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Seminary Extension Fall Semester

October 4th- 7:00 pm
 Mission Center

"Old Testament Survey, Part 1" OT 103

A survey of: the historical and cultural background of the Old Testament; the books of the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy); and the books known as the Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, I and 2 Samuel, and I and 2 Kings).

Registration	\$119.00
Books	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
Total Cost	\$209.00

October

- 2 Ann Schreffler
- 4 Denny Chesnut
- 22 Steve Dennis
- 30 Steve & Peggy Dennis
- 31 Lou Bullman



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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I want to express my utmost of appreciation for the surprise love offering that the churches gave to me for my 10th year anniversary. It was a morning that I was truly overwhelmed- your words of encouragement and prayers meant so much to me. My heart's desire is to serve God and to help each church with their ministry as much as I can. Every church in the association and each brother and sister in Christ mean a lot to me. Thank you.

Debbie Dickinson



Tenth Street Baptist
Saturday, 8:00 am
October 13, 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



NGRBA Churches

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| Tenth Street | O |
| Trenton First | N |
| Union | |

October - Pastor Appreciation Month

Thank you to all our pastors- Your Ministry has been a blessing to many

- Alpha- Jim & Cathie Whitley
- Galt- Gene & Ann Schreffler
- Jameson- Erik Hall (Interim)
- Jamesport- Rich & Chris Neeley
- Laredo- Deryl & Linda Niffen
- Lineville FBC- Aaron & Michelle Stark
- Medicine Valley Min- Lewis & Mabel Rogers
- Mercer- Ron & Bobbie Helton
- Modena- Don & Debbie Boone
- Rural Dale- Steven & Dana Nelson
- Salem- Tim Munday
- Spickard- Charlie & Cloris Bullman
- Tenth Street- Ron & Iva Gail Ratliff
- Trenton FBC- Denny & Carolyn Chesnut
- Union- Doug & Diane Crawford
- DOM- E.J. & Diann Barnes
- Retired- Bill & Elaine Stanturf
- Supply- Steve & Peggy Dennis
- Supply- Gary & Judith Stanton
- Seminary Extension- Dan & Carol Wilford
- Sparrow Ministry- Earl & Rebecca Nance

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine..."

1 Timothy 5:17

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

“Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unending love...” Hosea 10:12

Offer
Compassion
To
Others
By
Evangelizing
Righteously

Our Association theme this year is “Harvesting the Land by Tilling the Ground, Sowing the Seed and Cultivating with Love.” We must therefore ask God to help us to pray more deeply and more often than ever before for those who do not know Christ as well as for each other. We must ask God to help us share His Word through teaching, preaching, witnessing and making it available more and more to those who do not know Christ as well as to each other. We must ask God to help us show His love by meeting needs, by empathizing with the hurting, by strengthening, expanding and multiplying ministries that impact those who do not know Christ as well as each other.

“We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.” Philippians 4:13

For His Glory-

E.J. Barnes

P.S. Thank you Modena for raising your Association giving by 1%, and thank you Lineville for raising your Associational giving by 1% and also your BSU giving by 1%.

As you know, it costs more to even maintain what we presently are doing. We trust God to lead our churches to give as He wills to meet the “challenging” financial needs of the Association. We know we cannot out give our Lord when we give as He wills.

Call to Prayer

Max Lucado has issued a call to prayer for our country to begin on September 28th. Pray for

U Unite us
S Strengthen us
A Appoint and anoint our next president

Beginning on this day will be 40 days of prayer before the election.



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.

August 2012 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT/Wed	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 206.06	\$ 25.00	14	21	10						
Edinburg	\$ 742.43	\$ 82.49	39	76	44	26					
Gallatin	\$ 865.72	\$ 50.00	95	128	74	11			119		
Galt	\$ 173.00	\$ 25.00									
Jameson			25	62	23						
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00									
Laredo	\$ 359.91	\$ 150.00									
Lineville	\$ 192.46	\$ 38.49									
M. Valley	\$ 41.37	\$ 25.00	11	11							
Mercer	\$ 270.00	\$ 25.00		70	14						
Modena	\$ 200.94	\$ 150.00	8	18	6						
Princeton	\$ 694.28	\$ 50.00	86	119	24	17	22	25	5		
Ravanna	\$ 734.13	\$ 81.18									
Rural Dale	\$ 189.41	\$ 75.00									
Salem	\$ 102.08		35	41	15						
Shelburne	\$ 817.49	\$ 75.00									
Spickard	\$ 60.00		10	30		8					
Tenth St.	\$ 843.06	\$ 50.80	91	149	48					3	
Trenton FB	\$ 1,321.68	\$ 293.71	122	191	62					2	2
Union	\$ 264.87	\$ 300.00	53	82	44	52				5	8
Total	\$ 8,103.89	\$1,521.67	589	998	364	114	22	25	124	10	10
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00									
MBC		\$ 460.00									

Seminary Checking	\$455.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,062.38
Benevolent Savings	\$742.44
NGR Savings	\$2,956.91
BSU- August- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$4,028.97
Income	\$3,166.38
Total	\$7,195.35
Expenses	\$4,022.87
Ending Balance	\$3,172.48
General BSU Fund	\$2,520.83
Designated BSU Fund	\$651.65

August 2012 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$3,969.71
Income	\$11,319.38
Total	\$15,289.09
Expenses	\$11,142.46
Ending Balance	\$4,146.63
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$3,639.87
General Fund	\$506.76
Checking Balance Total	\$4,146.63
NGR October- August 2012	
(Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$126,093.06
Expenses	\$126,604.97
Difference	(-\$511.91)



Edinburg- The WOM have been busy. They spent August the 14th traveling to the Baptist Children's home to present the quilt they have been working on. This quilt will be auctioned at the Apple Festival with the proceeds going to the Baptist Children's Home. They finished the day out by Christmas shopping to fill the shoe boxes that are sent to children all over the world at Christmas time. This is a great ministry and a blessing to some very disadvantaged children. The church is seeking Gods will as they begin the work of looking for our next Pastor. We ask all of our fellow churches to be in prayer for us and our interim pastors in the meanwhile. The Church had a band from Lake Viking called "Servants of the Most High" bring the message and music on September 9. Thanks to our friends for an evening of music and fellowship. The WOM quilt that went to the Baptist Children's Home placed second and brought home a beautiful trophy and won over \$500 in the auction with the proceeds going to the Children's Home. Wow Ladies, what an accomplishment, a God-given talent for a terrific cause! Our church services are Sunday at 11:00 with Sunday school at 10:00. Sunday night services at 6:00 and Wednesday night services at 7:00. We are blessed by anyone stopping in!

Galt Baptist Church on September 5th started having Bible Drill meeting with the Women's and Men's Ministry on Wednesday's. Our first meeting we had a total of 10 youths for Bible drill: 3 children were Bible Buddies age, 4 for Children's Bible Drill grades 4th to 6th, and 3 for Youth Bible Drill grades 7th to 12th grade. Our second week we had at total of 13 on that night; since we have started we have got a total of 15 youths signed up for the time.

REVIVAL AT TENTH STREET BAPTIST
Evangelist- Steve Hale
September 30- October 3
Sunday- 6:00 pm—Mon. - Weds. 7:00 pm

Medicine Valley Community Ministry- I am presently preaching a series of messages utilizing materials done by Dan Panetti, World-view Director of Prestonwood Christian Academy, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, Texas. Dr. Panetti is also a professor of Political Science at Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas.

These studies, based on a theme developed in the movie "Last Ounce of Courage" are a series of teachings concerning the biblical foundations of our nation and a call to return to the political and scriptural concepts upon which our nation was founded.

Our Celebrate Recovery Services on the first and third Friday's of each month continue to give strong support to those involved. Seventeen people were in attendance at the meeting on Sept. 21. There were 13 present at the services on Sept. 7

Mabel and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary by taking 21 of our family members to China One and then to see "Last Ounce of Courage" at the Trenton Cinema.

The Food Pantry ministry continues to expand. When a few remaining deliveries have been completed we will have assisted a total of a least 85 households with supplemental foods needs this month.

We are grateful for all who are assisting in this very important facet of our ministry. We are indeed grateful for all who contributed food supplies, funding and/or volunteer time and energy to enable us to do this.

May God's blessing be upon you all as you continue to serve Him and continue to support this mission in your own backyard.

REVIVAL at RAVANNA BAPTIST CHURCH
October 7-11- 7:00 pm
Evangelist- Jim Whitley

Ravanna- Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 pm a Farewell Worship Service was held for Terry, Traci, Lathan & Kyle Busker. The Busker's are moving to Allen, Texas where Terry will be studying at Dallas Seminary. A good number of people attended the service. Three of the Busker's former pastors at Ravanna were there: Jim Whitley, J. C. Davis and Earl Nance, to give words of encouragement to the family between singing the favorite hymn of each family member. Traci Busker and Marlene Todd sang a special. Some gifts were presented to the family: a beautiful wall hanging, an album of pictures taken of many activities of the church body during the 12 years they were with us, and a packet of letters from church members. Terry gave the final message to those attending. The pastors laid hands on Terry and prayed. After the last hymn a reception was held in the church parlors.

Salem- On August 24th - 25th---9 women from Salem attended the Women of Faith conference in Des Moines, Iowa. They had a wonderful time and so enjoyed the events. On September 2nd, our church led the service at Sunnyview, to fill a cancellation. September 9th, we had a carry-in dinner with Chuck Crain and his lovely wife. At 6:00 pm he gave a concert, which we all so enjoyed. This man is truly blessed by God with a beautiful voice and a wonderful personality. It was a wonderful evening of gospel music and testimony. We were also privileged to listen to Jamie Pauls, as he blessed us with his beautiful piano playing. The young adults have finished their Wednesday Bible Study on "Men are like Waffles and Women are like Spaghetti", led by Adam Clark. The church has also finished the Sunday Night Bible Study of "Share Jesus without fear". September 30th we will have our annual Forks of the River hay ride. October 3rd, we will help serve the BSU luncheon. We will be building a float to have in the Missouri Days parade. On October 21st we will be leading the Sunnyview Nursing Home services.

Trenton First- We continue to have good attendance with our Awanas. Our 5th and 6th graders are now a youth group called "Area 56", they meet when Awanas do, then older youth meet at 7:30- "The Garage". Shawn Allee is our youth pastor.

September 20th, five of our ladies attended the WMU Retreat at Grand Oaks. October 14th we will observe World Hunger Day with a meal of beans, rice and fruit; with a challenge to give to the World Hunger offering.

Our Frazzled Ladies group will begin a book study "Brave", October 3rd. All ladies are invited. Sonya Tabbert is the leader.

Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 pm, Life Application classes are meeting for Adults. They are studying "Have a New Kid by Friday"; "Financial Peace University" with Dave Ramsey (mid-late October) and "Love and Respect" will be taught in January.

We are thankful to God for what He is doing at Trenton FBC. This year our church will be a Relay Center for Shoebox Ministry during the week of November 12-19. You can drop your boxes off at the Activity Center behind the church. Questions? Talk to Belinda Hogan.

Union- *"Be strong and courageous; don't be terrified or afraid of them. For it is the Lord your GOD who goes with you; He will not leave you or forsake you."* Deuteronomy 31:6 (HCSB)

Several women from our church attended the Beth Moore Simulcast, provided by the North Grand River Baptist Association, on September 15th. It was truly a blessing from GOD! Tell the Good News all ye women!!!

Pastor Doug has been teaching from Galatians and Joshua. October's schedule is starting to slow back down from all the summer and planting season. Trail Ride is scheduled for October 13th at 10 am; call Robert Hughs for more information at 789-3643. Hay Ride and Weiner Roast is scheduled for October 20th at 4 pm; call Pastor Doug for details at 359-3094.



Union continued from previous page-
Our monthly business meeting is on October 21st at 6 pm. Rock Barn Community pass-out treats on October 29th; call Sherry Knapp for details at 359-3841. We will have Wednesday night service as always on October 31st.

Services are Wednesday nights with supper at 6 pm and service at 7 pm; Sunday- Sunday School at 10 am and morning worship at 11 am, evening service at 6 pm. All are welcome; please come join us!

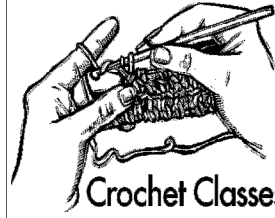


Love in Action

If “two are better than one” (Eccl. 4:9), how much better are more than 16 million? This is the current membership in more than 45,000 Southern Baptist churches across the United States. With a global population exceeding 6.5 billion and a command to take the gospel to every nation, we must enhance our cooperative efforts if we are going to fulfill Christ’s command. To help Cooperative Program reach its potential, would you please:

- **Pray.** Pray regularly for your Southern Baptist missionaries in your state and around the globe. “Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers.” Matthew 9:38 (HCSB)
- **Go.** Be involved in some sort of missions endeavor. Talk with your pastor about the available opportunities. You are God’s missionary right where you live. “Go...and make disciples of all nations.” Matthew 28:19 (HCSB)
- **Give.** Out of love for the Lord, give regularly to Him through your church. If you are not tithing, begin to do so and also discover the blessings of giving beyond the tithe. Encourage your church to increase its participation in Cooperative Program.

Thank you for your love for the Lord, your love for people, and your participation in Cooperative Program.



Crochet Classes

Beginning on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30, October 2nd, at the Mission Center downstairs. The classes will be “come as you would like”- choose which Tuesday nights you would like to attend. All levels of experience are welcome- if you would like to learn how to crochet, know a few simple stitches but want to learn more, know several stitches but would like to learn more difficult patters or maybe you are experienced and would like to share you talent and help others learn- please come and join us.

Classes are for everyone ages 8 and up, but ages 8 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring your own materials (crochet hook(s) and yarn).

For more information contact Courtney Deaver from Edinburg Baptist Church at 660-359-5325 or North Grand River Baptist Association at 359-3897.

World Hunger Sunday October 14, 2012

One hundred percent of World Hunger Fund donations given to NAMB goes directly to feed the hungry somewhere on the continent. Every dollar you donate will provide five meals for a hungry family. According to statistics collected by the North American Mission Board, hunger is a reality for more than 49 million Americans—that’s one out of every six Americans and one in every four American children.

- \$20 feeds five children for a week at Gumdrops Backpack Ministry in Southern Illinois.



October-Focus “On the Shoebox Ministry and Missouri Days Ministry”

First of all, thanks to everyone who participated in the shower for the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home. There were several containers of items that were delivered to Bob Springate of the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home.

Besides the shower, Belinda Hogan shared about the missions trips to Canada and Cheyenne, Wyoming. Also, Shelly Sims from FBC Gallatin showed examples of the pillowcase dresses and cloth dolls that are used in the ministry in Haiti. The pillowcase dresses can also be used in our Shoebox ministry (by folding and rolling into a small, tight roll).

Doris Proverse opened our devotional time with a special prayer remembering the anniversary of September 11th, then led in a time of devotions and prayer for our missionaries with birthdays. The lunch and fellowship time was great, as usual.

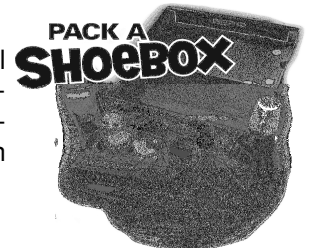
On September 18th, I was blest to be able to visit with Tenth Street WOM group. The ladies are excited about the possibility of new program ideas and new missions projects.

Several ladies from our association attended the WMU/Women’s Ministry Retreat at Grand Oaks on Thursday, September 20th. The Breakout sessions were exceptionally good with excellent leaders and resources. After a delicious lunch, the afternoon assembly was climaxed by our guest missionary speaker, our own Christina Boatwright, who spoke from her heart about God’s call on each of our lives. Then, we were blest by her prayer for all of us.

Our October 16th the Fall Celebration and Prayer Luncheon will focus on the Shoebox Ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Belinda Hogan will share with us about a change this year in our drop-off location. See you at the Mission Center at 10:30 am. A covered dish luncheon will follow.

Remember our ministry in front of the Mission Center during the Missouri Days Parade on October 20th. Ladies, if you can help serve, please be at the Mission Center on Saturday at 7:30 am or as soon as possible. We’ll be partnering with the Brotherhood men, who will be serving hot chocolate. We will also be providing gospel tracts.

The Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer Program on November 5th will be at Tenth Street Baptist Church fellowship hall at 10:30 am. Doris Proverse will be leading the special program and time of prayer for our Christian sisters around the world. For our covered luncheon, if you have an international dish that you would like to share with us, that would be great!



Bev Martin
WMU Director

MISSOURI DAYS PARADE AT TRENTON- OCTOBER 20TH. THE ASSOCIATION HAS 10 SPOTS RESERVED AND ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO DRIVE THEIR VANS IN THE PARADE. IT IS SO AWESOME TO SEE VAN AFTER VAN DRIVING TOGETHER. CALL DEBBIE TO RESERVE A SPOT. 359-3897