



Just Released
"Case for Christ" DVD
\$18.50

NEW!- FAITH SPINNERS

September Sale

10% off Gift & Novelty Items

New Releases Include:

"The Turquoise Table" by Kristen Schell

"Worship" The Reason We Were Created"
 By A.W. Tozer

NEW CD'S

Joey + Rory- Hymns
 Point of Grace- 25 Years Recollections
 Mark Lowry- What's Not to Love
 Sandi Patty- Forever Grateful

Jesus Calling Bible Study Series
 "Giving Thanks to God"
 "Living With God's Courage"
 "Putting Jesus First"

**Check out facebook page-
 North Grand River Christian Bookstore
 for all the updates**

September

- 1 Garret Trunk
- 5 Tim Munday
- 14 Lewis & Mabel Rogers
- 15 Jim Whitley
- 15 Deryl Niffen
- 21 Michelle Stark



Anniversaries

Upcoming Events

September- MMO Emphasis Month

- September 4- Labor Day- Mission Center Closed
- September 6- BSU Luncheon- Rural Dale
- September 6- NGR Leadership Reports Due for Annual Meeting
- September 9- Spickard Heritage Days
- September 13- BSU Luncheon- Coon Creek
- September 14- NWMO WMU Training at Grand Oaks, Chillicothe
- September 14- Pastor & Wife Dinner
- September 16- Gallatin Chatauqua
- September 16- Princeton Calamity Jane Day
- September 19- WMU Meeting @ NGR
- September 20- BSU Luncheon- Lineville
- September 22- First Day of Fall
- September 23- NGR Annual Meeting
- September 23- Jamesport Days
- September 25-26- BSAM- Lee Summitt
- September 27- See You at the Pole
- September 27- BSU Luncheon- open
- October 4- BSU Luncheon- Bethany WOM
- October 5- Grand Oaks Executive Board
- October 8- World Hunger Day

Help Needed:

The Baptist Church of Clarence is putting on a new roof and they need help. They plan doing the roof on Friday and Saturday, September 15th-16th. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joe Curtis at 660-359-1352.

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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**



- Alpha
- Edinburg
- Gallatin
- Galt
- Jamesport
- Laredo
- Lineville
- Medicine Valley
- Mercer
- Modena
- Princeton
- Ravanna
- Rural Dale
- Salem
- Shelburne
- Spickard*
- Tenth Street
- Trenton First
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**North Grand River 176th Annual Meeting
 Saturday- September 23, 2017
 Galt Baptist Church**

Registration begins at 8:30- Meeting begins at 9:00 am
 Come at 8:30 and enjoy the music of
 Pastor Brad Prater

Annual Message at 11:15 am
 Pastor Jim Whitley
 If you cannot attend the entire Annual Meeting, please come
 and worship together for the Annual Message

Lunch- Meat and drink provided
 Bring 2 side dishes- vegetable, salad or dessert

Other speakers on the agenda include Jeff Carson from
 Missouri Baptist Convention, Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly,
 Missouri Baptist Children's Home with Bob Springate,
 and the Deaf Ministry

You do not have to be a messenger to attend, all are welcome

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



My name is Gene Schreffler. Ann and I serve as pastor of the Galt Baptist Church. I count it an honor to offer you come encouraging words this month. I have been a pastor in the Association for nearly 40 years. I've seen the tops of the mountains and the deepest of valleys in our churches as well as in our Association. I would like to offer you my formula for a successful church which will lead to a successful Association.

Romans 12:1-2 *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

To be successful, I believe we just need to follow the instructions of these two verses. What the church needs **first** of all are just some good church members: those that may never do anything spectacular, those who just show up, the ones you can count on, those who are a witness of what God has done in their lives, who are not ashamed of the gospel, those who are Christians. **Next**, we need some Sunday School ministers: those who pour their heart into teaching God's Holy Word, that will pray and spend time in preparation. **Along** with good church members and teachers, we need **wise leader's** humble not seeking glory of position but with the mind of a servant. **Lastly** we need a pastor: a man willing to preach the Word, the message God revealed to him no matter what, willing to take on the position of shepherd, not hired but called of God that truly loves the sheep in his flock and those who are homeless waiting to be claimed.

I believe if we all would all just do our reasonable service from this passage, we would be successful not only in our churches but also in our Association.

Thank you and may you live in such a way that God can bless you,

Gene & Ann Schreffler
Pastor Galt Baptist Church

Missouri Days— October 19-22
Need Churches to help with the booth on
Saturday, October 21st.
More details to come.



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

Pastor's Luncheon

There will be a Pastor & Wife Dinner and meeting on Thursday, September 14th at Rural Dale Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 pm. A culinary graduate of LeCole Culinary School in Kansas City will be preparing a wonderful 3 course meal. Please RSVP to Ron McPherson or let Debbie know at the office if you and your wife can attend.

We encourage all to be in prayer for the pastors as they meet together and pray for our association and all churches

Church Giving

Church Service Times

July 2017 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 179.27	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 518.69	\$ 57.63	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 668.98	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 85.00	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	7:00	7:00
Laredo	\$ 247.00	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 189.57	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley			9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 281.15	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 184.48	\$ 150.00	10:00	10:40	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 50.77	\$ 80.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 115.01	\$ 49.29	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 722.14	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:45	5:00	6:00
Salem	\$ 119.07	\$ 25.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$ 434.67	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Spickard	\$ 25.00		9:30	10:30		
Tenth St.	\$1,155.87	\$ 192.65	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 600.53	\$ 100.07	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 371.71	\$ 200.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00
Total	\$5,973.91	\$1,229.64				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Milan FBC		\$ 150.98				
MBC		\$ 460.00				

Join any of these churches in worship

NOTE: BSU included in NGR Account below.

Seminary Checking	\$144.21
Seminary Savings	\$2,309.11
Benevolent Savings	\$795.20
NGR Savings	\$1,257.34
BSU— March— Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$7,695.81
Income	\$2,330.30
Total	\$10,026.11
Expenses	\$2,367.70
Ending Balance	\$7,658.41
General BSU Fund	\$6,954.63
Designated BSU Fund— Canada	\$703.78

July 2017 NGR Account	
Beginning Balance	\$31,655.64
Income	\$12,654.00
Total	\$44,309.64
Expenses	\$9,538.70
Ending Balance	\$34,770.94
Line Items in NGR Checking	
NGR Designated Funds	\$9,695.98
NGR General Fund	\$18,184.22
BSU Line Item Balance	\$6,890.74
NGR October 2016—July 2017	
(Includes BSU & Designated Funds)	
Income	\$129,849.71
Expenses	\$123,666.98
Difference	\$6,182.73