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November Birthdays



- 4 Doug & Dianna Crawford
- 4 Mabel Rogers
- 15 Earl Nance
- 26 Gene & Ann Schreffler

and Anniversaries

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You are invited to the
*Deacon Ordination Service for
Dean Rice*

*At Shelburne Baptist Church
On Sunday, November 8th, 2015
At 2:00 pm.*

*We would like to invite any
Ordained men to come and serve
On the Ordination Council*



North Grand River Mission Center will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th. The staff wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving as we stop and give God thanks for all of the blessings He has bestowed on us.

Rural Dale Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, 8:00 am
November 21

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



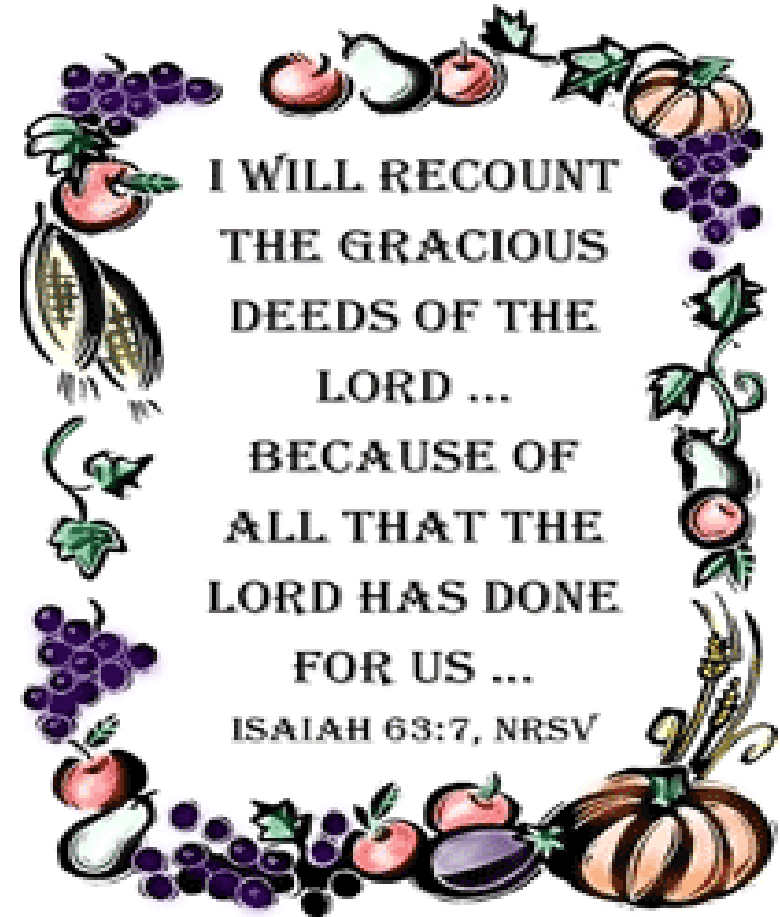
NGRBA Churches

- Alpha
- Edinburg*
- Gallatin
- Galt
- Jameson
- Jamesport
- Laredo
- Lineville
- Medicine Valley
- Mercer
- Modena
- Princeton*
- Ravanna
- Rural Dale*
- Salem
- Shelburne
- Spickard
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First*
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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



From My Heart to Yours

“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name...for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:15-16

We should give thanks to the Lord because he is..

T rustworthy	Psalm 119:86,138
H ope	1 Timothy 1:1
A lmighty	Revelation 11:17; 15:3
N ear	Philippians 4:5
K ind	Jeremiah 9:24
S avior	2 Timothy 1:10
G ood	Psalm 25:7-8
I mmortal	1 Timothy 1:17
U ine	John 15:1
I nnocent	John 19:4
N ame	Philippians 2:3
G enerous	James 1:5



Let us always have an attitude of gratitude toward our gracious and merciful Lord!

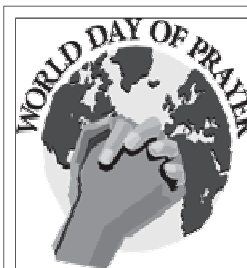
For His Glory,

E.J. Barnes

[More than ever, pray for international missionaries](#)

As International Mission Board personnel who are eligible for voluntary early retirement prayerfully consider God's leading, WMU leaders are calling for more intense prayer and support for all our missionaries.

Remember Paul and Lori Babb as they serve in Uganda and have to decide about early retirement. Paul attended Trenton First Baptist



**Monday
November 2, 2015**

WMU will have a program at Trenton FBC, at 10:30 am. Bring a covered dish.



Church Giving

Church Service Times

September 2015 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 189.15	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 728.66	\$ 80.90	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 892.93	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 420.36	\$ 50.00	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	\$ 368.50		9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 181.80	\$ 60.60	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley	\$ 67.47	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 194.50	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 352.28	\$ 150.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 414.78	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 141.54	\$ 60.66	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 712.83	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem			10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 491.48	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.	\$1,113.45	\$ 185.57	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$1,340.86	\$ 134.09	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 218.62	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00
Total	\$7,924.21	\$1,171.82				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Zion BC		\$ 75.00				
Milan BC		\$ 88.72				

Join any of these churches in worship

September 2015 NGR Account

Beginning Balance	\$11,865.90
Income	\$11,934.54
Total	\$23,800.44
Expenses	\$12,390.27
Ending Balance	\$11,410.17

Line Items in General Checking

Designated Funds	\$7,058.90
General Fund	\$4,351.27
Checking Balance Total	\$11,410.17

NGR October 2014—September 2015

(Does not include designated funds)

Income	\$128,515.08
Expenses	\$124,348.58
Difference	\$4,166.50

Seminary Checking	\$263.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,297.01
Benevolent Savings	\$781.08
NGR Savings	\$436.56
BSU— September— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$2,570.40
Income	\$2,884.55
Total	\$5,454.95
Expenses	\$2,778.91
Ending Balance	\$2,676.04
General BSU Fund	\$2,539.48
Designated BSU Fund	\$136.56



NGR Church News

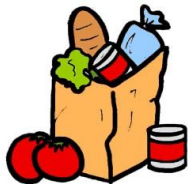
Gallatin FBC Annual Harvest Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, November 8th, immediately following morning worship. The meat and potatoes will be furnished. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert and join us in fellowship and thanksgiving for God's rich blessings!

Shoe Box Ministry. if you have items for this ministry, please have your items here by Saturday morning, November 7, we will be packing the boxes that morning, if you have any questions, please call Shelly Sims.

Schedule of Events: Monday - Ladies Bible Study - 6:30 pm; Tuesday - Prayer Time - 7 a.m.; Men's Bible Study - 7 pm; Wednesday - Kid's Praise - 4:30 pm; Pioneer Club/JOY Youth - Meal - 5:30 pm; Study 6 to 7:30 pm; Celebration Choir Practice - 7:30 pm; Thursday - Women's Wellness - 6:15 pm.

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday -
8:00 am - Prayer Time
9:00 am - Fellowship Time
9:30 am - Sunday School
10:40 am - Morning Worship
6:00 pm - Evening Worship/JOY Youth

Volunteers Needed!



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

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

November 19th- Food Distribution

Princeton- *Have a blessed day in the Lord and give him all the praise and glory for what he has done for you.*

Welcome to a new day with Lord Jesus Christ, receiving all your blessings from him, remember to pray to him giving him Thanks, after all he died on the cross for you.

Our youth group began meeting each Wednesday evening, having a good numbers with 17-20 youth attending each week.

TeamKid started meeting on September 30, had good numbers with 17 children attending and for the month of October we have increased each week in our young children. They can learn all about Jesus and will be able to take it home and share with their parents.

WOM I & II met October 6, with a salad luncheon, our guest speaker was Shelly Sims, WMU Associational Director spoke on projects and the Medical Mission trip to Haiti. We also need to be involved in our own missions here at home doing a least one mission a month in which you feel guided and compassionate about.

We have been collecting snacks for our Police and Ambulance departments, they do quite a lot for our community. This is one way of helping and saying thank you for a job well done.

We are starting to collect for our Shoe Box Ministry. This ministry is helping others in foreign countries that have so little and giving to them is a true blessing from God.

We held on October 18th a Pastor Appreciation dinner at noon with several attending and having lots of good fellowship and food.

At our monthly meeting the Pastor Search Committee presented Rev. Ty Berry and his wife Judy as Transitional Pastor for our Church. He recently retired from the Baptist Convention of Iowa as State Evangelism Leader. If you need to get in touch with Pastor Ty, you can call the church office 660-748-3116 or text him at 515-577-2073.

Trenton First- Operation Christmas Child Collection Week is November 16-23. You can drop off your OCC boxes at the Activity Center behind First Baptist.

We were blessed to minister to our community during Missouri Days, hosting the opening ceremonies, TAMA soup supper (very tasty), Shuttle bus to the Missouri Days and a rest stop with a baby changing area and literature.

We had a successful World Hunger Community Food Pantry "Special Dinner" on October 11th, which involved many in our church.

November 8th will be our International Parade of Flags during the morning worship service to honor our IMB missionaries.

Union Coon Creek- On October 4th we had 3 baptisms. Our Pastor Doug and his wife Dianna were recognized for Pastor Appreciation.

October was very busy: Business meeting and weekly Bible Studies. We also are part of Celebrate Recovery Hard Rock Café and Program. We love to celebrate with them!

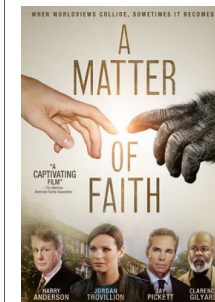
We had a hayride on October 24th. We started at 4:00 pm and after going around the countryside will be back for hotdogs over campfire along with chips and cookies. A fun night of fellowship.

On October 26th we will participate at the Rock Barn in the Harvest for Kids and pass out treats.

We are starting to get ready for Thanksgiving and kids starting to practice Christmas Program.



First Baptist Church, Trenton Invites you to watch the movie "A Matter of Faith" On Sunday, November 8th, 2015 At 6:00 pm



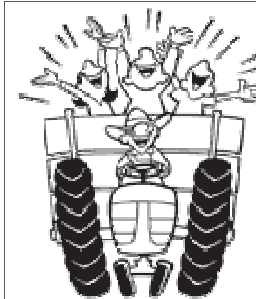
As a college freshman, Christian Rachel Whitaker has never met anybody like her biology professor, Marcus Kaman. His teaching style and defense of evolution intrigue her. But when Rachel's dad, Stephen, takes exception to these views, Kaman challenges her to a debate. Can Stephen defend his beliefs--- and keep Rachel from drifting away from hers?

There is no charge to attend. DVD's will be available to purchase or order after the movie. We encourage all to attend.

Pastor's that have previewed this movie were greatly inspired and highly recommend it.

COME JOIN US! Bring a High School or College student with you.

This film was produced by Rich Christiano. He also has produced "Amazing Love" and "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry" and many others.



JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

Rural Dale will be having a hayride/ soup supper
Nov 1st at 5pm
All are -welcome



It's hard to believe, but we are now half way through the Fall semester. God has given us multitudes of opportunities to have conversations with students, and sweet times of building bridges of friendships. One of those times was the last weekend of September when 10 students plus Christina and I joined 6 other college campuses at Baptist Hills Camp near Mt. Vernon, MO for a weekend of learning how to share Jesus story through the tool of storytelling with Mark Grossman. Mark and family are IMB missionaries in Kenya, where God has been using them to win multitudes of Muslim's to faith in Jesus. It's because of God's great moving in these lives that IMB has temporarily had to relocate Mark and family in the states because of threats to their lives and their ministry. What an incredible weekend it was to hear story after story of lives being changed through storytelling. NCMC students came away with a fresh purpose to be more bold in our own location. Thank you to those of you who were so generous with your support that allowed these students to have this experience. Your support was well placed.

The entire month of October BSU students are collecting "Pocket Change for Ronald McDonald Houses". All pocket change will be converted at the end of month into rolls of toilet paper. Toilet Paper? Why? There are 2 RMH houses next to Children's Mercy Hospital. RMH maintains 87 bathrooms located in these homes and the hospital. They need a supply of 87 rolls for each bathroom to have only 1 roll. Our efforts last year gave them 680 rolls, but do the math. Even that amount didn't last them very long. If you would like to help BSU with this blessing, send your support to the mission center labeled Ronald McDonald Project and together we'll deluge RMH with a supply of toilet paper that will last longer than a week.

God moved in the hearts of 10 students and alumni students to help BSU hand deliver 700 kids gospel tracks into children's hands that were watching the parade at MO Days. What an exciting day that was. After the parade we were able to give away 750 gospel colored pencils, sharing Jesus story face to face with people who came by the NGR booth. We were also supplied with leather coasters and keychains to distribute to fair goers. Thank you to those who provided these supplies. Pray that God will honor His Word, and that His truths shared that day will not return without results.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd will be our Thanksgiving Feast for our campus students. For some of our internationals students this will be the very first American holiday they will experience. Pray for this event. Pray that God will give our speaker just the right message to impact hearts and trigger a thirst into lives in such a way that students will become thirsty to know Jesus.

It seems like a long way off to begin thinking about it, but Spring Break will be March 11th-19th, this coming Spring. God is orchestrating the option for us to join MOWest and S. Illinois U. in a combined effort to provide our students with an environment where they will be actively sharing their personal stories in 3 different ministries. Part of the time, they will share with other college students, part of the time with an inner city ministry, and a third way with Habitat for Humanity. Begin praying that God will strongly lay on the hearts of our NCMC students those that God is calling to learn through serving others. Sharing your faith with strangers on the street can be scary, but greatly transforming not only for the hearer but for the one sharing as well. Pray that students go whom God is calling.

HE is worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice—Souls
Diann



WMU Associational Meeting, October 20, 2015

The meeting opened with 6 churches represented with 8 members and 1 guest, Dan Wilford. Prayer requests were taken and prayers were offered for IMB, NAMB, Missouri Baptist Convention and all the missionaries that need to make decisions on the cut backs being made in the next few months.

Shelly Sims shared information from the State WMU meeting that she attended.

Dan Wilford shared that he will be going to Panama in January to work with the Kuna Indians and to Nicaragua in February for church planting.

Belinda Hogan shared about the mission trip that she took to Cheyenne, Wyoming and the good reception the team received. She reported the reception and commitments to Christ have grown every year.

Belinda also reported on the Shoe Box Ministry that occurs this time of year and that she leads for the area. It is near packing time again. Trenton will be the reception site for the boxes for the association and Trenton FBC will be leading a team of workers to Minneapolis to help in preparing the boxes for shipping. She offered a spot to anyone that wanted to go. Call Belinda if you are interested. The week of November 14th is the collection of filled boxes.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 2 at Trenton First Baptist Church. This is the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Meeting starts at 10:30 am with a carry in luncheon to follow.

Virginia Crumpacker led the devotional and prayer time for missionaries. The focus scripture was Matthew 6:5-15. We closed the lesson by all saying the Lord's Prayer.

A dessert free luncheon was shared by all.

Come Join Us!!
Shelly Sims



November 2– 6:30 pm
Mission's Committee

November 3– 5:30 pm
Admin, Finance & BSU Advisory Committee's

November 9– Noon
Pastor's Fellowship @ Pizza Hut

November 17– 7:00 pm
Apartment Ministry Interest Meeting

November 17-18
DOM Fall Conference

November 23– 6:30 pm
Camp Committee Meeting @ Gilman FBC

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- Be certain of your own "Macedonia" call.
- Lead your church with new zeal for making disciple-makers.
- Churches are encouraged to participate in 21 Days of spiritual preparation conducted Jan. 14-Feb. 3 to prepare for personal revival. Those who register prior to Friday January 1, 2015, will be given a free guide.