

AMAZING LOVE: THE STORY OF HOSEA



First Baptist Church– Trenton
 Saturday, September 29th
 6:30 pm

THE STORY

Teenagers Steve, Carrie, Cooper, and Gameboy embark on a weekend camping trip led by their church youth group leader Stuart (Sean Astin) and his wife Beth. (Erin Bethea) Joining them is a teen outsider, Ashley, a self-involved rich kid, whose attitude causes a major commotion within the group, specifically with Carrie. With this conflict now in camp, Stuart takes the opportunity to share with the teens the touching story of the Old Testament prophet, Hosea and his example of faith, commitment, and unconditional love. Is this powerful story enough to inspire the teens to open their hearts to such an amazing love?

THE IMPACT

We believe this film will first, bring the prophet HOSEA to life and viewers will have a new appreciation of what he went through during his time. The Hosea character will be an inspiration to all! He was God's man during a rebellious time. Secondly, we believe the movie will be used to motivate teens and adults to appreciate and love one another "as they are". Thirdly, we feel strongly this film will help marriages and heal broken relationships through the steadfast, unconditional love portrayed by Hosea.

A freewill offering will be taken.



September 10th
Noon
Pizza Hut

Pastor's Luncheon

We are looking at starting a ministry where pastor's can get together to pray, encourage each other and at times may even have a speaker. At this time we are looking at the 2nd Monday of each month. We encourage all pastors to please come and join us.



Revival
 September 9-12
 Rural Dale Baptist
 Begins Sunday: 10:35 am
 Sunday– Weds. 7:00 pm

Bob Welch– Speaker
 Pastor at FBC, Moberly MO
Music Randy Gunn from
 Providence Baptist Church- KC MO
Youth Night– Sunday night

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 5 | Tim Munday |
| 5 | Judith Stanton |
| 14 | Lewis & Mabel Rogers |
| 15 | Jim Whitley |
| 15 | Deryl Niffen |
| 21 | Michelle Stark |



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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



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- Spickard I
- Tenth Street O
- Trenton First N
- Union



Beth Moore Simulcast
 With Worship Leader Travis Cottrell

Saturday, September 15
 Trenton First Baptist Church

Early Tickets- \$15.00 (includes noon meal)
 Tickets—\$20.00 after September 10th
 Tickets available at the Mission Center or First Baptist Church
 Limited Tickets Available

Doors open at 8:00 am- Simulcast begins at 9:30

This will be a live simulcast from Reading, PA
 Contact Debbie at 359-3897

North Grand River’s 171st Annual Meeting
 Saturday, September 22, 2012
 Modena Baptist Church
 Breakfast at 8:00 am
 Meeting begins at 9:15 am
 Book of Reports available to pick up September 19th

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

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” Psalm 100:4

THOUGHTS
FROM THE
HEART

I just want to thank our Lord for the great things He has done this summer. First, the youth and children’s camps were outstanding. The Lord through his Holy Spirit moved powerfully in both camps. Many shared that they felt God moving amongst our youth and children in an unprecedented way. Many made professions of faith, and many others made strong commitments to doing the will of God. The mission times were instructional and question provoking. Thank you Steven Nelson! The teaching times were challenging. Thanks to all who taught! The worship time was moving. Thanks to those who led– especially Nick Wilson and Steven Williamson! The messages were powerful and convicting. Thank you Jim Whitley and Rich Neeley! The cabin leaders and workers were sensitive to the campers and to their needs. Great food from the cooks and wise leadership from Camp Directors Bruce Williams and Sarah Williamson!

Second, all the reports I have received have been super positive concerning Vacation Bible Schools. Thanks to all who worked so very hard to make them possible. Thanks to our Summer Missionaries (Prince and Bola) and the churches who hosted them. Isn’t it great to have international students working with us in our areas of ministry?

Third, thanks again for supporting the Canada Mission trip. Christina and Eva returned safely from serving in Canada all summer. Wow—do they have some stories to share! (Christiana is available to share with any church. Give her a call!)

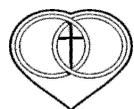
There are so many wonderful things God did this summer– too numerous for me to share them all. I believe the best is even yet to come. Keep praying, keep sharing, keep loving, keep giving—keep expecting God to move!

Don’t miss the Annual Meeting at Modena on September 22nd where even more will be shared. Thank you for your service to our Lord and to others!

For His Glory,

E.J. Barnes

The Art of Marriage Conference



September 14-15, 2012
Laredo Baptist Church
Friday– 6:00-9:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm (Includes lunch)

Cost- \$35.00 per couple
Childcare provided at no cost
Please contact Deryl Niffen
if you would like to attend.

Seminary Extension Begins

October 4th

“Old Testament Survey”

Mission Center at 7:00 pm-
more information to come



**Labor
Day**

The Mission Center will be Closed
September 3rd in observance of
Labor Day.

| July 2012 Reports | Monthly Inc. | BSU Inc. | SS | MW | EW | DT/ Wed | WMU | Bapt. Men | Youth Kids Ministry | Bapt. | Ltr/ Other |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|----------|---------------|
| Alpha | \$ 210.00 | \$ 25.00 | 15 | 20 | | | | | | | |
| Edinburg | \$ 521.16 | \$ 57.91 | | | | | | | | | |
| Gallatin | \$ 809.97 | \$ 50.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Galt | \$ 178.00 | \$ 25.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jameson | \$ 240.96 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jamesport | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | 29 | 68 | 25 | | | | | | 2 |
| Laredo | \$ 317.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lineville | \$ 157.20 | \$ 31.44 | | | | | | | | | |
| M. Valley | \$ 20.07 | \$ 25.00 | 16 | 17 | | | | | | | |
| Mercer | \$ 190.00 | \$ 25.00 | | 63 | 12 | | | | | | |
| Modena | \$ 85.14 | \$ 150.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Princeton | \$ 552.58 | \$ 50.00 | 88 | 104 | 29 | 14 | 25 | 22 | | | |
| Ravanna | \$ 165.21 | \$ 70.91 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | | |
| Rural Dale | \$ 660.60 | \$ 75.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Salem | \$ 103.70 | | 16 | 38 | 11 | | | | | | |
| Shelburne | \$ 370.86 | \$ 75.00 | 38 | 54 | 31 | 31 | | | | | |
| Spickard | \$ 50.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tenth St. | \$ 717.48 | \$ 119.58 | | | | | | | | | |
| Trenton FB | \$ 832.73 | \$ 185.05 | 109 | 168 | 38 | 25 | 12 | | | | |
| Union | \$ 229.17 | \$ 100.00 | 59 | 85 | 19 | 67 | | | | | |
| Total | \$ 6,436.83 | \$1,089.89 | 382 | 630 | 165 | 137 | 37 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Chilli, FBC | | \$ 45.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| MBC | | \$ 460.00 | | | | | | | | | |

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| Seminary Checking | \$455.21 |
| Seminary Savings | \$2,062.38 |
| Benevolent Savings | \$742.44 |
| NGR Savings | \$2,956.91 |
| BSU– July– Income to Expense | |
| Beginning Balance | \$3,800.29 |
| Income | \$2,834.35 |
| Total | \$6,634.64 |
| Expenses | \$2,605.67 |
| Ending Balance | \$4,028.97 |
| General BSU Fund | \$3,377.32 |
| Designated BSU Fund | \$651.65 |

| July 2012 NGR Account | |
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| Beginning Balance | \$2,953.88 |
| Income | \$12,326.62 |
| Total | \$15,280.50 |
| Expenses | \$11,310.79 |
| Ending Balance | \$3,969.71 |
| Line Items in General Checking | |
| Designated Funds | \$3,969.71 |
| General Fund | \$0 |
| Checking Balance Total | \$3,969.71 |
| NGR October 2011– July 2012 (Does not include designated funds) | |
| Income | \$115,058.72 |
| Expenses | \$116,795.75 |
| Difference | (-\$1,737.03) |



Edinburg- We are doing a little catching up with our pastor leaving and some changing of jobs until the Lord leads a new man to our church family. July 22, was the annual fish fry. We had over 100 in attendance; it was a wonderful time of food and fellowship. We gave the pastor Stan Rushton and Jan a gift and card; as they seek God's will and depart the church. Our supply pastor for a few weeks has been an old familiar face, Brother Ed Bell and his wife Judy. Kelly Hines spent a week at children's camp and seems to have successfully survived, so hopefully she will be ready for next year. We all need to be thankful to those who have the will and energy to make that week with those little ones. That is a talent that God grants only certain people. Our church has a beautiful new flag and flag pole outside that was set on July 31. This was donated by the Alan Sharp families. Coon Creek (Union) Church invited us to a swim party on Aug. 5, and we had approximately 17 attend. We had a terrific time and thanks to our friends for inviting us. The Children's Church held their Ice Cream Social on August 12th, with 66 in attendance. The children are being led by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Gott, along with several other helpers. This was a fun social time for everyone while aiding with school supplies for the children as they head back to school. How great to celebrate another successful year of children's church. Our church services are Sunday at 11:00 am with Sunday School at 10:00 am. Sunday night services at 6:00 and Wednesday night services at 7:00. We are always excited for anyone to join us!

Mercer- We had a fellowship dinner on August 5th.



Medicine Valley Community Ministry- In July we conducted two successful Vacation Bible Schools. There were 25 enrolled in the Newtown-Harris School and 24 enrolled in the school at Humphreys. Average attendance at Newtown was 16. At Humphreys the average daily attendance was 15. Three of the children at Newtown made decisions to follow Christ. At Humphreys, six of the children made their profession of faith in Christ. Pray we will be able to baptize and continue to disciple at least some of these.

Our food ministry continues to expand. In August we will have been able to assist at least 76 households (approximately 230 individuals) in meeting their food needs. This included distribution to 37 households thru the Food Pantry at Newtown and to 39 households through our secondary point of distribution, the Community Center at Humphreys.

We continue to have Celebrate Recovery Services on the first and third Friday's of each month with some 15 to 25 people in attendance at each session. Mike Dennis and crew from 10th Street continue to help on the first Friday. The third Friday we use local leadership and a variety of guests.

This is a very effective ministry of great help to people struggling to overcome addictions and results of other hurts, habits and hang-ups. A number of those participating have also become involved in our Sunday services. Pray we will be able to continue working with these in a significant way.

As fall approaches we are beginning plans for a high attendance day at the Chapel at Newtown, a Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner at Newtown, also inviting all food box recipients, and a fall wild game dinner at Humphreys.

We are expecting to deliver Christmas Food Boxes to over 100 households in December.

Our greatest needs include the following: First and foremost the continued prayer support of caring people. Secondly, additional willing



Celebrate Recovery is here for you. If you don't need it, come to help others and share your successes. It is for all faiths and those with no faith. We need you! Meetings in our area are held at Tenth Street Baptist Church every Saturday, starting at 6:00 pm with worship time, followed small group time, then closes with a delicious meal at our Solid Rock Café which is served by one of our area churches. Rides are provided if needed and everyone is welcome. We see God working in changed lives and people are being saved.

Our GriefShare group continues to meet at 7:00 pm and then shares the meal with us. For information call the church office at 660-359-3307 or Mike Dennis at 660-635-0977.

**MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
APPLE FESTIVAL- 2012**



September 8
9:00 am—2:00 pm

First Baptist Church, Raytown
10500 E 350 Hwy, Raytown

All Activities will be indoors!

Handmade Quilt & Craft Auction
Handmade Craft Sales
Children's' Area with Clowns, Games, Prizes,
Face Painting

Apple Cider, Apple Fritters, Apple
Dumplings, Apple Cobbler
Whole pies for Sale
Live Entertainment

For more information: www.mbch.org

**MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION
OCTOBER 29-31
ST. LOUIS**

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

Suggested Date is Sunday, October 28, 2012

A packet of materials should have arrived in August at your church.
www.mobaptist.org/Sunday_school

FRESH GROUNDED FAITH

**Featuring Speaker
Jennifer Rothschild**

**Guest Speaker- Stormie Omartian
Musical Guest- Michael O'Brien**

October 26-27, 2012
Friday: 7:00-9:30 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Wyatt Park Baptist Church
2902 N Leonard Rd, St. Joseph

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\$34 Groups of 10+ \$39 Individual
Buy 10, One free offer available online or call
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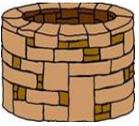


October 5-6
October 12-13
October 19-20

For more information contact the
Mission Center

Gallatin- Thor Madsen has graciously accepted the invitation to serve as interim minister at Gallatin First Baptist, as we seek God's will for a full-time pastor. Thor and his family live in Parkville, Missouri. He has served as interim at several area churches and comes highly recommended, and currently teaches at Midwest Baptist Seminary in Kansas City

Well for Mare Rouge in Haiti



June 10th Pastor Whisney Exima from Haiti was here to preach at Gallatin First Baptist Church. Shelly Sims was especially happy to see him since she has been working with him for several years during her trips to do medical work in various villages in Haiti. Shelly has been fortunate to see him grow from a teenager to an ordained Pastor. Myrlene Heldenbrand and Shelly were there at his ordination 5+ years ago. He frequently interprets for their group and helps with their many needs. Whisney married an "angel" about 3 years ago and now has one daughter.

Whisney preached about using our talents, and at the end of our service mentioned there were two needs for which he was seeking support. One need was a cistern for their church and the other was a well for the town of Mare Rouge. The water supply for the village of 9,000 is very difficult to get to. It is down a steep rocky hill and about a mile from town. It frequently has long lines waiting to access the water. Shelly stated she's has been to the spring and barely made it up or down the hill and she wasn't carrying a bucket of water.

Since that Sunday, several people have mentioned that they felt the burden to fund the well. They felt that it would be a good mission project that would serve and minister to 9,000 people. After encouragement from other church members, at the last business meeting Shelly requested the funding for the well which was approved up to \$10,000. Whisney and Shelly's hopes and prayers were answered when Gallatin First Baptist Church on Sunday, August 19 overwhelmingly approved this project to build a well for Mare Rouge, Haiti. This will make an amazing difference in the lives in Mare Rouge having clean drinking water for this town of 9,000 people.

Dolls and Dresses for Haiti- The Keenagers mission project to make 200 dolls and dresses to send with Shelly Sims when she returns to Haiti this year has been completed. The ladies and some men have worked diligently on this mission project. They will also be sending some Frisbees, tennis balls and other items (a lot of these items were donated, when information was shared about the need).



Thirteen members of the EPIC Youth Group at Gallatin First Baptist Church under the direction of Dakota Darby, youth minister, Micah Sidebottom and Angel Michael traveled to Joplin, July 16-21. They were able to do their part ministering to the needs of the families of Joplin. They were truly blessed to serve alongside some tremendous servants of the Lord Jesus Christ and heard many incredible stories shared with them of about incredible accounts from that terrifying day when an EF-5 tornado changed the people of Joplin's lives forever.

Tenth Street Baptist Church- This, as we know, has been one hot, dry summer but we praise Jesus for His provision, His Grace and His mercy. I am deeply concerned that this is the judgment of God on our nation- wouldn't it be amazing if all that was needed to break this unprecedented drought was Repentance? "God be merciful to us and open the heavens with a flood of Holy Ghost Revival!" As many others have said, 'this has been one of the best VBS's we can remember". Over the summer we have baptized several people- just recently 3. I rejoice that we constantly see people of all ages come to Christ. We are remodeling our fellowship hall, painting the sanctuary, and getting ready to install new carpet. I only hope and pray we are able to finish everything before AWANAs starts up in September. May the Lord Jesus get Glory, Pastor Ron and Iva

Trenton First Baptist- September will be a busy month at First Baptist. September 5th we will start Awanas. September 16th will be our Sunday School Roundup, the meal and games, other activities will be at the Dennis and Marcia Gutshall farm on Route Y. We have an exciting morning worship service planned at the church.

Our Senior Adults will have breakfast at Moberly Park on September 5th. September 28th they will tour the Ramsey farms in southern Iowa. They will have lunch at Mt. Ayr. They will have two ongoing ministries, collecting food for Medicine Valley and collecting money each month for backpack buddies.

September 11th our WMU will host the NGRBA WMU in the fellowship hall. We will have a shower for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. A list of items needed is in the WMU article in the Encourager.

September 15th we are hosting the live Beth Moore Simulcast. On September 29th we will be hosting the movie "Amazing Love"

August 22nd we served a taco lunch for the BSU at the Mission Center.

Union- "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3:16

The VBS Kick-Off was held July 11th with fun for all in attendance. One hundred twenty-five candy airplanes were made for all that attended. Amazing Wonders in Aviation VBS was held on July 23rd-27th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. It was a growing experience for all. Thank you to all that served to make VBS a huge success! We averaged 51 children, 21 adult workers and 15 youth workers. We so appreciate all that helped by teaching, working in kitchen, sound techs, bus drivers and so many others that helped to have a successful VBS. Friday night concluded the week with a delightful program by the children with 75 parents and grandparents in attendance. Finger food and fellowship was enjoyed by all!

July 29th was Youth Sunday/5th Sunday Dinner. Robert Hutchinson's youth class were door greeters and offertory collectors with Greg Page giving his testimony and preaching both services.

Our church had an all church swim party on August 5th at Moberly Park from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Edinburg Baptist Church was invited to participate. We had approximately 150 in attendance.

September planned activities include Walter Plant Concert on September 9th at 6:00 pm, monthly business meeting on September 16th at 6:00 pm and Youth Sunday/5th Sunday Dinner on September 30th and a possible trail ride provided the weather cools down (call Robert Hughes for details at 789-3643) and our usual dinner every Wednesday evening before services at 6:00 pm with true nourishment from the Word of God with Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

Services are Wednesday nights with supper at 6:00 pm, service at 7:00 pm; on Sunday- Sunday School at 10:00 am and Morning Worship at 11:00 am; Evening service at 6:00 pm. All are welcome- please come and join us!



Max Lucado- Fearless
\$5.00

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NEW Karaoke CD's-
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Soulful Gospel Radio Hits Volume 1
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Strong's Exhaustive Concordance- \$15.20
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on Dysfunctional Families from the Bible

Several Children's Novelties
Veggie Tale Color & Activity Books- \$1.50

We soon will have Tom Brown's book again
"Me and Joe"

**"They even asked
us and begged us
to have the joy
of giving." 2 Cor 8:4 (CEV)**



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MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING

Support the Missouri Missions Offering • State Goal \$675,000

"From Me to Missouri" is the theme for the Missouri Missions Offering emphasis in September, 2012.

Part of the funds that the churches in NGR gives to MMO, comes back to the association.



**Seeking
Youth Minister**

Princeton First Baptist Church is in the process of searching for a part-time Youth Minister. Please send resumes to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 201, Princeton, MO 64673 or email drobertson15@yahoo.com. If you need any more information feel free to contact me through e-mail or telephone at 660-748-3116. Serving Jesus, Dr. David H Robertson, Pastor.

Immanuel (Harrison Association) is looking for a youth pastor (part time, salary around \$200 per week). Any one out there think they might know of someone, submit their name to Bruce Williams or have them send a resume to Immanuel Baptist Church, PO Box 144, Bethany, MO 64424 OR to Bruce's personal email: jbw5472@gmail.com.



Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 am

The theme is one of Paul's prayers. He desires so deeply for his friends to be able to grasp how amazing and powerful God truly is. What about you? Do you desire to see an awakening in the hearts of your friends? Awaken means to rouse from sleep, make someone aware, to stir up, to ignite.



Medicine Valley Continued-

hands to assist in our ministry to others; workers in the food ministry, leaders in Celebrate Recovery and mature Christian leaders in Chapel ministry, Sunday School and Discipleship.

Additional financial resources are a continuing need along with a constant need of additional food supplies. We thank God for all the ways he continues to bless and to meet our needs through the caring support of his people. God's blessings upon you all as you continue to support this "Mission in your own back yard."

Please note our **mailing address has changed to 215 N. Stringer, Humphreys, Mo 64646** -- (post office is closed) so no P.O. Box == Thanks

Princeton- Following are events that are going on in September at our church:

On September 2nd we will have an all Church picnic at 5:30 p.m. at the City Park. Bring covered dish.

September 4th will be the WOM II Noon Luncheon in the basement of the church.

September 5th and each Wednesday following: Children and Youth Bible Study at 6:00 P.M. and Prayer Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

September 8th will be the Men's Breakfast at 7:00 pm. The Deacon's Meeting with meal at 6:00 P.M.

September 10th the WOM I Noon Luncheon will meet in the basement.

September 15th is Calamity Jane Days.

In Remembrance of
Sept.



Salem- We had a wonderful VBS last month- the biggest one we have ever had! It was a wonderful time with the children. They all seemed to enjoy it so much, even with the terrible heat we were having. The program they put on was so energized and cute.

Twenty-four from our church attended the Faith and Family Day at the Royals. We had the Vatch family for a concert last Sunday evening. We were blessed with song and testimonies. Cookies and ice cream were served after the concert.

We will be having Chuck Crain in concert at Salem on Sunday, September 9th at 6 pm. He comes to us from Branson, Mo, and the RFD TV program. Everyone is invited to attend. He is a fun person with a beautiful voice and personality.

We have begun a new Bible Study on Sunday evenings called- "Sharing Jesus Without Fear".

Salem sends congratulations to Rev Doug Crawford and family for being appointed as pastor of Union Coon Creek.

Shelburne- We held our VBS on July 21-27. We had an enrollment of 63 including workers.

July 29th was our All-Church Family Night Hot-dog Roast.

Shelburne continues to serve the meal for Celebrate Recovery on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

On August 19th, Walter Plant shared his inspirational music talents during the morning worship service.

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble.
Pride is what keeps us there.



"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. Proverbs 16: 18,19

BSU @ NCMC

School has started. Students are back on campus, and the pace is once again "FULL SPEED AHEAD!" Friday night the BSU hosted a welcome supper for the Residential Dorm Assistants (RAs) and the baseball team, serving about 50 students. Saturday morning with the awesome help of NGRBA churches, the BSU was not only able to host a welcome table for parents as their students moved into the dorms, but we were also able to give to each dorm student a backpack filled with a stadium cup, ink pen, highlight pencil, tea bag, rahman noodles, breakfast bars, gospel of John booklet, crystal light lemonade packets, and hand lotion for the ladies bags. It was one of the nicest gifts we have ever been able to give to our students. Thank you churches for your generosity. The students will not soon forget that the BSU is on campus and here to support them as they pursue their goals, and that the BSU seeks to challenge them to consider Jesus.

During Saturday Move-In, I had a mother stop me, introduce herself and say, "I just wanted to come and meet you, because the BSU Wednesday lunches were all that my daughter could talk about last year when she would call home. She simply couldn't wait to get back this year, and on the way here she assured me that she was going to make sure she attended the Wednesday Lunches." The mother went on to say, "I just wanted you to know the impact you made on her, and want to thank you for being here on campus. I'm thrilled that she wants to be involved again this year." The mother then called her daughter over to speak to me, because the mother wanted to be sure that I knew which student was her daughter. We never know how many lives we are touching when we serve Jesus.

Sunday night we served BBQ beef sandwiches to most of the dorm students, serving about 114 sandwiches. There were numerous conversations with students and parents alike, especially parents asking, "What is the BSU, and what do you do on campus?" Monday was Club and Organization Welcome Day for all students, and again Christina had the opportunity to talk to multitudes of students, meeting new students and welcoming returning students to the campus.

Pray that God will continue to give us evangelistic opportunities and for each of us to be sensitive and obedient to sharing God's Story with our NCMC students. The North American Mission Board lists college students as the #2 most Unreached People group in North America. I don't know about you but this statistic causes me to tremble with fear. Ezekiel 33:3-6 says, "When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. ⁴ Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die. ⁵ They heard the alarm but ignored it, so the responsibility is theirs. If they had listened to the warning, they could have saved their lives. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn't sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths."

Also continue to pray for our NAMB semester missionary Christina Boatright as she serves here with us on NCMC. God has blessed us with a passionate hearted young woman that wants to see college students come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Pray also for Bola Saliu and Prince Boansi, our summer missionaries, as they continue their education here on NCMC. Pray that Prince will be given a job on campus, as his visa prohibits him from working off campus. It is not easy to be an international student when you cannot work off campus to help your parents with your tuition, and to have some spending money for personal items. Ask God to meet his needs. Psalms 37:24-26.

He Is Worthy to Receive the Rewards of His Sacrifice—Jesus!!

Diann Barnes



Shower for MBCH/Grand Oaks Retreat

Ladies the shower for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home will be September 11th at 10:30 am at FBC Trenton. We also plan to have Belinda Hogan and possibly others share about the missions trip to Wyoming and Canada. A covered dish luncheon will follow. Items needed for the MBCH: bath towels; wash cloths; hand towels; tooth brush covers/toothpaste; petroleum jelly; shoe box type containers; storage containers— all sizes; hair conditioner for all types hair; household items— foil, Ziploc bags— all sizes, trash bags, tall kitchen, plastic wrap, wax paper, laundry detergent, baby laundry detergent (dye free, fragrance free); dryer sheets; beach towels, women's underwear— esp sizes 5,6,7,8,9— no granny panties or thongs please; yoga type pants sizes small, medium, large, x-large and 2X.

I hope those who are able to attend the WMU/Women's Ministry retreat at Grand Oaks and have sent in your registration forms or will have them to Virginia Stevenson by September 13th. I'm hoping many from our association will go. If you have not received the information contact me or Debbie at the mission center.

The focus of our October 16th Fall Celebration and Prayer Luncheon will be the shoebox ministry. Belinda Hogan will be sharing with us about a change this year about our drop off location as well as other information.

It's not too early to start thinking about our Missouri Days ministry at the Mission Center on October 20th during the parade when we partner with the Brotherhood to provide hot chocolate and cookies as well as gospel tracts to those along the parade route. Details in the October Encourager. We will need homemade cookies and ladies to help serve them. This ministry is always such a joy!

Shelly Sims and I were blessed by our visit to the Shelburne WOM meeting in August. Shelly shared about her medical mission trips to Haiti. Showing examples of the pillowcase dresses and cloth dolls that are used in that ministry. Shelly is a retired nurse with a heart for missions. She shared with us a few month ago at our associational program about her trips to Haiti. She is interested in being involved with our WMU since she is retired. We hope to be able to visit other WOM groups in the coming months

We will soon be starting a new year in our association. I'll be mailing out the forms for WOM officers for the coming year. Please return them to me or to the mission center as soon as possible.

Bex Martin

WMU Director



Men's Prayer Breakfast

There will be no meeting this Month as the Annual Meeting will be having a breakfast.

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Thursday, September 20, 2012
Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly

Registration Fee: \$15.00 (includes noon meal)

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