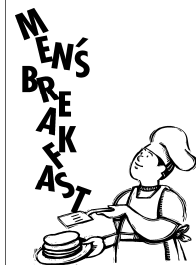




Renee Lynch is the Association Youth Director and she is working to organize a Youth Ministry. There will be a meeting for all youth leaders on May 31st at 7:00 pm, here at the Mission Center.

Osborn Conference Room

At the April Executive Board Meeting it was voted that in honor of Rev. Jean and Nellie Osborn to name the conference room at the Mission Center after them. Bro. Jean served as Director of Mission's for many years, and after retiring served as a Supply and/or Interim Pastor to many churches. His beloved wife Nellie served beside him.



Shelburne Baptist Church
June 18, 2011
8:00 am
 All Men Welcome-
 Bring a friend!

June Birthdays

- 1 Carol Cass
- 1 Ron & Christine Ward
- 4 Marty & Teresa Harkey
- 4 David & Barbara Robertson
- 11 Denny & Carolyn Chesnut
- 14 Ron & Bobbie Helton
- 21 Jan Rushton



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Church VBS's
Edinburg
 June 6-10

Lineville
 June 6-10
 "Cosmic City"



Check out the BOOKSTORE

Boxed Card Sale
 June 6-17
 10% off lowest price

We now have TK Greeting Cards

Father's Day Promise Books
 Key rings, wallet, hats, ties
 Bookmarks

1611 Edition KJV Bible
 Celebrating 400 years

American & Christian Flags
 "Bonhoeffer"

Selected Jewelry- \$3.00
 Children's DVD's

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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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- Jamesport*
- Laredo
- Lineville
- Medicine Valley
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- Ravanna*
- Rural Dale*
- Salem
- Shelburne
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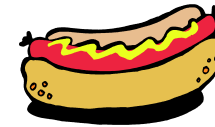
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WMU & Brotherhood
Annual Picnic
Moberly Park
June 4th- 6:00 pm
 Provided:
 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks

Bring:
 Side Dishes
 and Desserts



Entertainment:
 Bill & Barbara Whitten
 from Gilman City

Everyone Welcome



Bring your
 Lawn Chair

"But God..."

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love with which He loved us." Ephesians 2:4

Camp forms are now available that you can pick up at your church or the Mission Center.

Youth Camp– June 13-17-
LADIES– please pray about being a Youth Cabin Leader. They do not have enough leaders.

Children's Camp– July 25-29–
 DUE June 24th.
 Cost is \$75. Cost is \$105 after Friday, June 24th.

Submit your forms to your church or let them know you have submitted it to the association. Do not send money with the camp forms, payment is made on the day of camp registration.

Submit forms to Association by due date.

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

As I am writing this, 21 of us are at a motel in International Falls, MN. We will enter Canada tomorrow to go to "Grassy Narrows Indian Reserve" to minister to the 1st Nations people. We are excited about what our Lord is going to do through us, and what He is going to do in us. We will share with you about what happened when we get back. Thanks for your great support!

Be in prayer for the upcoming Youth Camp (June 13-17). There are some unique challenges this year that lead us to believe this could be a very special time for God to move.

Be in prayer for the 4th of July Celebration in Trenton. We are planning various activities that will spiritually impact people of all ages—Professional Christian Skateboarders, singing groups, etc.

Be in prayer for our committees (nominating, budget, constitution in particular) as they diligently work this month.

Be in prayer for REVIVAL and SPIRITUAL AWAKENING, "Pray without ceasing."

For His Glory,

E.J. Barnes

Area-Wide Evangelism Crusade

Time grows closer for the area-wide crusade to be held in Humphreys in August and much remains to be done in preparation for it.

Our third and final area-wide prayer meeting is set for Sunday June 26 at 6:30 pm to be held with the Laredo Baptist Church. It affords an opportunity for collective prayer in behalf of church renewal and the subsequent salvation of lost souls.

We are fortunate to have as our keynote speaker and worship leader, Charles Graham of Dermott, Arkansas. Charles is an outstanding musician, a movie actor, and a minister of the gospel.

A family friend, and sometimes business associate, of our son-in-law, Darrel Campbell, Charles has a support role in the movie "Last Ounce of Courage" to be in theaters in November and December.

We are encouraging the seven tier one churches to dismiss their services on that Sunday night, to come in a group, and join in prayer for genuine revival in our area, to result in people brought to know Jesus.

We invite other tier two churches in the association to send representatives, or if they feel Spirit led to do so, to also dismiss and come in a group. (It would be great to have standing room only!)

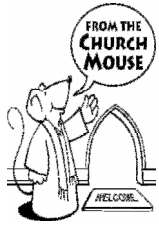
Again, on Saturday, July 23, we will be conducting a final Men's/Family Prayer Breakfast. It will be co-hosted by Alpha Baptist and Galt Baptist Churches in the facilities of Galt Baptist Church, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Crusade dates are August 24-28, you all come!

April 2011 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT/Wed	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 227.94	\$ 25.00	13	20	9						
Edinburg	\$ 494.25	\$ 58.15									
Gallatin	\$ 768.54	\$ 50.00									
Galt	\$ 159.00	\$ 25.00									
Jameson											
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	37	68	25						
Laredo	\$ 341.50										
Lineville	\$ 208.31	\$ 41.66								2	
M. Valley	\$ 34.57	\$ 25.00	17	27		19					
Mercer	\$ 193.00	\$ 25.00		64	14	12					
Modena	\$ 89.94		9	17	11						
Princeton	\$ 576.23	\$ 50.00	98	174	39	24	22	28	75		
Ravanna	\$ 143.85	\$ 61.65	11	11					10		
Rural Dale	\$ 646.52	\$ 50.00							49		
Salem			36	49	20						
Shelburne	\$ 593.46	\$ 75.00	47	66	26	24	7				
Spickard	\$ 75.00		15	18							
Tenth St.	\$ 916.60	\$ 152.77	86	143	42		6		78	1	
Trenton FB	\$1,195.46	\$ 199.24	111	170	28				107	1	2
Union	\$ 309.50	\$ 100.00	75	125	28	60	10			3	1
Total	\$6,998.67	\$ 963.47	555	952	242	139	45	28	319	7	3
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00									
MBC		\$ 230.00									

Seminary Checking	\$522.48
Seminary Savings	\$2,056.36
Belarus	\$6,587.26
Benevolent Savings	\$742.18
NGR Savings	\$9,509.20
BSU— April— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$3,709.53
Income	\$5,169.25
Total	\$8,878.78
Expenses	\$1,031.23
Ending Balance	\$7,847.55
General BSU Fund	\$1,261.06
Designated BSU Fund	\$6,586.48

April 2011 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$9,011.36
Income	\$11,344.76
Total	\$20,356.12
Expenses	\$12,152.87
Ending Balance	\$8,203.25
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$2,726.06
General Fund	\$5,477.19
Checking Balance Total	\$8,203.25
NGR October— April 2011	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$80,427.54
Expenses	\$81,836.84
Difference	(-\$1,409.30)



Edinburg— On Friday, April 22, we hosted a joint Easter Service with Shelburne Baptist Church and Dockery Methodist Church. 103 people were welcomed by our pastor. The opening prayer was given by the Dockery Chapel minister and the message was presented by the Shelburne Baptist minister. Sandwiches, chips and cookies were served after the services in the fellowship hall. They were prepared by three ladies from our congregation.

On Saturday, April 30th, two of our Special Olympic Athletes participated in a Bocce Ball tournament in St. Joe. Both returned with silver medals. Three coaches from our congregation also participated in the event.

In July of 2010, our Children's Church held their annual balloon launch. There were 80 plus balloons launched on that day and no balloons were returned at that time. However, on April 27, 2011, ten months later, our Children's Church Director received a card in the mail stating that one of balloons had been found by a person while hunting near Hamilton, Missouri. The card belonged to a member of our Children's Church.

On Wednesday, May 18, Access II in Gallatin hosted a disabled learning event for the second grade students of Gallatin. The purpose was to educate children concerning disabled people in public and how to reach to them. They also did exercises that simulated being disabled. Two of Edinburg Baptist coaches from the DAWGS, coached in the sports segment. One of the students was from our Children's Church and has agreed to do a presentation along with the Children's Church director on Sunday during regular services. Two athletes from the DAWGS also accompanied the group.

Super Summer
Hannibal La-Grange College
June 20-24

Jamesport— We observed the National Day of Prayer with a service at City Hall on Thursday, May 5th.

Our ladies provided muffins for the BSU breakfast and some snacks for the BSU mission trip.

The men's prayer breakfast was held at our church on Saturday morning May 21st.

Our youth had a pizza party on Sunday May 22nd after the morning service, and then watched the movie "Snow Buddies" which had been chosen by the youth.

Medicine Valley- We had an excellent Easter services at the Chapel at Newtown with 60 some in attendance for breakfast and the morning worship services. The excellent turnout was in part due to the use of door knob hangers that included a newsletter and a special encouragement to attend Sunday services.

I am convinced however, that the value of these was enhanced by follow up visitation to many of the targeted homes.

We had 25 present for Sunday School and worship on Mother's Day. This is above average for us at this time. We again, as in some past years distributed roses to mothers present, via their children present.

Attendance was low however, on the Sunday following Easter Sunday and again on the Sunday following Mother's Day. On the first of those the pastor was gone. On the second one, families stayed home to prepare for graduation services in the afternoon.

The weekend of April 29-May 1, Mabel and I attended the annual Brannon House Christian Worldview Weekend at Branson. While there we were also privileged to attend a premier showing of "Last Ounce of Courage", as guests of our daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Darrel Campbell. Darrel was scriptwriter and Director of the movie.

The movie has a dual theme; patriotic and Christian. The preview showing was for the benefit of

Medicine Valley Continued- former military, Purple Heart recipients and their families.

Charles Graham came on stage, before the movie began and sang "God Bless America" to standing applause. The movie is the only one I have ever attended where there were standing ovations, as there also were, during the movie.

Attendance at the Newtown Bible Studies holds steady with some 6 to 8 in attendance. The Northeast group has met irregularly in recent months due to scheduling conflicts. The Reger South group has not yet resumed regular meetings but continue to rotate DVD's from home to home.

The Humphreys Group has experienced some growth in recent months. We now usually have 14 to 16 in attendance. Continual growth of this group is crucial to the ultimate development of a fuller church type ministry in the Humphreys area.

We continue to thank God for all His provisions and for those through whom He supports these ministries. The continued prayer and financial support of God's people is crucial to the future of this mission in your own backyard.

Princeton- Our Sportsman's Banquet was very successful with around 150 attending. We have had 3 persons baptized so far this month in May.

We have 3 signed up for Youth camp in June. The Men's Breakfast group prepared Mother's Day treat on May 7 with 55 attending. It was a delicious meal. All Mother's were recognized on Sunday, May 8. Our Seniors were recognized Sunday morning of May 15.

Mission:Dignity

June 26, 2011 is the day set aside by the Southern Baptist Convention to remember the thousands of aged ministers or their widows who dedicated their lives to the gospel ministry, but are now facing their retirement years without the financial resources to meet their basic needs.

Salem— Some of our upcoming events we have planned are: June-5th, at noon we will have a fellowship dinner following morning worship. All are welcome. June 18th, at 6:00 pm we will have a Fathers Day pancake supper. July-17-21, will be the "Forks of the River VBS" Our theme is "Saddleridge Ranch".

Trenton First— Sunday eve May 29th we had our summer kickoff with a wiener roast. The Frazzled Females are meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month with a good attendance. On Wednesday evening we are continuing our study "When God's Spirit Moves". Our Senior adults ate at the Nutty Grill and the Galt Café. We prepared snack bags for the BSU mission trip. Senior Adult Sunday will be June 12th with seniors leading in the morning worship service with an Mexican buffet at noon. Friday June 24th Seniors will have a picnic at Moberly Park. We were blessed with two young men professing Jesus as their Savior and will be baptized soon.



Celebrate Recovery is moving forward. We are seeing souls saved with two saved in the last three weeks. People are realizing that they can find help through Celebrate Recovery. We have to admit that we have habits, hurts, and hang-ups.

We meet every Saturday night at 6: o'clock at Tenth Street Baptist Church. Our sponsors are Coon Creek, Shelburne, Galt, Jamesport and Grace Fellowship. Celebrate Recovery is for everybody. We welcome each and every one.

We have began the Griefshare program at 6 pm on Saturday night.

Remember in Prayer the Southern Baptist Convention as they meet in Phoenix, Arizona on June 13th-15th.



"5" DAYS!!! and counting. Our Team of students and NGRBA family will be leaving from our driveway at 5:30am this Monday 16th. Our 1st night's destination is International Falls, MN to spend the night and cross the border the next morning at 9am, which will let us arrive in "Grassy Narrows 1st Nation's Reserve" about 12:30pm on Tuesday. God has been pulling together several things, and as I told Alida during our phone conversation tonight, it almost seems like Christmas around here at the BSU...All of you, my church families and friends of the BSU have stepped up so grandly that you are making these last few weeks seem just like the account in **Exodus 36:3-7**

"³ Moses gave them (master craftsmen) the materials donated by the people of Israel as sacred offerings for the completion of the sanctuary. **But the people continued to bring additional gifts each morning.** ⁴ Finally the craftsmen who were working on the sanctuary left their work. ⁵ They went to Moses and reported, "**The people of (NGRBA, HBA, and Linn-Livingston) have given more than enough materials to complete the job** the LORD has commanded us to do!"... ⁷ Their contributions were more than enough to complete the whole project."

WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! Isn't God amazing? He is just waiting for the invitation to be asked to "SHOW UP and SHOW OFF"! and has He ever SHOWED OFF! The BSU has received enough food donations, material supplies, teaching materials, craft supplies, and all kinds of gifts to take, that it has freed up the money donations people have given to be used to do much more than we ever dreamed we could do with the construction repairs on the mission house for Pastor Paul Kim, the finishing construction on the cabin, and the foundation repairs to the church.

My plans are to take a movie camera to document all the blessings your giving will reap during this trip. I hope to email back to the office a continued report of what takes place each day, and have enough pictures to bore ALL of you over the next year until we can go back in 2012! (YOU start planning to join us in May 2012.) ☺

I also want all of you to read the email from Gary Smith, NAMB missionary in Winnipeg, Ontario that we received in response to Joe Curtis' (Team member) preparation visit to Grassy that laid the foundation for our upcoming trip. Following is Gary's email:

"Hello Joe,

On behalf of the CNBC (Canadian National Baptist Convention) I just want to thank you for your partnership and for your "job well done" in preparing for the time in Grassy Narrow. Your partnership is really opening tremendous doorways for the furtherance of God's kingdom in northern Ontario. For example, Paul (who you are serving in Grassy) is very well connected and he has now opened up other ministry and church planting opportunities for the CNBC in other First Nations villages.

So, I wanted you to know how much your ministry and preparations for this trip are having great impact and are building great "trust" bridges for our vision and desires for northern communities.

Blessings to you and your team.

Gary Smith
Senior Catalyst C N B C
National Missionary/Church Starting Catalyst
Prairie Urban Cities/Northern Ontario

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



June Meeting at Sunnyview

With two vehicles, we were able to prayerdrive around the new hospital and the Trenton High School Middle School complex with prayer warriors at the Mission Center praying for other medical facilities and S.M. Rissler Elementary.

During the announcement time we discussed having guest speakers later this year during the World Day of Prayer program and in December during our focus on the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. We also discussed World Craft information being available online. The WMU council discussed the upcoming budget.

In our devotional time we included our BSU Mission's trip to Canada.

June 21st we will be meeting in the East Wing Conference room of Sunnyview at 10:30 am for a short program and devotional with the ladies there. Bring a sack lunch. Residents will be going to the dining hall about 11:10, then we will eat there in the conference room.

There will be no Program and Prayer Luncheon during July and August. We will meet at the Mission Center on September 20th, at 10:30 am, to welcome and recognize any new officers, if any, or WMU Directors. Additional information about a project will be announced in future Encouragers.

If any of our leaders or groups need help or information during this summer please contact me.

Bev Martin
WMU Director

Transformational Sunday School Class

Online Training

Date: July 10, 2011

Time: 4:00 PM (Eastern)

Duration: 2 hours

Where: On your computer!

Cost: FREE

Bring Ridgecrest to your church and never leave your city! This webcast will help Sunday School leaders understand, value, and embrace the Transformational Church Sunday School. New speakers and new content will join Bruce Raley and David Francis in making the 2011 webcast a fresh and vibrant learning experience for age-group leaders of preschool, children, students, and adults. Over 12,000 Sunday School leaders were trained in 2010.

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My Father Is A Christian

My father is a Christian;
He leads our household well;
With instruction from the Bible,
Right behavior he'll compel.

Yet he steers us with compassion;
His gentle love is true;
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,
So we know just what to do.
He teaches us with purpose,
Guides us in all Godly ways,
So we will take the right path,
And serve our Lord with praise.

I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;
You help me see things clearly.
I'll always look up to you,
And love you very dearly.
- Joanna Fuchs



In Honor
of Father's
June 19, 2011