



### Mother's Day & Graduate Gift items

"God's Wisdom for Your Life"  
(Women's Edition)- \$2.00

Daily Inspiration- NIV Edition or  
Purpose Driven Life Edition- \$8.00 each

Magnetic Manicure Kit- **WOW!** Only \$2.00 each

Many more items to choose from.  
**Check out the changes in the Bookstore!**



Rural Dale Baptist Church  
invites you to listen  
To the Quartet  
"Lasting Legacy"  
Saturday June 1, 2013  
6:00 pm

Freewill offering will be taken  
If your church has a group that would like  
to sing also, contact Phil Daniels or  
Debbie at the Mission Center.

### May

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



### Volunteer (s) Needed Mission Center

We are in need of  
someone to volunteer  
to mow the yard at the  
Mission Center OR if  
someone has a working  
lawn mower they would be willing to donate.  
If two or more volunteer, they could rotate.

Please contact Debbie at the Mission Center  
or Chairman of Trustee's John Rice.



May 12, 2013



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Jamesport Baptist  
Saturday, 8:00 am  
May 18, 2013  
All Men Invited!

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
- Union

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North Grand River Baptist Association  
Emphasis Week  
May 19-25

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We are glad to be your Mission Partner

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM  
Love In Action

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

Remember these in Prayer this Month...

**M**— Mother's Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> "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." Proverbs 31:28, 30

Memorial Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus." I Thessalonians 4:13-14

**A**— America's National Day of Prayer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34

**Y**— Youth Camp on the 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come and the years draw near when you say 'I have no pleasure in them.'" Ecclesiastes 12:1

For His Glory –  
*E.J. Barnes*



### Church Giving

### Church Service Times

March 2013 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 158.65	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 445.07	\$ 49.45	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 608.90	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt			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	\$ 262.20		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 221.16	\$ 73.72	9:45	10:45	6:30	7:30
M. Valley	\$ 27.67	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 266.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 105.41	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	7:30	7:00
Princeton	\$ 611.11	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	7:00
Ravanna	\$ 70.00	\$ 30.00	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 706.51	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 224.03	\$ 50.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Shelburne	\$ 490.30	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:45	7:00
Spickard			9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.	\$1,551.89	\$ 259.65	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 894.51	\$ 198.78	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:30
Union	\$ 265.03	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,933.44</b>	<b>\$1,261.60</b>				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				

Join any of these churches in worship

**Men's Revival Planning**  
Efforts are underway to have a Men's Multi-Denomination Revival in Trenton this year. We are hoping for all our community churches and congregation to be a part of this event. The first meeting was on April 28th. To find out about future meetings you can contact David Tricklel at 359-1647 or Mike Smith at 339-7389.

**Grand Oaks Camp 2013**  
**Youth Camp— May 28th-31st**  
**Children's Camp— July 8th-12th**  
**Camp forms are available at your church or at the Mission Center.**  
**Children's Camp Form Deadline- June 7th**  
**Mission Center at 5:00 pm**

Please be in prayer for camp.  
**How is God leading you to serve at camp this year?**  
Remember 1 leader to every 5 students

**Pastors Prayer & Fellowship Time at Pizza Hut**  
2nd Monday of each month

**Pastor's Luncheon**

<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$460.21
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,067.81
<b>Benevolent Savings</b>	\$744.39
<b>NGR Savings</b>	\$433.78
<b>BSU— March— Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$6,010.48
Income	\$2,670.15
Total	\$8,680.63
Expenses	\$2,342.98
Ending Balance	\$6,337.65
General BSU Fund	\$4,736.00
Designated BSU Fund	\$1,601.65

<b>March 2013 NGR Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$3,113.98
Income	\$11,954.64
Total	\$15,068.62
Expenses	\$11,069.22
Ending Balance	\$3,999.40
<b>Line Items in General Checking</b>	
Designated Funds	\$3,800.98
General Fund	\$198.42
Checking Balance Total	\$3,999.40
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<b>NGR October— March 2013</b>	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$69,176.84
Expenses	\$67,678.79
Difference	1,498.05

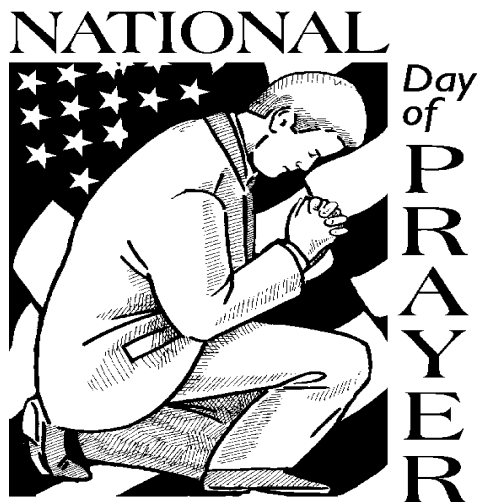


## NGR Church News

**Edinburg-** Our Easter services included our annual Easter Breakfast on March 30, at 8 am. We had 51 in attendance. It was a time for all to get together and visit and notice the freshness that spring brings. We had 31 attend the Joint Easter Service at Shelburne Church. Our flock is starting to return from many being sick this winter, and we thank God for the refreshing of His healing power. We are also growing with the birth of several babies in our congregation and have several more to come; this is always a blessing, because they are the future of our church. May God bless all of you as winter is about to leave us and God makes all things refreshed and new with spring almost here. Come join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship at 11AM, every Sunday.

Our attendance for March was 29 for Sunday School, 58 for Morning Worship, 29 for Evening Worship and 21 for Wednesday.

**Mercer-** Our average attendance for March was 70 for Morning Worship and 29 for Evening Worship.



May 2, 2013

**Princeton-** The WOM 1 & 2 groups meet on Monday and Tuesday at noon for monthly meeting, we are still collecting snack items for the fire, sheriff and ambulance departments. We provided the meal for BSU in Trenton April 24, 2013.

Each Wednesday Night the Kings Kids and Youth Meet at 5:30 P M, with prayer meeting at 7:00 pm and on Sunday Evenings beginning at 5:00 to 6:00 pm is Youth Book Study and from 6:00 to 7:00 pm is Bible Study with Youth Pastor Josh Ishmael, with several of the kids attending. On April 5th, the youth left to attend a Young Christian Youth Festival on the 6th in Silver Dollar City and returning on the 7th, they were chaperoned by 5 adults and 17 youth attending. Saturday April 13th, the men's breakfast met at the church and served 11 people and delivered 7 meals to shut ins, they served Biscuits/Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk.

Tuesday April 16, the WOM'S Groups 1 & 2 will be preparing the meal for the women's program and Prayer Luncheon at 10:30 am in Trenton, Mo.

On April 18th, the Soil & Water District Annual Open House is from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Saturday April 20th, we will be showing the 3rd in series of movies this one is "RUTH" ; fellowship and snacks will follow the movie. We have several that have been attending these series.

Monday April 22nd, the ladies who will be helping with VBS this year will be attending a VBS clinic in Trenton.

Wednesday April 24th, will be the last meeting of the Kings Kids for this year will be meeting again in the fall after school starts.

Saturday April 27th, beginning at 9:00 am will be our annual church clean up day. Also several from our church will be attending a Christian Concert at the McCarthy Baptist Church in Saint Joseph, Mo beginning at 6:00 pm.


Have a blessed day with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

**Trenton First-** On Sunday April 7th, we had our World Crafts party with a tea theme. Attendance was good and sales were great!! On April 22nd we hosted the NGR VBS clinic.

April 14th we were blessed with a Singspiration and many shared their talents of music with us.

Plans are continuing for the Canadian and Haiti mission trips in June.

We do hope you will plan to attend our 175th Anniversary on June 7th—9th.



**Mission Center  
Closed on May 27**

**Memorial Day**  
*Remember Those Who  
Gave Their Lives*



**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

As you reach out for tomorrow, God's guidance is the key to the future you have dreamed of and all you hope to be. Place all your goals before Him and God will do the rest; Seek God's will and trust Him, and He'll show you what is best.

R. Fogle

**Union-** *"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience". James 1:2-3*

The word translated as "patience" means to have staying power or the ability to endure. Satan has been attacking our members with a lot of trials from sickness to employment issues. This means we are doing something RIGHT and Satan is mad & on the run because OUR GOD IS BIGGER THAN ANY PROBLEM!

We continue on about Our Father's business with May full of activity. May 2nd is the National Day of Prayer and we urge everyone to take a moment to pray for each other, our nation, our leaders and for God's direction. Pastors Prayer and Fellowship Time at Pizza Hut on the 2nd Monday each month. Union Baptist's business meeting is the 3rd Sunday evening at 6 pm of each month and Eastview Nursing Home services at 2 pm. You can call Pastor Doug at 359-3094 to see how you can be of service. Mother's Day is May 12th, remember your Mother that day and everyday that you are blessed with her presence on earth! Graduations are this month and a presentation to the graduates is planned for May 19th. We celebrate both mothers and graduates! Come relax with us on May 25th with a day of fishing at Crowder Park from 9 am to noon. NGR/HBA Youth Camp is May 28-31. Remember the youth are the future of the church and support them!

Every Wednesday night is Supper at 6 pm with Bible Study at 7 pm. Call Ryan Hughs for rides from Brimson at 654-0435 or Mike and Sherry Knapp for rides from Trenton at 789-3841 or Doug and Dianna Crawford at 359-3094. Sunday School at 9:30 am, with Morning Worship at 11 am and Sunday Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm with Worship at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome! Remember if you are looking for a church home to come worship with us! We are down home folk that love the Lord!



*First Baptist Church, Trenton* is celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Friday night (June 7<sup>th</sup>) is our Singsparation featuring talent from our church family. Saturday night (June 8<sup>th</sup>) we are hosting a reception with former ministry staff members as well as showcasing different mission endeavors our church family is involved in. Sunday morning (June 9<sup>th</sup>) we are having skits emphasizing important events that have occurred in the 175 years of our ministry. Sunday afternoon we will focus on the future with presentation of the many ministry opportunities presently in our church. To begin the celebration, Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Yeats, Executive Director of Missouri Baptist Convention will be preaching in our morning service. Please join us in our celebration.

### Week of Prayer for North Grand River Baptist Association

**Sunday: May 19-** Pray for your pastor and his wife. Pray that he will be the vessel God has prepared him to be. Pray for the ministry of your church to reach out that Christians will grow spiritually and that the lost will be saved.

**Monday: May 20-** Pray for the Director of Missions/BSU Director, E.J. Barnes of North Grand River Baptist Association. Pray for him as he leads in the association and reaches out to minister to the pastors.

**Tuesday: May 21-** Pray for the staff of North Grand River– Debbie Dickinson as Ministry Assistant; Diann Barnes as BSU Director, Gene & Ann Schreffler as Assistant BSU Director; Christiana Boatright as NAMB Student BSU missionary; and Mike Dennis as Custodian. Pray for each one as they do their ministry tasks and for God’s leadership.

**Wednesday: May 22-** Pray a prayer of thanks for those that volunteer in leadership roles in the association. Pray for them and their respective ministries.

**Thursday: May 23-** Pray for the churches without a pastor, Gallatin, Shelburne, Edinburg and Princeton. Pray for the search committees and the man God is preparing to bring to minister and lead the church.

**Friday: May 24-** Pray for the outreach ministries to the children and youth this summer. For camps at Grand Oaks; Vacation Bible School’s and Leaders. Pray that lives will be changed and many will come to know Jesus.

**Saturday: May 25-** Pray for your church services tomorrow. Pray for the Sunday School leaders, Worship Leader and ministries of your church.



### Celebrating 125 Years of WMU!

What a celebration! I wish I could share everything we experienced at the Missouri Annual WMU Celebration at Warrensburg on April 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. WMU is celebrating its 125 anniversary this year. “The Story Lives On” is the theme. Elsie Mae Browning, Shelly Sims, Belinda Hogan and I were blessed to be able to go. At our April 16<sup>th</sup> Associational Luncheon, we shared different areas of the meeting that each of us focused on and participated in. But the entire program for both days was interesting, informative, and well planned from the eight missionaries, who had display booths and spoke during the assemblies, to the praise and worship times, and the breakout sessions. I wish more women from our association could have attended. There were 468 women that attended! During the assembly Friday evening those churches with new starts of age-level organizations were recognized. Salem Baptist Church was recognized for its new starts of WMU and Mission Friends. Salem was given a \$50 gift certificate to the WMU Bookstore at the meeting. Thank you, Twyla Johnson, for your work in these new starts at Salem!


Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the National Day of Prayer. I hope many of our groups and churches will participate in services that are held in our association.

For our May 21<sup>st</sup> Associational Ladies’ Prayer Program, we will meet at 10:30 am at the Mission Center, then prepare to prayerwalk past City Hall to the courthouse. Those unable to prayerwalk may remain at the Mission Center to pray. Also, we will be collecting over-the-counter medications and unusual prescription medications until June 18<sup>th</sup> to be used for medical missions in Haiti. Wal-Mart has a large bin of medications for only .88 up near the checkout lanes. These medications include pain relievers, cortisone cream and antibiotic salve that Shelly Sims can use in Haiti.

Celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WMU will be the focus of our June 18<sup>th</sup> Summer Celebration at 10:30 am at the Missin Center. The special guest speaker will be Virginia Stephenson, Northwest Regional WMU Consultant, with others possibly sharing what WMU/WOM has meant to them. A covered dish luncheon will follow.

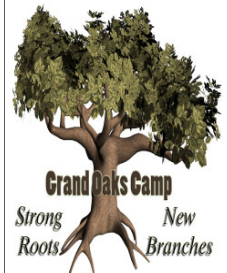
There will be no monthly program or luncheon in July or August. We will resume on September 17<sup>th</sup>. More details later.

*Bev Martin*  
WMU Director



Tenth Street  
Baptist Church  
1200 E 10th St  
Trenton, MO

Every Saturday  
Worship at 6 pm, Group at 7 pm  
The Rock Café at 8 pm



**Grand Oaks Campaign**

When you invest in Grand Oak’s Camp, you are doing more than making a donation to build new facilities. You are making a difference in the lives of children and young people that will count for eternity. The goal for our association is \$50,000. Please pray for this ministry and if God would be leading you to make a donation towards the projects of a new swimming pool and activity building. Grand Oaks is committed to remain debt free so projects will begin only when funds are available.