



May Sale

May 1-11: Bibles 15% Off
Bible Cases 10% Off

May 14-31: Books 15% Off

Graduation Gifts

Boxed Cards

“God’s Promises for Graduates”

“Jesus Calling for Graduates”

Mug- Commit to the Lord

Magnetic Bookmarks make great gifts

Mother's Day Gifts

Mom Mugs, Candles, Purses, Gift Books
Picture Frames, more

NEW RELEASES!

By Thom S Rainer

“Becoming a Welcoming Church”- \$5.00

“We Want You Here”- \$5.00

“The Believer’s Code” by O.S. Hawkins
365 Devotions to unlock the Blessings in
God’s Word

CD- “I Can Only Imagine” The Very Best of
Mercy Me

DVD- “The Stray”

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Thursday, May 3

Pray for America “Unity”

Ephesians 4:3

Making every effort to keep the unity of the
Spirit through the bond of peace.



Memorial Day
May 28

The Mission Center
Will be closed



7 Jim & Cathie Whitley
10 Brad & Courtney Prater
17 Earl & Rebecca Nance

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
Jamesport
Laredo
Lineville
Medicine Valley
Mercer
Modena
Princeton
Ravanna
Rural Dale
Salem
Shelburne
Tenth Street
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Senior Society

**Tuesday, May 1
Noon
Mission Center**

Bring a covered dish

Program following
FBC Quartet:
Cyndie Caldwell
Steve Caldwell
Dwayne Trump
Larry Danner
Pianist:
Debbie Dickinson

Camp forms are available now at your
church or at the Mission Center.

YOUTH CAMP—June 4-8

Forms must be turned in at NGR by May
4th to avoid late fee

“Be Detoxed” Romans 12:2
Camp Directors– Christina Boatright &
Assistant Gary Lanning

Camp Pastor: Matt Arthaud
Worship: Nick Wilson

CHILDREN’S CAMP—July 23-27

Camp forms must be turned in at NGR
by June 22 to avoid late fee

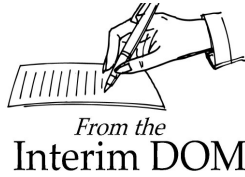
“Be Transformed” Romans 12:2
Camp Directors– Eric & Amanda Spears

Camp Pastor: Abner Neill
Worship Leader: Abbey Neill

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



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
Love In Action



No one alive when John was inspired to write the book of Revelation has seen Jesus more often or in more circumstances than John. He was the last disciple remaining. All of the other disciples had been murdered. There he was alone and in exile. And we read in Revelation chapter 1 how that Jesus appeared to him.

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, **13** and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, [d] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. **14** The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. **15** His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. **16** In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. **17** When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. **18** I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Rev 1:12-18

John had seen Jesus walk on the water, feed the 5000, open blind eyes and raise dead men back to life. John had seen Jesus killed on the cross. And yet he also seen him alive after the resurrection. No one had seen Jesus the way John had seen Jesus. But on this day John saw Jesus in an entirely different way. Jesus had a message for the struggling churches. And in order for John to hear and understand that message he had to see Jesus in a new and powerful way. As we look at our own churches. As we look at our own lives and our own families and as we look at our own Baptist Association, we must pray for a fresh and powerful look at our risen Savior. For he is the key to all that we can accomplish. Some of us have not had a fresh and powerful look at Jesus in a long time. My prayer is that in the days to come we would each seek our Lord in a new and powerful way. Jesus knows what he wants to do with your life, with your family, with your church and with this association. Our first job is to become closer to him. To listen to him. To learn from him. To see him in all his glory and power.

I'm confident as we listen to Jesus and as we look to him that he will make it clear to our churches and our leadership the direction our association should take. Let's pray together that we will hear our Lord as he speaks to our hearts.

Mark Clifton

Church Giving

Church Service Times

March 2018 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 122.11	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 602.75	\$ 66.97	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 700.48	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 207.00	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	7:00	7:00
Laredo	\$ 254.00	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 177.96	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley			9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 186.75	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 50.00		10:00	10:40	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 177.65	\$ 80.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 125.06	\$ 53.60	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 561.76	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:45	5:00	6:00
Salem	\$ 298.05	\$ 50.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 374.28	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Tenth St.	\$ 739.08	\$ 123.18	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 699.24	\$ 116.54	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 184.25	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00
Total	\$5,485.42	\$ 940.29				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 90.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Milan FBC		\$ 144.84				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Linn-Livingston		\$ 41.66				
Bethany-Marceline		\$ 100.00				

Join any of these churches in worship

NOTE: BSU included in NGR Account below.

Seminary Checking	\$134.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,327.21
Benevolent Savings	\$807.99
NGR Savings	\$8,563.63
BSU- March- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$7,423.87
Income	\$2,322.76
Total	\$9,746.63
Expenses	\$1,714.05
Ending Balance	\$8,032.58
General BSU Fund	\$7,546.24
Designated BSU Fund- Canada	\$486.34

March 2018 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$47,126.29
Income	\$10,681.69
Total	\$57,807.98
Expenses	\$16,183.78
Ending Balance	\$41,624.20
Line Items in NGR Checking	
NGR Designated Funds	\$11,580.08
NGR General Fund	\$22,011.54
BSU Line Item Balance	\$8,032.58
NGR October 2017—March 2018	
(Includes BSU & Designated Funds)	
Income	\$81,379.44
Expenses	\$79,996.09
Difference	\$1,383.35



Alpha- We welcome our new pastor Steve Dennis and his wife Peggy. Steve has been serving as our Interim pastor.

Edinburg- Our church joined Shelburne and Dockery Chapel on Good Friday. Someone reported there were 97 present. Praise the Lord! On the next morning we had 40 in attendance at our Easter breakfast. On Easter Sunday we had 122.

It's great to see new faces. In the last 2 years we have seen a lot of growth at Edinburg. Our Children's Church had set a goal of \$100 for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and they received \$105. Way to go kids! Congratulations and thank you for helping.

A group of us went to see the movie "I Can Only Imagine". It is a good movie if you haven't seen it. We are planning on taking a group to the Pretenders Playhouse in Cameron on April 28th. It is a dinner theater. They put on a great play. We have been enjoying these as a church family monthly.

On the 29th of April, Mike and Sherry Knapp are coming to share about the bucket ministry and their trip to Africa at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to come.

Chillicothe Baptist Home
"Homecoming"
 Saturday, June 9
 10 am to 2 pm
 Musical Entertainment, Bake Sale, and many more events

Jamesport- Kingdom Kids continues to meet on Wednesday evenings prior to the Adult Bible Study and Prayer Service.

A Gideon's International Representative spoke on Sunday morning, February 25th.

On March 18th our church held an afternoon service at the Gallatin Nursing Home.

Saturday afternoon, March 24th, was our Easter Apartment Ministry at Meadow View and Park Place apartments, giving out Easter gift bags.

Easter Sunday our children and youth presented an Easter program, followed by the Adult Cantata.

A group of our church members attended a showing of the movie "I Can Only Imagine."



Salem Baptist Church

150th Celebration

Sunday, June 3,
2018 at 2:00 p.m.

At the church-
located north of
Trenton off Hwy A

Everyone is welcome!
Come and join us
As we celebrate.

Trenton FBC- April 25th was the last meeting for Awana's before a summer break. A pizza party was held and awards were presented.

April 29th a Singspiration was held. Several participated and the Children's Choir began the service. We were blessed with children singing together, with parents and with their grandmother.

The youth are beginning an eight week study titled, "What Do We Do?" This study will focus on what we, as followers of Christ, are to actively be doing as we pursue Christ likeness. Several summer activities are also being planned.

The Keenagers went to Toot-Toot's in Bethany for lunch. Plans are being made to go to Branson to watch "Samson" at the Sight and Sound Theatre.

Wednesday night the adults meet at 6 pm and spend time in prayer followed by a Bible Study in Judges.

The Thursday night Ladies Bible Study went to watch the movie "I Can Only Imagine"

We have several that are making plans to participate in Mission Trips. In May a group will be helping again with "Love Packages." Used Sunday School literature, Bibles and other resources are packaged up and sent overseas to those that have no access to Christian literature.

A trip is also being planned to go to Canada in July.

Following is the inventory from Spickard Baptist Church. If you are interested in any item or know of someone that might be— contact the Chairman of Trustee's— Larry Dannar or Debbie at the Mission Center.

Spickard Inventory

1. 40 gallon rusty electric water heater
2. Kitchen sink and cabinet
3. Many kitchen dishes and hardware
4. Electric turkey roaster
5. 2 8' folding tables (some damage)
6. Plastic tote containing communion items
7. 8 metal folding chairs
8. 5 black metal frame chairs with red fabric covering
9. Parts for a baby crib
10. 6 metal framed chairs with brown vinyl covering
11. 15 blue plastic chairs with metal legs
12. 3 purple fabric covered chairs with metal frames
13. 1 electric organ with bench— probably works— don't know
14. 1 10' modesty rail
15. 1 microphone stand
16. 2 small pews
17. 2 flags with stands
18. 10 pews
19. 1 3 drawer file cabinet
20. 1 4 drawer file cabinet
21. 1 small rolling cart
22. 2 wooden collection plates
23. 1 short semicircle teaching table
24. Metal coat rack
25. Wooden bench






Hello Friends,
 Thank you all for your continued support this past year, the semester is coming to a close and there has been so many amazing God sized things that has happened. We have seen students get saved, rededicate their lives, and seek to be baptized. We have done retreats, conferences and mission trips. This year has been a year of God showing His continued grace toward this ministry!

We still have Canada coming up and summer missions but before we know it the fall semester will be here! Anyhow God has been faithful and so have you all!

If you would like to serve or donate to us for one of Mission events then please don't hesitate to contact myself or Debbie.

I love and appreciate you all and I look forward to another year of seeing Jesus move on this campus! Thank you!

In Jesus,
 Christina Boatright



Each month a church of the association is encouraged to pray for another church—example for May—Alpha would pray for Trenton FBC and FBC would pray for Alpha.

May
 Alpha & Trenton FBC
 Edinburg & Tenth St
 Gallatin & Shelburne
 Galt & Salem
 Jamesport & Rural Dale
 Laredo & Ravanna
 Lineville & Princeton
 M.Valley & Modena
 Mercer & Union

From the Executive Board
 The Executive Board met on April 16th. It was decided to put the Spickard Baptist Church on the market to sell. If at the end of 6 months it has not sold to look into tearing it down. The inventory items left are listed in this newsletter.

It was also decided to begin the process of recarpeting the Mission Center and painting the walls as we proceed. It will be divided into 3 phases with the Conference room, kitchen, stairway and hallway the first phase. The second will be the basement and the third will be the Bookstore and front area. At this time we hope to do the Conference Room in June. We will need help to move furniture out of the area.



April WMU Association meeting

April 17, was a cold spring day, but it brought 14 warm hearts to the association of-fice for the monthly WMU association meeting.

Shelly reported that the silent auction baskets for the Alberta Gilpin Fund did very well at the Annual State Mission Celebration. The WMU sent 4 baskets and Jamesport Baptist Church sent one basket from our association. Carolyn Houts, visiting regional WMU consultant, stated \$2000 had been raised for the fund.

Prayer requests were taken and the meeting was opened with prayer.


Special guest was Sherri Knapp. She gave an interesting and informational account of her trip to Nairobi, Kenya to visit her daughter last Christmas. She and her husband Mike were there December 12 through the 27th. She showed pictures of her trip and brought numerous exhibits to look at. She was able to go on a 3 day safari and was able see much of African life. During the trip they became involved with the “Bucket Ministry” which is a simple way to provide clean water for the local people. Clean water is a major problem in under developed countries. Many thanks to Sherri for her report.

We closed with prayer and all enjoyed a carry in lunch with conversation and fellowship

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, at the Mission Center at 10:30 am with a luncheon to follow. Our special guest speaker will be the interim DOM, John Mark Clifton.


Psalms 2:8- Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the ends of the earth for thy possession.

Shelly Sims



**VBS
2018**

Please let the Mission Center know when you are having VBS to help promote it for your church. You do not have do “Game On”.



May 13, 2018
“The blessing of the Lord be upon you.”
 Psalm 129:8

