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"Grace Card"

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**October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

24K Gold Plated Sailboats \$12.50

Gift Certificate

Other Gift items to choose from or we can order

**October**

*Birthdays &*

2 Ann Schreffler

4 Denny Chesnut

22 Steve Dennis

30 Steve & Peggy Dennis

31 Lou Bullman



*Anniversaries*

**October - Pastor Appreciation Month**

*Thank you to all our pastors- Your Ministry*

*has been a blessing to many*

Alpha- Jim & Cathie Whitley

Edinburg- Stan & Jan Rushton

Gallatin FBC- Marty & Teresa Harkey

Galt- Gene & Ann Schreffler

Jameson- Erik Hall (Interim)

Jamesport- Jesse & Carol Cass (Interim)

Laredo- Deryl & Linda Niffen

Lineville FBC- Aaron & Michelle Stark

Medicine Valley Min- Lewis & Mabel Rogers

Mercer- Ron & Bobbie Helton

Modena- Don & Debbie Boone

Princeton- David & Barbara Robertson

Rural Dale- Steven & Dana Nelson

Salem- Tim Munday

Shelburne- Brad & Sherri Walker

Spickard- Charlie & Cloris Bullman

Tenth Street- Ron & Iva Gail Ratliff

Trenton FBC- Denny & Carolyn Chesnut

Union- Ron & Christine Ward

Union Assistant- Doug & Diane Crawford

DOM- E.J. & Diann Barnes

Retired- Jean Osborn

Retired- Bill & Elaine Stanturf

Supply- Steve & Peggy Dennis

Supply- Gary & Judith Stanton

Seminary Extension- Dan & Carol Wilford

*"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

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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

Alpha  
Edinburg  
Gallatin  
Galt  
Jameson\*  
Jamesport\*  
Laredo  
Lineville  
Medicine Valley  
Mercer  
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NGR

Brotherhood &  
WMU Invite you  
to the annual



October 8, 2011

Coon Creek Baptist Church

Bring Side Dish or Dessert.  
Fish and Potatoes provided

Program following meal will be the  
Liberty Baptist Youth Choir and Friends

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

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"* Philippians 4:6

I thank our Lord for how He worked through Pastor Marty Harkey and the Gallatin First Baptist Church. The wise preparation, the cheerful participation of those who served all who came, the eager willingness of Pastor Marty to help in any way he could and the generous provision of much of what we ate set the tone and atmosphere for an exceptional Annual Meeting.

I thank our Lord for how He spoke through Pastor Brad Walker, Pastor Aaron Stark and our guests (MBC Representative George Roach and Camp Representative Bruce Williams), as well as the others who gave reports, to inspire, motivate and challenge us.

I also thank our Lord for all who led and shared their musical talents with us. We truly were led to worship our Lord— And for our moderator Steve Dennis who oversaw the meeting with wisdom and grace, and for our Ministry Assistant Debbie Dickinson who put in hours and hours to provide our Book of Reports, the bulletins and other essential materials and details.

What a sweet spirited, God honoring meeting! Thank you one and all for coming!


I am requesting that our Lord will prompt our churches and individuals to give what He desires for us to give to bring more glory to Him this Association year through our Association and College ministry.

I am trusting that more will be given through our God-given time, talents and treasures. I am believing that there will be more praying, more sharing of God's Word, more caring for others and more giving financially to the Association, the Collegiate Ministry and to other Kingdom ministries!

All for His Glory,

*E.J. Barnes*

Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting  
October 31—November 2, 2011  
Tan-Tar-A- Osage Beach  
Registration Online begins September 15th



**North Grand River Welcomes—**

Rural Dale— Steve & Dana Nelson

Jameson— Erik Hall

Salem— Tim Munday

New  
Pastor

### Missouri Days Parade

North Grand River has reserved a section in the parade on Saturday, October 15th for church vans. If you would like for your church van to be with NGR, please call Debbie at the office. Promote activities on the side of the van of Church events, time of your church services, etc. There are many people from all areas that will be at the parade. It is so exciting when there are many of the churches all together in the parade. It really makes an impact on people. Please call as soon as possible so I will know how many spots to reserve.



August 2011 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT/Wed	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 210.67	\$ 25.00	15	20	10						
Edinburg	\$ 720.58	\$ 80.06	43	82	48	30	10	16	14		
Gallatin	\$1,159.16	\$ 50.00	96	137	85						
Galt	\$ 187.00	\$ 25.00									
Jameson											
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	26	56	21						
Laredo	\$ 411.91	\$ 150.00									
Lineville	\$ 267.78	\$ 53.56									
M. Valley	\$ 47.28	\$ 25.00	12	14		10					
Mercer	\$ 216.00	\$ 25.00		60	15	12					
Modena	\$ 102.55	\$ 107.00	10	19	11						
Princeton	\$ 783.22	\$ 50.00	104	123	22	15	23	22	112		
Ravanna	\$ 140.42	\$ 60.18	13	13							
Rural Dale	\$ 561.96	\$ 50.00	71	100							
Salem	\$ 93.91		42	47							
Shelburne	\$ 768.69	\$ 75.00	40	58	20	19	7				
Spickard	\$ 65.00		14	30		8					
Tenth St.	\$ 965.80	\$ 160.97									
Trenton											
FB	\$1,084.58	\$ 180.76	94	155	35						
Union	\$ 666.37	\$ 200.00	56	96	42	70				1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,477.88</b>	<b>\$1,342.53</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00									
MBC		\$ 460.00									

<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$487.21
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,058.15
<b>Belarus</b>	\$9,202.28
<b>Benevolent Savings</b>	\$742.83
<b>NGR Savings</b>	\$7,067.09
<b>BSU— August— Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$2,574.41
Income	\$1,997.53
Total	\$4,571.94
Expenses	\$2,943.54
Ending Balance	\$1,628.40
August Income minus Expense	(-\$946.01)

<b>August 2011 NGR Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$4,512.48
Income	\$11,818.17
Total	\$16,330.65
Expenses	\$12,023.06
Ending Balance	\$4,307.59
<b>Line Items in General Checking</b>	
Designated Funds	\$1,974.21
General Fund	\$2,333.38
Checking Balance Total	\$4,307.59
<b>NGR- October 2010— August 2011</b> (Does not include designated funds)	
Income	\$123,179.98
Expenses	\$127,003.53
Difference	(-\$3,831.55)



**Medicine Valley Community Ministry-** As one of the seven entities most directly involved in the area-wide Crusade, we at Medicine Valley Community Ministry, are pleased with the result and conversions and the strengthening of the work at Humphreys. As coordinator of the Crusade events I am happy to have this opportunity to express my thanks for the support of pastors and members of the six tier one churches. For their participation in the prayer meetings, the publicity and their attendance at planning sessions and at the Crusade services.

Also greatly appreciated were those pastors and members of various other churches in the Association who also provided support to our endeavors.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the music groups who performed each night during the pre-service without financial remuneration.

Our thanks to Tom Veatch for the many hours spent setting up and taking down and monitoring the lighting and sound equipment.

Also a special thanks to the folk at Zion Baptist Church, Cainsville, for delivering and erecting the tent, providing the stage and benches, and returning to assist with lowering the tent after the Crusade ended.

Our gratitude also to Jamie Page, who I believe, did a superb job as worship leader and to Richard Green in his delivery nightly of a message from God to the people.

The closing Sunday of the Crusade there were 15 people present at a morning worship service, bringing us perhaps one step closer to the time when we will be able to conduct regular services each and every Sunday at the Mission at Humphreys.

We continue presently with the Tuesday night Home Bible Studies at our home in Humphreys.

*Medicine Valley Continued-*

We also are planning to take a group of our people to see "Courageous" on Sunday evening October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Newtown congregation will also be involved in the trip to Chillicothe to view "Courageous". A Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner is planned for the Newtown congregation for Saturday night, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A community food drive for the pantry at Newtown is planned with grocery sacks to be distributed on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and picked up on the following Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

As the food pantry clientele continues to grow more canned goods are needed. Anyone wishing to donate may leave them at the Associational Mission Center or with the Senior Sunday School Class at First Baptist Trenton or with the Associational WMU.

Many thanks to each who helps in any way in the ministry of these missions in your own backyard.



**Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
**Tenth Street Baptist Church**  
**Saturday, 8:00 am—October 8, 2011**  
**All Men Invited!**

**NGR 2012 Annual Meeting**  
 It will be voted on at the January Executive Board Meeting on when the NGR Annual Meeting will be in 2012. Please pray about the following plans and let your pastor or Board Representative know about your preference or you can call the office-

**Plan A-** Meet on Sunday, September 16th, at Modena Baptist Church.  
**Plan B-** Meet on Monday and Tuesday night at Modena and Galt Baptist Church.

**Salem-** We are pleased to announce, that we issued a call to Rev. Tim Munday, and it was accepted. He has been here since the first of August filling the pulpit, and started officially this month. We are looking forward to this new beginning with Brother Tim. On September 11th, Brother Tim shared with us his slides and memorabilia from his trip to Israel. Afterwards we had a fellowship of homemade ice cream and other sweet goodies. On September 25th we are having a hayride with a wiener and marshmallow roast to follow. We have invited our neighbor church Hatton Chapel to join us. It is always a fun time. On October 26th we will be helping with the BSU luncheon along with Modena and Spickard. October 30th is High Attendance Sunday. Rev. Tim has issued a challenge to the church. The outcome will be a lot of fun with a pie in the face to our new pastor if we bring visitors. Others might be included in that. Hmmm- lets all work hard church.

November 13th, at 6:00 pm, Chuck Cain will be here. He is a tenor singer with the Presley's in Branson, Mo. We hope you will come and join us.

**Show-Me Sunday**  
**Sunday School High Attendance Day**  
**October 30, 2011**

Show-Me Sunday is a choice opportunity for your church to give a fresh expression of compassion for members and prospects who need Bible study. This year's theme comes from Deuteronomy 32:2- *"Let my teaching fall like rain and my word settle like dew, like gentle rain on new grass and showers on tender plants."*

Full color posters and reproducible commitment cards will be available to help in promoting this event in your church. For further information go to [www.mobaptist.org/sunday\\_school](http://www.mobaptist.org/sunday_school)

**Empowering Sunday School Leadership Regional Training**

Are you ready for your Sunday School classes to become agents of transformation in your Church and Community? Come discover the seven elements and three categories that can be found in Transformational Churches and how your Sunday School classes can demonstrate them as well. Plan to bring your Sunday School Leaders to "Transformational Class", the Empowering Sunday School Leaders Regional Training event planned for

Thursday, October 6, 2011  
 Cameron First Baptist Church  
 Registration begins at 6:00 pm with opening session at 6:30 pm. Will conclude at 9:00 pm

Age-Graded Conferences for each age group led by MBC Staff and Special Workers.

Special Conference for Pastors led by George Roach, MBC Ministerial Service Specialist

There is no registration fee for the conference; however, each church is asked to register so that the conference leaders will have adequate materials for each participant. You can register by calling or emailing Della Baumgartner at MBC- (800) 736-6227, ext 461 or [dbaumgartner@mobaptist.org](mailto:dbaumgartner@mobaptist.org)

Ministry Wives Luncheon  
 at the MBC Annual Meeting  
 Tuesday, November 1, 2011  
 12:30 pm  
 Crystal Ballroom, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach

Cost: \$20 per pre-registered person, includes free copy of "Purse-Uit of Holiness" book  
 Guest Speaker: Rhonda Rhea  
 Online registration begins August 15





## BSU @ NCMC

The 2011-2012 school year has taken off with God sized ministries. The "Welcome Bags" for "Move-In Saturday, Aug. 20 were a huge success. Thank you WMU ladies. It would not have happened without your help. We had 2 sets of parents and 6 college students come by our table asking where the closest church would be, they could attend the next morning. The first 2 weeks saw the BSU ministering to 132 students on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Lunch. We were thrilled with how God blessed that Wednesday, by allowing us to pray with 3 different students over concerns they had. We thought that God had given us the biggest blessing until Wednesday, 9/13, when Edinburg helped us serve **158 lunches!** That's right. You don't have to have your glasses checked. You read the correct number "158"!!, an ALL TIME HIGH for this ministry. And what a miracle it was, because we cooked only 125 potatoes and managed to serve every student except the very last one, who was served a bowl of chili and a bowl of nacho cheese/chips. Can you believe we got 157 potatoes out of 125? YUP! We have been having God SIZED ministries going on. Not only did we serve a record number, but Christina and I and EJ got to have serious conversations with 6 different college students about their walk with Jesus.

Next weekend, Sept 23-25, is our annual weekend retreat for college students. Our students will have the opportunity to participate in some very pointed break-out sessions on the topic of "Being Authentic". This retreat is one of the strongest evangelistic weekends designed to challenge college students to walk the walk of a believer on their campus, not just give a token Sunday now and again to Jesus. Every year, God works through this event to call out our next year's summer missionaries from among college students. It was through this weekend 3 years ago that God put the vision on our hearts for the Canada mission trips implemented by college students. Please prayerfully consider helping the BSU provide our NCMC students accommodations for this weekend trip. We will have 2 nights of 5 rooms reserved for the weekend at \$80/room. It would be very helpful if God prompted you to help us with the cost of a motel room, (even after the fact).

The BSU wants to invite all our NGR church families to consider partnering with us for the entire month of October as we collect paper goods for both Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City. We will be collecting packages of toilet paper and paper towels to take to the homes, Friday, October 21. At the same time we plan to cook a meal for each home which we will serve to the residents at 6pm, October 21. Help us take 2 van loads of paper goods and 2 meals with desserts to these homes. If you can, plan to go with us and help us minister to the hurting resident families of both RMH's.

Pray with us, as we seek God's plans for next year's mission projects. This past year's events were incredible in providing us opportunity after opportunity to share Jesus story. All the way from Ottumwa, IA to Cheyenne, WY; from Joplin, MO to Grassy Narrows, Canada; from Jefferson City, MO to Trenton, MO, and 8 weeks of breast cancer, God opened door after door allowing us to talk about Him. He provided us with a team of 21 people to build, teach and preach in Canada, a professional skateboard team to share with teenagers, a team of "Jr-Hi" students to paint a 3-story house in 7 hours, and gave us one of the most dedicated team of summer missionaries I have ever had the privilege of working with. These were all huge blessings, but He hasn't stopped there. He has blessed in a greater way by providing us with a College graduate to serve with us in our area for the (hopefully) next 2 ½ years as a NAMB missionary to NCMC campus. Her name is Christina Boatright, and God has given her a vision and a very compassionate heart to see college students hear about Jesus Christ and His Love. If God prompts you to bless her with a financial gift or invite her to speak in your church with a love offering, you would be blessing one of His own. You may give gifts to Debbie at the mission center, and she will be able to get it to Christina. Christina is receiving a very minimal stipend of \$300 per month from NAMB through the cooperative program. Any additional support or opportunities for her would be a blessing.

Thank you NGRBA church families... He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice—Souls  
*Diann.*



## Shoebox Ministry/Missouri Days Focus for October

At our September Program and Prayer Luncheon, Evelyn Trickel told about the difficulties of sharing the gospel in China. We need to "yarp" for our "M's" (Pray for our missionaries). I shared information about Turkish World Outreach and their ministry. Our associational ladies and at least one church WOM group have mailed gospel letters in their own language to people in Turkey, with letters, name and addresses provided by Turkish World Outreach. If your church or WOM group would like information about this ministry, please contact me. Mary Quinn, a former journeyman to China, is on her way to Cypress and then to Turkey. Perhaps in the spring she can share with us about her trip.

After lunch, we prepared cookie trays of appreciation for teachers at the schools in the area. Thank you to all who brought cookies, helped make up the trays and delivered them.

By the time you read this our Northwest Missouri WMU/Women's Ministry Training at Grand Oaks will have taken place. I'm hoping we can have some reports at our October 18th program from our ladies who attended. Belinda Hogan will also share with us about the Shoebox Ministry and about her missions trip to Wyoming.

October 8th is the fish fry at Coon Creek. Ladies, we're to provide side dishes and/or desserts.

Missouri Days will soon be here! We'll be providing and serving homemade cookies and passing out gospel tracts in front of the Mission Center during the parade, partnering with the Brotherhood as they serve hot chocolate and hand out gospel tracts. If you would be willing to make cookies, please have them at the Mission Center by Friday, October 14th, or you may bring them Saturday morning if you would like to help serve. Setting up time is 7:30-8:00 am. We serve until approximately 10:30 am.

Whitney Prewitt, journeyman to Sudan, kept in touch this summer while she was there. She will be sharing her experiences at our November 7th Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Program and First Baptist Church, Trenton, at 10:30 am. Covered dish luncheon to follow.

I haven't received the forms for each church to fill out for the WMU/Women's Ministry officers. As soon as I receive them, I'll get them out to you.

*Bev Martin*  
WMU Director



### October 21-22, 2011 - Northwest Region

Green Valley Baptist Church, [3110 Cook Road, Saint Joseph, MO 64506](http://www.3110CookRoad.com)  
Register online after Monday, Oct. 17 registration will be available at the door.

For more information you can contact MBC, the NGR Mission Center, Lou Bankson or go online to [mobaptist.org](http://mobaptist.org) or [northgrandriverbaptist.com](http://northgrandriverbaptist.com) and click on info center.