



### Graduate Gifts

Power Prayers for Grads- \$8.00  
Jesus Calling for Graduates- \$13.60  
God's Promises- \$4.25

### Mother's Day Gifts

For You Mom Gift Book- \$4.00  
Montana Purse  
Pie Plates, Cups, Cutting Boards  
Cook Books and more  
Grace fingernail file kit

### Memorial Day

Fingerprints Memory Marker  
In Memory- Heart shaped stone

ESV God's Guy Bible- \$10.00  
ESV God's Girl Bible- \$10.00  
NIV Hardcover- \$10.00


### NEW!

God's Not Dead Soundtrack- \$8.50  
Car Coasters- \$3.75


Garden Flag Holders  
Bloom Wind Chime- \$7.50

**June Birthdays & Anniversaries**

3	Tim & Cyndy Munday
3	Rich Neeley
12	Kenny & Judy Robertson
14	Ron & Bobbie Helton
16	Rich & Chris Neeley
21	Garret & Jennifer Trunk




**NATIONAL Day of PRAYER** **May 5, 2016**  
Grundy County will meet at the courthouse at 12:15 pm.



I was not able to find out if Davies or Mercer County were meeting at the time to print the Encourager.

June Encourager items need to be turned in by Wednesday, May 18th. Please note this is a couple days earlier as I will be out of the office the end of May.



The Mission Center will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

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

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**



**Jamesport Baptist**  
**Saturday, 8:00 am**  
**May 21, 2016**  
**All Men Invited!**

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# The Encourager

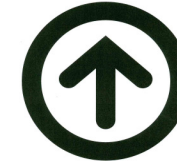
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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**"Churches working together to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission."**  
Matthew 28:18-20



NGRBA Churches



The Way  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 50

**Youth Camp- June 20-24**  
(Campers who have finished 7th—12th Grade)  
Camp Fee- \$95 Late Fee- \$130  
FORMS DUE MAY 20th to  
NGR Office by 4:00 pm

### ONE WAY!!!

*"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*  
Galatians 2:20

**Children's Camp- August 1-5**  
(Campers who have finished 3rd grade—6th grade)  
Camp Fee- \$95 Late Fee \$130  
FORMS DUE JULY 1ST to  
NGR Office by 4:00 pm

- Alpha  
Edinburg  
Gallatin  
Galt  
Jameson\*  
Jamesport  
Laredo  
Lineville  
Medicine Valley  
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**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**  
Love In Action



**May 8th**

*God Bless Mothers  
For their Patient Endurance,  
For their Persistent Prayers,  
For their Precious Faith.*

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

I believe this will be a Momentous Month of May!

May 5th- The National Day of Prayer– Join us at the Grundy County Court House at 12:15 pm or wherever you know people are gathering to pray for our nation.

May 8th- Mother's Day. Express your love and appreciation to these through whom God has greatly blessed us.

May 15-22– Association Emphasis Week– Please pray for our NGRBA and staff. Please support the Jean and Nellie Osborn Associational Offering which helps several of our ministries.

May 21-28—Mission Trip to White Dog Indian Reserve in Ontario, Canada. Pray for souls to be saved and for a safe trip for our team.

May 31-June 2– Summer Missionary Orientation. As of now there are 4 college students who are planning to serve as Summer Missionaries. Pray for them as they grow spiritually as they serve our Lord and those He connects with them.

Let's be filled with the Holy Spirit this month each and every day! Let Him be in control of our thoughts, feelings, desires, bodies and things, and this month will truly be MOMENTOUS!

For His Glory,

*E.J. Barnes*

# RESOUND FEST

**Miracle Hills Ranch, Bethany, MO June 10-11**  
**FREE Admission**

Multiple Stages, Community Worship, Family-Friendly, On-site Camping; Shopping and more!

**Building 429; Tenth Avenue North; Lauren Daigle;**  
**7eventh Time Down; Stars Go Dim**

Additional Artists: Break the Fall; Flood the Stone; Cole Deruse; 9th Hour; Maywood  
Mercy's Bridge Band; Country Gospel Reunion; Shoal Creek Revival

www.ResoundFest.org 660-425-2277 office@ResoundFest.org  
Miracle Hills Ranch, 35556 W 200th Ave, Bethany, MO 64424

### Church Giving

### Church Service Times

March 2016 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 197.50	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 518.86	\$ 57.65	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 590.87	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 156.00	\$ 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	7:00
Laredo	\$ 278.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 172.32	\$ 57.44	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley			9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 158.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 149.48	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 357.98	\$ 80.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 162.64	\$ 66.16	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 794.03	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 117.70	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 416.19	\$ 100.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.	\$2,391.42	\$ 398.56	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,486.34	\$ 148.63	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union			10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,042.33</b>	<b>\$1,308.44</b>				

Join any of these churches in worship

Chilli, FBC	\$ 45.00
MBC	\$ 460.00
Gilman BC	\$ 200.00
Zion BC	\$ 50.00
Milan BC	\$ 85.60

<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$189.21
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,301.05
<b>Benevolent Savings</b>	\$782.46
<b>NGR Savings</b>	\$462.34

<b>BSU– March– Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$6,710.90
Income	\$5,399.40
Total	\$12,110.30
Expenses	\$4,402.32
Ending Balance	\$7,707.98
General BSU Fund	6,126.52
Designated BSU Fund	\$1,581.46

<b>March 2016 NGR Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$19,968.06
Income	\$12,304.71
Total	\$32,272.77
Expenses	\$14,969.84
Ending Balance	\$17,302.93

<b>Line Items in General Checking</b>	
Designated Funds	\$5,568.18
General Fund	\$11,734.75
Checking Balance Total	\$17,302.93

<b>NGR October - March 2016</b>	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$31,206.41
Expenses	\$29,163.70
Difference	\$2,042.71



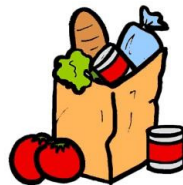
### NGR Church News

**Edinburg-** Our church has begun a youth and children team to help encourage and build our children and young families. We are excited about the new team strategies that the pastor has initiated. We are looking forward to a weekend VBS on July 22-24. We hope to have a good turnout. Our pastor didn't have to take the challenge of jumping in Crowder Lake, as we didn't quite reach our goal of 150 for Church that day, however we came very close with 140 in attendance. He will have to be cautious of challenging us, as we may reach our next goal. The WOM Ladies have finished their quilt blocks and collected the items for the Canada Mission trip. Summer looks to be busy this year with several new projects for the church in the making. We encourage you to attend a church and if you do not have a church home, come join us at 10 AM for Sunday School and 11 AM for Church services. We offer Wednesday night prayer group at 7 PM and Sunday night services at 6 PM

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*  
John 14:6

#### Volunteers Needed!

Medicine Valley Community Ministry needs volunteers to help with the preparation and distribution of the Food Pantry Ministry



May dates to help with food distribution at Medicine Valley Community Ministry  
May 17th— Prepare Boxes at Newtown Baptist Chapel— 9 am to noon

May 19th— Food Distribution

**Princeton-** We are in the process of remodeling our church parsonage. Lot of work has gone in to getting this up to date.

WITHOUT A VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH

In April 2004 the First Baptist Church of Princeton began a journey of faith, when plans for a new Church building was approved. Members have been very faithful in commitments made in 2004. We have received generous lump sum gifts as a memorial in memory of a loved one. God has blessed our commitments and in December 2015 the last payment was made.

On Sunday, April 10, we celebrated with a note burning ceremony. Bro. Guy Thomas was our Pastor when our journey began and joined us in our celebration. Bro. Guy opened our celebration with the welcome and prayer.

Barbara Sparks and Becky Rogers were the music leaders. Hymns sung were, "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "Jesus is all the World to me". Raymond Rogers read scriptures from Psalms 13:8 and Ephesians 4:3-6. Bob Prichard gave a testimony about the construction and the blessing it was to have so many volunteer their time to help with the construction.

Bro. Tim Wilson led the responsive reading followed by Dennis and Dale Bagley burning the note. Dennis led in a prayer of thanksgiving. Shelly Rogers and daughter, Kate, sang "How Great thy Art" accompanied by Becky Rogers.

The celebration message was given by Bro. Guy Thomas, who led the church in the building process, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" closed the service. A time of fellowship followed the services with cake, punch, nuts and mints served by the planning committee consisting of: Deloris Ferguson, Chairman, Ann Shroyer, Jeania Hobbs, Kathy Power and Dennis Bagley.

*Princeton continued-*

Glory be to God, Without Him we could nothing, but with HIM all things are possible.

On April 16th a Welcome and Open House Celebration and a carry in dinner was held at the First Baptist Church for Krista "Molly" Barnhart, to mark one year in recovery from her accident. She is still in rehab 3-4 days a week, has come a long ways since then, learning to walk with a walker, and with the help of speech talk some, she's able to feed and dress herself with some assistance, she brushes her teeth and uses mouthwash on a sponge swab as well.

This recovery continues and would not have been possible without the love, prayers, support from all the church families, and her family, giving the encouragement from the first day. Above all it was with the GRACE of God that had the most in the healing process and continues on now and in the rest of her life. We as her family are very grateful for all the prayers and support we have received and are still receiving, it's impossible to Thank each and every one individually, so may God Bless each and every one. Remember you can overcome any obstacle in your path all you have to do is lift it up to God and ask for his help in saving and healing. We see first hand what God can do if you turn it over and let him guide you down the path of healing and recovery. Again THANK YOU all so much.

Since the devastating fire in our community and losing the Senior Center, we at the First Baptist Church have open up our church kitchen for them to cook, deliver meals to the home bound and serving the public, this is a worth while mission project to serve our people of Mercer County, if you are going out for lunch, come by have a good meal and support the center. The smell from the kitchen drifts downstairs and smells very good.

*Princeton continued-*

April 27th was our last Team Kids Meeting for the year had parents night so they could see what the children learned, had very good turnout each Wednesday, what a blessing it is to see the children come and learn about Jesus, so many never hear about Jesus if it wasn't for programs sponsored by the Church.

**Trenton FBC-** Our Keenagers have been on several road trips. April 13th they had breakfast at the Galt Café. John and Virginia Crumpacker shared about their mission trip to Haiti. On April 22 the Keenagers toured the Squirrel Cage Jail at Gallatin, followed by lunch at Jamesport. May 26th they will travel to Osborn, MO to tour the Shattoo Milk Company.

Eleven ladies from First Baptist attended the Missouri State WMU Convention at Midwestern Seminary. We all agreed it was a great conference about ladies mission work.

Chillicothe Baptist Home  
Homecoming  
June 11, 2016  
10 am to 2 pm

Musical Entertainment, Bake Sale,  
Guided Tours, Games for Children of all  
ages, Fishing and Outdoor Barbecue  
(freewill offering)



The NGR Mission's Committee is planning a trip on July 29-31, 2016 to Lennox, Iowa. They are encouraging anyone in the association to be a part of this ministry. You can contact Maeanne Browning for more information. As information becomes available it will be in the Encourager.

## BSU @ N Central MO College

Two weeks and this year at NCMC will be finished. Have we done enough to share Jesus with most of the students on campus? What about the ones we didn't talk to? Will anyone in their future share Jesus with them? Have we engaged enough students in conversations about Jesus, for God to take the Truths spoken and change lives? Which students did we not talk with? Which students will leave our campus never having had anyone of us as followers speak a word about Jesus Christ? Who will lose their life this summer before they have a chance to return and possibly their path cross one of us, a believer, who will make the time to share Jesus with them? Which International student will return home to their country, never to return to this campus where they might engage in a conversation that would lead them to embrace Jesus as Lord of their lives?

All these questions pierce my soul with grief and urgency. Three years ago at this time while sitting in a restaurant waiting our order I read on the ticker tape crossing the bottom of the TV screen, "New President of Egypt educated in United States!". That was the summer that Egypt and several other middle Eastern countries were in civil turmoil, but in Egypt the rebellion was especially fierce. My thought at seeing this news, "While being educated in the US, was there ANYONE on his campus that **made** the time to share Jesus with this new president?" In those moments he was taking over this new government did he have a relationship with the God of the Universe strong enough that as President he was seeking guidance from God?

April 12th, I was privileged to assist Karla McCullom, taking 9 International students on a trip to the capitol for a day visit. During the day, she told me that currently she has 35 more applications from International students to attend NCMC this fall in addition to most of the returning 20 International students. Your right. By fall NCMC could have as many as 50 International students on campus. What will the BSU ministry do to engage these students in spiritual conversations? What type of ministries should the BSU facilitate to engage both national and International students on our campus in conversations that will challenge students, encourage students, and exhort students to seriously consider Jesus Christ as Lord?

All these previous questions lead to the cornerstone verse of evangelism, Matt 28:18-20: "Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, **Go and make disciples** of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Are you His disciple? Then, who are you discipling? Who are you making time to share LIFE with, in order to pour Jesus' love into them?

This summer the BSU has 4 committed college students who have given their summer to learn how to be a stronger disciple for Jesus. They are seeking to become the disciple Jesus commanded each of us to be. The disciple who will spend their time sharing Jesus in the moments He gives us with the person on the street, the person in a check out line, the person waiting on you at a restaurant. As a believing church, how does God want you to help us teach and train these 4 college students in their quest to become a stronger disciple?

As you pray asking God for answers to this question of discipling, know that there are at least 3 opportunities to invest in these summer missionaries. 1. your churches' VBS (figure out how one of these students can learn how to serve Jesus through your VBS). 2. scholarship one of these 4 students \$150, to allow them to attend the SBC-NAMB mission project "For St. Louis" June 8-13, where 500 college students will partner with NAMB to reach the children of inner city St. Louis. 3. provide a \$50 scholarship for one or all of these 4 students to participate in Lenox, IA's Countryroads Baptist Church's, Rodeo Mission Week July 20-24. Each of these students will need money for their meals and entrance tickets each night to attend the rodeo in order to engage visitors and contestants in gospel conversations about Jesus. We've been given 300 "Cowboy" NT's to distribute to the rodeo culture that week. Help these students attend that they may share Jesus with people.

HE is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of HIS Sacrifice — Souls Diann Barnes



## Praise Report From Missouri Annual WMU Meeting

Though we were few in number we enjoyed sharing our experiences of the Missouri State WMU Annual Meeting at Midwestern Seminary. The missionary speakers were wonderful and the breakout sessions were interesting and informative. After our reports Virginia Crumpacker led the time of devotions.

Ladies, remember the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5th at the Courthouse at 12:15 pm.

On May 17th we will be meeting at Sunnyview. Our guest speaker will be from the BSU sharing about the missions trip to Mexico Beach, Florida. We will be at the Mission Center before going to Sunnyview. We'll return to the Mission Center for our covered dish luncheon.

Maerissa Knapp, home on leave from teaching at a Mission school in Nairobi, Kenya, will be the guest speaker at the June 21st program and luncheon at North Grand River Mission Center at 10:30 am. A covered dish luncheon will follow.

Hope all of you have a wonderful and blessed Mother's Day!

*Beverly Martin*  
Assistant WMU Director



MB125 is an opportunity for senior pastors of church that have 125 or less in Sunday Morning worship attendance. This is a unique opportunity for you and your immediate family members living in your home. Morning will include a worship time, general session and breakout sessions for pastors and wives, while their minor children will be involved in learning activities of their own.

- All conference and breakout sessions will be relevant to the smaller church.
- Childcare for infants to preschoolers, and activities for school-age children and youth will be provided each morning.
- Plenty of time provided for individual family fun in the afternoons and evenings.
- Our goal is to empower, encourage, and equip you in ministering to your family and congregation.

**Dates:** June 22-25, 2016

**Location:** Skyline Baptist Church, Branson, MO

## Youth Leader Meeting

I would like to encourage all youth leaders and pastors to come a planning meeting on May 9th at Tenth Street Baptist Church at 6:30 pm. There was a good attendance and great time was enjoyed at the "Jammin on the Rock" event at the Rock Barn. Our next event is Resound in Bethany. Your input and involvement is very important. Thank you.

*Vanessa Hamilton*—North Grand River Association Youth Director