



Check out the BOOKSTORE

"On Earth As It Is In Heaven" by Warren W. Wiersbe
"The Cross" by Arthur Blessitt
"Just Like Jesus" by Max Lucado
"Called to Love" by Kaye Miller
"Wind Dancer" by Jamie Carie
"Plain Jayne" by Hillary Lodge

"Kelly's Chance" by Wanda Brunstetter
"Power of a Positive Mom" by Karol Ladd

NEW! Band angels (adhesive bandages)

Several requested more Budget CD's- they are in Most are under \$5.00 and includes the oldies but goodies like The Le Fevres, James Blackwood and The Master V, J.D. Sumner and the Stamps Quartet and many more. Includes gospel music, guitars, mandolins, bluegrass, harmonicas etc...

Good selection of Lawson Falle boxed cards for only \$2.75. Don't miss out on these nice cards!

Selected KJV Study Bible's marked 48% of SRP

10 Commandment or Lord's Prayer Bracelets

NEW! Believerbands! Share your faith

NEW- Gaither Vocal Band "Better Day" DVD & CD
For Preschoolers- DVD's- "Little Ruth", "Little Moses", "Little Joseph"

- 20 Diann Barnes
- 21 Dick & Carolyn Lanning
- 25 Deryl & Linda Niffen
- 29 Ron Ratliff



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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

MARCH 7-14, 2010

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SHARE GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER

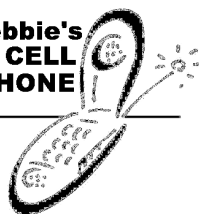


NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 MILLION

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North Grand River Baptist Association

The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Volume 35, Number 3
March, 2010

"Churches working together to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission."

Matthew 28:18-20

Saddle Ridge VBS Training Clinic

Monday - March 29, 2010 - 6:30-8:30 pm

Trenton First Baptist Church- Downstairs



NGRBA

Churches

Alpha	
Edinburg	U
Gallatin	N
Galt	I
Jameson*	T
Jamesport	E
Laredo	D
Lineville*	
Medicine Valley	O
Mercer	N
Modena	
Princeton*	M
Ravanna*	I
Rural Dale	S
Salem	S
Shelburne	I
Spickard*	O
Tenth Street	N
Trenton First	
Union	

Preschool-Kindergarten- Ann Schreffler

1-2 grade- Ruth Ann Knutson

3-4 grade- Sherri Betz

5-6 grade- Iva Gail Ratliff

Youth- Micah Knapp

Adults- Bro. Jean Osborn

Missions- Judy Vyrostek

Crafts- Christine Ward

Music- Mandi Ripple

Recreation- Scott Betz

VBS Directors- Kayla Michael

Pastor's- E.J. Barnes

You will also have the opportunity to order your VBS materials again for the free shipping. Ordering during this time the Association receives 15% that goes to a fund if your church needs help with VBS materials or Summer Missionary.



"Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously without criticizing, and it will be given to him." James 1:5

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

"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'"
Matthew 9:37-38

One way to work for a harvest is to be a PRAYER TILLER. We are asking our Lord to raise up at least 300 PRAYER TILLERS in our Association. This is what it takes to be a PRAYER TILLER. You must commit yourself before the Lord to pray at least weekly for:

1. Your church and the churches your church is grouped with each quarter.
2. Your Pastor, Deacons, Worship leaders and all other officers in your church.
3. Every house with a 5 mile radius of your church.
4. Associational staff, BSU staff and ministries.
5. Revival in North Grand River Baptist Associational Churches.
6. Spiritual Awakening within North Grand River Baptist Association area.
7. More laborers for a Spiritual Harvest in our area (Full-time and Bi-vocational Pastors, Prayer Tillers, Witnesses, Compassion Healers, Young People, Youth and Children Workers and Musicians.)
8. That God would make Himself known however He wills.
9. To love my brothers and sisters-in-Christ and pray for their encouragement, strengthening and well being.
10. For at least 3000 souls to be truly born again the North Grand River Baptist Association area by the end of 2012.

Also will attend area PRAYER SUMMITS if at all possible.

If you will make this commitment, please let us know here at the Mission Center. We need your name, where you are a member, and how best to communicate with you.

Let's all pray for those churches and people who have committed to prayer walk and/or drive their area and pass out Easter service invitations during this month. By the way we have 600 packets available (at 7¢ a packet) for any churches who want to utilize them this month. Call Debbie Dickinson.

For His Glory-
E.J. Barnes



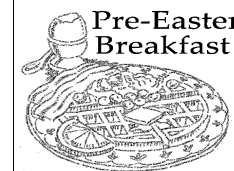
The North Grand River Staff, Church Pastors and members of the churches express their deepest sympathy to Floe and the children of Jacob Name. Bro. Jacob was tragically killed in a car accident on February 5th. We continue to pray for you and your family during this time. We also express our condolences to Spickard Baptist Church as you grieve in the loss of a pastor. Please know that our heartfelt sympathy is with you all. Anyone that knew Jacob knows he is with our Lord and Savior and rejoicing- and that helps to bring us comfort.

Salem— On February 14th we had a fellowship dinner following our morning worship with a good attendance. On March 20th we are having a church bowling party at Chillicothe. March 28, Anna Fletcher, a missionary from Taiwan, will be here to share with us her Mission work there. In April we have 5 girls planning to attend the GA retreat at Grand Oaks. April 14 we will be serving the BSU Luncheon along with Spickard and Modena. April 25 we will have the Worship Service at Sunnyview at 2:00pm.

Trenton First— The Awana attendance has been very good and the children are eager to learn scripture verses. The youth had a Super Bowl party at Jason and Holly's. The Girl-friend's met on February 18. The Senior Adults have been studying the "Lucy Series" and they will complete it next Wednesday. The 26th of February the Senior Adults will have a breakfast at the church. The speaker will be Elizabeth Gibson who will be giving us tips on prevention of falling. On March 3rd the Senior Adults will be going to the Galt Cafe for lunch. March 25th Senior Adults will be hosting a St. Patrick's Celebration and will be inviting all seniors. On February 14th we had a special worship service with 5 couples renewing their vows. We will be having a Annie Armstrong Easter promotion in March. Our speaker will be Guy Thomas on March 21, NAMB missionary in Kansas. Pastor Denny is on a mission trip to Africa.



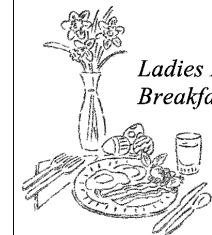
March 14



Pre-Easter Breakfast The Pre-Easter Breakfast Schedule for the men is:

February 24
Church of the Nazarene

- March 3: Rural Dale Baptist Church
- March 10: Trenton First Baptist Church
- March 17: Wesley United Methodist
- March 24: Tenth Street Baptist Church



Ladies Easter Breakfast March 31
Women's Easter Breakfast at First Assembly of God

ALL BEGIN AT 7:00 AM

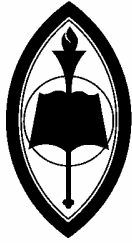


EASTER
APRIL 4
2010



A clown suit has been donated to the Mission Center. You can check it out for any activity you may need it for at your church. As a reminder of some other items that your church can check out that the Mission Center has is the projector and laptop, overhead projector, binder, and digital camera.

There are decorations from past VBS's that would go with some of your Sunday School parties or Church gathering activities. There are some past VBS kits that you could use for Wednesday or Sunday night activities for your children. Don't forget to schedule the Block Trailer now for activities for this summer or fall. The Block Trailer has the sno cone machine, popcorn popper and games in it.



Focus on Annie's Easter Offering

From WMU Focus Week in February we move to Focus on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the Week of Prayer in March. "Annie Armstrong" will be our featured "guest" in a presentation of "To Tell the Truth" patterned after an old TV series of the same title at our March 16th Program and Prayer Luncheon at 10:30 am at the Mission Center. This presentation is an excellent platform for explaining and emphasizing the Annie Armstrong Offering. Covered dish luncheon to follow.

By the time you receive this Encourager we should have the registration information for M-Counter, which is April 9-10 at Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church in St. Joseph. The cost is \$25. I would like to see many of our ladies attend this years M-Counter, perhaps we can arrange some car pooling.

Also the GA Retreats at Grand Oaks will be during April with a choice of 3 different weekends. Your church does not have to have a GA organization. Any girls in grades 1-6 can attend. If you haven't received information, and have a group and leaders that would like to go contact Belinda Hogan or me.

Ladies, if any of you have ideas for special projects that you would like to see us do as an Associational Project, please call Belinda Hogan or me. We would like your input.

Hope your church has a successful and an exciting month promoting and giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering!

Bev Martin
WMU Director



North American Mission Board—Emergency Response Center

NAMB now has a data phone base for offering spiritual counseling to anyone in the world who calls **1-888-Jesus20**. When an individual calls this number their call is answered by a trained support person who shares the gospel with that individual with the prayerful purpose of leading them to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We now have a trained NAMB ERC person in our association who needs to partner with a NAMB Covenant Church. For every volunteer in ERC there needs to be at least 5 covenant churches in the area. If your church is interested in becoming a Covenant church with NAMB you can call **1-770-410-6383** to receive a packet of information and details of how to become a Covenant church whose purpose is to follow up the names of new believers in our area which NAMB will send to you and help that "New" believer become a "Disciple" for Jesus. Matthew 28:19-20 "As you go into all the world, MAKE DISCIPLES..."

January 2010 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 131.74		14	19							
Edinburg	\$ 513.57	\$ 60.42	49	85	54		10	12	23		
Gallatin	\$1,125.18	\$ 50.00	90	125	44			5	55		
Galt	\$ 265.06	\$ 50.00	23	37							
Jameson			8	11							
Jamesport	\$ 25.00		25	39	17						
Laredo	\$ 369.97		17	30	15					1	
Lineville	\$ 202.00	\$ 40.43									
M. Valley	\$ 39.33	\$ 25.00	10	11							
Mercer	\$ 296.00	\$ 25.00		60	17						
Modena	\$ 69.45		3	9							
Princeton	\$ 814.92	\$ 50.00	103	164	43	25	2		127		
Ravanna	\$ 92.07		12	12					9		
Rural Dale	\$ 647.63	\$ 50.00	60				8		47		
Salem	\$ 318.42		26	30	15						
Shelburne	\$ 930.36	\$ 50.00	37	51	25	23	8				
Spickard	\$ 60.00		8	15							
Tenth St.	\$ 683.67	\$ 113.95	88	139	42	25	4		47	3	2
Trenton FB	\$1,376.52	\$ 229.42	110	148	28				90		
Union	\$ 262.18	\$ 100.00	40	75	26	31					
Total	\$8,223.07	\$ 844.22	723	1060	326	104	32	17	398	4	2
Chilli, FBC		\$ 43.00									
MBC		\$ 230.00									

Seminary Checking	\$316.73
Seminary Savings	\$2,043.56
Minister Benevolent	\$1,137.36
Belarus	\$7,566.30
BSU—January— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$845.62
Income	\$2,117.22
Total	\$2,962.84
Expenses	\$1,545.17
Ending Balance	\$1,417.67

January 2010 Account Records	
Beginning Balance	\$17,760.47
Income	\$10,956.43
Total	\$28,716.90
Expenses	\$10,494.52
Ending Balance	\$18,222.38
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated	\$8,583.35
General Fund	\$9,639.03
Checking Balance Total	\$18,222.38
NGR October 2009-January 2010	
Income	\$48,116.24
Expenses	\$51,430.11
Difference	(\$3,313.87)



Galt— On January 16 our church put together and delivered 34 Cheer plates.

Edinburg— On our 5th Sunday, January 21, 2010, we were blessed to have John Hill, Evangelist and illusionist for our guest speaker during our morning services. There were 63 in attendance from our regular church, 19 from our Children's Church and 9 from our Youth Church in attendance. For our evening services a DVD was shown titled "Is America A Christian Nation?" A meal and fellowship followed. On Saturday, February 6, 2010, the Associational Soup and Chili Supper was held here in our fellowship hall. After the supper, entertainment was provided by two members of our congregation followed by a short devotional service by Bro. Stan Rushton. There were 55 in attendance.

Medicine Valley- Attendance remained somewhat stable at the a.m. services at the Chapel at Newtown in spite of some bad weather and road conditions. Attendance at the Home Bible Study meetings in Humphreys has been excellent with 9 or 10 of the 12 people enrolled present for most sessions.

A second Home Bible Study Group has been formed, meeting in an area to the south of Reger. At the first meeting on February 4th there were 11 people present, all adults. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 4th.

A third group is in the planning stage to involve people in the Newtown area to be comprised largely of families with members employed by PSF. Many of these work 3 out of 4 weekends and are on call the fourth, so have little opportunity to attend regular Sunday services.

We want to thank the Ravanna Baptist Church for the new copy machine and for serving as volunteers in the Food Pantry ministry.

We are presently interviewing, by email, a husband and wife team who has indicated an interest in coming as Mission Service Corp Volunteers to assist with our ministries here.

Medicine Valley continued-

At the time of this writing, plans are not yet finalized for our Easter activities. It is likely, however, that we will have an Easter Sunday morning breakfast at the Chapel followed by worship services at the regular hour.

We are beginning to make plans along with other area Baptist Churches for a second Evangelistic Crusade at Humphreys. We will be asking for pastors and representatives of five local area Baptist Churches to become directly involved with us in this endeavor.

We will be asking the pastor of those churches along with other interested individuals to meet with us on Monday night March 8th at the Mission Center in Trenton. This will be at 7:30 p.m. following the Advisory Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Again, our sincere thanks to all who support the work of these mission ministries by both your prayer support and your financial support. May God have the victory in the ministries of "this mission in your own backyard".

Additional funding is sorely needed to enable us to maintain the ministry at Newtown, the spring thru fall sports program and ministry at Harris, and particularly for continued development of ministries in the Humphreys, Reger and Osgood areas.

The good Lord has provided abundantly for our ministry needs to this date. We remain confident He will continue to open hearts to our financial needs as well as our need to be lifted up in the prayers of caring people.

May God continue to bless and lead in the ministry of all our churches and may His blessings prosper you and yours as you serve Him. May all the glory be His!

Lewis and Mabel Rogers

Church Planter Missionaries

Under the Home Mission Board



MBC-BSU Collegiate Ministry at NCMC

The snow doesn't seem to be affecting our Wednesday Lunches at the BSU. We seem to be averaging about 75 each week. Of course it could also be because of the awesome meals each of the churches bring. Word has gotten out and you churches have established a reputation for delicious home-cooked meals.

Thank you churches for the support you give this ministry.

The BSU has purchased a data projector from the MO Baptist Convention that we plan to ceiling mount downstairs in the BSU for use with the Sunday Night Alive ministry. We have already used it twice and it is really nice. The state has also given the BSU some funds toward purchasing a new laptop to complete the set-up in the basement. We need about \$600 more to have enough to get the laptop that will meet our needs and be useable for the next several years to come.



To exhort students to care about people's spiritual needs, we are planning a mission trip to Canada. There are 2 trips being organized by the MO Baptist State Student Department. The dates for the 1st trip are May 23-30, the second trip dates are May 23-June 6. The students will drive, as a group, to Thunder Bay, Canada to work with the native Indian tribes in the area, and to prayer walk the college campuses in the area asking God to start Christian BSU work on these campuses. As of now, EJ and I plan to participate, and 3 female students have made application for their passports to be a part of this mission endeavor. Two men basketball players are also praying about this opportunity. These students main concern is getting the money to make this kind of trip. These students are still young enough in their faith that it is hard for them to see how God could provide for them or to trust God for their needs. Please, prayerfully consider adopting one of these students to help with their costs. Each will have to register by March 11 with a deposit of \$150 for the trip. The total cost is \$485/person which does not include their meals on the road. I know these are hard times for many, but if each church member gave \$1.00, there would be more than enough to help these students realize God's call for them to serve on this mission trip. Would your church, mission group, or Sunday School class prayerfully consider how you can help. Suggestions: 1. Take a special Love Offering for the students on 1 Sunday. 2. Place a Canada Mission Trip container in the foyer of your church and ask members to drop in their pocket change. 3. Place Love Offering envelopes in the bulletin or pews and ask families to adopt a student. 4. Involve your children's Sunday School class in missions giving by helping one of these student go on this mission trip. As I read in Exodus 36:6-7 this week, God moved on the hearts of the Israelite people to bring their contributions to build the Tabernacle. The people gave so generously that Moses had to tell them, "Stop, enough has been given!" I pray that God will move on your hearts to give a God sized miracle to these students, proving to them that God can and will meet their needs as they yield in obedience to His call.

He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice!!!

Diann

MARCH

2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 VBS Assoc. Team Training @ Macon	3 Pre-Easter Breakfast Rural Dale BSU Lunch Bethany	4 Seminary Extension	5 State Singles	6 Retreat 5-7
7	8	9	10 Easter Breakfast- Trenton FBC	11 Seminary Extension	12	13
NCMC Spring Break						
Week of Prayer for NAMB and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering— 7-14						
14 	15	16 Women's Prayer Luncheon* 10:30	17 Easter Breakfast @ Wesley BSU Lunch. Coon Creek	18 Seminary Extension	19	20 Men's Prayer Breakfast- Union— 8 am SPRING BEGINS!!
21	22	23	24 Easter Breakfast @ Tenth Street BSU Lunch Chillicothe FBC	25 Seminary Extension	26 Challenger's Hoop Fest Acteen's Hoop Fest	27
28 	29 VBS Training Trenton FBC 6:30-8:30	30	31 Ladies Easter Breakfast @ 1st Assembly BSU Lunch. Rural Dale			

RA Congress—2010
April 2-3, 2010
Missouri State Fair Grounds
Sedalia, Missouri

Cost is \$10 per person
\$9 if received by March 26, 2010

Activities include...
Archery, riflery, campcraft, basketball hotshot,
punt, pass and kick; RA racers; missions fair,
Frisbee; project hall; missions run; track events;
and lots more!

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2010: Missions Odyssey

GA Retreat 2010

- April 16-17— Grand Oaks
- April 23-24— Grand Oaks
- April 30— May 1- Grand Oaks

2010 Ministry Project

Retreat Camp Supplies

You may choose to bring one or more of
these items to the GA Retreat:

1. 50 Count latex or non-latex exam gloves
2. Dish rags/towel
3. Thick oven mitts
4. Spray cleaners (no aerosol)
5. Volleyballs, basketballs, kick balls, Frisbees

All girls grades 1-6 are invited to attend,
whether or not their churches have active GA
organizations. Girls will meet missionaries, partici-
pate in games, crafts, music, Bible study,
prayer and more! They will enjoy meeting girls
from other churches.

Cost by March 15th- \$35.00
T-Shirts begin at \$6 each by order only
Cost after registration deadline- \$40.00
No T-shirt orders taken

Register online at:
www.mobaptist.org/wmu



Bro. Stan Rushton
will have his "Lil
Trotter" ponies
available again this
year. He comes on
a love offering.
With the cowboy
theme this year of
"Saddle Ridge" they
would be great to use for a pre-registration or
family night event. You can contact Stan at 660-
654-0668 or email him at [jerush-
ton@hotmail.com](mailto:jerush-ton@hotmail.com). Bro Stan will also be at the
VBS Training Conference at FBC on March
29th.

GPS— God's Plan for Sharing



GPS is a 10 year effort with the vision of *every believer sharing and every
person in Missouri hearing the Gospel message by 2020*. The first cam-
paign is under way. Be in prayer for the churches in NGR as they begin in
March to prayer walk and distribute packets containing [Find It Here](#) drop in
pieces and invitations to Easter services, April 4. The effort will culminate
in five weeks of follow-up with new believers through Mothers Day, May 9.
For more information go to mobaptist.org.