

Associational Fish Fry
 October 10, 2009
 6:00 pm
 Union/Coon Creek Baptist Church



Fish, potatoes and Drinks Provided
 Bring salad, vegetable or dessert
 Everyone is invited!

Program "Old Time Hymner's"

Mercer Revival

October 5-9 7:00 pm
 Different Speaker each Evening

Spickard Revival

October 19-23 7:00 pm
 Music will be led by Roger McIntosh
 Different Speaker Each Evening

October

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



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WOW! Look for the boxed cards with the yellow sticker-price marked is discounted up to 50% or more off SRP!

Check out the BOOKSTORE

Beautiful Boxed Journals
 \$7.50 that is 50% off SRP
 (Great Christmas Gift)

For the deer hunters-
 "C'Mere Deer" DVD \$9.00
 "Heart of the Sportsman" Jason Cruise
 Sportsman Bible \$21.20
 Gaither DVD's and many other DVD's
 Auto B Good DVD's \$1.80
 Pocket Calendars \$1.80
 Small Photo Albums \$1.80
 "Redemption" Karen Kingsbury



Training
October 16-17
FBC, Bethany

This training is offered for individuals wishing to be volunteers with the Missouri Baptist Convention Disaster Relief.

It would be wonderful for our Disaster Relief team to get cross training and spend time with other Disaster Relief folk from other Associations.

Jesse Cass

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
- Milan Hispanic
- Modena
- Princeton*
- Ravanna*
- Rural Dale
- Salem
- Shelburne
- Spickard
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First
- Union

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North Grand River Association Expresses great appreciation to all of our pastors.

Alpha- Jim Whitley Edinburg- Stan Rushton
 Galt- Gene Schreffler
 Jameson- Interim Andy Lynn

Laredo- Deryl Niffen Jamesport- Jesse Cass
 Lineville- Interim Aaron Stark

Medicine Valley- Lewis Rogers
 Milan Hispanic- Carlos Luzano
 Mercer- Ron Helton
 Modena- Don Boone



Pastor Appreciation Month

Rural Dale- Jeremy Skinner
 Salem- Steve Dennis Shelburne- Brad Walker
 Spickard- Jacob Name Tenth Street- Ron Ratliff
 Trenton First- Denny Chesnut Union- Ron Ward

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS- E.J. 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



From My Heart to Yours

“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”
Mat. 9:37-38

Our Associational Annual Meeting was a great time of fellowship, an informative time concerning ministries, a convicting time through the messages and a commitment time for our churches through their messengers.

I am encouraged and excited about the adoption of and the commitment to the HARVESTING THE LAND CAMPAIGN and the 2009-2010 “Tilling the Ground” emphasis, which is a focus and commitment to fervent and unceasing prayer for each of our sister churches to experience real revival and ultimately our area to experience Spiritual Awakening where at least 3000 souls will be born again.

Through the “Tilling the Ground” emphasis with our Lord’s help we will *mobilize* the Prayer Warriors in our churches, will *motivate* our individual members and individual churches to pray more than ever for people in our area and for our sister churches and their leadership, and will *multiply* the number of Prayer Warriors in our churches and the number of fervent prayers offered to our Lord.

I believe ultimately that 3000+ souls will be saved, that God’s people will grow more in oneness and that our Lord will be more greatly glorified as we become more passionate in our love and respect for Him.

Pastors, please let us know who your church’s designated Prayer Partner(s) are, as soon as possible if you haven’t already.

Churches remember October is *Pastor Appreciation Month*. Do something special for your Pastor and wife to bless them and to honor them. Our Lord will bless you for doing so.

For His Glory—

EJ Barnes



What is CP All About?

The Cooperative Program is the funding process that Southern Baptists use to support missions and evangelism. Through the Cooperative Program, the mission of one church is extended to ministries which reach the lost, hungry, hurting, sick and displaced. In addition, the Cooperative Program is how we support more than 10,500 missionaries around the globe.

August 09 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 188.56		13	17	10						
Edinburg	\$ 618.84	\$ 72.80	54	83	55		12	10	24		
Gallatin	\$ 600.28	\$ 50.00									
Galt	\$ 103.00	\$ 25.00	22	32							
Jameson		\$ 100.00									
Jamesport	\$ 25.00		30	46	22						
Laredo	\$ 136.30	\$ 150.00	22	40	12		6				
Lineville	\$ 233.08	\$ 46.62									
M. Valley	\$ 48.28	\$ 25.00									
Mercer	\$ 363.00	\$ 25.00		63			3	3	7		
Modena	\$ 100.62		9	18	10						
Princeton	\$ 850.38	\$ 50.00	108	159	40	22	24	41			
Ravanna			11	11					8		
Rural Dale	\$ 508.76	\$ 50.00	70	125	30		9		67	3	2
Salem	\$ 118.54		28	35	12						
Shelburne	\$ 426.21	\$ 50.00	35	46	30	27					
Spickard	\$ 43.00		8	15							
Tenth St.	\$ 952.45	\$ 158.74	80	157	66	20	4	6	5		
Trenton FB	\$1,100.99	\$ 183.50	116	153	40						
Union	\$ 255.72	\$ 100.00	54	89	56	31				1	1
Total	\$6,673.01	\$1,086.66	660	1089	383	100	58	60	111	4	3
Chilli, FBC		\$ 43.00									
MBC		\$ 690.00									

Seminary Checking	\$191.62
Seminary Savings	\$2,037.80
Benevolent Savings	\$1,134.15
Belarus	\$1,727.78

BSU—August— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$3,475.85
Income	\$1,981.66
Total	\$5,457.51
Expenses	\$2,815.33
Balance— August 31, 2009	\$2,642.18

August 2009 Account Records	
Beginning Balance	\$23,682.84
Income	\$10,575.03
Total	\$34,257.87
Expense	\$12,053.32
Ending Balance, August 31, 2009	\$22,204.55

Line Items in General Checking	
Beginning Balance	\$22,204.55
Designated	\$8,295.66
General Fund	\$13,908.89

NGR Oct. thru August Income to Expense	
Income	\$134,395.51
Expenses	\$133,693.84
Difference	\$701.67



Edinburg- On Sunday, August 24th, Children's Church evening services was honored with a guest speaker, Jill Vaughn, from Youth for Christ World Outreach. Her topic was obedience. She also sang songs and invited the children to sing along. The Youth Church also joined Children's Church for the event.

Eighty nine folks attended our August 30th, fifth Sunday celebration. Country gospel music was provided by Bob Manuel, Larry and Wanda Deskins followed by a meal and much fellowship.

One of our Special Olympic athletes is preparing to participate in the talent show at the Dockery Chapel Church on Thursday, September 24, 2009. The athlete will be assisted by one of his coaches.

Our Children's Church is preparing for their annual church wide skating party held at Big Time Skating Center in Cameron. This will be held in October.

Mercer- The Acteens meet every Wednesday at 6:30, with all Youth on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30. The WMU and Brotherhood meet on the second Sunday of every month at 5:30 p.m. All Youth program kicked off with good attendance with 17 youth participating in the program.

Revival Services will be October 5th-9th at 7 p.m.

Salem- In September we had a work day at Salem and cleaned all the siding and did a lot of work in the sanctuary. There is still more to do! On September 27th we will have a baby dedication service for Caydon Roe, the new baby of Charlie and Katie McCloud Roe. Sunday evening, September 27th, we will hold the annual hayride and hot dog roast. Hatton Chapel has been invited to come..

We are thankful for this beautiful fall weather the Lord has blessed us with.

Princeton- We celebrated our 5th Anniversary of our new church building on August 16 with a noon meal. Several attended.

We will be starting Awana's in September with registration on the 2nd and the program starting Sept. 9 from 5:45 pm – 7:45 pm. The Associational Men's Breakfast met in August with 41 in attendance. We hosted the Calamity Jane Day Trail Ride on September 19, which was a successful event. Also, the float that was entered in the Calamity Jane Parade received first place.

We will be serving the BSU Luncheon at Trenton on October 14 and of course, the National Day of Prayer on Oct. 16-18. We are still searching for a pastor.

Trenton First- on September 9th we began our Wednesday night ministry, beginning with a fellowship meal at 5:00 pm. The Children's Choir practices at 5:30 pm, followed by Awanas until 7:30 pm. A parenting class is offered for those interested from 6:10 to 7:30. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting begins at 6:30 and Worship Choir at 7:30 pm. A full evening for all ages.

Our youth participated in "See You at the Pole™" as well as adults from our church September 24th.

The senior adults had a breakfast at Moberly Park the first Wednesday, they toured the Community Food Pantry on September 26th.

Girlfriends Unlimited met September 24th.

We had a gospel sing Sunday evening on September 27th followed by an ice cream and cake fellowship.



Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, October 10, 2009
8:00 am
Tenth Street Baptist Church

Be a part of "The Bigger Breakfast" as Baptist Men in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Nigeria for a "somewhat" simultaneous men's breakfast. "Bring a guest and be a part of Christian men gathering for priority of connecting with God's mission."

"Empowering Sunday School Leadership"
Saturday, October 3, 2009 at
First Baptist Church in St. Joseph

8:00 - 8:45 am- Registration & Continental Breakfast
 8:45-8:55 am - General Session
 9:00 am-12:10 pm- Conferences

Conference leaders-
 Ken Lupton, LifeWay- Curriculum Lab
 Mark Donnell, MBC, General Officers
 Gary Mathes, SJBA, Green Valley, Discipleship
 Mike Cooper, MBC, Adult Specialist
 Steven Bradshaw, SJBA, Frederick Blvd. Youth
 Joyce Taylor, MBC Children's Specialist
 Brenda Donnell, MBC preschool Specialist

Jesus is a friend who knows all your faults and still loves you anyway.

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But God commendeth his love toward us, In that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

WORLD HUNGER:
IT'S TIME TO GET PERSONAL
 Hungry people are our problem because they are made in the image of God. And because He cares about their welfare, we are to care about it as well.

World Hunger Emphasis Day
 October 11, 2009

100% of what you give to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund goes to hunger relief with nothing deducted for administrative costs.

BSAM

Baptist Secretaries Association of Missouri

October 12-14, 2009
 First Baptist Church, Branson, MO

Registration: (before Sept. 15th) \$95
 Late Registration: \$115

Many different classes offered

Call Debbie at the Mission Center for More details or go to:
www.mobaptist.org keyword: bsam



Be in prayer for the Missouri Baptist Convention Raytown, MO

October 26-28, 2009

You are allowed 1 messenger for Every 100 total members or fraction thereof, provided that no church shall be entitled to have more than fifteen messengers.



MBC—BSU @ NCMC

I thought it couldn't get any busier than the month of August for our BSU ministry, but I was totally wrong. The Wednesday Lunch ministry has seen 69, 99, 116, and 105 for the first 4 weeks. We have gotten to pray with individual students about their pain/concerns and groups of students about their studies; and talk to students asking them to share their story with us, in an effort to understand what the perception of God and His salvation is to them. Jesus has opened so many doors of conversations with my students, that I have had the blessing of talking to at least 1 to 2 students every other day about their relationship with Jesus. If that doesn't give you a HIGH nothing will.

The Sunday Night Alive is also flourishing under His care. Aug. 30 we saw at least 60 students at the BBQ concert with 9th Hour from KC. We skipped Memorial Day Sunday, but came back last weekend and hosted 40 students for SNA night dinner. I showed the Passing Hearts video containing the video clip of teenager Daniel who had a heart transplant. At the time of showing about 30 students watched it with intensity. Afterwards, I shared a few thoughts and challenged them to seriously ask themselves if they knew Jesus for certain. Later in the evening, after cooking 3 rounds of food that was being inhaled like vapor, I got to sit down at a table with 5 Chilean students. We began talking, and they thrilled to learn that EJ and I had visited Antafagasta Chile on one of our mission trips. Upon hearing this one of the girls exclaimed that her home town was very close to Antafagasta. I played both sides of the Spanish record on the cardboard record player for them. They and the boy from Dominican Republic were fascinated with the player. The boy kept asking, "Where's the sound coming from!" All six heard the gospel twice that night in their own language.

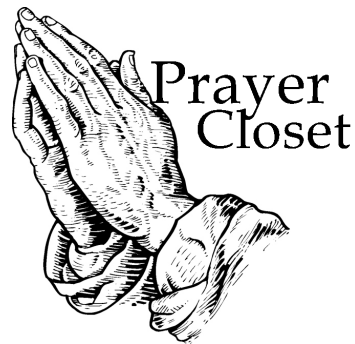
After last SNA night, I called several of you, NGRBA churches, asking you to consider helping me with enough funds to enable me to take all 6 Chilean students to GetAway this next week. Praise Jesus and Thank YOU churches. Many of you said yes, and at this point, all six international students will be going with us, making a total of 21 attending. Isn't God awesome?

I also want to thank Harrison Baptist Association for sending \$500 to the BSU ministry for 2010. With what NGRBA churches and individuals give and contributions from HBA and Linn/Livingston churches, God is able to do many ministries through BSU presence on campus.

After the NGRBA annual meeting, many of you came forward to volunteer to help...All I can say is AWESOME!! The BSU is being under-girded with more prayer warriors than ever before. Also every Wednesday between 9-10:30am EJ and I prayer walk the campus. If you are available and in Trenton, come and join us. Or, pause at that time of day and pray for our students and those who will be attending that day's luncheon. Also pray that God will "multiply the fish", as each host church sacrificially gives of their time, money, food, and service to minister to the students. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You—NGRBA churches, members, individuals and friends. Without you this ministry would NOT be possible.

He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of HIS Sacrifice.

Diann Barnes



As many churches know this year has been declared the Year of Prayer for the North Grand River Baptist Association and in conjunction with that a copy of the calendar of prayer groups is contained as part of this month's mail.

The issue at hand is that we need 300 real prayer warriors raised up this year to till the soil in preparation of what God wants to do in our area. I shared with E. J. that our prayer lives have become like a field that I wanted to plant this year. As Christians, we too have allowed the weeds of life to crowd out the places where seed can be sown and fruit produced for the Kingdom of God. In the case of the field I thought I could take a bush hog to it to gain control of these weeds but soon discovered the weeds stood back up. I decided that the best way to attack it was to disk it but still some of these weeds lived on so in an effort to gain control of the field again we continued to disk it each week. Now the weeds are no longer prevalent and not standing at all. In their place is a soil that is ready to be seeded so that the wheat will bring forth a crop that hasn't been choked out but the weeds.

The same can be said of our lives, we have allowed many weeds to get into the fields of our lives which have limited what God's people were meant to do. Then we give a half-hearted effort to regain control, but alas it is now time to get in the field and begin the hard work of preparing the soil to receive the seed, the rain and the increase from the Lord. The Bible declares in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. Now is our time to pray and to cleanse ourselves, our churches, our association and our communities of all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 says the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. So then we must ask ourselves, what are the prayers of people who are willing to live according to our own desires unrighteous lives accomplishing? They accomplish very little or nothing in the eyes of a Holy God. Consider even if you are a new Christian to really committing yourself to prayer this year and growing in Christ as one of the 300 prayer warriors we need to be in fervent prayer to see God's Mighty Hand move in our midst.

One last note for the Church leaders is that if you have not gotten the name, telephone number and email addresses (if available) of your Associational Prayer Partners in to Debbie at the Association Office please give her a call so that we can get these together. We are trying to put together an Associational Prayer Partner informational meeting for all pastors and prayer partners and are looking at Saturday, October 24th for our meeting so please keep this date free.

Please don't forget to call your prayer requests into the associational office or go online and submit at <http://northgrandriverbaptist.com>.

Deryl Niffen
Prayer Coordinator



Happy New Year!

A new associational year! New plans, new goals! What an exciting time to be involved in missions education and service! There are so many opportunities to serve our Lord!

Sparrow Ministries is an opportunity to serve through prayer and giving. Brother Earl Nance shared with us at the September Program about all of the places God has been leading him and the responses that he has received.

John Jamison of the Friendship Baptist Center in Des Moines sends his thanks for the Christmas in August school supplies that all of you ladies donated. Our thanks goes to Tom Cline for so graciously making 2 trips to deliver the donations.

By the time you receive this Encourager, the cookie trays of appreciation will have been delivered to our school teachers here in Trenton. Some of our WOM groups are doing the ministry in their area schools.

Also, several of us will have attended the North Missouri WMU Retreat at Grand Oaks. There will be more of a report in the next Encourager.

We again have the opportunity to provide and serve cookies at the Mission Center prior to and during the Missouri Days Parade on October 17, serving alongside our Brotherhood with the hot chocolate. You can bring cookies to the Mission Center by Friday, October 16th, or if you would like to help serve, bring your cookies to the Mission Center by approximately 7:30 am on Saturday morning.

Gospel tracts for trick-or-treaters is a great way to witness at Halloween, using the special ones for kids. I'll have some available at the October Fall Celebration on October 20th at 10:30 am at the Mission Center. Belinda Hogan, our Missions Involvement Director, has a DVD to share with us about the Shoebox Ministry. We will have brochures with instructions, labels, and envelopes at the October program.

If anyone wants to participate in the shoebox Ministry and your church is not participating, you may bring your filled shoebox or shoeboxes to the Mission Center by Friday, November 6th and we will see that they get to the pickup point. If you need brochures with instructions, labels, etc. contact Belinda Hogan, Debbie or me. If your church is participating in the shoebox ministry they will be taking the shoeboxes to the pickup location.

Our Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Program will be November 17th at FBC, Trenton.

Let's look forward to the coming year. We want to support and participate in Bro. E.J.'s and the evangelism committee's plan for "Harvesting the Land." This coming year is "Tilling the Land" through prayer.

We will also want to continue to support by praying, giving and serving the BSU, the Cowboy Church, Celebrate Recovery, Sparrow Ministries and Swords into Plowshares.

I look forward to this year with all of you.


To Serve Him,

Bev Martin, WMU Director



October 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Appreciation Month Cooperative Program Month				<i>1</i> BSU Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Empowering S.S. Leaders FBC St. Joe
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Mission's Committee Meeting 5:15 pm	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> BSU Luncheon 11-1 Galt	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Men's Prayer Breakfast- 10th St. 8 am
<i>11</i> World Hunger Emphasis	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> BSU Luncheon 11-1 Princeton	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> National Boss Day	<i>17</i>
		BSAM- 12-14		Missouri	Days Festival-	15-18
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> BSU Luncheon 11-1 Lineville, Ravanna, Med. Valley	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> BSU Luncheon 11-1 Laredo	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 
			MBC Annual Meeting,	Raytown		