

**“IT’S ALL ABOUT HIM”
AREA-WIDE EVANGELISTIC
CRUSADE**

Humphreys, MO
August 24-28 -- 7:00 p.m.
Pre-Session Music -6:30 p.m.

Featuring music groups each night

WORSHIP LEADER

Jamie Page

Nationally known concert artist

**Internationally known
EVANGELIST
Richard Green**

**On the grounds of the Community Center
at Humphreys Missouri**



Children's Camp

July 25-29
Be in prayer for
the leaders and children

July

2 Ron and Iva Gail Ratliff
7 Stan & Jan Rushton
10 Barbara Robertson



**Birthdays &
Anniversaries**

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Youth Camp Reunion!

Wednesday, July 6th 6:00 pm
at Moberly Park



We'll have food, fun and fellowship. Meet up with friends you made at camp, make new friends, and see what other youth groups are doing! Bring a friend with you.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, beans, drinks. Everything provided! :)
Contact Renea Lynch for more information at 660-635-0542.

Transformation Sunday School Class

Online Training for all leaders

Date: July 10, 2011

Time: 5:00 pm

On your computer! Cost is FREE.

www.mobaptist.org



Modena Baptist Church

Saturday, 8:00 am

July 16, 2011

All Men Invited!

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Diann Barnes

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**

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Jameson* E
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Lineville N
Medicine Valley M
Mercer I
Modena S
Princeton S
Ravanna* I
Rural Dale* O
Salem* N
Shelburne M
Spickard I
Tenth Street S
Trenton First I
Union O



July Church VBS's

Trenton FBC- July 10-14- 6:00-8:00 pm

Tenth Street- July 10-15- 6:30-8:30 pm

Gallatin FBC- July 10-15

Spickard- July 11-15- 6:00-8:00 pm

Laredo- July 11-15- 5:30-9:00 pm

Includes supper

Rural Dale July 11-15

Union- July 11-15

Medicine Valley- July 11-15

Afternoon at Humphreys- 1:30-4:00

Evening at Baptist Chapel in Newtown- 6:00-8:30 pm

Galt Baptist Church- July 17-22- 6:15 to 9:00 on
Sunday through Thursday and program Friday at 7:00

Princeton FBC- July 17-21- 6:00 pm

(Commencement will be on Thursday at 7:00 pm)

Salem- July 17-21- Supper at 6 pm- Classes 6:30-8:30

Shelburne- July 17-22



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

It's July—the time we celebrate the birth of our nation (235 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 (1 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

NGR Executive Board Meeting
Monday July 18, 7:00 pm
Reports Due July 13th
On Agenda so far: Budget Presentation
and
By-Law Committee Report
(Both items voted on at Annual Meeting)

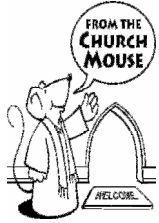


Mission Center
Closed July 4

May 2011 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT/Wed	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 187.20	\$ 25.00	13	19	9						
Edinburg	\$ 428.29	\$ 50.39	41	71	59	30	10	22	14		2
Gallatin	\$ 712.12	\$ 50.00	96	142	38						
Galt	\$ 232.00	\$ 25.00									
Jameson											
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	30	60	18					1	
Laredo	\$ 368.55	\$ 150.00									
Lineville	\$ 221.43	\$ 44.29									
M. Valley	\$ 35.70	\$ 25.00	13	14		17					
Mercer	\$ 140.00	\$ 25.00									
Modena	\$ 114.60		8	15	12						
Princeton	\$ 603.45	\$ 50.00	72	117	31	8	24	55	12	3	
Ravanna	\$ 105.56	\$ 45.24	12	11					7		
Rural Dale	\$ 625.33	\$ 50.00	63	100			9		6		
Salem	\$ 309.52		33	40	19						
Shelburne	\$ 724.14	\$ 75.00	37	54	25	24	7				1
Spickard	\$ 62.00		16	20							
Tenth St.	\$ 874.89	\$ 145.82	83	138	52		5	1		2	
Trenton FB	\$1,336.92	\$ 222.82	101	177	27						2
Union	\$ 499.39	\$ 100.00	65	112	22	50	10				
Total	\$7,606.09	\$1,108.56	683	1090	312	129	65	78	39	6	5
Chilli, FBC		\$ 460.00									
MBC		\$ 45.00									

Seminary Checking	\$334.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,056.36
Belarus	\$6,997.30
Benevolent Savings	\$742.18
NGR Savings	\$9,509.20
BSU– May– Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$7,847.55
Income	\$9,413.61
Total	\$17,261.16
Expenses	\$7,325.25
Ending Balance	\$9,935.91
General BSU Fund	\$1,588.43
Designated BSU Fund	\$8,347.48

May 2011 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$8,203.25
Income	\$11,386.98
Total	\$19,590.23
Expenses	\$10,849.30
Ending Balance	\$8,740.93
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$2,659.93
General Fund	\$6,081.00
Checking Balance Total	\$8,740.93
NGR October– May 2011	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$91,810.35
Expenses	\$92,441.86
Difference	(\$631.51)



Edinburg— On Sunday, May 29th we had our annual fish fry. Carry in salads and desserts were also served. There were two women serving in the kitchen and ten men cooking. Prayer was offered by our pastor. There were 90 in attendance.

On Saturday, June 4, Edinburg Baptist hosted the annual WMU and Brotherhood picnic at Moberly. Hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled and served along with carry in salads and desserts. Eleven churches were represented and 41 in attendance. Four men did the grilling and 3 women tended the kitchen. Inspirational music was provided by Bill and Barbara Whitten from Gilman City.

From June 6 to June 11, we held our Vacation Bible School. There was an average of 14 children daily. On Saturday we ended with a program and presentation of awards followed by a carnival, hot dogs, chili dogs, nacho's, chips and sodas.

On Sunday evening, May 2, 2011, during our regular fellowship time our Children's Church held an advancement party for one of our children who turned 12 years old. A program was presented by the children who turned 12 years old. A program was presented by the children who sang four songs followed by a salad supper and cake.

Salem— June-19th we had a carry-in brunch for our fathers. Also our baby bottles were returned filled with money for the Sonrise Home. We are so looking forward to the installation of our new central air system to be done as soon as possible. On July-17-21 our Forks of the River VBS will start Our theme "The Big Apple Adventure." On August 24-28 will be Area wide crusade at Humphreys.

Medicine Valley- We are presently looking forward to Vacation Bible Schools, one at Newtown and one at Humphreys both during the week of July 11-15.

As you read this we will have concluded our participation in the third and final area-wide prayer meeting in preparation for the Evangelism Crusade at Humphreys to be held August 24-28.

Much remains to be done by way of publicizing the crusade and in visitation and personal witnessing.

Plans include using the "No Home Left Behind Campaign" for the tier one churches to place door knob hangers on the door of each home in their community. This is to be done during July.

Some of the tier one churches will also be arranging for some of their members to engage in personal witnessing on their church field in July and August.

We are asking for members of both tier one and tier two churches to do the following:

1. Help with the distribution of door knob hangers in the Humphreys, Reger and Osgood Communities, during late July;
2. Assist with personal witnessing in the Osgood, Reger and Humphreys Communities in early to mid-August.
3. Plan to attend the services nightly and bring family, friends, and relatives.
4. Continue in prayer that we might experience genuine revival, resulting in souls reached for Christ and eternity.

We are so grateful for all whose prayers and financial support help to make this ministry possible. May God's blessings be upon you all as you serve His cause.

Princeton- We had 150 attend our Sportsman Banquet. We are preparing for VBS on July 17-21 beginning at 6:00 pm each night. The commencement will be on Friday night at 7:00. pm.

Tenth Street- On July 29 the Awana Treasure Tour will be here from 7-8:30 pm. Gather your Awana team and join with Joel & Veronica Culberson and let your heart be stirred with a renewed sense of the value of Awana's core elements. Learn the latest club updates, including changes coming to Cubbies. Enjoy a time of fellowship with other Awana leaders from the area.

Trenton First- World Changers sponsored by our church will be going to Joplin the week of July 25th. The adult choir will be performing a patriotic musical on July 3rd.



Check out the BOOKSTORE

Selected DVD's- \$5.00
Max Lucado- "Hermie"
Welch- "Gigi"

New selection of CD's- \$2.50
Includes: George Beverly Shea,
Women in Worship, Jim Reeves, Porter Wag-
oner and many more.

New Fiction Books-
Karen Kingsbury- "Leaving"
Beverly Lewis- "The Telling"
Wanda Brunstetter- "The Journey"
Laura Hilton- "Patchwork Dreams"

Emily "Forever Faith" Jewelry
70% off- \$3.00

David Platt- "Radical Together"
John Franklin- "And the Place was Shaken"

New shipment- Bible Journals, Bible Cover,
Garden Banners and more



The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the 12

Steps and 8 Recovery Principles based on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew. This experience allows us to "be changed". We open the door by sharing our experiences, strengths and hopes with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving the problems in our lives. By working and applying these Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger personal, loving and forgiven relationship with our Higher Power, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The leaders are available to make a presentation in your church upon invitation, and the welcome mat is out for visitors to come to any of our meetings. Meetings are held every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at Tenth Street Baptist Church in Trenton. Our newest group is GriefShare and is open to not only persons with grief over a death, but other kinds of grieving as well. All of our groups emphasize that recovery is a journey and that we don't get well by ourselves; we need each other for support.

For further information, call Ron Ratliff at 359-5544 or Mike Dennis at 635-0977. We hope you will come join us for an **amazing spiritual adventure!**



MEN'S/FAMILY PRAYER BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. Saturday July 23

Co-hosted by Galt and Alpha Baptist Churches
At the facilities of the Baptist Church at Galt
Come and bring the family

BSU/COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

The Canada Team has been home for about 3 weeks now, but God's plans to share His story has continued full steam ahead. The team arrived home about 1am Friday morning, 5/27, just long enough to crash for 5 hours, do laundry, unpack the trailers, vacuum out and return HBA van on Saturday (thank you EJ and Joshua for your help with this. I also want to thank Karen Lynch for cleaning my kitchen and straightening my house of the chaos left the 1st day of our trip. I came home to a clean kitchen instead of a mess!). Sunday morning the 29th we attended 2 AM worship and did more laundry.

Memorial Day Monday, the adults of our team enjoyed a lunch in our home of Trout and Walleye given to the team as a going away gift from the Ojibwa. Monday evening at 11pm we welcomed the 8 member Neosho team in our home, who spent Monday night for a short night's rest before finishing their trip from Canada. Tuesday, the 31st at 7am, the 10 of us ate breakfast while the Neosho team continued to share what they had done in Grassy after our team left them the Thursday before. Before leaving Tuesday morning, the Neosho team visited our associational office and saw the facilities the BSU uses to minister to the NCMC students. Then at 9:30 am the 31st, our 2 summer missionaries, Joshua Ishmael and Sarah Silkwood went with me to Hannibal where we attended the next 3 days training for summer missions.

The following Saturday, June 4th, Sarah and Joshua attended the Brotherhood cookout in order to be introduced to our churches. Sunday, June 5th, Christina Boatright, graduate of Missouri College and 2 year Canada Team member, returned to our home, to serve NGRBA doing mission work. She will be receiving strictly freewill love offerings from our churches, because it was too late to register her as a summer missionary with MO Baptist Convention. But, this young woman passionately loves our Lord Jesus, and agreed to spend the summer helping me with the mission projects here in NGRBA that God has asked us to do. (On that Friday morning, May 27th, of our return, I looked at her and said, "Christina, I can't pay you, but if you will come back to Trenton, I'll feed you and give you a place to sleep, and you can be my right and left hands, 2nd set of brains and my prayer partner as we do mission work this summer." She said, "Let me go home and talk to Mom and Dad, pray about it and let you know. OK?" That next week during training, I get a text from Christina, letting me know that God told her to return to Trenton and trust Him for her needs.) Now I'm letting you, my church families, know exactly the conditions in which she is serving our association this summer. Pray for Christina. Maybe God would have you support her as she serves our churches this summer. If you would like to help meet her needs, send your love gifts to Debbie Dickinson at the office and indicate it is a gift for Christina. The other 2 missionaries receive a gratuity from MO Baptist, along with love gifts you churches so generously give as they serve you.

Week 2 of summer mission service, Sarah and Joshua served Lineville Baptist in their VBS while Christina drove out to Edinburg each evening to assist in their VBS. The end of that week on Friday/Saturday, all 3 SMs went to Jeff City to prepare to be group leaders Super Summer 2nd week. They returned home Saturday night to repack and attend Grand Oaks Youth Camp the 3rd week, June 13th, as small group leaders. All 3 young people worked tirelessly to invest Jesus in the lives of our youth.

This week, Super Summer 2nd week, all 3, Christina, Sarah, and Joshua are serving in Hannibal at Super Summer as small group leaders to our MO youth. Next week, June 27th, they will be serving in VBS in Gilman City, and starting July 1st through July 7th, they will be partnering with Concord Baptist Uth group from Jefferson City in week long mission activities.

Does the schedule make you feel tired? It can and will be overwhelming to our missionaries if you as our church families don't "Pray without ceasing for them!" We have prayed for 2 years for God to send us young people who will take up the mantle of leadership and be warriors for Jesus. God has answered our prayers in giving us 3 of the most dedicated, passionate young warriors I have ever had the privilege of working with. The 3 weeks of camp this summer and the 4th July week, there is no specific church that embraces them as family, to pray with them and for them, or to share financial love gifts at the end of the week to bless them. Because they are not working directly in a specific church, we, church families, don't have their presence among us to remind us to pray for them. These 4 weeks will become the most dangerous of all the weeks in their service for Satan to attack and discourage them, if they aren't covered as completely with your prayers. BUT, I know how diligent you NGRBA prayer warriors can be, and I'm pleading with you—Pray for our 3 Summer Missionaries at all times without ceasing.

4-5 minute DVDs of the Canada mission work are available to churches. If you would like one of our SMs to visit your church and show the DVD, call Diann @ 654.0785 to schedule a service. As a side note: Pastor Paul Kim, the Korean pastor serving in Grassy Narrows, and his family will be visiting NGRBA, Aug 2-7th. They will be in our home for the six days to re-unite with the Canada teams and meet the church families of NGRBA who supported and blessed their ministry in Canada. Plans are being made to have an area-wide "Prayer and Worship" service for those who would like to meet the Kim family can do so.

He IS Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice—Souls

Diann



Have a Blessed Summer!

What an exciting presentation we heard from Mattie Lynch at our June Program and Prayer Luncheon at Sunnyview. Some residents joined us to hear her report and see pictures of the BSU Mission trip to Canada. Afterward Doris Provorse led the devotional. The residents participated in reading the names of missionaries with birthdays, followed by a time of prayer.

I shared a letter from Whitney Prewitt, journeyman missionary from the Albany area, who is back in the Sudan for the summer. She asks for prayer that she will learn the culture and traditions to be able to teach the AIDS prevention message in a culturally sensitive way and be able to use this project as a bridge to presenting the hope of the gospel.

I also gave out copies of "Prayer needs that Bro. Lewis Rogers included in his report at the last Executive Board Meeting and copies of "A Prayer for a Soldier", that is in the shape of a cross, that Debbie had printed for us a year or so ago.

After the residents left for the dining hall, the rest of us enjoyed sack lunches and a time of fellowship.

There will be no July or August Prayer Programs. When we reconvene in September, we will be welcoming the officers for the coming year and we have planned a mission project. Details will be in the August and September Encouragers.

I know this is a busy time, but our WOM and age-level groups are so important! If I can help in anyway let me know! If your WOM group (or a ladies group, if your church doesn't have WOM) would like to hear the "Parable of a Can of Sardines", let me know and I'll come share it.

Bev Martin

WMU Director

HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR AMERICA

In keeping with our celebration of Independence Day this Fourth of July, your Christian Life Directors would like to urge you to pray for our country. "How to Pray for America" is printed from a Concerned Women for America Newsletter. NGR Christian Life Co-Directors are Sherry Knapp & Bev Martin.

1. For our nation and its people, that they might awaken again to their great and Godly heritage, and that they many may come to know and love the Lord. *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."* Psalm 33:12
2. For the President, Congress and elected leaders at every level of government, that they might earnestly seek God and guide our country in a way that honors Him. *"The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens."* Psalm 113:4
3. For the American people, that many from all walks of life will return to the great Biblical principles that have made America strong, free and prosperous, and work to cleanse and restore our culture. *"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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14