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November

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Pastors—

2nd Monday every month

Meet at Pizza Hut at noon



Shoeboxes for kids

Relay Hours at Trenton

First Baptist Church

You can take your shoeboxes to FBC as they are a relay station. Following are the hours you can take the

boxes to the multipurpose building.

Monday— November 12, 4-6:30 pm

Tuesday—November 13, 10 am-1 pm

Wednesday— November 14, 4-6 pm

Thursday— November 15, 10am

Friday— November 16, 10 am to 1 pm

Saturday— November 17, 9 am to 12 pm

Sunday— November 18, 1 pm to 3 pm

Monday— November 19, 8:30 am to 10 am



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Rural Dale Baptist Church

Saturday, 8:00 am

November 17, 2012

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



- 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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Enter his gates with thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4



The staff of North Grand River wish you a **Happy Thanksgiving** as we stop and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us.

E.J., Debbie, Diann, Gene and Mike

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

“Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Election Day (November 6) is upon us, finally! I am so thankful that it is about to happen. It seems like the campaigning has been going on forever. To be honest I am not enthused about any of the presidential candidates nor hardly any of those running for major national or state offices. I cannot vote in good conscience for anyone who supports abortion or homosexual marriage. These are far more important issues than economy issues, which seem to be the focus for most all the candidates and our citizens. Money is more important than morality to most people. Unbridled sensuality is preferred over the mandates of Holy Scripture. Perverted “rights” are preferred and pursued over righteousness. It is no wonder our nation is in the shape it is in and will receive the judgment we deserve. Thank God for His past mercy and grace. Thank God for His patience and long suffering.

In spite of what’s happening and what will happen, the Word of God commands us as Christians to pray for whomever is in authority and for good reasons: (1) for the sake of experiencing tranquility and peace, (2) for the sake of practicing godliness and respect for others, (3) for the sake of being good and acceptable to God and (4) for the sake of saving souls and helping people to know truth. Therefore, whoever God ultimately establishes in authority (Romans 13:1-4) we must pray for them that He would accomplish His purpose in and through them, and we must do it with thanksgivings.

Let’s not allow people, circumstances, disappointments, or anything keep us from being thankful. We are all blessed far more than what we deserve or even realize. Have a great Thanksgiving season!

Thank you for your continued prayers, and service to our Lord and your support for our Association!

E.J. Barnes

America’s Christian Heritage Week

The Christian Life Committee is asking pastors, churches, and their organizations to promote Thanksgiving week as America’s Christian Heritage Week. Our rich Christian heritage and the faith of our forefathers are no longer taught in our schools. The Ministerial Alliance is also promoting America’s Christian Heritage Week. Our rich Christian heritage and the faith of our forefathers are no longer taught in our schools. For information and ideas, go to the website www.barilla@achw.org

Christian Life Committee
Sherry Knapp
Bev Martin



Meetings in our area are held at Tenth Street Baptist Church every Saturday, starting at 6:00 pm with worship time, followed by small group time, then closes with a delicious meal at our Solid Rock Café which is served by one of our area churches. Rides are provided if needed and everyone is welcome. We see God working in changing lives and people are being saved.

September 2012 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT/Wed	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 166.36	\$ 25.00	15	24	9						
Edinburg	\$ 477.95	\$ 53.11	33	63	35						
Gallatin	\$ 580.28	\$ 50.00	93	131	35	11					
Galt	\$ 169.52	\$ 25.00									
Jameson											
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	29	64	31						
Laredo	\$ 284.00										
Lineville	\$ 241.77	\$ 80.59									
M. Valley	\$ 26.13	\$ 25.00	7	7							
Mercer	\$ 203.00	\$ 25.00		65	18						
Modena	\$ 194.36	\$ 150.00	8	17	8						
Princeton	\$ 544.19	\$ 50.00	91	125	31	22	26	15	75	2	
Ravanna	\$ 648.20	\$ 46.77									
Rural Dale	\$ 109.15	\$ 75.00									
Salem			27	42	20						
Shelburne	\$ 347.26	\$ 75.00	40	56	23	21					
Spickard	\$ 60.00		10	24		6					
Tenth St.											
Trenton FB	\$ 920.39	\$ 204.53	126	170	44	45	14		112		2
Union	\$ 210.19	\$ 100.00	53	77	28	64					
Total	\$ 5,207.75	\$1,010.00	532	865	282	169	26	15	75	2	
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00									
MBC		\$ 460.00									

Seminary Checking	\$455.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,062.38
Benevolent Savings	\$742.44
NGR Savings	\$1,656.35
BSU– September– Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$3,197.48
Income	\$2,935.55
Total	\$6,133.03
Expenses	\$1,156.73
Ending Balance	\$4,976.30
General BSU Fund	\$3,029.10
Designated BSU Fund	\$1,947.20

September 2012 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$4,146.63
Income	\$11,019.67
Total	\$15,166.30
Expenses	\$11,594.62
Ending Balance	\$3,571.68

Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$3,571.68
General Fund	\$0
Checking Balance Total	\$3,571.68

NGR October2011– September 2012	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$134,630.71
Expenses	\$137,524.25
Difference	(-\$2,893.54)



Gallatin- “Changing The World One Pair Of Shoes At A Time”

The Pre-School and Children Choir’s Christmas Program “*The Christmas Shoe Tree*” written by Jeff Slaughter is centered around sharing the love of Christ by sharing shoes to those who may not have a pair of shoes. So our choirs are joining in Soles4Souls in collecting shoes for those in need. The children are asking you to please help them make a difference by sharing your extra pair of shoes. It possibly will be the first pair of shoes for someone. Your gift of footwear is important to children and adults around the world. Footwear can help eliminate the spreading of diseases through the foot as well as help children obtain an education – as many schools have footwear requirements to attend. When you take time to RECYCLE your footwear, you are in fact changing lives. These shoes may be new or gently used, and all kinds of shoes including dress shoes, high heels, and sandals.

A collection bin has been placed in the fellowship hall for you to deposit your shoes. The last day of collection will be December 15, which is the day before the children perform their program. We will be delivering these shoes to Village Northwest Unlimited who serves as a donation processing center for Soles4Souls. VNU currently offers a wide array of services and training to more than 180 individuals with disabilities. The individuals have varying degrees of disabilities including intellectual disabilities, brain injury, cerebral palsy, autism, Down Syndrome, epilepsy, and range in ages 17 to 80.

We have also been blessed by Rick Willett who has volunteered to deliver these shoes to Village Northwest Unlimited in Sheldon, Iowa.

Your young people feel so honored to be able to participate in this mission endeavor to help others, and Whitney, Angel, Mandy, Lana and I are privileged to help them.

Sunday, November 11 will be the Annual Harvest Dinner. Please come join us for our dinner of thanksgiving and praise.

Galt- We will be having our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 4th at 6:00 pm.

On November 24th Bro. Gene & Ann Schreffler will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They would like for you to come and join them at the Laredo Lions Hall in Galt from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Medicine Valley- Mabel and I have been fortunate in participating in recent months, in the Missouri Renewal Project. This is a movement originating with Gov. Rick Perry of Texas. We have attended meetings in Kansas City and St. Louis and will be attending one on Friday, November 2nd at First Baptist, O’Fallon where Mike Huckabee of Fox News will be the principal speaker.

In these meetings we have heard a variety of pastors, political leaders and others, all alliterating America’s need to return to the Biblical foundations on which our nation was built.

These men, each espousing an emphasis on a conservative Christian Worldview as opposed to a secular worldview, encourage renewal of the church body, an active voice in public affairs and the need to make our Christian desires known at the polls.

A related movement labeled “Respond” has filled arenas in Missouri and in other states across the nation with thousands of people meeting to pray for our churches, our nation, the nation’s leaders, and the kingdom work; Renewal of the church and the salvation of multitudes.

The prayer movement is presently in process of moving from the arenas into individual churches, and groupings of church families in our metropolitan areas.

Another adjacent ministry entitled “Stand Up” encourages Christian people to be bold in our declaration of the gospel message and in defense of biblical teachings, freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Medicine Valley Continued-

Further information on these activities may be accessed at the following websites: “Missouri Renewal Project.com, Respond.com, [Stand Up.com](http://StandUp.com)”. The latter may also be accessed through “Last Ounce of Courage.com”.

I would suggest that Christians who are truly interested in the restoration of Christian principles, and lifestyles in our nation would do well to browse these websites.

We pray this may signal the beginning of genuine renewal in the church, followed by a turning of the masses to Jesus Christ for salvation and service to God.

Meanwhile, let me voice my gratitude for all who support our ministries here in our Medicine Valley Communities. God’s blessings be upon you all as you continue in service to him.

Food is still welcome and needed for distribution at Newtown and Humphreys. In December we expect to distribute to over 100 households. Volunteer workers are also needed. We may be contacted at 660-673-6023 or at morning-dovepubli@hotmail.com

Mercer- We had our church fellowship dinner on October 7th. Everyone had a good time.

Trenton FBC- First Baptist was very busy during the Missouri Days Festival. We were so blessed to share our building for the ministerial Alliance soup supper and the opening ceremonies. We shared the gospel with many at our booth and gave away about 3,000 bottles of water.

October 14th we had a rice and bean dinner in observance of World Hunger Day.

October 31st the Awanas will have a Trunk n Treat from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. November 7th will be parents night, we are looking forward to many parents coming.

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Operation Christmas Shoebox collection will be at our activity center the week of November 12th—19th.

The Senior adults are very busy: enjoying breakfasts at Cindy’s at Galt; October 26th going to Jamesport to eat, shop and tour the cheese factory; November 16th planning a trip to Chillicothe to shop; December 1st to Raytown to a pageant. The seniors are collecting for Medicine Valley Ministries and collecting for Back Pack Buddies.

Our youth went to Grand Oaks for a retreat on October 26th to 27th, the theme was “UNCOOL”. November 9th-10th they will be going to Otterville to a retreat with the theme “RETHINK”.

Salem- We have started Mission Friends for the children in our church. Twyla Johnson is the WMU Director, Michelle is the leader and Marie Clark is the assistant leader. On September 30th, Salem held their annual Forks of the River Community Hay Ride. We had a large attendance for the ride and wiener roast, along with testimony from Robert Hutchinson. It was a fun evening with folks in the community. October 7th, we are happy to announce the ordination of 2 young men at Salem- John McCloud and Danny Crawford. October 7th, we had a carry in meal after the ordination. Shirts were ordered to wear in the Missouri Day Parade. The float was constructed October 19th, Friday evening, for the Missouri Day Parade the following morning on October 20th. October 21st we led the Sunnyview Worship service at 2 pm that afternoon. October 27th, The Girl Scout Troop will be using Salem for their hayride and wiener roast. We have 7 women so far signed up for the next Women of Faith Conference on November 2-3 at Kansas City.

The Mission Center will be Closed Thanksgiving November 22 and Friday, November 23





BSU @ NCMC

This week the BSU lost a very dear friend and strong supporter of our ministry. Gary Stanton was the embodiment of our motto—Know Him, Make Him Known. Pray for Judith, his wife, as she waits on Jesus to show her what His plans are for her future. Pray for Ravanna Baptist, where Gary served as interim pastor, as they seek God's plans for their future ministry also.

Continue to pray for the BSU ministry as our college students continue to prayerfully seek God's plan for His ministry on our campus. Pray for Tuesday night 9pm Communitas worship as students continue to invite and bring new students every week, introducing them to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Since the beginning of school, every Communitas worship has seen new faces. Last night we had another three new students attending our worship to hear how much God desires to have a relationship with Him. Two of the 9 students remained after to have serious conversations with us about how to grow deeper in their walk with Jesus.

The entire month of October, the BSU students have been challenging students to donate toilet paper and paper towels to our Ronald McDonald House Drive. These paper supplies will be delivered, Saturday, Nov. 3 to the two RMH houses in Kansas City. If you want to contribute, drop your donations by the BSU before Saturday, Nov. 3, at 9am, and the students will be glad to deliver them to the houses. Last year as we began to fill up their storage room, we discovered that 1 four-roll package of toilet paper was all that was left of their supplies for a house that hosts 54 guests. Needless to say this is a small gift that meets a huge need.

This coming weekend, 5 of our BSU students will be assisting Stephen Williamson's Discipleship Now retreat by serving as small group leaders to the students. Pray as these college students make themselves available to be used by Jesus to minister to the hearts of high school students.

Pray for our Thanksgiving celebration dinner, Sunday, Nov. 18, as the BSU shares Thanksgiving dinner and the good news of Jesus to our NCMC students. Last year about 60 students heard of how much they are loved. If you would like to help us, by donating desserts or a turkey please give us a call. Students love to eat, and as they eat, we love to talk with them about how much God desires to know them intimately. Also, we have at least 3 international students who will be needing a host family as the dorms are closed to them those 4 days. At least six internationals will be spending this American holiday for the first time away from their families. Ask God if He would want you to open your home and share Jesus love with them by sharing your family dinner with them this holiday.

Finally, prayer warriors, pray for this spring ministry, asking God to very clearly reveal His plans for the ways He wants to continue 1. growing student disciples, 2. developing student leaders, and 3. teaching students to live missional lives right here where God has planted them. Last night before Communitas, I over heard one student say, 'I'm not here at NCMC to learn more knowledge, because God says, 'if you lack wisdom, ask Me, and I will give it to you abundantly.' No, I'm here to share my faith in Jesus, because I'm not afraid or ashamed of HIM."

Fellow Believers, I PRAY that God would plant this kind of fire in each of our HEARTS!!

He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of HIS sacrifice—Souls

Diann



Featured in November

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer and Operation Christmas Child

Rebecca Mullins, Daughter of Virginia Crumpacker of FBC Trenton, shared about her and her husband's work as camp missionaries in Tennessee for the In Faith organization based in Pennsylvania. She showed pictures of their work and provided prayer cards for their work, as well as brochures and newsletters. Belinda Hogan gave a presentation about the Shoebox Ministry and provided brochures and prayer card bookmarks.

Now is the time to order from World Craft for Christmas gifts! Have any of your WOM groups had a World Craft party?

I'm hoping you receive your Encourager prior to the **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Program, which is November 5th, 10:30 am at Tenth Street.** Doris Provorse will have a special program for us that day. Hope you can join us! A covered dish luncheon will follow.

For the December 18th Christmas Celebration I hope to have a guest speaker or speakers, since this will be during the Lottie Moon Offering emphasis. Details in the December Encourager.

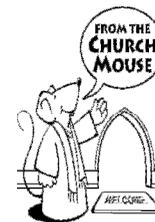
Shelly Sims and I were privileged to visit the faithful members of Rural Dale WOM. We were truly blessed by their dedication to missions.

This Month is Thanksgiving. Again our Ministerial Alliance is participating in a nationwide effort to celebrate the week of Thanksgiving as America's Christian Heritage week. Let's spread the word in our families, missions groups, and churches. For ideas and more information, go to www.barilla@achw.org

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Bev Martin

WMU Director



Union- "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people." Psalm 105:1

This is the time of year that we count our blessing and start preparing our Samaritan Purse Boxes. Church cleaning was tentatively scheduled for November 10th; please check with Dianna to see if this is still on by calling 359-3094 before that day. November 11 is Veteran Recognition Sunday. The week of November 12th is preparation for Thanksgiving meals. Call Ida Lee Little for details at 359-3460. Business meeting is the third Sunday of each month which is on November 18th. This is also the all Church Thanksgiving Carry-in dinner. The Carry-out Thanksgiving dinner is November 28th. Celebrate Recovery is November 24th a Tenth Street.

Remember every Wednesday night is supper at 6 pm with Bible Study at 7:00 pm. Call Ryan Hughs for rides in Brimson at 654-0435 or Mike and Sherry Knapp for Trenton rides at 789-3841 or Doug & Dianna Crawford at 359-3094. Sunday School at 9:30 am with Morning Worship at 11:00 am and Sunday evening prayer at 5:30 pm with worship at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Coon Creeks Church Thanksgiving dinner will be on November the 11th instead of the 18th. We will have our annual Carry out- Eat In Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day as in the past. Any questions call Dianna at 359-3094 if you cannot reach her you can call me at work 359-1537- direct line to me.