

THE BAPTIST HOME

"Homecoming"

2010

Chillicothe

Saturday, June 12

10 AM to 2 PM

Musical Entertainment, Bake Sale, Guided Tours, Resident Made Crafts and Outdoor Bar-be-cue (freewill offering)



It is time for the NGR nominating committee to begin filling positions for next year. If you are interested in serving in the Association please contact the Mission Center or one of the committee members- Rebecca Nance, Peggy Kirby or Peggy Dennis.

May

7 Jim & Cathie Whitley
12 Brad Walker
26 Sherry Walker



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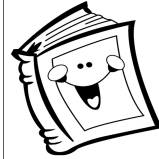
Rev. E.J. Barnes

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Debbie Dickinson

BSU Director

Diann Barnes



Check out the BOOKSTORE

BIBLE SALE

All Bibles and Bible Covers

10% off

May 3-14, 2010

While Supplies Last

Selected DVD's- only \$7.50

"Flywheel"

"This ain't Prettyville" Chonda Pierce

"Facing the Giants"

"Fireproof" DVD- \$14.50

Half Price- \$7.50

"Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young

"How to Study the Bible" \$5.00

By John MacArthur

Selected Lawson Falle Boxed Cards- \$2.75

Mother's Day Gifts

Selected Cross Necklaces 50% off
\$7.50

Graduation Gifts

"My Utmost for His Highest"

By Oswald Chambers \$4.25

Check out the new items added to store

North Grand River Baptist Association

The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Volume 35, Number 5
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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
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Discipleship Conference

Trenton First Baptist Church

May 18, 2010

6:00—9:00 pm

Guest Speaker -Mike Cooper from MBC

All pastors, church leaders and lay people invited to attend.
You will not want to miss this opportunity

Discipleship

Spiritually healthy Christians, coming together in healthy churches, going to an unhealthy world with the healing gospel of Jesus Christ

NGR WMU & Brotherhood Associational Picnic

June 5, 2010 6:00 pm

Moberly Park Shelter House



Association
Picnic

Bring a salad, vegetable
or dessert

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; Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all.' Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:28-30

This is the month that we especially honor our mothers. Let's not take them for granted. Let's let them know how much we love and cherish them.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." Matthew 28:19a

Please pray for those of us (12 on the team) who are going to Thunder Bay, Canada to work primarily with the First Nations Indian peoples. We will be leaving on May 17 and returning May 30.

Also pray for the four summer missionaries who will be serving in our Association this summer. Their orientation will be June 1-3.

"...pray without ceasing..." 1 Thessalonians 5:7

Please let us know who your church's Prayer Partners and Prayer Tillers are. The goal is to have designated Prayer Partners in every church and at least 300 Prayer Tillers Association-wide by the Annual Meeting in September.

Also remember these dates: May 6 National Day of Prayer, May 16 National Day of Prayer for VBS and May 23 Global Day of Prayer.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15

Let us not forget those who have sacrificed their lives for our nation-and especially those who have gone on before us as saints who have been faithful to our Lord and to bring the Gospel to us!

For his Glory
E.J. Barnes

Grand Oaks Spring Project: A team from Princeton FBC, along with Board member John Rice worked two Saturdays and completed new porch pads on the Hilltop Cabins. The church paid for the concrete as well. Some of their youth came along the second day and did some other work including salvaging some boards from the old office and sweeping the Hilltop cabins. Dennis Bagley of Bagley Construction headed the effort which was organized by John Matthews, who, by the way had knee replacement two weeks ago and was not able to take part in the actual project. Yet, without his efforts and initiative, it would not have happened. So, thanks, John. (Part of report from Don Boyer manager at Grand Oaks)

Princeton FBC paid for the cement at Grand Oaks, if you would like to donate towards the expense of the cement please send your gift to NGR and designate for cement at Grand Oaks.

March 2010 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 190.73		15	20	12						
Edinburg	\$ 555.21	\$ 65.32	51	81	58		14	12	17		
Gallatin	\$ 709.64	\$ 50.00	89	134	38				60		
Galt	\$ 140.00	\$ 25.00	28	43							
Jameson			13	15							
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	28	49	16						
Laredo	\$ 302.10		21	36	12		6	9			
Lineville	\$ 232.85	\$ 47.88									
M. Valley	\$ 30.75	\$ 25.00	23	25							
Mercer	\$ 259.00	\$ 25.00		60	12				6		
Modena	\$ 59.88		7	13	9						
Princeton	\$ 630.27	\$ 50.00	117	163	51	23	27	38	120	1	
Ravanna	\$ 105.77	\$ 45.33	11	11					5		
Rural Dale	\$ 596.44	\$ 50.00									
Salem	\$ 134.26		29	42	20						
Shelburne	\$ 406.85	\$ 50.00	40	54	29	25	8				
Spickard	\$ 30.00		9	14							
Tenth St.	\$1,035.88	\$ 172.65	85	152	41		4			2	
Trenton FB	\$ 866.14	\$ 144.36	108	140	31				91		1
Union	\$ 307.43	\$ 100.00	47	75	18						
Total	\$6,618.20	\$ 875.54	721	1127	347	48	59	59	299	3	1

Chilli, FBC	\$ 43.00
MBC	\$ 460.00
Seminary Checking	\$316.73
Seminary Savings	\$2,046.08
Minister Benevolent	\$738.47
Belarus	\$9,184.74
BSU- March- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	!,840.01
Income	\$3,961.54
Total	\$5,801.55
Expenses	\$2,310.20
Ending Balance	\$3,491.35

March 2010 Account Records	
Beginning Balance	\$20,636.02
Income	\$24,364.66
Total	\$45,000.68
Expenses	\$11,935.48
Ending Balance	\$33,065.20
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$22,475.98
General Fund	\$10,589.22
Checking Balance Total	\$33,065.20
NGR October 2010- March 2010	
Income	\$88,645.66
Expenses	\$77,116.71
Difference	\$11,528.95



Edinburg— It's that time of year again. On Tuesday, March 16, 2010 we held our first Vacation Bible School meeting. We had a good group present (and are blessed with an excellent VBS leader) and are looking forward to a good year.

On Saturday, April 3, we held our Pre-Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall. The meal was prepared by several men of the congregation. There were 59 in attendance.

On Thursday, April 1st, Eric Hines, a Tiger Cub Scout from Pack 23 was accompanied by his Children's Church Minister to a Cub Scout meeting. Eric earned merits for doing this.

On Sunday, April 11, our Children's Church celebrated their fourth year anniversary. They sponsored an evening meal to celebrate the event and to show their appreciation to the church members for their help and support. In a presentation before the meal by the Children's Church Director it was noted that when Children's Church began on April 2, 2006 that there were 6 children and 3 adults. Since then they have grown to an average of 24 each Sunday with a high Sunday of 33 children and 6 adults.

As the children reached the age of 12 years old and left Children's Church their average dropped to 14 and has quickly grown back to about 18 per week. From Children's Church a youth church has been started along with RA's and GA's and Mission Friends.

In discussing the routine of Children's Church it was noted that it is similar to the adult services with a craft and snack time added during which Bible Trivia is played. And to better serve the children, a smaller sanctuary has been added to accommodate those from the ages 3 to 6 years for message time.

The Director also thanked the four aids that so

Edinburg Continued-
Capably and willingly help him. There were 72 in attendance.

On April 2-3 two of our RA leaders and four boys went to the RA Crusade Camp in Sedalia.

On Tuesday, April 20, our Children's Church held their semi-annual church wide skating party at the skating center in Trenton. They were joined this year by the Browning Baptist Church. They had twelve skaters along with their pastor and his wife. There were about 95 in attendance.

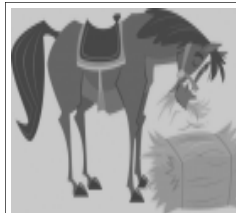
Medicine Valley- Attendance averages have been up sharply due in part to an exceptional turnout for Easter Sunday. Activities included an Easter Breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt for the Children. The worship service made use of the audio video throughout, a first for us in use of the big screen and projection equipment in this way.

We plan to make greater use of the audio/video equipment in the future as we now have a member with the experience and desire to do the programming.

Some food items were gathered and donated by members of Rural Dale and others by the Associational WMU for which we are thankful. Any help received, particularly with canned goods and basic food is greatly appreciated.

Participation in the Home Bible Studies at Humphreys remains quite strong. The group we meet with monthly to the south of Reger has 11 to 12 people involved, the same as in the weekly monthly meeting at Humphreys. They are planning dinner in conjunction with next month's meeting.

The group meeting at a home in Newtown has experienced a more irregular pattern of involvement due to circumstances arising that have



"Cowboy Up"
Since VBS is a cowboy theme this year Ron Ratliff would be willing to bring his horse to do a Dedication Day or just a set apart time. He has a mare to illustrate communication- specifically how God communicates with us. Ron moves from a bridle to removing the bridle and just using almost unseen cues. If you are interested please contact Ron Ratliff at 359-5544 or 660-876-5289.

CHURCH



CAMP

"Truth or Dare"
1 John 1:6-7

Youth Camp
June 21-25, 2010

Registration Deadline-
May 21st

Cost- \$85- after registration
deadline the cost is \$120

Children's Camp
August 9-13, 2010

Registration Deadline July 9th
Cost \$70- after registration deadline
the cost is \$100

Each church **must** send a leader for every
1 to 5 campers they send



BSU Canada Trip
May 17-30

Remember in prayer the group going to Canada- E.J. and Diann Barnes, Katie Welch, Latoya Richardson, Mattie Lynch, Kristina Dean and Kaycee Crawford. They will be joining with others from MBC.



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 jerushton@hotmail.com.

WORLD CHANGERS

World Changers will again be in Trenton on June 21 through the 26th. The number of days that students and adults are here is different this year. Church youth groups will be arriving on Monday afternoon, June 21 with registration to begin at 2 p.m. Area churches are certainly invited to help students and adults move in for the week. This has been a very successful time of fellowship in the past. Work on houses will begin on Tuesday morning through Friday afternoon. This year we are repairing homes in Trenton, Jamesport, Tindall, Spickard and Princeton. Area churches are participating in feeding meals to crews Tuesday through Friday. On Wednesday evening, we are inviting all churches that are participating in feeding meals to come and let us show you how much we appreciate your help during this week. Any questions, please call Sara Campbell at 660-359-1394.



2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 State Children's Bible Drill Jeff City
2	3	4	5	6 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Men's Prayer Breakfast Jamesport- 8:00 am</i>
16	17 <i>BSU Canada Trip</i>	18 <i>Ladies Program & Luncheon* 10:30 am</i>	19	20	21 YOUTH CAMP Registration Deadline	22
23 <i>Global Day of Prayer</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>BSU Canada Trip Returns</i>	31 <i>Mission Center Closed- Memorial Day</i>	 <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>				



Prayerwalking to Support "Tilling the Land"

What an exciting and inspiring presentation Bro. Denny Chesnut gave at our April Program and Prayer Luncheon with his PowerPoint presentation about his mission trip to South Africa! He also showed a short DVD about the "Open Door" ministry for unwanted babies and had a display of articles from South Africa. Thanks again to Bro. Denny and Carolyn for coming and sharing with us.

I displayed materials from M-Counter, highlighting missionaries that were featured in the general assemblies and break-out sessions. I hope Elsie Mae, Belinda and I can share more with you later. Hilka Rose led our devotional and prayer prior to a delicious luncheon!

Ladies, I hope you receive this prior to the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6th, as a reminder to promote and participate in the National Day of Prayer gathering at the Courthouse in Trenton at 12:15 pm, or one in your own community. Our country and its leaders need our prayers.

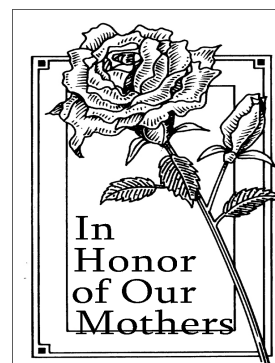
Prior to our May 18th Prayer Luncheon, we will meet at the Mission Center to prayer walk or prayer drive in the area. Let's have sandwiches, salads, or whatever is easiest to prepare and set out.

We will also prayer walk/prayer drive prior to our June Prayer Luncheon.

Let's remember to pray for James McCaughan, Vivian's husband, and our WMU and MBC leaders as they seek God's direction in finding those to fill the vacancies Vivian left behind.

Ladies, again I ask that you be praying for God's leadership in directing us to the one He has chosen for our next WMU Director. My 5 year term has turned into about 8 years, and I feel that you need a change, someone with new ideas that can move us forward.

Seeking His Will,
Bev Martin
WMU Director



Most of all the other beautiful things in life
Come in twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds.
Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows,
Brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins,
But only one mother in the whole wide world.

Kate Douglas Wiggin

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

2 Corinthians 9:15

Medicine Valley continued-

caused cancellation or postponements of planned meeting nights. We sense satanic forces at work attempting to hinder the success of this group.

We began our summer sports program at Harris on Saturday April 6 with a session for children with 9 present and one for teenagers with 16 or more present. A devotional time is observed with a shared prayer time.

We continue to pray for and expect to receive additional helping hands to enable the development of God's work in our mission endeavor.

Please remember to be in prayer concerning the many needs of this "Mission in Your Own Backyard" as we continue in service to the Lord

Salem- On March 28--Anna Fletcher came and shared with us her Missionary work in Taiwan. On Good Friday we held a special service of the Lords Supper. Easter Sunday we started out with a breakfast cooked and served by the men, and a very good job they did. This was followed with an egg hunt for all the children. Our little church was filled that morning. We also had 1 decision to accept Christ and 2 rededications. It was truly a morning of blessings and praise. On April 3rd, Hatton Chapel invited us to join them in a skating party at the new roller rink in Trenton. April 14th we will be serving the BSU luncheon with 2 of our sister churches. On April 23, a GA retreat will be held at Salem with a lock in for the young girls in our church.. April 25 we will hold the SVNH services in the afternoon at 2pm. May 2 at 6pm, we will have a graduation service for Jessie Hammond. May 9th a Mothers Day brunch will be held at 9am before Sunday School. Our church sent a "We Care Package", to Faith Crumpacker, who is serving our country in Iraq. Please remember all our service men and women who are serving our country.

Princeton- For the month of May we will begin with a Community Wide Sportsman's Banquet with Wild Game Supper, BBQ & Fish Fry to be held on Saturday, May 1 at 6:00 P.M. Special Guest Speaker will be Ned Nugent, Pastor from the First Baptist Church, Bethany, MO. You may bring a wild game dish, salad, or dessert. Bring a Friend. Special Door Prize - Gamo Extreme CO2 and Youth Gamo Shadow Express and other door prizes will be given away. Free Admission. Bring your Mounts to be scored. Displays, Trophies, pictures of your hunts are Welcome. For more information please contact - Nathan Rogers at (660)748-6350 (cell) or Bob Baker at (660)953-1269 (cell). On Sunday evening, May 2nd starting at 5:00 P.M., we will be having fellowship supper with the children and their family of Awana program and handing out awards for the children's accomplishments. At 6:30 P.M., we will have a special program- "Birds of Faith" presented by Wings of Love, Inc. You'll hear scriptures telling us how the Lord used birds to help us understand His word. The birds will also perform as they roller skate, ride bicycles, play basketball, raise the American flag, spell out "Salvation" and even talk. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this astounding live performance. This experience crosses all ages. Regular Sunday School and Church Services will be held each week. Sunday Evening Discipleship at 6:00 p.m. and Worship Services at 7:00 p.m. Women On Mission 1 Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 3 and Women On Mission 2 Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 4. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting will be held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer will be held May 6; Men's Breakfast on May 8; and remember our Mothers on Mother's Day on May 9. Ladies Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. On May 16, Graduation for our Seniors will be at Princeton R-5 School. Memorial Day on May 31.



Tenth Street- We had a near record attendance for Easter, and a wonderful Revival in April with Don Walton as evangelist and EJ and Diann Barnes leading the music. We Praise God for the 3 salvations.

Trenton First- The Sonshine Daycare graduation will be on May 9th during the morning Worship service.

Awanas ended their year on April 25th with a carry-in dinner with Ralph Lee as guest speaker. There was a pinewood derby afterwards.

Our Senior Adults had Charles Hoffman as guest speaker April 23rd sharing "A trip down ole main Street." May 5th will have breakfast at the Galt Café. They will meet Lewis and Mabel Rogers and give them canned goods for families in their Medicine Valley Ministry. May 21st they will take a trip to Marydale Bed and Breakfast for lunch and a tour.

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MAY 6, 2010

MEET AT CITY HALL is a project for special prayer - a prayer for moral rebirth in America. It is a very simple concept. It involves people meeting at their local city hall and praying from 12:20 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. for a moral rebirth in our country. It is time we stand up publicly for the values that have made this country strong. We must set the example by taking a stand and lead our people as they stand with us. Let us unashamedly take our Light from underneath the basket and set it on a table. **It doesn't matter if you have never participated in anything like MEET AT CITY HALL before.** Begin now. We urge you and your church to start planning now to participate in this special day of prayer for a moral rebirth in our country. Please don't delay.

II Chronicles 7:14 says: "If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We'll meet at the Court House in Trenton at 12:15 pm.



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



Milan First Baptist Church

May 23-28 7:00 pm

Pastor Rev. Dan Wilford
Evangelist- Richard Greene