



MAY SALES May 1-9

Boxed Cards Sale
20% off lowest price

10% off Bibles
10% off Bible Covers

Special Purchase-
Selected Glass Cutting Boards- \$9.50
Great gift for Mother's Day

Graduation & Mother's Day Gifts
Mother's NKJV Study Bible
Graduate Bible & Gift Book-
Gift Certificates- Jewelry

NEW BOOK-
"Thank You, Billy Graham"- \$9.00

Reserve your DVD copy of- "God's Not Dead".
Retail Price is \$24.99. Pre-order for \$17.50.
Available in August. I don't have all the details
yet on "Heaven is for Real"- the retail price will be
\$30.99. I have received some calls and will let
you know when I have more information.

May

- 7 Jim & Cathie Whitley
- 8 Charlie Bullman
- 17 Earl & Rebecca Nance
- 25 Steven & Dana Nelson



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

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

Baptist Home in Chillicothe
5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

May 23, 2014 at
Green Hills Golf Course

10 am Registration
11 am Tee Time

Registration forms at Mission Center. For
questions call 660-646-6219

Team Registration- \$200
Hole Sponsorship- \$150



Jamesport Baptist Church
Saturday, 8:00 am
May 17, 2014
All Men Invited!

Director of Missions
Rev. E.J. Barnes
Ministry Assistant
Debbie Dickinson
BSU Director
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

Alpha
Edinburg
Gallatin
Galt
Jameson
Jamesport
Laredo
Lineville
Medicine Valley
Mercer
Modena
Princeton
Ravanna
Rural Dale
Salem
Shelburne
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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
Love In Action

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

"MADE RIGHT"
Romans 3:22



Church Camp

Forms are to be arriving soon- must
be turned in before May 30th for
Youth and before
July 3rd for Children's Camp

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



**THOUGHTS
FROM THE
HEART**

From My Heart to Yours

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her... Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:28, 30-31 NKJV

Thank God for godly mothers! What an impact they have made on our lives! Let's give them the honor they deserve—through spoken words, written words on meaningful cards and/or through special gifts and loving actions. Make this year a special MOTHER'S DAY!

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem. and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 NKJV

Remember our Associational Theme this year is "Acts 1:8 "On Mission Focus." Pray for our Missions committee as they take an exploratory trip to Iowa to see where our Lord would have us partner with an existing church.

Also, pray for the Canada Mission Team that will be going again to White Dog First Nations Reserve in northern Ontario. (There still may be time for you to join the team. Call EJ or Diann Barnes for an update). We leave May 31st.

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:13 NKJV.

Let's be thankful and give honor to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom as well as those who served our country honorably and have passed on.

But, let us also remember our loved ones who have died. I have been extremely blessed through my father, my father-in-law and my mother-in-law who have gone on to be with our Lord within the past year and a third. I rejoice in the memories I have of them and other relatives and precious saints!

Have a great Memorial Day weekend!

Coveting Your Prayers—

E.J. Barnes

Church Giving

Church Service Times

| March 2014 Reports | Monthly Inc. | BSU Inc. | SS | AM | PM | Weds. |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Alpha | \$ 243.92 | \$ 25.00 | 9:30 | 10:30 | 6:30 | 7:00 |
| Edinburg | \$ 416.12 | \$ 46.28 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 6:00 | 7:00 |
| Gallatin | \$ 615.17 | \$ 50.00 | 9:30 | 10:40 | 6:00 | 7:00 |
| Galt | \$ 171.00 | \$ 25.00 | 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 | \$ 237.60 | \$ 150.00 | 9:30 | 10:30 | 6:30 | 6:30 |
| Lineville | \$ 242.70 | \$ 80.90 | 9:45 | 10:45 | 6:00 | 6:00 |
| M. Valley | \$ 28.17 | \$ 25.00 | 9:30 | 10:30 | 6:00 | |
| Mercer | \$ 211.60 | \$ 25.00 | 9:30 | 10:30 | 6:30 | 6:30 |
| Modena | \$ 106.82 | \$ 150.00 | 10:15 | 9:00 | 6:00 | 6:00 |
| Princeton | \$ 328.25 | \$ 50.00 | 9:40 | 10:40 | 7:00 | 6:00 |
| Ravanna | \$ 109.69 | \$ 47.00 | 9:30 | 10:45 | | |
| Rural Dale | \$ 732.97 | \$ 75.00 | 9:45 | 10:35 | 7:00 | 7:00 |
| Salem | \$ 146.32 | \$ 25.00 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 6:00 | |
| Shelburne | \$ 478.90 | \$ 75.00 | 10:00 | 10:55 | 6:45 | 7:00 |
| Spickard | \$ 70.00 | | 9:30 | 10:30 | 6:30 | |
| Tenth St. | \$ 763.10 | \$ 127.18 | 9:30 | 10:30 | 6:00 | 7:00 |
| Trenton FB | \$1,026.20 | \$ 228.04 | 9:30 | 10:40 | 6:00 | 6:00 |
| Union | \$ 308.06 | \$ 200.00 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 6:00 | 7:00 |

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| Total | \$6,261.59 | \$1,429.40 |
| Chilli, FBC | | \$ 45.00 |
| MBC | | \$ 460.00 |
| Gilman BC | | \$ 200.00 |
| Highview | | \$ 53.98 |

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| Seminary Checking | \$31.21 |
| Seminary Savings | \$2,085.09 |
| Benevolent Savings | \$757.03 |
| NGR Savings | \$435.30 |
| BSU- March- Income to Expense | |
| Beginning Balance | \$6,128.09 |
| Income | \$2,926.60 |
| Total | \$9,054.69 |
| Expenses | \$2,576.87 |
| Ending Balance | \$6,477.82 |
| General BSU Fund | \$4,063.15 |
| Designated BSU Fund | \$2,414.67 |

Join any of these churches in worship

March 2014 NGR Account

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$5,725.04 |
| Income | \$13,315.79 |
| Total | \$19,040.83 |
| Expenses | \$13,462.07 |
| Ending Balance | \$5,578.76 |

Line Items in General Checking

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| Designated Funds | \$4,379.22 |
| General Fund | \$1,199.54 |
| Checking Balance Total | \$5,578.76 |

NGR October- March 2014

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| Income | \$73,183.40 |
| Expenses | \$70,974.05 |
| Difference | \$2,209.35 |

GOD LOVES

NORTH AMERICA

2014 ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS



Edinburg— Our averages for March were Sunday School— 26; Morning Worship— 49; Evening Worship— 28 and Wednesday evening 29.

Medicine Valley Community Ministry- We began a new series of Adult Bible Studies at our home in Humphreys on Wednesday night. April 9. We covet your prayers in behalf of this group. We pray that much good will accrue from these studies.

We distributed food in March to 265 people in 89 households. While down some from February it still follows a growth pattern in the number of people needing and requesting food assistance.

A hearty thank you goes out to those who freely volunteer time to help with the distribution and to those who donate food and funds for the food pantry ministry. The help is greatly needed and immensely appreciated.

On March 30, I concluded a series of messages entitled "The God Who Is". The following Sunday April 6, I began a new series, the meaning of Calvary's Cross. This 4 unit series through the Easter Season focuses on Christ's closing week, his crucifixion, his resurrection and his promised return.

On Easter Sunday the Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. was preceded by an Easter Breakfast at 9:30 and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 10:30 a.m. There were at least 55 people present.

On Tuesday, April 22 we hosted a children's Bible Study and an Easter Egg Hunt for the Humphreys community with nine children participating.

A day is to be set for a workday on the Ministry's property in Harris (date to be announced shortly). Members of NGR churches are asked to send workers to this association sponsored mission project.

Medicine Valley continued-

The Advisory Council and Medicine Valley Community Ministry leadership have determined the Harris property needs to be sold and the funds used to undergird the Ministry's ongoing program of service.

Again, many thanks to all who support this mission in your own backyard, with your much needed prayers, financial assistance and hands on support.

Salem- We have hired a person to repair our basement foundation.

We had a very nice Easter morning breakfast prepared by the men of the church, followed with an egg hunt for the kids. There was a nice turn out for Easter morning services with visitors' - It was a beautiful Easter day.

On April 27th we will have a VBS Meeting at 5:00 pm followed with Sunday Night Bible Study.

Trenton FBC— Awanas closed out the 2013-2014 year with a pizza party the 23rd and Awana Sunday during the morning worship on April 27th followed by a meal at noon and games afterwards. Many boys and girls have learned so much about the Word of God. A big thank you to the adults that ministered in all areas of this ministry.

Sunday, May 4th at 6:00 pm, we will have a Singspiration for the evening service.

Many people from this area were blessed by the Good Friday service put on by T.A.M.A. Many want this to be an annual service.

Easter morning services were very special with a baptism and a profession of faith. Special music with the choir and bell choir.

Our Crafty ladies will have a 7 inch square joining party on May 12th at 1:00 pm. For more information call Marie Wilbur at 654-2594 or Marilyn Bain at 359-2456. These will be made into lap robes or throws.

Shelburne- We have experienced an exciting month at Shelburne. March 21-23 we had an amazing revival with Kyle Beverlin. We saw 2 decisions for salvation and had an average attendance of 85 people. In addition, we had 3 children participate in our church and Association Bible Drill with all 3 of them making it to state competition in Jefferson City. We have completed a Bible study on Sunday Nights "I am a Church Member" by Thom Rainier, in which we meet to go over verses and then break out into small groups. It was been a great study that has been highly attended. On Sunday, April 13, we baptized 5 individuals at Rural Dale Baptist Church. We also had our first Maundy Thursday Service, to go along with our regular Easter Services.

NGR Upcoming Meetings for May

- 1 National day of Prayer
- 5 Missions Committee Meeting— 6:30 pm
- 5 NGR/HBA Camp Meeting— Gilman City
- 11 Mother's Day
- 12 Pastor's Lunch— Noon— Pizza Hut
- 12 Administrative Committee— 5:00 pm
- 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast— Jamesport— 8 am
- 20 Women's Spring Celebration Luncheon— 10:30 am
- 26 Mission Center closed for Memorial Day



Harold Myers and Lou Bankson recently attended the Disaster Relief Training at Maryville. They took the Assessment training for reviewing DR jobs to determine need of personnel and equipment that would be needed. The next training will be September 5-6 at New Hope Baptist Church, 664 E 16th St, Sedalia, MO.

Gracious God,
We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:

- who cared for us when we were helpless
- who comforted us when we were hurt
- whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for:

- those who are grieving the loss of their mother,
- those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her
- those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love
- the families separated by war or conflict.
- Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.

Author Unknown





The Spring Break mission trip in March was a life changing experience for 5 NCMC students. Scared but willing to be obedient to Jesus' calling, these 5 students partnered with the new church plant "Legacy Baptist Church" in Kansas City North, located 3 blocks south of 152 highway on N. Oak Trafficway, to prayer walk 3 different neighborhoods, and distribute new 9 volt batteries to these same homes for their smoke alarms.

The 1st day, Thursday afternoon, we divided the students between Christina and myself and taught them how to prayer walk through a neighborhood. Within the 1st 15 minutes of our walking, God gave affirmation to my 2 students that He was very pleased with what they were doing. He did this by having a car pull into the driveway of the house we were approaching. As the lady got out of her car, I spoke to her. She paused in her act of going to the front door and began visiting with us. During our conversation, she asked my 2 students what we were doing. With hesitation they told her we were walking and praying for the homes in the area. She smiled and said, "Oh, you're Prayer Walking! These homes don't know **how** fortunate they are today for you 2 young women walking and praying for them." She added, "I teach a young adult Bible Study at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Sundays." Bola had just before this encounter, asked me if I was sure we wouldn't be stopped by the police or put in jail. Before I **could** completely calm her fears, God answered Bola by giving us this driveway conversation.

On the 2nd day, the students were confident enough to pair up and walk the neighborhoods in teams of 2. In the 2 days of walking we estimated that we walked by and prayed for about 1,500 homes in the area.

On Saturday our students teamed with Legacy church members. Forming 8 teams, we again re-walked the 3 neighborhoods we had prayed for on the previous 2 days. This time each team took approximately 48 batteries and proceeded to go door-to-door giving to each home who answered their door a new battery for the smoke-alarm detector. By 6pm that evening we had given away hand-to-hand 190 batteries. This excluded homes with "No Solicitation" signs, homes with no answer, and home-owners who said "No thank you." Legacy Pastor and church elders were thrilled they had been given 190 more family contacts.

Thank you North Grand River churches for your prayer and financial support for this Spring Break mission trip. Continue to pray for our students. The first week of May is finals week and Saturday, May 10th is graduation. We have only a "Breath" of time in which to share Jesus with campus students. Pray, Pray, Pray that we maximize every moment God gives us to promote HIS reputation, and honor Him in every thing He sets us to do.

PS: We have 3 young women who are committed to serve Jesus through summer missions this summer. All 3 are serving because they strongly believe God is calling them to do this. As associational churches pray how your church can bless them whether they are able to personally come to your church or not. All 3 have intentionally chosen to turn down good paying summer jobs earning money for the fall college semester in favor of serving in our association. Maybe God will lead you to consider collecting a weekly offering for these women or making their financial support your VBS mission's project where you make this an opportunity to teach your children in Sunday School how to support real live missionaries they meet this summer.

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



April WMU Association Meeting

Spring is finally here and that means that we celebrate our most sacred holiday of the year, Easter. If Christ hadn't risen, every thing that we do would be useless. With that in mind we called to order our meeting with our favorite flower. Flowers show in part the amazing creativity of God and how He loves natural beauty.

Shelly Sims, Doris Pilcher, Belinda Hogan and Virginia Crumpacker gave a report on the Annual State WMU meeting that they had attended on April 10 and 11. The meeting was inspiring and uplifting.

Maryann Smiley from Trenton 1st Baptist gave a report on her two mission trips to Kenya with "Church Missions Network". The trip was multipurpose with medical care, evangelism, Bible schools and other related activities. Maryann's job was to minister to the children through Bible school and showing God's Love to individuals. They saw 1500 daily in the medical clinics and 2000 were saved during the trip. Kenya is a very poor, uneducated country where HIV is rampant. Maryann also talked about another program that she was acquainted with, "Care for Kids" which sponsors goats for children to raise. Her lesson learned from the trip was "don't take anything for granted". It was evident that she had left part of her heart in Kenya.

Virginia gave our devotion on Mark 14:27-40.

Our verse for the month is from that passage, verse 38: *"Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak"*.

Keep National Day of Prayer in mind which is May 1st.

The next meeting will be at the mission center on Tuesday May 20th at 10:30 am.

Your Servant
Shelly Sims

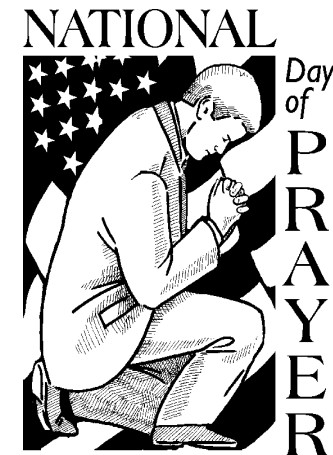
Memorial Day



May 26, 2014

The Mission Center will be closed.

Remember those that have served in the armed forces and our loved ones.



May 1, 2014

Encourage people in your church and area to join together at the courthouse and pray.

In Grundy County meet at noon at the courthouse.