



Father's Day- June 15th

Broadman Study Bible- \$56.00
Bookmarks

Many books to choose from including
two of our local authors-
"Me and Joe" by Tom Brown

"Flight of the Sparrow" by Earl Nance

Duck Commander items

Called to Pray figurines

Eagle Figurines

CD's including Gaither's and Booth Brothers

Just Received

"Angels in Motion" Solar Powered

We have outdoor flags
American- Starts at \$6.80
Christian- \$8.50

"Heaven" Booklet by Randy Alcorn .90
"The Promise of Security" by Beth Moore .90

June

- 3 Tim & Cyndy Munday
- 3 Rich Neeley
- 4 Dr. David & Barbara Robertson
- 11 Denny & Carolyn Chesnut
- 12 Kenny & Judy Wilson
- 14 Ron & Bobbie Helton
- 16 Rich & Chris Neeley
- 21 Garret & Jennifer Trunk



Alpha Revival
June 8th - 12th
7:00 pm
Preaching-Stephen Williamson
Everyone is invited to come and join us!



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

Chillicothe Baptist Home Homecoming
Saturday, June 14, 2014
10 am to 2 pm

Musical Entertainment, Bake Sale, Guided Tours, Games for Children of all ages, Fishing & Outdoor Bar-be-cue (Freewill offering)



Men's Prayer Breakfast
Shelburne Baptist Church
Saturday, 8:00 am
June 21, 2014
All Men Invited!

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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



- Alpha
 - Edinburg
 - Gallatin
 - Galt
 - Jameson
 - Jamesport
 - Laredo
 - Lineville
 - Medicine Valley
 - Mercer
 - Modena
 - Princeton
 - Ravanna
 - Rural Dale
 - Salem
 - Shelburne
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Father's Day Poem
God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...
Dad
- Anonymous



In Honor of Father's Day- June 15



CHURCH VBS

- June 9-13- Edinburg
- June 22-27- Tenth Street
- 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 28-August 1- Ravanna Baptist Church

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

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:3

Praying, preaching (witnessing) teaching and meeting others' needs takes time, energy and resources. There are times God's servants work long and hard and do not see immediate results. We are tempted to give up and quit. We are prone to get discouraged and bitter— even to the point of getting upset with others and even God. We can get disheartened for the lack of encouragement and support.

In spite of these challenges we must act on Galatians 6:3, as well as James 5:16 “...*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*”, Isaiah 55:11 “*So shall My word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*” and Mark 9:41 “*For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.*”

Continue to pray for the Canada Mission Trip team. Pray for those involved in upcoming V.B.S.'s, for our Summer Missionaries, for our Youth and Children's Camps, for the Iowa partnership process, for the Medicine Valley and Sparrow Ministries and the upcoming Associational Revival, as well as our regular ongoing ministries.

Let's stand on God's Word that our faithful sowing will bring forth reaping!

For His Glory,

E.J. Barnes

P.S.—Congratulations to Josh and Kate Ishmael at the birth of their son Sabbath Cole Ishmael on May 24th.



Bible Drills

Congratulations NGR Bible Drillers!

High School Bible Drills from Tenth Street Baptist Church- Ben Young placed 5th at State Drills; Christy Young placed 1st at State Drills and Cail McCarter competed at State Drills. Christy Young is the only state driller with a perfect score and will be competing at the National Drill in Helen, GA on June 20th.

Children's State Bible Drillers had their State Drill on April 26th. Those from Tenth Street are:

Sydney Fitzpatrick— State Participant; Sebastian Brown— State Winner and Morgan King— State Winner.

Children's State Bible Drillers from Shelburne Baptist Church are:

Hannah Stark— State Winner; Zack Ferguson— State Winner and Tori Swank— State Winner.

Congratulations to all Bible Drillers. Remember Christy Young as she competes in the National Bible Drill.

Church Giving

Church Service Times

April 2014 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 299.16	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 572.95	\$ 63.66	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$1,093.17	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 350.00	\$ 50.00	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	\$ 291.73		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 294.51	\$ 98.17	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley	\$ 33.11	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 290.35	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 117.60	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 384.23	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 70.00	\$ 30.00	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 802.29	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 87.38	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 575.75	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	
Tenth St.	\$1,097.35	\$ 182.89	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,190.61	\$ 264.58	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 157.69	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Total	\$7,802.88	\$1,314.30				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Highview		\$ 60.15				

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— April— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$6,477.82
Income	\$3,763.45
Total	\$10,241.27
Expenses	\$3,020.21
Ending Balance	\$7,221.06
General BSU Fund	\$4,266.39
Designated BSU Fund	\$2,954.67

April 2014 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$5,578.76
Income	\$11,475.34
Total	\$17,054.10
Expenses	\$11,381.89
Ending Balance	\$5,672.21
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$4,774.22
General Fund	\$898.49
Checking Balance Total	\$5,672.21
NGR October— April 2014	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$84,658.74
Expenses	\$82,355.94
Difference	\$2,302.80



NGR Church News

Edinburg- The averages for April were Sunday School 26; Morning Worship 53; Evening Worship 23 and Wednesday 14.

Medicine Valley-We continue to need, welcome, and encourage, donations to the

food pantry, at the Chapel at Newtown. We are grateful for the recent food sent from the Association WMU, First Baptist Trenton and various individuals.

Our greatest need is canned goods, particularly green beans, peas, corn and tomatoes. Sometimes these can be bought at Hy-Vee at reduced prices or at the Amish store in Jamesport.

Individuals with access to the employee store at the canning factor in Trenton make purchases there of flats of canned goods and donate to the Food Pantry.

Monetary donations may be made by checks made out to the Medicine Valley Community Ministry and denoted "food pantry" and mailed to Mabel Rogers, Treasurer, at 215 N. Stringer, Humphreys, MO 64646.

Also greatly appreciated are those who donate time regularly to assist with distribution. The pantry is open for distribution on the third Thursday of each month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Prayer support is needed for the small group of believers meeting for Sunday services at the Baptist Chapel at Newtown. Our attendance there fluctuates from as few as seven or eight to around 14 or 15 and occasionally into the low or mid-twenties.

At Humphreys we now have a dozen children involved in Tuesday night Bible Studies and a small number of adults meeting on Wednesday night for Bible Study.

Medicine Valley Continued-

Also needed are volunteers to assist with maintenance needs at our Ministry Center in Harris and on the Chapel and parsonage at Newtown. Help is needed to prepare the Harris property for sale as we have greater need for the funds elsewhere.

Other prayer needs include: (1) A bi-vo minister and family to occupy the parsonage at Newtown and assist with the pastoral ministries there. (2) Seeking the will of God concerning acquisition of a meeting place in Humphreys

Ever thankful for the prayer, financial and hands-on support we receive from fellow Christians and churches outside our own area of ministry. We thank you one and all for your support of this missions in your own backyard.

Trenton FBC- Sonshine Day Center will be having their preschool graduation Sunday June 1, during the morning worship service. The preschool class will be singing as part of their program.

We were blessed to have the Baccalaureate Service for all graduates of the High School class of 2014. May 18 we honored our graduates with a gift during the Morning Worship service.

Remember to pray for all our missionaries. Many are in dangerous areas of the world—Paul and Lori Babb, who have close connections to our church are in the Ukraine.

Budget items due June 13th.

Please remember the Budget/Finance Committee in prayer as they meet on June 16th to put the budget together for 2014-2015 associational year. It will be presented at the July Executive Board Meeting and voted on at the NGR Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 27th at Rural Dale Baptist Church.

Union- Our April—May news includes the men cooked a wonderful Easter breakfast. Mark Knapp and family came and held a Seder's meal!

We took care of the Thrift Store all month. We had a service at Sunnyview and every month have a service at Eastview. Provided a meal for the jail and once a month cook for Celebrate Recovery.

We presented the mothers for Mother's Day a gift of Christian magnets and a rose. On May 23rd we had a Singspiration. We also have weddings and reunions coming up.

After a year of study, we have completed a look at the Parables of Jesus. Pastor Doug has been preaching through the Gospel of John. *"These things have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing you may have life in his name."* John 20:31.

If you do not have a church home, please come out and visit. Sunday School begins at 10 am; Worship Service at 11 am; Sunday evening at 5:30 pm we meet for Prayer and at 6 pm is Bible Study. On Wednesday from 6-7 pm we have a meal for the kids and class and Adult Bible Study.

NGR Nominating Committee

The NGR Nominating Committee has begun to meet and fill positions for those that serve as leaders and on committees in the association. If you would like to serve, please contact the office, Peggy Dennis, Peggy Kirby or Jerri Manual. Please pray for the committee as they seek God's direction in filling these positions.

**Pray for the
SBC Annual Meeting
June 10-11, 2014
Baltimore, MD**

You Took My Parking Space at Church

This should wake us up.

One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near, the driver got out and said, " I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, " That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."



MBC Disaster Relief training now has a NEW Level 2 Chaplaincy added to the Chaplain training. I went to Jefferson City on May 2-3 to take this training and it adds a new level of help the Chaplain can do, for both the victims of disaster and the teams that are working in DR, to recognize and help people who are in high stress overload using God's care and love.

The next Disaster Relief training will be September 5-6 at New Hope Baptist Church, 664 E 16th St, Sedalia, MO.

NGR Disaster Relief Director
Harold Myers

BSU @ NCMC

The BSU's 3 goal purpose is to 1. Make Disciples, 2. Develop Leaders, and 3. Train students to be missionally minded wherever God plants them in their journey. This semester, God, over and abundantly, blessed these goals. It began with our Winter Retreat at Grand Oaks where we partnered with three 4-year universities to push the idea of having a mission mind anywhere you are. God's working (in students' hearts) started then and built in intensity through our Engage conference in Feb., the Spring Break Mission trip in March, the weekly Monday Bible Studies, and Tuesday 9pm Communitas worships until Tuesday night, April 15th. On that night God moved so strongly in his heart that Jefferdson, from the island of Curacao, fell on his knees in worship, and then in a few moments sought out Christina to ask her what he needed to do to have Jesus as his personal Savior. That Friday 18th, as Jeff, Bola, Gracie, Christina and I were shopping in St. Joe, Bola received a text message from Jessica telling Bola that she, Jessica, had given her life to Jesus in her home church on April 13th. (Jessica was one of the students I had had a serious conversation with in February during one of our worship services asking her where Jesus was in her life. Praise God for His Holy Spirit who doesn't quit.) Jefferdson Jimenez was baptized at 10th St Baptist on Sunday afternoon, April 27th, and this coming Sunday, May 25th Makayla Moon will be baptized at Modena Baptist Church as she feels God is leading her to be scripturally baptized after her salvation experience.

Throughout the semester numerous other students shared with me or Christina how God was calling them to be more committed to reading their Bible and consistently having quiet times with their Savior. If ONLY students will make this kind of commitment, to consistently read God's Word, then our job is done, and God's Spirit takes over the nurturing and transforming of hearts and lives. Hebrews 4:12.

Graduation was May 10th, when we celebrated the graduation of many of our BSU students—Emerson Flynn, Dawn Wyant, Bola Saliu, Ana Dambova, Jordan Reddin, Makayla Moon, and Ashley Neely. Pray for Emerson as he seeks to finish his 4-year degree. Dawn Wyant has secured a full time job here at Trenton HyVee in their garden center. Pray for Dawn as she seeks a place to live so she won't have to drive back and forth from Milan. Pray for Bola, Nigeria, as she continues her education at Rockhurst University, KC, MO, toward becoming a pediatrician. Pray that God also provides her tuition as she is now on her own in raising funds for her education. Bola sacrificially served in our association the last 2 summers as one of our Summer Missionaries, when she could have been working in a more lucrative job. Pray for Ana, Macedonia, as she continues to pursue her American education on the west coast. Pray for Jordan Reddin as he pursues his continued education through Central Methodist University, and serves this summer in the St. Louis area working with children. Pray for Makayla as she has been accepted into the Fusion program at Midwestern Seminary and by January 2015 will be serving as a foreign missionary somewhere in a dark country. Pray that God will lay on people's hearts to contribute to her mission work as she must raise all her funds before she is sent overseas. Pray for Ashley as she serves as a missionary in Pennsylvania this summer.

Pray for our summer missionaries, Makayla Moon, April Robb, and Gracie Cabral as God places them in different ministry opportunities this summer. Pray for our Canada Trip-May 31-June 7, as 17 of us travel to WhiteDog Indian Reserve to serve and share Jesus among the 1st Nation's people. And last but not least, pray for Kevin, Kenya, as he lives in our home with EJ and me. Pray that God will give us ways to share Jesus with this young man who is struggling to understand spiritual things.

Ten weeks this summer, Christina, EJ and myself will carry the heavy responsibility of mentoring and discipling 5 college students. Pray that God, in HIS Wisdom, will pour over each of us the wisdom to discern and nurture these lives in the way God will use to bring some to salvation and others molded into Warriors that Satan will tremble at their names.

HE is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of HIS Sacrifice—Souls Diann



May 19th the associational WMU met for their monthly meeting. We gathered at the association office then carpoled to Sunnyview Nursing Home and met with our Baptist sisters and former WMU members that now reside there.

Prayer requests were taken and we prayed in particular for our world leaders, Whitney Pruitt who is taking a group of students to the Sudan for a month this summer, and Shelly Sims who is leaving June 17 for a medical mission to Haiti.

Virginia Crumpacker gave our lesson on John 20: 1-9, the scripture that tells of Mary finding the tomb empty and the hard time that even His closest followers and disciples had believing that our Savior had risen from the grave. Our Lesson also focused on the missionaries in Yemen and those retired. We had prayer for local missionaries, Paul and Lorie Babb and Madonna and Uwe Maurer in Taiwan.

We had special prayer for our sisters who were living at Sunnyview that they would have comfort and peace and well being.

Next meeting will be June 17 at First Baptist, Trenton. Carolyn Houts, our new District WMU Consultant will join the group and give the program. She is a recently retired missionary from Ghana.

Our verse this month is John 20: 9 *“for until then we hadn't realized that the Scriptures said he would come to life again.”* (Living Bible). Do we really believe that He rose and will come again?

Shelly Sims
WMU Director

Camp Directors- Steven Nelson & Bruce Williams

YOUTH CAMP- June 30-July 3rd

Camp Pastor- Trevor Darr Worship Leader- Ben Miles

CHILDREN'S CAMP- August 4-8th

Camp Pastor- Joshua Ishmael

Worship Leaders- Stephen Williams & Don Yates



Church Camp

“MADE RIGHT”

Romans 3:22

Forms must be turned in before July 3rd for Children's Camp to avoid the late fee

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