



Kevin Hall-Youth
Pastor for Concord
Baptist Church,
Jefferson City, MO

will be at Trenton First Baptist Church, Sunday night at 6:30 PM, May 1st, and again at 7:00 PM Monday night May 2nd at the association building to meet with people who are interested in youth ministry future. He is sharing his seven year ministry youth plan. Bro. Denny Chesnut encourages everyone concerned about the future of our youth program to please attend.



Jamesport Baptist Church

May 21, 2011

8:00 am

All Men Welcome-
Bring a friend!



May Birthdays

- 7 Jim & Cathie Whitley
- 8 Charlie Bullman
- 12 Brad Walker
- 26 Sherry Walker



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WMU & Brotherhood Annual Picnic Moberly Park



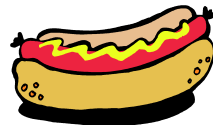
June 4th- 6:00 pm

Provided:
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks

Bring:
Side Dishes and Desserts

Entertainment:
Phil & Barbara Whitten from Gilman City

Everyone Welcome



VBS Day of Prayer- May 15, 2011

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

- Alpha
- Edinburg
- Gallatin
- Galt
- Jameson*
- Jamesport
- Laredo
- Lineville
- Medicine Valley
- Mercer
- Modena
- Princeton
- Ravanna*
- Rural Dale*
- Salem
- Shelburne
- Spickard
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First
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"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- **DUE May 13th.**
Cost is \$85. Cost is \$120 after Friday, May 13th.

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

Some things to remember in May:

May 5: The National Day of Prayer: *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority."* 1 Timothy 2:1-2

May 8: Mothers Day: *"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom...Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."* Proverbs 31:25-26, 28

Pray "that God will powerfully refresh mothers in the honor and glory of motherhood; that they will be strengthened with grace, wisdom and love in serving their children; that they will be loved, protected and served by committed husbands; that mothers will model and express God's own nurturing love." Seek God...2010

May 16-26: Canada Mission Trip: *"Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."* Matthew 28:19a

Pray "for God's fullest blessing upon Native Peoples; that they would be honored for who they are and for all God intends them to be; that God would heal the wounds to the nations that have resulted from broken treaties and mistreatment; that the tribes will be treated justly and find their destiny and highest dignity; that churches will flourish among them and that God's praise will resound in first nation languages." Seek God...2010

May 21: Armed Forces Day and May 30: Memorial Day

Pray "for the gospel to spread through the special relationships of military life; for courage and protection in the danger of battle; for wisdom and the fear of the Lord as military personnel are sometimes called upon to do the work of governing and enforcing law; for grace upon chaplains and other spiritual leaders; that God will fortify families stretched by numerous moves and separations." Seek God...2010

Thank God for those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms—and for those loved ones who have gone on before us.

For His Glory—
E.J. Barnes

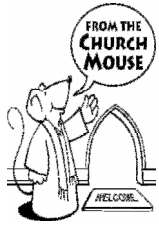
March 2011 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT/ Wed	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/ Other
Alpha	\$ 229.95	\$ 25.00	14	20	9						
Edinburg	\$ 555.71	\$ 65.38	46	67	46		9	13	13		1
Gallatin	\$ 823.72	\$ 50.00									
Galt	\$ 158.00	\$ 25.00	18	35							4
Jameson			9	11							
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	32	53	14						
Laredo	\$ 293.51		21	33			4	0			
Lineville	\$ 306.08	\$ 61.22	28	32	14	25			20		
M. Valley	\$ 35.02	\$ 25.00	19	19							
Mercer	\$ 165.00	\$ 25.00									
Modena	\$ 76.02		9	15	11						
Princeton	\$ 455.91	\$ 50.00	85	164	40	28	27	38	80		
Ravanna	\$ 238.96	\$ 102.42	13	12					6		
Rural Dale	\$ 710.58	\$ 50.00									
Salem	\$ 131.13		38	45	19						
Shelburne	\$ 640.08	\$ 75.00	43	56	25	20	0				
Spickard	\$ 110.00		11	17							
Tenth St.	\$ 922.96	\$ 153.83									
Trenton FB	\$1,199.41	\$ 199.90	111	160	26				111		
Union	\$ 362.37	\$ 100.00	59	90	27	49	5			3	
Total	\$7,439.41	\$1,032.75	556	829	231	122	45	51	230	3	5
Chilli, FBC		\$ 460.00									
MBC		\$ 45.00									

Seminary Checking	\$344.48
Seminary Savings	\$2,053.95
Belarus	\$6,188.42
Benevolent Savings	\$741.31
NGR Savings	\$9,498.07
BSU- February- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$3,174.13
Income	\$3,207.92
Total	\$6,382.05
Expenses	\$2,672.52
Ending Balance	\$3,709.53
General BSU Fund	\$750.62
Designated BSU Fund	\$2,958.91

March 2011 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$9,019.38
Income	\$14,334.58
Total	\$23,353.96
Expenses	\$14,342.60
Ending Balance	\$9,011.36

Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$2,476.33
General Fund	\$7,035.03
Checking Balance Total	\$9,011.36

NGR October- February 2011	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$57,677.92
Expenses	\$57,955.01
Difference	(-\$277.09)



Edinburg- On Sunday evening, April 10, during our fellowship time, Children's Church celebrated their fifth anniversary providing a meal for the congregation. The event was also an appreciation meal for the help given the Children's Church by the congregation. Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, brownies and drinks were served. Two of the women from the congregation prepared and served the meal. The children were lined up inside the fellowship hall and greeted each member as they came through the door.

Preceding the meal, the Children's Church Director thanked everyone for their support including the two women who prepared the meal. The director also recognized the four adults who assist him with Children's Church. One of the Children's Church members gave the blessing before the meal.

Our church has been blessed with a new look. The cement foundation has been covered with beautiful, natural stone. The installers did an excellent job.

On Monday, April 18, Children's Church held their semi-annual skating party at the Roll-O-Rama Skating Rink in Trenton. There were 73 in attendance.

Galt- The women's Wednesday Night Bible Study surprised Annabel Baugher at her home in Trenton to celebrate her 90th birthday. Twelve women attended.

Mercer- May 1st is our monthly dinner after service and also will be our Annie Armstrong offering Sunday.



Make your reservations now for the Block Trailer- for VBS, Church Picnic, Church Block Party. Call Debbie at 660-359-3897

Medicine Valley- We participated on Sunday night, April 10, in the second of three area-wide prayer meetings in preparation of the coming area-wide Evangelism Crusade to be held in Humphreys in August.

The meeting, at First Baptist Milan, was well attended. Those present were truly blessed through the ministry of Jamie Page. A time of genuine worship was followed by the delivery of a power filled message. Jamie preached on "The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Conversion Experience". Special music was provided by Jamie and by the choir of First Baptist. The evening concluded with the singing of Sweet, Sweet, Spirit following a prayer time in which people were invited to form groups and pray together; for renewal of the church and subsequent salvation of lost souls.

Next month's special emphasis is to be a Family Prayer Breakfast, hosted by the Ravanna Baptist Church on Saturday, May 7 at 8:00 a.m. it affords another opportunity for concerted prayer.

The Advisory Council for the Association relative to the work of Medicine Valley Community Ministry is to meet May 9th at the Mission Center in Trenton.

Meeting with them will be pastors and/or other representatives, of the seven "tier one" churches, involved in the area-wide crusade. Representatives of other "tier two" churches in the association are also encouraged to attend.

These meetings are important not only for the planning involved in preparation for the Crusade, but also for the prayer time at the close of each session.

We are presently in the second phase of preparation in which the "tier one" churches are encouraged to conduct some type of soul winning witness training to those of their people who are interested.

Our next phase will be putting feet under our prayers and utilizing our abilities to share the message of salvation with the lost in our own communities.

On Sunday night April 3rd, I was privileged to lead a two hour seminar at the Ravanna Church with some 10 to 12 adults participating. We have also been teaching our Home Bible Study Group at Humphreys the past several weeks with approaches and scriptures to use in witnessing.

Consequently, we had the opportunity in last weeks meeting to lead a teenager to accept Jesus as her Savior. Hopefully, the first among many, as a result of these Holy Spirit directed activities.

In answer to our prayers, Zion Baptist Church of Cainsville has donated a twelve passenger van to Medicine Valley Community Ministry. I told my people Sunday, we are now going to have to change our prayer habits. In that, our prayers for God to provide a van, having been realized, we best begin praying He will provide the funds needed for insurance, maintenance - and gas!

There is a great need for other "tier two" churches in NGR Assn. to get involved and support our preparation for the Area Crusade. We need people to join in praying for renewal of God's people in devotion to him.

We need people to come prayer walk/prayer drive the territories of these seven communities.

We need to see dedicated Christian workers come and assist with witnessing during the early part of August as we endeavor to impact the areas of Humphreys, Osgood and Reger.

We need your attendance at the Crusade services. We need all who will to load cars, vans and busses with friends, relatives and neighbors and bring them to the services.

We truly thank God for all He does, for his guidance and provision in these ministries. Our sincere gratitude for all those who support our ministries is beyond measure.

We had one profession of faith at our Bible Study in Humphreys

Tenth Street- We are starting a faith based Grief Share Group. Please come and join us on Saturday evening, May 7, 2011 at 7pm. We will meet at Tenth Street Baptist Church for a time of fellowship and to learn how to turn your mourning into Joy. Refreshments following our meeting. You can call Coleen Scott at 485-6578, or Barbara Criswell 359-3144, for more information

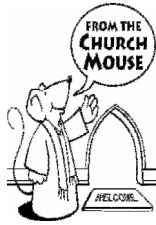
AWANA Club News- Our awards night was Sunday April 17 with 62 clubbers attending the last night before our summer break. It was a fun night with a bar-b-q, and then we watched a powerful DVD of Nick Vajjic who is from Australia. Nick was born without arms or legs but God is glorified in his life. We were mesmerized as we seen how he lives independently and that he can type 43 words a minute, compose music and swim. Nick also is an evangelist and has a team who works with him. After the DVD the club had an Easter egg hunt. It was encouraged that if your bag was full to help someone who was having a little more trouble finding their treasure and I saw some doing just that. Maybe the Good Samaritan act is taking effect.

The AWANA Club gathered back in the sanctuary with their parents who had just watched Nick preach a wonderful message on encouragement. Yearend awards were given out and directors, leaders and helpers of the club were recognized.

Thank you all for your call to the AWANA Club, Iva Ratliff, Club Commander



CRIBS in Church nurseries need replaced- All churches should have received by e-mail the notice on the need to have a plan in place to change baby cribs in their nursery by the end of 2012. You can visit www.bpnews.net or contact the Mission center for a copy of the information.



Princeton- Awards Banquet for the Awana Program will be held on Sunday evening May 01, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served afterwards. This will be the last meeting until fall.

We will be holding a Sportsman's Banquet on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at our Church with Special Guest Steve Baehr from Owensville, MO. All Communities are welcome to come to the Wild Game Supper - BBQ - Fish Fry. Main door prizes are Primos Max Blind and for the Youth a Gamo Air Rifle. Displays, Trophies, Pictures of your hunts are Welcome Please bring a wild game dish, salad, or dessert. Invite a friend and come enjoy a fun filled evening.

Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 A.M. Breakfast will be served to our Ladies of our Church in honor of Mother's Day.

Salem- On April 22, Good Friday, we had a service at 7 pm. April 24, Resurrection Sunday, we began with a Easter Breakfast at 9 am prepared by the men of the church. An egg hunt for the children was held following the breakfast. Our worship was at 10:30 that morning. May 8, at 9 am we will have a brunch to celebrate Mothers Day followed by Sunday School and then worship service. Children's camp is coming up, and also youth camp. August is the area wide crusade at Humphreys. May you all be blessed this Easter, the most beautiful day in the spring.



Best Wishes Graduates!

"For I know the thought that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations

Trenton First- Awana's last meeting until September is April 27th. Awana Sunday is May 1st at 10:40 am, with a carry in meal at noon and pinewood derby to follow.

Sonshine Preschool/Daycare is doing verywell. Preschool graduation is May 8th at 10:40 am. There will be a carry-in dinner at noon to honor the graduates and their families.

Congratulations to our high school graduates, Chelsey Dean, Cydney Ferguson and Tayler Mathews. There will be a breakfast for the graduates and they will be recognized in the morning service.

April 6th the Senior Adults went to Galt Café for breakfast. April 15th they went to Bethany to eat, shop at Wal-Mart and Russell Stovers. On April 22nd meeting, two of our local firemen shared about fire safety and checked several individual fire extinguishers and smoke alarms. It was a very informative meeting.

The April mission project was collecting money for the Easter community food pantry baskets. Several Sunday School classes helped with this project.

Mission:Dignity

Pastors— you should have received in your mailbox at the Mission Center information on "Mission Dignity" through Guidestone. This information is in regards to making life better for God's retired servants or their widows.

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, bur are now facing their retirement years without the financial resources to meet their basic needs.

World's Meanest Mother

Was your Mom mean? I know mine was. I had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had a Pepsi and Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

She had the nerve to break the Child labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and empty the trash and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

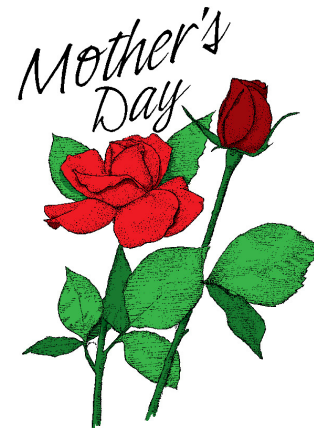
She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough!

My mother wouldn't let our friend's just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. And while everyone else could date at 13 or 14, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of her, we've never experienced some of the things other kids have. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault.

Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be a mean parent just like Mom was.

I realize now, what is wrong with the world today. It simply does not have enough mean moms.



To all the Mother's we wish you a very special Mother's Day.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26



Celebrate Recovery is a program and movement based on the eight principles from the Beatitudes, a portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 5. Since "all have sinned" most of us are dealing with some kind of hurt, hang-up or habit that controls our lives to various extents. We have the desire to be set free from these chains and be happy. Celebrate Recovery helps us stop playing the game of "accuse and excuse" and face up to our poor choices and then deal with what we can do something about. This recovery program is built around small group interaction and the fellowship of a caring community--the New Testament principle that we don't get well by ourselves. We need each other! It points us to our Higher Power and allow Him to transform us in order that we can get our lives right with God, ourselves and others. Weekly meetings are held each Saturday evening at Tenth Street Baptist Church in Trenton at 6:00 p.m. for a time of worship, small group sessions and a meal at the Solid Rock Cafe. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. A new small group, "Grief Share", starts May 7. For more information call Pastor Ron Ratliff at 660-359-5544 or Mike Dennis at 660-635-0977.

"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

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On the grounds of the Community Center at

Humphreys Missouri

"Under the Big Top"



Check out the BOOKSTORE

Mother's Day and Graduate Gifts

NKJV or KJV Bible with Bonus Book & CD- embossed graduation cap on cover of Bible-- Special Purchase- \$19.50 (\$55.00 Value)

NEW! Compact KJV Bible- \$17.00
"Grads Guide to Life" \$1.50

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

Michael Catt's Books-
"Power of Persistence"
"The Power of Desperation"
"The Power of Surrender"

"A Conversation with God" by Alton Gansky
"A Conversation with God for Women"
 By Marcia Ford
 \$9.50

"And the Place Was Shaken" - John Franklin

Selected Brass Plated Bookmarks- \$1.50
 Jeremiah 29:11 Cross pen- \$1.00

Faith Picture Frame- \$15.20

Lord's Supper Figurine- \$30.00

50th Anniversary Frame- \$9.00

Names of Jesus Tabletop Stone- \$8.50

16 Great CD's-- only \$6.50

Children's CD's, Accompaniment CD's,
 Listening CD's

Church Supplies

Novelty Items for Children



National Day of Prayer

Hopefully, our churches will receive this Encourager in time to remind everyone about the National Day of Prayer program at the Trenton Courthouse at 12:15 pm. Other churches are also having prayer services in their area. Be sure to participate in these or on your own privately. Our nation needs all the prayer it can get!!

I received such a blessing from our April "Prayerdriving", time of devotions, Belinda's sharing about M-Counter, luncheon and WMU Council Meeting! I pray that the others that were there did also.

The WMU Council met after the April luncheon for a planning meeting. Ladies, you have amazing ladies on your WMU Council! Thanks to those who are serving in those positions!

There will be a time of prayerdriving May 17th at 10:30 am prior to our devotional time and luncheon. We will be praying "on-sight with in-sight" at some of our schools and medical centers, as part of the associational focus on spiritual awakening.

Ladies, make plans to join us for the June 21st Reachout Program and Prayer Luncheon at Sunnyview in the east wing conference room. There will be more information in the June Encourager.

Since July and August are busy times with VBS and camp, our council decided we would not have our program and luncheon during those months. If there are missions/ministry opportunities or other items of interest, we'll keep you posted.

We want to continue the canned vegetables, fruit, and peanut butter for Medicine Valley. You can leave the items at the Mission Center.

"Celebrate Recovery" at Tenth Street Baptist Church continues to need our help and prayers. Swords into Plowshares and Sparrow Ministries needs our support and prayers, and the Cowboy Church needs our prayers.

Remember, if there is anything that the WMU Council or I can help you with, let us know. If any of our churches are wanting to begin WOM or any of the age-level groups, there is a scholarship fund to help with materials and information. Let me know and we'll help get started.

Have a blessed Mother's Day!

Bev Martin
 WMU Director





BSU @ NCMC

The MO Baptist Student Department has a 3 focus mission statement 1. Making disciples, 2. Developing Leadership and 3. Living a missional life. In January we participated in the "Rooted in Jesus" weekend retreat at Grand Oaks Camp, hosted Randy Curliss, Sports Crusaders' live radio broadcast at the BSU. Randy interviewed 2 of our Christian athletes during his the broadcast. He told us later that our student interviewees were so articulate that he had a regular listener call in to say how impressed he was with the interviews he had just heard instead of talking about the current sports events of the week as this listener normally does. God has blessed us with some very committed Christian students this year.

In February, three NCMC students attended the Engage Leadership development conference this year, with keynote speaker, Steve Saccone, author of "Relational Intelligence". During the conference the vice-president of a St. Louis bank shared how God transformed his life and changed his philosophy about his career. Now he sees his career as a platform to share Jesus. He knows that God has given him 60 people who need to know Jesus Christ, and Jesus expects him to be their shepherd, ministering to and serving them for the purpose of sharing Jesus Christ when given the opportunity.

In March 4 students hosted a DNOW in Ottumwa, IA. They led small group Bible studies with 30+ students, led worship services, prayer drove around the HS, Jr Hi, and community college. Met with 5 local pastors to pray for the city, and worked in a clothes thrift store helping them sort clothes a clean the facilities. One of the results of this trip, Joseph prayed with 2 Jr Hi boys to receive Jesus as their Savior.

May 16-26, 21 team members from NCMC area will go to Grassy Narrows Indian Reserve to share their personal stories, teach Bible lessons, play sports with the children in order to share Jesus, do construction repairs on the mission home, the church, and the cabin being built to house visiting mission groups. We will be joined by another team of college students from Neosho, who will continue to minister to the people after we leave. Hopefully this group will be able to finish anything we don't.

July 1-7, the BSU will host a Uth group from Jefferson City who will partner with the BSU in ministry and evangelism for the week. The main event will be Monday, July 4th, with evangelistic events occurring all day long. In January the BSU was given open permission to bring any group and host any event we thought would share the gospel. For various reasons that open permission has now been withdrawn and requirements and conditions have been placed on the BSU to limit the types of evangelism that can be shared openly on our Trenton streets that day. Church family, we need to wake up and realize that Satan is on the attack and he is using circumstances to take away our freedoms as Christian believers. In four months he has succeeded in limiting the types of Christian services the BSU and churches have right here in Trenton. If we don't wake up and start taking seriously the command that God has given us to Share HIS Story, we will soon become HISTORY.

Pray for laborers because the fields are white for harvest. Pray for continued opportunities to share, and when thwarted, stand boldly for HIM. Luke 10:2 (We have 2 summer missionaries for this year.)

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

Diann

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Youth Meeting Kevin Hall Mission Center 7:00 pm</i>	3	4	5 <i>National Day of Prayer— 12:15 Courthouse</i>	6	7 <i>Prayer Breakfast for Medicine Val. Crusade Ravanna— 8 am</i>
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 <i>Medicine Valley Advisory Comm. 7:00 pm</i>	10	11	12 <i>By-Law Committee* 7:00 pm Seminary Ext.</i>	13	14
15 <i>VBS Day of Prayer</i>	16	17 <i>Ladies Prayer Program* 10:30 am</i>	18	19 <i>Seminary Ext.</i>	20	21 <i>Men's Prayer Breakfast- Jamesport 8:00 am</i>
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Seminary Ext.</i>	27	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day- Mission Center Closed</i>	31				