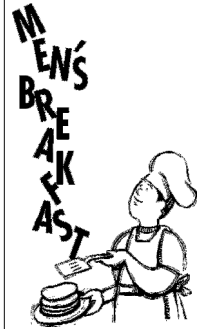


FIREPROOF

The "Fireproof" DVD's will be released on January 27th. You can pre-order your DVD through the Bookstore. Please call Debbie at 660-359-3897 to reserve your copy.



JANUARY 17
EDINBURG BAPTIST
CHURCH

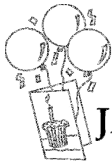
8:00 AM

ALL MEN INVITED

Executive Board Meeting

North Grand River Executive Board Meeting will be January 19th. Please submit your reports by January 12th and if you have something that needs to be on the agenda submit by January 2nd.

7 Rebecca Nance
14 Cathie Whitley
18 Gene Schreffler
26 Iva Gail Ratliff



JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS

North Grand River Baptist Association

1108 N Main
Trenton, MO 64683
Fax: 660.359.0200
E-Mail: ngrmission@sbcglobal.net
BSU Telephone- 660.359.0200
DOM's Office- 660.359.3365
Web Page- northgrandriverbaptist.com

Telephone - 660.359.3897

Upcoming Events

VBS Clinic for Pastor's and VBS Directors- January 13, 2008 at the Mission Center.

Acquire the Fire- February 27-28 at Kansas City. For more information the web site is www.acquirethefire.com or call 1-800-329-3473 extension 7026.

MBC Instrumental Workshop- February 27-28 at Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City. For information contact Mission Center or MBC at 1-800-736-6227.

MBC Handbell Festival- March 13-14 at South Gate Baptist Church, Springfield.

VBS Training Clinic- tentatively planned for April 6th.

AT THE BOOKSTORE

With the cold weather upon us, now would be a great time to check out the Bookstore for a good Christian book to read or a Bible Study.

Also now available are computer Family Edutainment games for only \$9.95

Charlie Church Mouse Preschool
Charlie Church Mouse Kindergarten
Charlie Church Mouse Early Elementary
Left Behind Eternal Forces
Left Behind Tribulation Forces

Director of Missions
Rev. E.J. Barnes
Ministry Assistant
Debbie Dickinson
BSU Director
Diann Barnes

North Grand River Baptist Association

The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Volume 34, Number 1
January, 2009

"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

U
N
I
T
E
D

O
N

M
I
S
S
I
O
N



*Restoring
passion
Raising
the cross*

Missouri State Evangelism Conference

Matthew 22:37 • John 12:32

January 26-27, 2009
Second Baptist Church
Springfield, MO

Guest Speakers-
Ken Weathersby, Steve Hale,
Thom Rainer,
Larry Wynn & Joe White

Breakout Sessions- Mark Donnell, Charles Roesel,
Matt Kearns & Lyle Witcher, Jeff Ferguson, Jeanne Burns, David
McAlpin, David Tolliver, Heber Mena, Steve Hale,
Jennifer Kennedy Dean and Edna Roesel.

Hispanic & Multi-ethnic Conference-

Dr. Bob S. Sena & Dr. Custavo V. Suarez



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

"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless.

You therefore, beloved, since you know these things beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen." 2 Peter 3:13-14, 17-18.

2008 has been a tough year for multitudes of people— loved ones lost, jobs lost, investments lost, houses lost and so on and on it goes.

2009 begins a new year. Who knows? This could be the year that God fulfills His promise of "*new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*" Sounds good to me. Sure beats the place in which we live now where greed, violence, apathy and lust seem to dwell.

But no matter what comes in 2009 we must renew our commitment and our trust in our Lord and His will.

Let us be found as good and faithful servants who are at peace with God, ourselves and others (as much as it depends on us), who are in purity before God and man, who continue to persevere against falling into wickedness and who continue to progress in our intimacy with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is my prayer that you have a 2009 year that brings more glory to God, more good to others through you and more fulfillment in your life than ever before!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

E.J. Barnes

NOTE:
REVIVAL FIRES RALLY AT SHELBURNE RESCHEDULED TO JANUARY 11, 2009 AT 2:30 PM.

November Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	MW	EW	DT	WMU	Bapt. Men	Youth Kids Ministry	Bapt.	Ltr/ Other
Alpha	\$ 197.39		16	22	15						
Edinburg	\$ 506.52	\$ 29.80	52	83	42		9	7	23	1	2
Gallatin	\$ 555.07	\$ 50.00	101	141	37			6	62	1	
Galt	\$ 239.00	\$ 50.00	26	37							
Jameson			9	11							
Jamesport			30	47	24						
Laredo			28	42	9		4	5			
Lineville	\$ 264.13	\$ 52.83	31	32	19				24		
M. Valley	\$ 44.31	\$ 25.00	13	15	8	8				2	
Mercer	\$ 338.00	\$ 25.00	29	60	20		0	5			
Modena	\$ 94.65		9	13	17						
Princeton	\$ 972.82	\$ 50.00	125	192	51	27	35		176	1	
Ravanna	\$ 155.82		9	9	10				9		
Rural Dale	\$ 689.78	\$ 50.00	64				5			1	
Salem	\$ 78.03		26	40	10						
Shelburne	\$ 573.76	\$ 50.00	36	45	28	23	8				
Spickard	\$ 56.00		8	18							
Tenth St.	\$1,104.07	\$ 184.01	86	169	63		7		45		
Trenton FB	\$1,016.25	\$ 169.38	120	153	43				65		1
Union	\$ 322.56		53	94	36	44					
Total	\$7,208.16	\$ 736.02									
Chilli, FBC		\$ 40.00									
MBC		\$ 230.00									

Seminary Checking	\$294.44
Seminary Savings	\$2,024.07
Benevolent Savings	\$1,126.51
Belarus	\$8,754.58
BSU- November- Income to Expense	
Beginning Balance	\$2,941.48
Income	\$1,336.02
Expenses	<u>\$1,565.32</u>
Ending Balance	\$2,712.18

November Account Records	
Beginning Balance	\$20,023.27
Income	\$11,546.64
Total	\$31,569.91
Expenses	\$12,186.41
Ending Balance	\$19,383.50
Line Items in General checking	
Designated	\$5,406.41
General Fund	\$13,977.09
Account Balance	\$19,383.50
NGR 2008-09- Income to Expense	
Income	\$32,839.85
Expense	<u>\$33,562.25</u>
Difference	(722.40)



Edinburg— On Sunday, November 23, we had our Thanksgiving dinner after regular services. There were 95 in attendance.

On Sunday, November 30, we had one baptism. It also was the fifth Sunday so for our evening services we had a “kick off” for our Lottie Moon Foreign Mission. We had an evening meal followed by Missionary Marcie Bland showing slides and talking about her trip to Lithuania. She also displayed items she had accumulated from that country. There were 45 in attendance.

On Friday, December 5, we had our annual hay ride to view the Christmas lights. The tour included several housing developments, both the upper and lower Lake Trenton area and back through the east side of Trenton. We returned to Mac’s Alignment where we enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies. We traveled in a tractor pulled wagon covered with Christmas lights. There were 8 in attendance

On Sunday, December 7th, our Children’s Church shared their Christmas Worship songs for the special during the adults regular services.

On Friday, December 19th, we did our Christmas Caroling. We started out delivering a Christmas basket, with presents included, to a needy family. We then sang to the residents at East View, Bristol Manor and Sunny View nursing homes. We then returned to Edinburg Baptist Church where we had cookies, candy and hot chocolate. There were 12 in attendance. Because of the ice we were unable to do caroling at individual homes.

The Children’s Choir Christmas program has been rescheduled, due to the weather, on December 28th at 11:00 am. The title of their program is “*Bethlehem Project*”

Jameson— we had our Christmas program and dinner on December 14th. Diann Barnes brought a group of children from North Davies School where she is teaching. Other specials were provided by Elaine Bohannon and Leota Snyder. A group of 5 to 6 musicians from Jamesport played that had instruments such as guitars and mandolin’s. A carry in dinner followed with attendance of 41.

Lineville First Baptist- Noise, Noise Noise! Blessed joyful noise! This month we have been blessed to gain two new members in our after school program as well as one new worker. We have also seen a drastic increase in the number of youth we have on Sunday night because of the trial addition of two youth workers. Sunday morning have also become more noisy because of the addition of several regular visitors with several young children. We praise God for the increased volume level because it means more young people are hearing about our awesome God.

Providence (Half-Rock) Church has closed. The NGR Trustee’s are meeting and making plans in regards to dispensing of the property. Following is a list of items if your church is interested in to please contact the Mission Center.

Pews— 10-19 foot long solid wood pine, very nice finish; 4 pews need refinished 10 ft long; pulpit in good condition; platform chairs (2); platform matching bench 36” (very good condition); 7 and 10 food Deacon Bench; Lord’s Supper Table (good condition); Baldwin electric organ and bench; lectern; 50 Baptist Hymnals (1940 edition, fair condition); several 1956 Baptist Hymnals; 3 (8 foot) heavy folding tables; 6 ft Deacon benches; 10 foot Deacon bench; small floor fan; guest book stands; tithe box; Assorted wall pictures; offering and attendance board; marker board (22 inch x 34 inch); 2 offering baskets.

Sparrow Ministry

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends at NGRBA,

This report reflects the activity and results beginning November 17 through December 15, 2008. I have chosen to report to you the activities from the third Monday to the third Monday of each month, starting with this report, so that it will be more timely and more convenient to include in our news paper. If you receive my regular monthly report, which is each complete month, you will notice quite an overlap.

During this period, we witnessed the following results; Kansas City MO 33, Wichita KS 14, Kansas City MO lunch time 21, Des Moines IA 13, Salina KS 6, St Louis MO 15, Peoria IL 1, Galesburg IL 9, Chicago IL 62 (2 services), for a total of 174 people seeking to know Jesus as their Savior or recommit themselves to Him. I never imagined that I would ever see these kind of numbers of people coming to the Lord. It has got me so excited about this ministry that we are adding a few more places to go. At the end of this month, I will go to Tulsa, OK for the first time, hoping to make this another regular stop.

We also have calls in to a few other missions, but haven’t heard from them as yet.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will give me the words to say to these people, and that He will continue to draw people to Jesus. Without that, I would be wasting my time. It is because of your partnership with the Sparrow Ministry that we are able to travel to all these places, and see results after we get there.

Christmas will probably be over by the time you get this report, but we trust that you had a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus, and that you will have a blessed New Year. Rebecca and I wish you all the best.

Love in Christ,
Earl Nance

Deacon Conference

Bethany First Baptist Church
January 16th and 17th, 2009

George Roach will be leading the conference
“The Deacon I Want to Be”
By Johnny Hunt

Cost is \$25 per couple or individual

Registration and forms need to be turned in
To Bethany FBC by January 9th.

For more information your pastor should have
received a letter, call the Mission Center or
Pastor Ned Nugent, FBC Bethany, at
660-425-8087

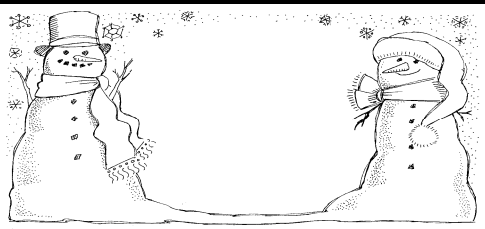
BSU

January Retreat

January 23-24
God’s Mountain Camp
(10 miles southeast of St. Joseph)
Cost- \$10 a student

Travis Hamm, who leads the BSU at UMKC, will be the main speaker. There will also be several students sharing testimonies of what kinds of way they are intentionally taking to share their faith. There will be some “workshop” time where students will have time alone to wrestle with what God is telling them and come up with ideas on how they will utilize the spring semester to share the gospel with others.

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Meet at Mission Center			1 Happy New Year Mission Center Closed	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Revival Fire Rally Shelburne 2:30 pm	12 NMC Classes Begin	13 VBS Meeting For Pastors & VBS Directors* 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast Edinburg 8:00 am
18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	19 NGR Executive Board Meeting* 7:00 pm	20 Women's Prayer Luncheon* 11:30 am	21 BSU Luncheon* 11-12:30	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Evangelism Conference Springfield					

Medicine Valley- In November we filled ten shoe boxes with items to be distributed thru Operation Christmas Child to need children overseas.

We provided food assistance to twenty-nine families units with a total of 94 people.

On Sunday, November 30th, we were privileged to baptize two young men, James and Donald Parrish into the fellowship on their profession of faith in Christ. Following this they were able to immediately join with us in the observance of the Lord's Supper which we regularly observe on all fifth Sundays.

In December our children and youth have been rehearsing on Sunday nights for a Children's Christmas Program to be presented at the Chapel at Newtown on Sunday, December 21st.

A Christmas dinner was hosted at the Chapel on Sunday, December 7, following the morning worship services.

Attendance at both Sunday School and Morning Worship has shown modest increases in recent weeks. We pray this continues in coming months. Your prayers and support of whatever kind are greatly appreciated and carefully utilized in furthering the work of this mission in your own backyard. We continue to pray God's blessing upon all of you.

Princeton- The attendance for our Revival was 355 on November 16-19, 2008, with Bro. Phil Glisson from Memphis, Tennessee. An all church Thanksgiving dinner was held at noon on November 16.

Our missionary from Africa spoke at our morning worship service on December 7th. The Youth Christmas program will be held on December 21st. A Christmas Candlelight service will be held on Wednesday, December 24th.

Salem- The Christmas lock in was a huge success. We had 10 kids, and they all said they had a great time, and they are planning another in the future. Our Christmas program on December 14th turned out well, despite the nasty weather. We had a good time, with people in the congregation contributing their talents, and we had quite a variety, with a saxophone, a trumpet, a harmonica, and several poems were read. The children also sang a song. After the reading of the Christmas story from Luke, we exchanged gifts, passed out sacks of candy to the children, then went to the fellowship hall, for good food, and fellowship. It was a fun, joyous evening. In January, Bro Earl Nance will be speaking during the worship service about the Sparrow Ministries.

Spickard- We hosted the community annual Thanksgiving services on November 23rd. We were blessed with several specials and approximately 60 to 70 people in attendance. Refreshments were served after the service and we enjoyed visiting with everyone.

Tenth Street- We have been averaging 35 to 40 in the Cowboy Church at Calleo and Celebrate Recovery has been averaging 33. We continue with the Angel Food ministry. There is a sheet enclosed. Orders need placed by January 12th. We only accept foodstamps or cash. Call Raneé at 359-3307.

Trenton First- We will begin two Bible Studies in January- "Fireproof" and "Esther". The Sonshine Daycare and Preschool performed their Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 14th. The Awana program continues to grow. The Awana's went caroling in the nursing homes on December 17th.

Extreme Makeover:

Heart Edition

GA Retreat 2009

- March 20-21– Grand Oaks
- March 27-28– Grand Oaks
- April 3-4– Grand Oaks

2009 Ministry Project Baptist Builders

You may choose to bring one or more of these items to the GA Retreat:

1. Carpenter's Pencil
2. Black Sharpie Magic Markers
3. Brown Cotton Gloves
4. Small Bottles Hand Sanitizer
5. Paper Towels

All girls grades 1-6 are invited to attend, whether or not their churches have active GA organizations.

Girls will meet missionaries, participate in games, crafts, music, Bible study, prayer and more! They will enjoy meeting girls from other churches.

Registration deadline is February 20th. You may register until March 6th, however, the registration will go up \$5.00, and t-shirt orders will not be accepted. There is also the possibility that the camp will become full.

Cost by February 20th- \$35.00
Cost by March 6th- \$40.00

Register online at:
www.mobaptist.org/wmu

Happy New Year

I do not know, I cannot see
What God's hand prepares for me,
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze
Which covers all my future way;
But yet I know that o'er it all
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

I know the Hand that hath me fed
And through the year my feet hath led;
I know the everlasting arm
That hath upheld and kept from harm.
I trust Him as my God and guide
And know that He will still provide.

So at the opening of the year,
I banish care and doubt and fear,
And clasping His kind hand, essay
To walk with God from day to day,
Trusting in Him who hath me fed,
Walking with Him who hath me led.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned.
A hand divine hath set thy bound.
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my God and King,
The Old we leave without a tear,
The New we hail without a fear.

Author Unknown

**People know what you are
by what they see, not by
what they hear.**

*"Let your light so shine before men, that
they may see your good works, and
glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16



Looking Forward to a New Year

It's difficult to believe another year has passed.

Our December Christmas celebration was canceled due to the weather but for those who planned to bring food for the food pantry you may leave it at the Mission center and we'll see that it get's to the food pantry. We will take an offering for the Pure Water Pure Love program at our January winter luncheon on the 20th if weather permits. We will meet at 11:30 am at the Mission Center and have a chili/soup luncheon. Come join us and plan to share some of your WOM group plans for the coming year.

Next month is WMU Focus Week February 9th-15th. The theme is called to "Love Through WMU". The WMU yearbook has lots of great ideas for showing your church what WMU is really all about. If you don't have a year book give me a call or let Debbie know and we'll be glad to help.

The February Program and Prayer Luncheon will be February 17th at 10:30 am at the Mission Center. Even though Valentine Day will be over it's never too late to focus on and celebrate love. Isn't that what missions is all about– love for the lost and for other brothers and sisters in Christ, we may even have to have some Valentine cookies as part of our dessert.

By now your church should have received the information about the GA retreat coming up in March and April.

We have a new Mission Friends group at Edinburg! If you have new groups or would like information or help with starting new age level groups please call me.

May all of you have a joyous new year!

Bev Martin
WMU Director



Thank You

The staff of North Grand River would like to express our Appreciation to you for the Christmas Gifts.

It is such a blessing to be a part of this association.

EJ & Diann Barnes
Debbie Dickinson