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Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else’s life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

Amen



...Our Nation Under God...

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

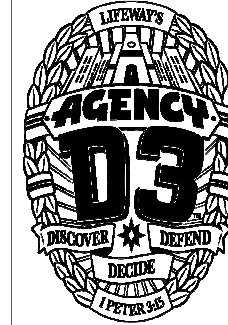


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CHURCH VBS

- July 11-13- Alpha Baptist Church
- July 13-18- Gallatin First Baptist Church
- July 13-17- Trenton First Baptist Church
- July 13-18- Shelburne Baptist Church
- July 20-25- Union (Coon Creek) Baptist Church
- July 20-25- Galt Baptist Church
- July 28-August 1- Ravanna Baptist Church

Executive Board Meeting- July 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Please submit all reports by Monday, July 14th

So far on agenda-

- Budget Preview- voted on at Annual Meeting in September
- Motion from Administrative Committee that the Medicine Valley property at Harris, proceeds to be held by Mission Center until Executive Board meeting on what to do with the money.
 - Administrative Committee Evaluations and report
 - Iowa Partnership
 - Associational Revival
 - “Matter of Faith” movie report

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



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
Love In Action



From My Heart to Yours

It's July—the time we celebrate the birth of our nation (238 years now). Through the years for the most part we have been abundantly blessed by God's provisions and protection. I personally believe God established our nation for three major reasons: (1) to be a place where people could worship Him freely. (2) to be a base for world wide evangelism for the gospel of Jesus Christ and (3) to be a partner with God in re-establishing the nation of Israel.

To our shame and demise we are turning away from God and His plan and purposes for us. Instead of bringing Him glory and being a righteous nation that is an eternal blessing to others, we are abandoning worship of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ to worship other "gods", especially ourselves, material things, false religions and vain philosophies. Instead of sending more Christian missionaries world wide we are sending less. In fact other countries are sending more and more missionaries to us. Instead of strengthening our relationship with Israel, the present administration is in support of weakening Israel and making her more vulnerable to her enemies who vow to destroy her.

What are we to do as concerned Christian citizens? We are to **pray** for those in authority (I Timothy 2:1-4). We are to **obey** those in authority (unless we are forced to choose between God's will and man's laws) because rebellion brings judgment (Acts 4, Titus 3:1-8 and Romans 13:1-5). In relationship to this, we are to **pay** the taxes that are required (Matthew 22:17-21 and Romans 13:6-7). We are also to **weigh** the issues by seeking God's wisdom and will (Proverbs 3:5-7) and by not taking the consequences of our voting lightly (Numbers 13 & 14) before we vote.

The bottom line is that we must not be too busy to pray, to study God's Word, to worship and serve with other Christians and to share our testimonies and God's word and especially the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

Our nation may never turn back to God, but we can still make a difference in the lives of others as citizens of God's Kingdom and as Christian citizens of our beloved country!

For His Glory,
E.J. Barnes
Director of Missions

On Church Signs-


A lot of kneeling
Will Keep you in good standing.

Looking for a lifeguard?
Ours walks on water.

Heaven's Riches are tax-free.



Pastor's Luncheon
Pastors Prayer & Fellowship Time at Pizza Hut 2nd Monday of each month



Men's Prayer Breakfast
Modena Baptist
Saturday, 8:00 am
July 19, 2011
All Men Invited!

May 2014 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 328.14	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 437.54	\$ 48.62	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 723.17	\$ 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	\$ 323.47	\$ 150.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 204.78	\$ 68.26	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley	\$ 29.64	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 140.86	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 79.84	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 433.53	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 115.00	\$ 49.29	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 740.46	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 157.39	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 541.71	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	
Tenth St.			9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,034.14	\$ 229.81	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 188.79	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Total	\$5,573.46	\$1,170.98				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Highview		\$ 50.55				

Join any of these churches in worship

Seminary Checking	\$31.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,085.09
Benevolent Savings	\$757.03
NGR Savings	\$435.30
BSU- May- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$7,221.06
Income	\$5,546.53
Total	\$12,767.59
Expenses	\$4,264.69
Ending Balance	\$8,502.90
General BSU Fund	\$4,120.93
Designated BSU Fund	\$4,381.97

May 2014 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$5,672.21
Income	\$10,299.42
Total	\$15,971.63
Expenses	\$11,235.95
Ending Balance	\$4,735.68

Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$4,553.92
General Fund	\$181.76
Checking Balance Total	\$4,735.68

NGR October- May 2014	
(Does include designated funds)	
Income	\$94,958.16
Expenses	\$93,591.89
Difference	\$1,366.27*

BSU @ NCMC June 18, 2014

As most of you know, 18-team members, including EJ and me, went to WhiteDog Indian Reserve, Ontario, Canada, and lived in Mizhakiwetung Memorial School, K-12, from 6-2 thru Fri. 6-7. Every member either attended classes, taught classes, assisted teachers the entire school day or prepared meals each day for the team plus all guests of faculty and staff. On Wednesday 12 of our team could be found teaching students God's Word and children listening with a hunger not found here in the states. Team members were given the freedom to teach Bible stories, and shared their personal testimonies with everyone. After school we did crafts and Bible lessons starting Monday with the creation story and ending Thurs. with facts that Jesus Christ is the only way to have a relationship with God-Creator. On Friday morning we gave Indian dolls (100-made by FBC Gallatin) to every girl and tennis balls to every boy and every student was given a Gideon NLT New Testament as gifts. We also made 2 boxes of food for 4th grade teacher Dorothy Cameron to take to girl's home who had been expelled from school for stealing. She was stealing to eat. Dorothy took the boxes to the student's home on Friday. Before leaving, we divided \$400 in grocery supplies between the school, D. Cameron, and a church elder to distribute. We prayer walked 2 days delivering sack and belt bag gifts stuffed with soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, and New Testaments to every home on the reserve again this year.

By the end of the week, one of our team members Lowell Henry shared that God was calling him to resign his good-paying summer job and do mission work the rest of the summer with the team of summer missionaries serving in NGRBA. This is a real act of faith because Lowell had taken the job at the beginning of the summer so he would have enough finances to pay for his 2nd year tuition at NCMC. Now he says that he must be obedient to serve God and trust Him for his school needs this fall.

There are 2 other BSU students who are also walking a scary path of faith this summer. These are Makayla Moon and Bola Saliu. Makayla has been accepted in Mid-Western Baptist Seminary's IMB missions training program "Fusion". She will begin August 1st. Fusion will train Makayla during the fall term and then in January she will be sent overseas. The scary part is the unknown destination. She may be sent to a country of undisclosed origin because of security reasons. The other part is that she still needs about \$11,000 to complete her tuition of \$15,000. Please pray for Makayla as she obeys God to serve Him and pray how you can support her. This is a prime opportunity to have a direct input into one of our very own who will be serving in foreign missions. What an exciting opportunity.

Bola Saliu is the other student trusting God for everything. Bola served the last 2 summers as a missionary in our association graduating from NCMC this past May. Now that she has been accepted at Rockhurst University to continue her pursuit of a pediatrician career, Bola must trust God to give her a job on Rockhurst campus. Her student visa will only allow her to work on the campus where she is attending. Her Muslim father has informed Bola that he will only pay for books and tuition, so other needs must be met by God moving on people's hearts.

I realize that many of you think that all I ever do is ask people to pray about funding students. But as Annie Armstrong realized and years later has become an even greater urgency, "TIME IS SHORT". There is **"more harvest and fewer laborers"** than ever before. There are many of you who still have a hunger to see God's story shared among the nations, but no longer have the physical ability. While even NOW we have students who not only have the physical ability but also passionate hearts to see God's Word taken throughout the world. BUT, they don't have the funds to follow their mission hearts. Why can't we deliver a devastating blow to Satan's kingdom by marrying "those who have with those who have not but are willing", and support these radical Jesus followers by removing the financial barriers for them to be obedient to God's call?

All support for Makayla Moon can be sent to: Midwestern Baptist College, Att: Fusion; 5001 North Oak Trfwy; Kansas City, MO 64118, attaching her name to the donation. Communication for Bola can be sent to her summer home: EJ/Diann Barnes, 3842 Oklahoma Ave, Trenton, MO, and support for Lowell or any other student serving through the BSU may be sent in care of student support, BSU, 1108 Main, Trenton, MO, 64683. Pray and hear how God wants you support students sharing Jesus.

HE is worthy to receive the rewards of His Sacrifice—Souls

Diann



Shelly had just begun a two week medical missions trip to Haiti so she was unable to be with us for the June Associational Women's Program and Luncheon.

Carolyn Houts retired missionary from Ghana and our new regional WMU Consultant was guest speaker. She shared some of her experiences in Ghana and displayed pictures and items including several musical instruments which she played for us. Carolyn also shared about her trip to the national WMU meeting in Baltimore and to sites there connected with the life of Annie Armstrong.

Marcia Quinn originally from Chillicothe and former IMB journeyman is now serving through the International House of Prayer in KC. As she shared with us her heart's concern for Israel and plans to return there in July to the Galilee area. There is also a House of Prayer in Jerusalem. Marcia has asked us to pray for her on this trip in July and also as she plans to return in September for The One Message Conference

The devotional presented by Virginia Crumpacker was based on Philippians 1:27-30. The prayer focus was on Thailand, to pray for a new leader of a house church.

Besides our Associations 3 summer missionaries, I ask that you will pray for Ashley Neeley, daughter of Pastor Rich and Chris Neeley of Jamesport who is serving as a summer missionary in inner city Philadelphia, PA. She leads a different volunteer mission team each week!

There will no monthly Associational Programs in July and August. The next program and Luncheon will be September 16th. More details later.

The North Missouri WMU Retreat at Grand Oaks will be on Thursday, September 25th. Information and registration forms will be available later.

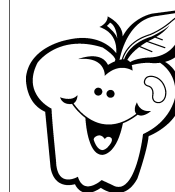
This month we celebrate the 4th of July. The day of Declaration of Independence was signed declaring our independence from British rule. We celebrate our freedoms, but our nation needs our prayers. God told the Israelites what they needed to do in 2 Chronicles 7:14. We as a nation need to heed those words.—"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Bev Martin

Assistant WMU Director

North Grand River Baptist Association
173rd Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 27, 2014
At Rural Dale Baptist Church

Missouri Baptist Children's Home



Apple Festival
September 13, 2014
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
First Baptist Church, Raymore



NGR Church News

Medicine Valley- We continue to conduct Sunday School and Worship Services each Sunday at the Baptist Chapel at Newtown.

At Humphreys we have Tuesday night Bible Study for children and Adult Bible Study on

Wednesday night.

Plans for VBS have not yet been finalized and dates have yet to be set.

The Food Pantry at Newtown is open the third Thursday afternoon of each month. Food distribution from the Community center at Humphreys is the third Thursday evening.

In May we provided food assistance to 285 individuals in 90 households including 6 emergency food boxes requested at other times by families without food.

We are gradually completing work project on the Ministry Center building in Harris. Any volunteer help on this would be greatly appreciated.

When finished it is our intention to place the house on the market in order to free the funds invested there for use in other ministry needs.

We continue to pray the Lord will send a bivocational minister and wife or family to live in the parsonage at Newtown and assist with the ministries there.

We remain ever grateful for the prayers, financial assistance and hands on ministry provided by so many churches and individuals to this "mission in your own backyard".

Seminary Extension

Fall Class

"How to Understand the Bible"



Princeton- Several youth and 2 leaders are attending Youth camp this month.

Getting ready for our VBS which begins on July 21-25,

Been holding services the first Sunday of each month at our rest home facilities with several from the church going.

Our WOM groups adopted to send Father's Day cards to fathers of our church as a mission project.

On June 22 we will recognize couples who have been married 50+ years. We have 15 couples from our congregation.

Trenton FBC- It's VBS time and we are having ours, July 13-17th in the evenings, from 6-8 pm. A light supper will be served each evening at 5:30 for students ages 3rd to 6th grade completed and also adult VBS workers. Friday evening will be family night with a cookout.

June 20th twelve people went to Canada to Grassy Narrows to minister to the First Nation people there for one week.

Crafty Ladies are meeting each Monday at 1:00 p m. Each one does a craft of their choice . They are continuing the 7 inch square project and several throws have been completed. Last week they had a hoop weaving demonstration, which was interesting. If you would like more information call Marilyn Bain 359-2456 or Marie Wilbur 654-2594

We had a FBC Singspiration on June 29th, followed by ice cream and cake.

ACP IS COMING SOON

There will be some changes

Lineville Brush Arbor July 7-13 7:00 pm Lineville Park

"Love One Another"

Monday, July 7- Rev. Jack Stark
Tuesday, July 8- Rev. E.J. Barnes
Wednesday, July 9- Rev. Ron Helton
Thursday, July 10- Rev. Kevin Leveck
Friday, July 11- Rev. Kenny Wilson
Saturday, July 12- Rev. Sean Hammond
Sunday, July 13- Rev. Jim Haffecke

Sunday- Free BBQ- 5:30 pm

Special Music

Monday- Gary and Jesse Klaiber
Tuesday- Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Barnes
Wednesday- Cathy Johnson
Thursday- Karla Hill
Friday- Barb Swank
Saturday- Amy Chandler
Sunday- New Hope Baptist



Disaster Relief- Level 2 Training for Shower Unit will be offered on July 28th, 9:00 am at Elston Baptist Church, 1204 Route T, Jefferson City, MO. This training will be on

complete set-up, cleaning and all preparation required for use during a disaster event. Plan for the training to last about 3 hours. You must have completed the basic shower unit training in order to attend this training.

Bring plenty of drinking water for yourself, any meals you may need during the training times as well a chairs.

You can contact Mike and Ruth Beasley at 816-632-0829, for more information.

Disaster Relief in June checked out storm damage. Assessors were sent to Prairie Home and Slater, Mo. To access damage needs for Disaster Relief response. There were 2 teams responding to Union, MO damage.

Disaster Relief Director for NGR

Harold Myers

Youth Camp- June 30-July 3rd

BE PRAYING FOR THE YOUTH CAMPERS & LEADERS

CHILDREN'S CAMP- August 4-8th

Camp Pastor- Joshua Ishmael

Worship Leaders- Stephen Williams & Don Yates

"MADE RIGHT" Romans 3:22



Must be 1 camp leader to every 1-5 campers from a church