “in” dependence about God not independence from God!

For His Glory-

E.J. Barnes

- * Thank you for your prayers- the Canada Mission trip was awesome!
- * Remember to pray for Children’s Camp- July 8-12 and the Executive Board Meeting- July 15.

MEDICINE VALLEY Maintenance Work Needed

There is some maintenance detail needing completed at this time on our buildings including the following:

1. Exterior painting and minor carpentry at the parsonage in Newtown.
2. Lowering of a section of concrete in front of the basement door at the Chapel.
3. Putting up eve troughs and replacing broken windows and some sheetrock at the Ministry Center in Harris.
4. Any assistance in funding these repairs will also be gratefully received.

For a fuller description contact the pastor at: 660-673-6023 or 660-358-4849 or email at morning-dovepubli@hotmail.com



Pastor's Luncheon

Pastors Prayer & Fellowship Time at Pizza Hut

2nd Monday of each month

Celebrate Recovery

Tenth Street Baptist Church
1200 E 10th St, Trenton, MO

Every Saturday
Worship at 6 pm, Group at 7 pm
The Rock Café at 8 pm

Church Giving

Church Service Times

May 2013 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 307.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg			10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 601.85	\$ 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	\$ 402.98	\$ 150.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 241.40	\$ 80.47	9:45	10:45	6:30	7:30
M. Valley	\$ 33.39	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 300.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 92.05	\$ 100.00	10:15	9:00	7:30	7:00
Princeton	\$ 582.70	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	7:00
Ravanna	\$ 79.59	\$ 34.11	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$1,029.60	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 229.34	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Shelburne	\$ 460.35	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:45	7:00
Spickard	\$ 180.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	
Tenth St.			9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,273.53	\$ 283.01	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:30
Union	\$ 570.65	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00

Total	\$6,409.43	\$1,122.59				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				

Seminary Checking	\$450.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,067.81
Benevolent Savings	\$744.39
NGR Savings	\$433.78

BSU- May- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$6,866.25
Income	\$4,622.64
Total	\$11,488.89
Expenses	\$4,277.69
Ending Balance	\$7,211.20
General BSU Fund	\$5,168.94
Designated BSU Fund	\$2,042.26

Join any of these churches in worship

May 2013 NGR Account

Beginning Balance	\$3,994.00
Income	\$11,426.27
Total	\$15,420.27
Expenses	\$11,008.84
Ending Balance	\$4,411.43

Line Items in General Checking

Designated Funds	\$4,376.68
General Fund	\$34.75
Checking Balance Total	\$4,411.43

NGR October- May 2013

(Does not include designated funds)

Income	\$91,616.79
Expenses	\$89,682.71
Difference	\$1,984.08



NGR Church News

Edinburg— The attendance for May was Sunday School 33; Morning Worship 67; Evening Worship 27; and Wednesday 18.

The Annual Fish Fry was June 9, and we had 75 people to enjoy fish and chicken that was cooked by several men of the church. Everyone visited and had a good time of Christian Fellowship.

Bible School was from June 9-14; we were down in attendance but had a great time of learning about God with our little ones who were there.

We had several who helped with church camps this year. One of those was Kelly Hines and she totally enjoyed the week. Molly Norman was one of the youth campers and brought back a wonderful report on all the things going on at camp and asked for all to donate to the fund drive to renovate the camp and also build storm shelters. Pray that God will lead all of us in attaining this goal.

On April 13th Judy Wynne, Kelly Hines and 5 youth attended "A Different Kind of Love" conference. Our mission friends with their leader Kelly Hines also attended Mission Exploration at Grand Oaks Camp on the 20th. There were 4 in attendance beside the leader and CIT helper, Molly Norman.

Come join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship at 11AM, every Sunday.

Medicine Valley Community Ministry- I recently attended a One Day Training Seminar in Des Moines, Iowa on Celebrate Recovery, and came away with a clearer view of what can be accomplished as the program is fully implemented and fully undertaken by those desiring recovery from former hurts, habits, and hang ups.

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On Friday night, June 28 we will begin utilizing a corollary program for children who are present with parents or guardians. The children's program "Celebration Station" correlates with the eight step program and the beatitudes to present a changing series of activities for the children.

Through our food ministry in May we provided assistance to 241 individuals in 81 households, distributing again from both locations, the Baptist Chapel at Newtown and the Community Center at Humphreys. We foresee the possibility over the coming year for some 100 to 125 households being assisted monthly.

At present Mabel and I make one or two trips to Columbia each month to bring back food for the pantry. We also meet a truck at Unionville with either one or two vehicles to pick up additional food from the Food Bank.

When we met with the Advisory Committee on June 10 to adopt the budget for 2013/2014 we again trimmed the basic budget about \$5,000.00 annually, placing some items in an advanced budget column to be paid only as funds might become available.

As our ministry continues to expand the need of additional funding becomes more vital to the continuity of our Chapel Ministry, our Food Ministry and our Celebrate Recovery Ministry, and the other varied ministries to people from Newtown to Humphreys.

We are presently planning a Fund raising event in cooperation with churches in the Galt and Humphreys' area for the food ministry. Plans will be announced as they are finalized.

We plan only one Vacation Bible School this year. It will be held at our home in Humphreys July 22-26 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided for children at Newtown, Harris and Osgood, who wish to participate.

We greatly appreciate those individuals and churches that continue to be supportive with your prayers, financial contributions and hands on assistance to maintain this mission in your own backyard.

Princeton— June 1, our Youth Pastor Josh Ishmael and Kate Windom was married in Tennessee. Congratulations go out to the young couple for a long and happy life together. Our WOM Groups 1 & 2 meet first Monday & Tuesday of each month with a noon luncheon, we had a total of 28 attending, current project is collecting products for Tree House in Liberty, Mo.

We had 14 youth attend Church Camp, all had a good experience and fun time. The Youth have been passing out tracks on Sunday evenings as part of their ministry to our community. On June 5, the youth kicked off the summer with a bon fire and planning several different things to do through out the summer months. On June 19th, the youth had a hay ride.

June 8 the men's breakfast was held with 32 attending and delivering to 8 shut ins.

June 21-22, Is the Life Light Musical Festival in Bethany at the Miracle Hills Ranch. Had several children sign up for Children's Camp in Chillicothe this year.

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A MUSTARD SEED OF FAITH, A KERNEL OF TRUTH, AND AN ACORN OF HOPE WAS HIS SECRET RECIPE FOR PLANTING CHURCHES

Spickard— Our attendance for May was 10 for Sunday School, 22 for Morning Worship, 5 for Evening Worship and 4 for Wednesday Prayer.

Trenton First— Our church ministries for July include— Senior Adults will be eating at Galt Café. Their regular meeting will be an ice cream social. Ministry project for the Senior Adults will be collecting for backpack buddies and canned goods for Medicine Valley Ministry.

A mission trip on July 24th-27th to Cheyenne Wyoming during their Frontier Days

August 10th will be our clothing/school supplies give away. Ages: Birth-High School.

Our 175th Anniversary Celebration was a blessing to all that attended. Renewing of times past and sharing of past, present and future.

Union- *On a Mountain: Jesus says, "Go to all!"* Matthew 28: 16-20

This month is our Vacation Bible School Month. We are excited about "Tell it on the Mountain: Where Jesus Christ is Lord!" It is July 22-26th from 5:30-8:30 pm. It will be a GREAT learning time for all with Bible lessons, recreation, crafts, food and much more! For more information call Dianna Crawford at 359-3094.

We will be having a Singspiration on July 19th at 7:00 pm. Call Robert Hughes for more information at 359-3643.

Union Baptist's Business meeting is the 3rd Sunday evening at 6:00 pm each month and East-view Nursing Home at 2:00 pm.

Every Wednesday night is supper at 6:00 pm with Bible Study at 7:00 pm. Call Ryan Hughs for rides from Brimson at 654-0435 or Mike and Sherry Knapp for rides from Trenton at 789-3841 or Doug & Dianna Crawford at 359-3094.

Remember if you are looking for a church home to come worship with us; we would love to have you! We are down home folk that love the Lord!



Grand Oaks Campaign

When you invest in Grand Oak's Camp, you are doing more than making a donation to build new facilities. You are making a difference in the lives of children and young people that will count for eternity. The goal for our association is \$50,000. Please pray for this ministry and if God would be leading you to make a donation towards the projects of a new swimming pool and activity building.



Grand Oaks Camp 2013 Children's Camp— July 8th-12th Church Camp

Theme: **"Brand New Thing"**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Please be in prayer for camp.



The spare tire to the block trailer is lost. If you know where it might be, please contact the office.

Vacation Bible School's

Shelburne July 14-19
Theme- "Colossal Coaster World"

Gallatin FBC July 14-19
Theme- "Colossal Coaster World"

Medicine Valley Ministry- July 15-19
2:00 to 4:00 pm
Theme- "Colossal Coaster World"

Galt July 21-26 6:15 pm
Theme- Old Testament Stories

Salem July 21-25

Union July 22-26
Theme- "Tell It On the Mountain"

Princeton July 28-August 1
6:00-8:00 pm
Theme- "Jungle Jaunt"

Rural Dale August 5-9
Theme- "Colossal Coaster World"

NGR Executive Board Meeting Monday, July 15, 2013 7:00 pm

Please submit all reports by July 9th. If you email your report to the office, would be a help.

On the agenda:

Old Business

- Date of NGR Annual Meeting

New Business

- Budget presented for 2013-2014, voted on at Annual Meeting
- Any changes in Constitution, By-Laws, Policy & Procedure presented. Voted on at Annual Meeting.



Mission's Project for July

Through July we will be collecting school supplies as a Christmas in August project for the Friendship Baptist Center in Des Moines. Missionaries Jon and Mindy Jamison serve there. They were two of the missionaries who were guests and speakers at the state WMU Annual Meeting in April. Belinda Hogan, our Mission's Involvement Director, has offered to deliver the supplies in August. If your church or WMU group would like to help, you can drop off school supplies at the Mission Center before the end of July.

Thanks to FBC Trenton and their WOM ladies for hosting the June 18th Celebration Program. Also, thanks to Blanche Archer from Jamesport for the special anniversary cake. WMU is celebrating its 125 year anniversary this year! Three of our ladies shared what WMU has meant to them from "Sunbeams" through WOM and some of their experiences. Special guest speaker Virginia Stephenson, our Northwest Missouri Regional Consultant, shared her background in WMU as well as a powerpoint presentation of pictures from her trip to Belarus for their 50 year anniversary of WMU.

We were privileged to have two guests from the Harrison Association— Helen Robinson from New Hope Baptist Church near Princeton and Mary Sue Frances from Cainsville Baptist Church. Cainsville is wanting to start WMU in their church!

Shelly Sims, Assistant WMU Director, shared about the need for medicines for Haiti, especially blood pressure medications. If you have a prescription that you are not taking or are unable to take, please bring it to the Mission Center. It will be taken to Haiti in January.

Shelly and I were privileged to visit FBC Trenton Evening WOM group in June. It's exciting to hear all that this group is doing as they and the day group work together. We're planning to visit other groups in July and August.

There will be no associational program/luncheon this month or in August. We will begin our new associational WMU year on September 17th with a program highlighting our new officers for the coming year. Details later.

WMU Directors/churches, please remember to turn in the forms with your officers for the coming year.

Have a blessed summer.

Bex Martin
NGR WMU Director

