

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



Bring salad or dessert
 Everyone is invited!

New at the Bookstore

"The Power of Praying for your Adult Children"
 By Stormie Omartian
"Power Up! Outdoor" Devotions for Sports Men
"Jesus Calling" Devotions by Sarah Young
"God Loves You" Promise Journal
"I Never Fly Alone" by Gary Jenkinson
"Have a New Kid by Friday" by Kevin Leman
"Auto B Good" for kids DVD's
 Jesus Journals for Kids

September Birthdays

4 Jeremy & Michelle Skinner
 14 Lewis & Mabel Rogers
 15 Jim Whitley
 15 Deryl Niffen
 21 Michelle Stark
 23 Christine Ward



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WMU Women's Ministry Training

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Northwest Missouri
 Regional Conference

Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Registration due by September 17, 2009
 Cost \$15.00

Registration 8:15-9:00 am

2009 Project
 For the Baptist Home
 Personal/hygiene items, hair spray, hand lotion,
 spray deodorant, Kleenexes, toothpaste, den-
 ture cleanser, Fixodent, Mouthwash, stamps,
 stationary, card.

Missouri Baptist Children's Home



Apple Festival 2009
September 12, 2009

FBC, Raytown

9:00 am—3:00 pm

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* U
 Galt N
 Jameson* I
 Jamesport T
 Laredo E
 Lineville* D
 Medicine Valley
 Mercer
 Milan Hispanic O
 Modena N
 Princeton* M
 Ravanna* I
 Rural Dale S
 Salem S
 Shelburne S
 Spickard I
 Tenth Street O
 Trenton First N
 Union



**North Grand River Baptist Association
 168th Annual Celebration Meeting**

"Harvesting the Land"

Saturday, September 12th, 2009
 Tenth Street Baptist Church

Registration begins at 8:15 am

There will be Rolls & Fruit provided
 Prior to the meeting in Fellowship Hall

**AM Pastor— Jeremy Skinner
 Afternoon Pastor— Steve Dennis**

12:00—1:15 pm, everyone will be on own for lunch.
 You may bring a brown bag if you desire and eat at the church.

Messenger "Book of Reports" will be available to pick up on Sept. 4th

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

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As a part of fulfilling this purpose and in behalf of a team of leaders in our Association (including our Moderator Stan Rushton, Director of Evangelism Ron Ratliff, Music Ministry Director Jesse Cass, Incoming Discipleship Director Denny Chesnut and Prayer Ministries Director Deryl Niffen), I will be presenting a campaign called

"Harvesting the Land" for our messengers to vote on as to whether to adopt it or not at our annual meeting, Sept. 12 at 10th Street.

Basically, it involves each of our churches taking responsibility for a specific area around each church (at most a 5 mile radius). Each church is TO TILL her area with intense, fervent, unceasing intercessory prayer, TO SOW the Word of God abundantly, boldly and faithfully in her area, TO CULTIVATE her area with various expressions of God's unselfish and powerful acts of kindness and love, and TO REJOICE with celebrations and thanksgivings through out the campaign. The unanimous recommendation is to do the campaign in phases: "Till The Ground"—2009-2010, hopefully be ready for "Sowing The Seed"—2010-2011 and "Cultivating"—2011-2012. I am excited about what God is going to do as we follow His will in engaging ourselves in this campaign.

Remember to take up the Rheubin L. South Missouri Mission's Offering this month. This offering, among supporting many other Evangelistic things, makes it possible for us to have Summer Missionaries throughout the state and even some internationally. 10% of what you as churches give comes back to our association, which we in turn use to finance our Summer Missionary extra expenses. Pray and set God directed goals.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father." 1 Thess. 1:2-3.

For His Glory

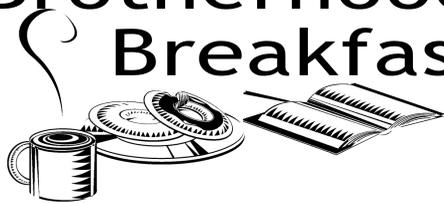
EJ Barnes



Searching for a NEW Pastor

Pray for Gallatin, Princeton and Ravanna as they search for a pastor. Pray for the Search Teams as they seek God's man and for the man that God is calling to each of these churches.

Brotherhood Breakfast



September 19, 2009
Laredo Baptist Church
8:00 am
All men are invited!

July 09 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 169.30		16	22	12						
Edinburg	\$ 795.78	\$ 93.62									
Gallatin	\$ 503.80	\$ 50.00									
Galt	\$ 124.00	\$ 25.00									
Jameson			10	12							
Jamesport			30	57	17						1
Laredo	\$ 197.56		28	42	15		7	5			
Lineville	\$ 186.26	\$ 37.25	24	31	29	11					
M. Valley	\$ 41.03	\$ 25.00	10	14	10				10		
Mercer	\$ 245.00	\$ 25.00		62	15		3	3		2	
Modena	\$ 101.49		9	13	10						
Princeton	\$ 778.17	\$ 50.00	117	163	60	22					
Ravanna	\$ 120.84										
Rural Dale	\$ 493.79	\$ 50.00	68	125	30						
Salem	\$ 116.57		30	38	12		21	40			
Shelburne	\$ 413.56	\$ 50.00	36	52	21	19	8				
Spickard	\$ 66.00		10	15							
Tenth St.	\$ 647.71	\$ 107.95	83	167	25	78	6	6	63	1	
Trenton FB	\$1,666.62	\$ 277.77	99	134	59						
Union	\$ 247.67	\$ 100.00	52	75	58	18					
Total	\$6,915.15	\$ 891.59	622	1022	373	148	46	54	73	3	1
Chilli, FBC		\$ 43.00									
MBC		\$ 230.00									

Seminary Checking	\$191.62
Seminary Savings	\$2,037.80
Benevolent Savings	\$1,134.15
Belarus	\$10,880.98
BSU- July- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$3,433.35
Income	\$1,164.59
Total	\$4,597.94
Expenses	\$1,122.09
Balance July 31	\$3,475.85

July 2009 Account Records	
Beginning Balance	\$24,715.70
Income	\$9,511.08
Total	\$34,226.78
Expense	\$10,543.94
Balance July 31, 2009	\$23,682.84
Line Items in General Checking	
Designated	\$8,445.11
General Fund	\$15,237.73
Checking Balance	\$23,682.84
NGR Oct. thru July Income to Expense	
Income	\$123,820.48
Expenses	\$121,640.52
Difference	\$2,179.96



Medicine Valley- We are completing installation of a new tile floor in the basement of the Chapel at Newtown. In addition, we have stopped water leaks along the east and south basement walls. Lowering a section of sidewalk along the south end of the building also is needed to keep water away from a basement door.

Six volunteer workers from Shelburne have spent several days with us, building a handicap access ramp to a new entry door at the front of the building. Upon completion our gratitude to them no doubt will be even more deeply felt by those for whom age and disabilities have made it a useful and welcome addition.

We expect to install a handicap accessible restroom on the main level making the sanctuary entirely handicap friendly. Volunteer workers are needed to assist with this project. Both the ramp and the main floor restroom are much needed to allow people with physical handicaps to attend our worship service.

Contract workers have been secured to install the new metal roof and to replace the vinyl siding on the south and west sides of the building. Other projects requiring volunteer workers include installing the sidewalk section mention above and several projects at the Ministry Center in Harris.

Please let us know if and when you can give us a day, part of a day or more and we will make arrangements to utilize whatever help is offered.

Through our food pantry we have assisted 30 families with food needs this month. This is a much needed ministry in our area and one that enables us to get acquainted with additional people. Through the Angel Food Program we also are able to assist a number of other families to stretch their food budget.

We continue to need the prayer support of all of God's people as we continue to work and witness in our Medicine Valley area. Please pray especially for the continuing success of our Home Bible Study Group now meeting in the Humphreys community.

Lineville- Summer is quickly drawing to an end and soon school will start and fall will be here. At Lineville we have started looking to the future and ways we can help our community members in the coming months. We just hosted a back-to-school fair featuring games, vision screenings and free school supplies. While the turnout was down from last year, we made contact with two individuals that have been heavy on our hearts.

We also had a mission study and brainstormed needs that we see in the community and ways to meet those needs. Church members gave several concrete ways to reach out and gain the opportunity to share Christ.

The first Wednesday in September we will start up our after school programs. We are excited to see how God will move among the children and their families as well as the workers.

Princeton- Awana Pre-Enrollment Registration will be on Wednesday, September 2nd from 6:00 pm - 7:00pm in the fellowship hall upstairs (West Door). There will be refreshments & prizes. No bus service on Sept. 2nd. Weekly meetings will start on Sept. 9th with supper being served at 6:45 pm and will be dismissed at 7:45 pm each week. Bus service will be available weekly throughout the year.

The Calamity Jane Trail Ride will be Friday, September 18. The trail ride will leave from the church at 9:00 am with lunch being provided half way through the ride. Coggins test required. Community Cookout will be at 6:00 pm (trail riders eat free). Entertainment to follow the meal. Everyone welcome. Bring your lawn chairs. Trail riders are welcome to stay and participate in the Calamity Jane Parade on Sept. 19. Camping will be available at the church. For more information, please contact: C.R. Wilson at 660-485-6608.



Report on Mission Trips Exciting!

Wow what exciting PowerPoint presentations of their Missions Trips were shared with us by Christine Ward and Evelyn Trickel at our August Program and prayer Luncheon. Gospel seeds were sown on both trips and even some "harvest reaped" on the South Dakota Trip. Thanks to those two and Margaret Rice for sharing with us.

Ladies be sure to send in your registration for the WMU/Women's Ministry training conference at Grand Oaks on Thursday September 24th. Registration is due by Sept. 17th. If you need information or registration forms call me or Debbie.

Bro. Earl Nance will be sharing with us about some exciting times with Sparrow Ministries at our September 15th program and Prayer Luncheon at 10:30 am at the Mission Center.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry will be the focus of our October Program and Prayer Luncheon. More information on that to follow.

Imagine! We will be starting a new Associational Year!

Thanks to all of you WMU Directors, WOM and age level Leaders for your wiliness to work to educate about Missions, spread the gospel, and enlarge God's family.

To serve Him,
Bex. Martin
WMU Director

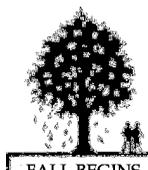
**So, as much as in me is, I am
Ready to preach the gospel
to you that are at Rome also.**

Romans 1:15



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September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MMO Offering Month		1	2 <i>BSU Luncheon 11-12:30 Gallatin</i>	3	4	5
		6	7 <i>Labor Day Mission Center Closed</i>	8	9 <i>BSU Luncheon 11-12:30 Shelburne</i>	10
13	14	15 <i>Ladies Prayer & Program Luncheon* 10:30</i>	16 <i>BSU Luncheon 11-12:30 Tenth St.</i>	17	18 <i>Gallatin Chautauqua 18-19</i>	19 <i>Men's Prayer Breakfast Laredo Calamity Jane Day</i>
20	21	22 	23 <i>BSU Luncheon 11-12:30 Coon Creek SYAT Pole</i>	24 <i>NWMO WMU Training Grand Oaks</i>	25	26 <i>BSU/Collegiate Get-Away</i>
27	28	29	30 <i>BSU Luncheon 11-12:30 Gilman City</i>			

Salem— In July our VBS was a huge success with an average of 36 children, and 26 workers. There were 4 decisions made to accept, and follow Jesus. Amen We want to say a special thank you to the members of Hatton Chapel, especially Jen Myers, and Amanda Griffin, for being so involved in the decorating, teaching one of the older children's classes and for the games. We couldn't have done it all, without them. We also want to thank the women of Hatton for serving a meal, and supplying the refreshments, for the evening of our closing ceremony, Thank you to their Pastor Bro Richard for coming, and helping. Apart from VBS, on July 26th we baptized new members to our church family. Another wonderful blessing. The church purchased a new sound board .A big thank you to Bro. Steve for letting us use his sound board all these years. August 3-7 we had 1 boy attend church camp for the first time, and really enjoyed it. August 14th--We had a baptism for another new member, and also 1 of the children from VBS...Praise God. August 29th, we will have a work day at Salem for inside and outside, clean-up, and repairs. August 30th, we will have the worship service at Sunnyview. Sept-4-5, some are planning to attend the Christian Music at the Starlite theater in Kansas City. In September we will be having a hayride with a wiener and marshmallow roast. We are inviting Hatton Chapel to attend, and join in the fun. .We enjoyed this so much last year, with almost 100 in attendance. July and August have been busy months, but full of joys and blessings. We look forward to serving our Lord more in the months to come.

Faith is daring the soul to go
Beyond what the eyes can see.

For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7

Galt— July was a busy month. The Galt Fair was held July 9-12. Our church had a booth where people could register for a drawing to win free Bibles & Christian C.D.'s. The baby show was the Sunday morning community worship service which concludes the fair.

Our VBS was July 19-23 with the closing program on the 24th. We had good attendance. Thanks to Micah & Sarah for their help.

Trenton First— Sonshine Day Care/Preschool held an open house on August 12th. Several from our church attended. Preschool and the after school program began Monday August 17th. Awanas will begin September 9th. We will have an all church meal at 5:00 and Awanas begin at 6:00 pm. Girlfriends Unlimited will be going to Lynda Randle Ministries Conference on Friday and Saturday, September 11th—12th. It will be at Indian Creek Community Church in Olathe, Kansas. At our August WMU meeting the ladies bagged lots of cookies for the BSU student move-in ministry on the 24th.

The Senior Adult activity for August was a trip to Galt for lunch and on to Chillicothe to shop.

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

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GO AND PRAY

See you at the pole™
September 28, 2009

“Go and pray to God for me and for the people..” 2 Kings 22:13a

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Training
October 16-17
FBC, Bethany

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



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 Collegiate Ministry at NCMC

By the time this article is published, many awesome ministries to our college students will have been successfully completed. This will be accomplished not by any one single effort but by numerous Cooperating Baptists (NGRBA churches and individual believers). Thank you so much, church families, for BEING cooperating Baptists—praying, giving, participating, baking, and supporting this local mission's opportunity according to Acts 1:8.

By the end of August, 45-50 students will have been given the opportunity to discover how God has uniquely wired each one of them with strengths that make them like no-one else. At least, 150 students will have received a welcome gift bag full of goodies supplied by your financial contributions. Each bag also gives them information how they can participate in state-wide student retreats and local ministries that will challenge them to know Jesus as Savior, and fall so passionately in Love with HIM that they can't be silent. Three NCMC bookstore gift certificates will have been given away, along with CDs of "9th Hour Christian Rock", T-shirts, and various other items. The downstairs portion of the BSU was painted this past week due to the efforts of Ron and Christine, and Robert Kincaid and EJ. For preparing and painting the first coat Thank You guys. And, "Thank You" EJ for rolling the second coat. It really looks clean.

The **121—Forum** in St. Joe at Frederick Blvd Church will have happened. The forum was hosted by MO Baptist Student Dept. on Aug. 28-29 using your cooperative dollar offerings to challenge men and women in the ministry, younger than 40 years, how to apply 1st Century Church principles to 21st Century worship groups, hence the name **121 Forum**. It also challenged these young leaders how to make 21st Century worship return full circle to look like 1st Century worship, getting back to basics of worship.

Aug. 30, Sunday 6pm, the BSU and local area churches will have hosted a "Welcome to NCMC BBQ" on the east parking lot of the BSU. If you read this before the date, all are invited to participate. When you come, be sure to BRING YOUR lawn chair, enough hamburger/hotdogs for your family and a side dish. The BSU is providing enough burgers/dogs for college students, and we will definitely welcome all desserts you would be willing to bring to share with the students. Drinks and paper products will be provided, too. A concert by 9th Hour will also be a part of the night's planned activities. Hope you can join us to welcome the NCMC students to Trenton.

This 2009-2010 school year will be the 5th NCMC school year I have been allowed to serve as your BSU director. Two years ago, there were only 17 campus ministries in all of MO. This year, because of the Cooperative Program giving and Rhuebin L South offering there are 34 Baptist campus ministries throughout the state of Missouri. However, last week our campus ministry group was told that there has been a freeze placed on adding any more campus ministries on our campuses in MO until Cooperative Program giving increases. Please, NGRBA churches, prayerfully help NGRBA reverse this decision by setting God-size offering goals, both for your church Cooperative giving and the Rhuebin L South offering this month. NAMB reports that 85% of people locally do not attend **any** church. 80% of graduating Seniors, who formerly participated in Youth groups, drop out and never attend church their freshmen year of college. And the worst statistic of all—College Students are the 2nd Largest Un-Reached People Group in America, and the 5th Largest Un-reached group internationally. Let's purposely decide to make Matt. 28:19-20 a reality on NCMC campus.

He is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice!

Diann Barnes