

### AT THE BOOKSTORE

#### NEW ITEMS-

"All the Best Songs of Praise & Worship" Vol. 3

Music Boxes— hand painted porcelain  
Sailboats— marble base and wooden

Baseball Caps— FBI, Jesus Christ, CIA, Jesus  
Inside and many more to choose from.

Trinket items for children classes

"Object Talks" for ages 6-12 \$7.20

"I Second That Emotion" by Patsy Clairmont

"Personalized Promise Book for Women"

Maxwell Leadership Bible— NKJV— Gen. Leather

Greater Vision CD— 7 hits \$6.30

Crabb Family CD— 7 hits \$6.30

"Faith Like Potatoes" DVD \$22.50

Excellent reviews on this DVD— Based on true  
story of a farmer who found faith.

### August

- 7 E.J. Barnes
- 8 Jesse & Carol Cass
- 12 Aaron Stark
- 17 Ron Helton
- 18 Carolyn Chesnut
- 21 E.J. and Diann Barnes



### Back to School

Remember in  
prayer—  
children, youth,  
teachers and leaders  
as they return to  
school.

### Revival

Jamesport Baptist Church

August 16-19

Bob Springate

"Danny Driftwood" will also be there!

### Gallatin First Baptist Church

Invites you to a

"Special Visit from Barney Fife"

**Larry Delawder**

will be appearing

Sunday, August 30th at

Dockery Park in Gallatin

Join Larry for Gospel Music and Comedy

Events will be begin with a

Picnic at 5:00 pm

Service will be 6:00-7:30 pm

A free will offering will be received.

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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  
Edinburg  
Gallatin\*  
Galt  
Jameson\*  
Jamesport  
Laredo  
Lineville\*  
Medicine Valley  
Mercer  
Milan Hispanic  
Modena  
Princeton\*  
Ravanna\*  
Rural Dale  
Salem  
Shelburne  
Spickard  
Tenth Street  
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## North Grand River Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 12th, 2009

Tenth Street Baptist Church

ACP's, Reports, Calendar items are due August 12th  
turned into the Mission Center.



## "No Neutrals"

"He who is not with me is  
against me." Luke 11:23

Camp Pastor— Jeremiah Bradford

Please remember the children and leaders in prayer.

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

*"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them" (Psalm 127:3a, 5a). "Than the little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. When He had placed His hands on them, He went from there.'" (Matthew 19:13-15). "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in Heaven (Matthew 18:10).*

I praise God for the various children's ministries that are going on in our churches. Thank you for valuing children by caring enough to provide opportunities for them to learn about God's Word, to know Jesus and to grow in His grace and knowledge.

Thank you who work or have worked in Sunday School, R.A.'s, G.A.'s, Awanas, Children's Churches, V.B.S. and in other children's ministries faithfully and compassionately. Your rewards will be great.

Pray for Children's Camp that God will move in a powerful way to impact children and their families for Christ's sake. Pray for teachers and administrators this school year that they will help our children grow "in wisdom and stature." Pray that our churches will be led to do even more to minister to our children and to help bring them to know Jesus and His will!

I am thankful for two more granddaughters born recently. I am thankful for 60 years of life here on planet Earth. I am thankful for 38 years of marriage to Diann. I am thankful for Debbie Dickinson's 7 years of service to our Association. August is a great month to rejoice!

For His Glory,  
E.J. Barnes



**Men's  
Prayer  
Breakfast**

NOTE CHANGES  
for this month  
Saturday, August 8  
Princeton First Baptist  
7:00 am



**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.

June 09 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/Other
Alpha	\$ 312.08		17	22	12						
Edinburg	\$1,016.76	\$ 59.81	51	83	61		9	10	23		
Gallatin	\$ 725.82	\$ 50.00	86	109	48			5			
Galt	\$ 161.00	\$ 25.00	25	37						5	
Jameson			11	15							
Jamesport	\$ 25.00		27	43	18						
Laredo	\$ 260.81		29	40	14		7	6			
Lineville	\$ 273.83	\$ 54.77	27	34	33					1	
M. Valley	\$ 56.77	\$ 25.00	10	20		13			13		
Mercer	\$ 401.00	\$ 25.00	57		18		7	3	7		
Modena	\$ 121.98		10	15	10						
Princeton	\$1,222.33	\$ 50.00	109	166	59	40	39	41			
Ravanna	\$ 110.13		10	10					6		
Rural Dale	\$ 648.04	\$ 50.00							6		
Salem	\$ 134.26		33	42	12					2	1
Shelburne	\$ 411.78	\$ 50.00	39	54	24	23	8				
Spickard	\$ 112.00		10	15							
Tenth St.	\$ 850.40	\$ 141.73									
Trenton FB	\$1,112.72	\$ 185.45	118	161	35		8				2
Union	\$ 313.68	\$ 100.00	54	92	19	56					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,270.39</b>	<b>\$ 816.76</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>
Chilli, FBC		\$ 43.00									
MBC		\$ 460.00									

<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$191.62
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,037.80
<b>Benevolent Savings</b>	\$1,134.15
<b>Belarus</b>	\$10,253.51
<b>BSU- May- Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$3,254.33
Income	\$1,319.76
Total	\$4,574.09
Expenses	\$1,140.74
Balance June 30	\$3,433.35

<b>June 2009 Account Records</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$21,577.11
Income	\$14,485.21
Total	\$36,062.32
Expenses	\$11,346.62
Balance June 30	\$24,715.70

<b>Line Items in General Checking</b>	
Designated	\$8,834.55
General Fund	\$15,881.15
Checking Account Balance	\$24,715.70

<b>NGR Oct. thru June Income to Expense</b>	
Income	\$114,309.40
Expenses	<u>\$111,096.58</u>
Difference	\$3,212.82



**Alpha** had a really as Richard Green puts it "awesome time" in our Revival meetings. We had a picnic on the 11th with 35 people present to kick off the Revival. We will be having a Homemade ice-cream social on Aug 15th with a praise band from Gilman City Baptist Church providing entertainment and inspiration. This is a youth band and we are putting emphases on wanting youth to come as well as anyone else who wants to have a good time

**Edinburg**— On Sunday, July 5th our Children's Church held their second annual balloon launch. The evening started with a meal of grilled hot dogs with all the trimmings and was followed by the balloon launch. Cards were filled out with each person's name and instructions to return the card to Children's Church indicating where the balloon was found. They were then filled with helium and released simultaneously. That event was then followed by homemade ice cream, brownies and cookies. There were 70 in attendance.

We have several people from our church volunteering with the Special Olympics. They just attended a softball tournament in Kansas City and are preparing for a celebrity soft ball game where several of the celebrities from the Trenton area will compete against the Special Olympic athletes. There are four coaches and two athletes from Edinburg Baptist Church.

**Gallatin**— Our VBS had 64 children enrolled with an average attendance of 45 each night and 48 workers with an average of 45 each night. We held a contest for the mission offering of boys versus girls. Last year the boys won but this year the girls won. The Lord granted our prayer request of good weather for the family festival that was held outside on Friday night. David Wilkinson presented a salvation message on Thursday evening after the worship rally.

**Jamesport**- Our Revival will be Aug 16-19 with "Bob Springate" and of course Danny Driftwood will be with us too. .

**Medicine Valley**- We hosted a Mexican style barbeque at the Ministry Center in Harris on Saturday, June 27, for Hispanics living in our ministry area,. The Milan Hispanic Mission assisted, providing the meal, music, and a brief message by the pastor, Carlos Lozanos. Twenty nine people attended and enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship.

Two successful VBS's were conducted July 6 thru 10, one at Newtown for the Newtown and Harris communities and one at our home in Humphreys for children in the Humphreys, Osgood and Reger areas. Total enrollment at Newtown was 29 and at Humphreys was 21. Average attendance at Humphreys was 19 and at Newtown 15.

On Tuesday, July 14, Mabel and I hosted a taco supper for members of our Newtown Home Bible Study Group and watched a video in which David Jeremiah spoke concerning the rapid changes in American life and politics, reflected against the biblical accounts of end time events.

We hope and trust that as you read this we will have completed two major projects at the Chapel. One is the installation of a handicap accessible ramp and entry door, with help from Shelburne Baptist. The second being the installation of a new roof utilizing local roofers and volunteers from some of the churches.

A listing of additional projects we hope to complete in August and September has been distributed to pastors and other members of NGRBA churches. We greatly need volunteer workers to come and give whatever help they can whether a day, part of a day, or several days. Your assistance and your prayer support will be much appreciated.

**Mercer**-Baptist Church has music night every third Sunday evening at 6:30 Everyone is invited and anyone who wants to be in the program is encouraged to do so. We enjoy worshipping the Lord in music.

**Lineville**- This past month has been a flurry of activity. We have been blessed by local church members from Tenth Street as they have helped with siding and plumbing. We also welcomed the help of church members from Lamar, MO. They were with us for a week putting up insulation and drywall. Currently, members from Princeton First Baptist are helping with the painting.

While all of this has been going on, we have joined with the Mercer and Lineville Churches for Brush Arbor in the Park. God is moving across the denominational lines in our area. The messages we heard from many different preachers of different denominations all pointed to the need to meet people where they are with the life-changing news of Jesus.

**Princeton**- We are collecting school supplies for Mercer Co. Health Fair as a mission project. The Pastor Search Committee is searching very hard for a Pastor. Several applications have been received. . We have 8 children and 1 Cabin Leader signed up to go.

There were 40 men and boys at the Men's Breakfast on the 11th. Dan German led the devotion. All men and boys are welcome.

Vacation Bible School was held from July 19 – July 23 with Boomerang Express as our theme. Our average attendance was 56 and 1 decision to accept Christ. The Children and Adults enjoyed it very much.

**Salem**— We have had a busy week with VBS, July 20-24. We will be having a baptismal service on July 26th.

**Trenton First**— Our Vacation Bible School was well attended this year. We began with a pre-registration block party on July 11th with our Bible School being held on July 12-16. Family night was held on Sunday July 19th, with a program, hog roast and water fun. VBS and WMU teamed up and collected pennies for Rick's Institute, a faith based school in Liberia.

Several from our church went on a World Changers trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 18-15th.

Friday, July 24th, our senior adults had an ice cream and cake social inviting all senior Sunday School classes to join them.

Girlfriends Unlimited will be having their summer celebration July 30th.

Retreat to Renew!  
Seeking God's Presence

Northwest Missouri Regional  
Pastor's & Wife's Conference  
with Keynote & House of Prayer

This retreat is for every ministry couple who could use a spark in their relationship with their God. All activities will be at First Baptist Church, Cameron. The conference will be led by Dr. Kerry Skinner and John Francis. Lodging will be at Days Inn of Cameron. The conference begins at 5:30 pm on Friday, August 14th and ends at noon on Saturday, August 15th. The cost is \$80. Please contact the Mission Center at 359-3897 to register.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Men's Prayer Breakfast Princeton 7 am</i>	
	<b>NGR/HBA Children's Camp at Grand Oaks</b>						
		North Central Missouri Fair 4th—8th					
9	10	11	12 <i>ACP's DUE</i>	13	14 <i>Rekindle the Flame Cameron</i>	15	
16	17	18 <i>Ladies Prayer Luncheon* 10:30</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>NMC Move-in</i>	
23	24	25 <i>NMC Begins</i>	26 <i>BSU Luncheon- 11-12:30 Trenton FBC</i>	27	28	29	
30	31				<p><i>The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.</i> Psalm 129:8, NIV</p>		



### Christmas in August Collection

The week of Prayer DVD segment profiling John and Mindy Jamison's work at the Baptist Center in Des Moines was the focus of the July program and Prayer Luncheon, in preparation for our *Christmas in August* focus for the August Luncheon. We also signed a birthday card for Laurie Babb missionary in the Ukraine with her husband Paul and their family. Belinda also shared information she had regarding World Hunger emphasis in October, including a small bank in the shape of a loaf of bread. These can be ordered from information that we will be getting out to the WMU Directors and churches. Judy Woodward led our devotional- "I Chews You to Pray for Missions", prayer time with a stick of gum attached to each note with missionary names for us to pray for. These were prepared by our Prayer Ministry Chairman Hilka Rose Lincoln.

At the August 18th Program and Prayer Luncheon we will be collecting school supplies and cleaning products for the Christmas in August collection to go the Friendship Baptist Center in Des Moines. We will also look forward to hearing from Christine Ward about their mission trip to South Dakota and Evelyn Trickel and Margaret Rice to share about their trip to Alaska.

Emma Bankson, our WOM Consultant, and I had a wonderful visit on July 6th with Princeton's Monday "Lunch Bunch". These ladies were a joy to visit and are busy with several ministries and Mission's projects. Then on July 14th, I received a blessing as a guest of the FBC Trenton, WOM group, who are also involved in several projects.

WMU Directors it will soon be time to turn in the new officers for the coming year. I will be getting the forms to you as soon as I receive them.

Another associational year will soon begin. Where has the year gone??

To God be the Glory,  
*Bev Martin*

*College Bound*

Saturday, August 22  
NMC Dorm Move-in Day

WE GIVE YOU THANKS,  
AND *praise* YOUR  
*glorious name.*

I CHRONICLES 29:13, NIV