

Shelburne Baptist Church
 Invites you to the Ordination Service for
Aaron Stark
 On Sunday, October 19th
 At 2:00 pm.
 All ordained Pastors and Deacons
 Are invited to participate on the
 Ordination Council.

Revival
Union Coon Creek Church
October 18-23

Marc Knapp— Evangelist Speaker

7:00 pm every night
 10:55 am Sunday, October 19th

Music by Donnie & Lonna Boswell
 Prelude starting at 6:50 pm

Pastor Doug Crawford and Congregation
 invites everyone to come and hear the
 Gospel message of Jesus Christ through
 message and song

There will be a carry in lunch following the
 service on Sunday, October 19th. The
 church will provide the soup— bring either a
 salad, sandwiches or dessert



**Men's
 Prayer
 Breakfast**
Tenth Street Baptist
Saturday, 8:00 am
October 11th, 2014
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**

Alpha
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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
 Love In Action

October- Pastor Appreciation Month

Thank you to all the pastors and their wives serving in NGR.

Alpha— Jim & Cathie Whitley
 Edinburg— Dr. David & Barbara Robertson
 Gallatin— Garrett & Jennifer Trunk
 Galt— Gene & Ann Schreffler
 Jameson— Erik Hall
 Jamesport— Rich & Chris Neeley
 Laredo— Deryl & Linda Niffen
 Lineville— Kenny & Judy Wilson
 Medicine Valley Ministry— Lewis & Mabel Rogers
 Mercer— Ron & Bobbie Helton
 Modena— Don & Debbie Boone
 Rural Dale— Steven & Dana Nelson
 Ravanna— Earl & Rebecca Nance
 Princeton— David & Roberta Dennis
 Salem— Tim & Cyndy Munday
 Shelburne— Aaron & Michelle Stark
 Spickard— Charlie & Cloris Bullman
 Tenth Street— Ron & Iva Gail Ratliff
 Trenton First— Denny & Carolyn Chesnut
 Union— Doug & Dianna Crawford
 Sparrow Ministry— Earl & Rebecca Nance
 Director of Missions— E.J. and Diann Barnes

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



Check out the
 BOOKSTORE

Just Arrived!

2 year pocket calendars- \$2.00
 “The Best Yes” by Lysa Terkeurst
 “Eight Twenty Eight” by
 Ian & Larissa Murphy

Sale- October 13-17

10% Off Bibles, Bible Cases & Books

Fall tracts, packages of candy with scripture
 Available for Trick or Treaters-
 Shop early as these go fast



2 Ann Schreffler
 4 Denny Chesnut
 7 Dianna Crawford
 22 Steve Dennis
 30 Steve & Peggy Dennis
 31 Lou Bullman

Birthdays &



Anniversaries



From My Heart to Yours

By the time you read this our NGR Annual Meeting will be over. I trust it was a profitable time of inspiration, motivation, information and fellowship. Thank you Debbie Dickinson and Jim Whitley for all you did to help greatly in putting it all together.

I am grateful for each church and each individual for all you invested in the PASSIONATE LIFE REVIVAL. We had an average attendance of 171. 278 was our highest night. The love offering was very generous. The Spirit moved hearts of many people— I trust toward real Revival in our area churches. Other than desiring more people to attend, I have heard nothing but positive feed back from those who attended (including the evangelists).

I am praying that this Associational year will be a Supernatural year! Thank each of you who is serving our Lord and Association this year!

For His Glory- *E.J. Barnes*



Because You Give...

Lives are changed around the world.

What do your tithes and offerings do? Through the Cooperative Program, they start new churches, feed the hungry, advance Christian education, provide disaster relief, promote evangelism, keep 10,000 full-time missionaries on the field...and much more.

When you give through CP, your faithful stewardship has a global impact. By pooling resources through CP, your giving goes further.

What is the Cooperative Program?

The Cooperative Program is the funding process Southern Baptists have used since 1925 to support missions and evangelism around the world. Through CP, the mission of one church is expended to ministries that reach the lost, hungry, hurting, sick and displaced. In addition, it's how Southern Baptists support missionaries throughout North American and around the globe.

How does the Cooperative Program Work?

It begins with you—your tithes and offerings to your local church. Your church, in turn, gives a percentage of its annual budget to the Missouri Baptist Convention. The MBC invests 60 cents of each dollar in Missouri missions and sends the rest to the Southern Baptist Convention, where CP funds from 45,000 churches are pooled to support 10,000 missionaries, six seminaries, ethics and religious liberty causes, and more.

CP is uniquely Southern Baptist. It's smart. It's effective. And it changes lives. How could CP change yours?

October is Cooperative Program Month

Church Giving

Church Service Times

August 2014 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 144.10	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 445.23	\$ 49.47	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 683.41	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 339.00	\$ 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			9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Lineville	\$ 246.90	\$ 82.30	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley	\$ 33.73		9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 155.32	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 85.11	\$ 100.00	10:15	9:00	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 369.04	\$ 50.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 108.32	\$ 46.42	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 683.80	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:35	7:00	7:00
Salem	\$ 128.44	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 652.96	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 70.00		9:30	10:30	6:30	
Tenth St.	\$2,575.12	\$ 429.19	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 938.10	\$ 208.47	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 227.92	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Total	\$7,911.50	\$1,415.85				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Highview		\$ 43.42				

Join any of these churches in worship

Seminary Checking	\$31.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,286.97
Benevolent Savings	\$767.69
NGR Savings	\$421.68
BSU- August- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$3,973.47
Income	\$2,341.92
Total	\$6,315.39
Expenses	\$5,281.39
Ending Balance	\$1034.00
General BSU Fund	\$-(101.50)

August 2014 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$4,378.95
Income	\$12,779.79
Total	\$17,158.74
Expenses	\$10,800.00
Ending Balance	\$6,358.74
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated Funds	\$5,727.18
General Fund	\$631.56
Checking Balance Total	\$6,358.74
NGR October- August 2014 (Includes designated funds)	
Income	\$128,337.22
Expenses	\$125,347.89
Difference	\$2,989.33



Medicine Valley- We continue to minister to an ever-changing population as people move in and out of our several communities. We rejoice in the opportunity to minister to people's needs, both temporal and eternal, in the precious name of Jesus.

While this constant change does not do much for church growth the rewards in changed lives are worth the endeavor. We pray that people to whom we have witnessed, who consequently have made professions of faith, will remain faithful to their calling in Christ, wherever life's challenges may place them.

We continue with regular Sunday Services at the Chapel at Newtown, Tuesday night Bible Studies for children and teens, and Wednesday night Bible Studies for adults at our home in Humphreys.

We continue to provide food assistance to some 280 to 300 plus individuals each month with help from a good number of volunteer workers.

As of this writing an offer has been made and accepted for sale of the Ministry Center property in Harris. These facilities served us well for a number of years providing office space and for a few seasons an excellent sports program combined with a Bible study time for children and youth.

Times change and demographics change and lead to new directions and differing use of resources. Simply put, our present financial needs far outweigh the value of continued ownership of this property.

With rising costs and limited resources we do what is necessary to be good stewards of all God provides for our use.

We covet the prayers of all God's people for our continuing successful ministry to hurting people. Many thanks to those who support this "Mission In Your Own Backyard".

Princeton- We want to congratulate Dennis Bagley as our new Deacon- keep him and family in prayer for his leadership and guidance for the youth, as he helps out with them.

Late August and early September has been a busy month for everyone, several activities have been going on here are a few of them:

Had a concert the latter part of August here with Walter Plant. He was very uplifting. A carry in picnic was held prior to the evening performance.

We participated in the associational Revival with Evangelist Richard Green. There were very uplifting messages with several attending.

Youth have been busy with 5th quarter. We had our first one on September 5th with 18 youth attending and 6 adults. We showed the movie God's Not Dead. We also had one on the 19th as well several attend and a movie as well.

Held our annual Picnic in the Park this year. We had the "Old Time Hymner's" perform. The event was well attended.

Have begun TEAM Kid program for this year, Several are attending.

WOM Groups meet the 1st & 2nd Monday and Tuesday of each month with a good attendance for their monthly luncheon and meetings, they are collecting items for their annual Shoe box drive. Have a blessed day and don't forget to thank the Lord for all that he does for you and other.



Pastors Prayer & Fellowship Time at Pizza Hut 2nd Monday of each month

Pastor's Luncheon

Rural Dale- We have approximately 100 folding chairs that we have replaced. If a church is interested in these, please contact Bro. Steven Nelson. They will be on a first come first serve basis.

Salem- On September 28th, we are planning to have a hay ride with a wiener roast afterwards. It will start at 5:00 pm.

A couple weeks ago Katelyn Clark blessed us with a song she learned on the piano. She did a really good job.

This past Sunday we had a guest speaker, Eric Lynch with his wife Renea.

Trenton FBC- Awanas are meeting on Wednesdays with a meal being served at 5:00 pm. The children in Awanas eat free, adults pay \$4.00. At 5:30-6:30 pm on Sundays, our Mission Friends, GA's and RA's meet. The attendance is good with both groups.

The Keenagers go to Galt for breakfast on the first Wednesday of each month. September 19th, several Keenagers went to Steamboat Arabia and stopped at Cameron and Jamesport on the way home.

The Crafty ladies are busy with the "7 inch square" project. Several in our community have been blessed by receiving an afghan, shawl or scarf made by these ladies.

We are collecting items for our OCC boxes. September was "buyers choice". Our packing party is November 15th at 9:00 am. Dedication of the boxes is Sunday, November 16th.

FYI for our annual IMB flag procession is November 23rd. Our missionary speaker will be Gregg Brummitt, serving in the Czech Republic.

Union- We have a busy month ahead and would like to invite you to join in with us on any of the activities. We will be serving the BSU Luncheon on October 1st. On the 3rd-4th we will be working at the Church Women United Thrift Store.

For Missouri Days we will be having a float in the parade and that evening will begin our Revival with Marc Knapp as the Evangelist Speaker.

We are planning an all family hayride for all ages on October 25th. Will have hot dogs, so bring chips and cookies. We would love to have you join us.

DNOW 2014- "ALL IN"
Scripture- Matthew 22:37-40

October 24th-25th, 2014
Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly

For all youth 7th-12th Grades
Students- \$30.00
Volunteers- Free

NGR and Harrison Baptist Association (HBA) are joining together for DNOW. DNOW is an intense Friday evening/night and all day Saturday Discipleship Training event. There will be 4 small group sessions, 3 worship/message sessions, games, hang out, food, sleeping (or lack thereof) and a service projects. Please be praying about sending your students to this year's DNOW.

For further questions contact Shawn Allee of FBC, Trenton (Youth Pastor)- 660-359-3898. Email at- fbc.uth.min@outlook.com

Posters and permission slips have been sent to all churches

World Hunger Sunday

October 12, 2014

World Hunger is now called Global Hunger Relief. You can check out their website at www.globalhungerrelief.com

World Hunger Statistics

- 1.02 billion people in the world do not have enough to eat. This means one sixth of humanity is undernourished. ([FAO, 2009](#))
- Hunger and malnutrition are still the number one risks to health worldwide. ([World Food Programme](#))
- Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes - that's one child every 5 seconds. ([Bread for the World](#))
- In 2008, nearly 3 million children died before they reached their fifth birthday due directly or indirectly to hunger and malnutrition. ([Bread for the World](#))
- It is estimated that 684,000 child deaths worldwide could be prevented by increasing access to vitamin A and zinc. ([World Food Programme, 2007](#))

Domestic Hunger Statistics

- 49 million Americans struggle with hunger, including 17 million children. That means 1 in 6 people do not get enough food to be healthy. ([Feeding America](#))
- An estimated 35% of poor families in the U.S. are forced to choose between buying food and paying their rent or mortgage.
- Nearly half of all families headed by a single mother are food insecure.
- In our nation's cities, 1 in every 4 people in a soup kitchen line is a child.
- The cost of a meal at a Southern Baptist hunger ministry averages 30 cents per meal. ([NAMB Report](#) - PDF, 2011)

World Hunger Fund Giving Statistics

- 100% of all contributions to feed hungry people. (Personnel are already in place; thus, administrative and promotional costs are borne out of other budgets.)



October 10-11- Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly

Cost- Online or Mail-in Pre-Registration: **\$36.00 per person**
After September 18th: **\$41.00 per person**

T-shirts available for \$6.50 each, but can only be ordered when registering by September 18th.
Your registration and payment includes lodging, program fee and meals (Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast/lunch). Do not bring more campers than you have registered. You may substitute campers. No refunds will be made. **There will be no registration money handled at the retreat site.**

Ministry Project

You may choose to bring stocking caps of any size—infant through adult. These hats will be used in Missouri and in the country of Mexico



A New Season for WMU

September 16th kicked off the 2014-2015 Associational WMU year. The group met at 10:30 at the association office to plan and pray for the coming year. Roll call was what fun or funny thing we did this summer.

Prayer requests were taken from individual members with many locals mentioned. Of special note was Marcie Quinn who is in Israel, the association, BSU and E.J. and Diann Barnes. Also please remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in Iraq and other countries where they are being killed for their faith.

September 26, in Jefferson City, at the capital is a special prayer service for Saeed Abedini, an American pastor being held in Iran for his faith.

Missouri Days—Association WMU and Brotherhood will be serving cookies and hot chocolate at the parade on October 18 in front of the association office. We are asking for all churches to help with the cookie donations. The cookies can be brought to the association office on Friday, October 15, or before 8:00 am on the 16th. We need plenty because all the remaining cookies will be used at the Mission Booth in the afternoon.

Everyone that has a phone knows how aggravating telemarketer calls can be and how hard it is to act like a Christian when talking to an unwanted solicitation. One of the ladies found a Christian way to deal with them. The next time one calls, just ask them if they know Jesus.

Our next meeting will be held October 21 at 10:30 at the association office. We are always looking for new members to join our group. If you have a heart for missions, think about attending our group. Virginia Crumpacker gave our devotion.

Our Bible verse –Psalms 56:3-4- “But when I am afraid, I will put my confidence in you. Yes, I will trust the promises of God. And since I am trusting him, what can mere man do to me! “ (Living Bible)

Your servant,
Shelly Sims
WMU Director

Show-Me Sunday
State-wide Sunday School
High Attendance Sunday

Sunday, October 26, 2014

“A Matter of Faith” Movie

Due to circumstances: (not enough commitment for the tickets and the next available date the theatre would show the film was in January) we will not be having the movie “A Matter of Faith” in our area. Please continue to pray about this evangelistic film that people will be reached as it is shown in other areas.

“Together” is theme of
Missouri Baptists’ Annual Meeting

180th gathering is Oct. 27-29 at
Tan-Tar-A Resort