

# MISSIONS & MINISTRY

## Administrative Committee to explore sale of Mission Center



*Dr. Hammer addresses the Board*

One motion was made at the July 23 Executive Board Meeting that will possibly impact the work of the Association for years to come. Randy Messer, pastor at First Baptist, Oak Grove, moved that the Association's Administrative Committee be tasked with researching the possibility of selling the Baptist Mission Center at I-470 and Woods Chapel Road in Lee's Summit. It was agreed by general consensus that the committee would report their findings to the churches at least two weeks prior to this year's Annual Meeting

scheduled for October 11 at First Baptist, Raytown, or no recommendation would be made at that meeting.

A good discussion preceded the motion with several questions asked by board members. Claude West, board member from Mt. Washington Baptist, asked why there was a need to sell. Dr. Hammer explained that the Mission Center

was designed for a different model of association ministry, a time when the Association had nine full-time staff and was program oriented. The Association now has three full-time staff, and the need for a 14,000 square foot building is difficult to justify.

Dr. Hammer noted that the building of the Mission Center was a good and proper project for its time, but the current needs of the staff could be met in a much smaller space, and the money tied up in

*(see "Executive Board" on page 3)*

## VISION

### Strategy Planning Retreat

**Thursday, September 3**

**9 AM – 3 PM**

First Baptist, Raytown (Atrium)

This retreat is where we will discuss the priorities and objectives of the Association for the coming years. It is the linchpin of the VISION 2020 process that was started in December of last year.

It is critically important that pastors, staff and other interested laity participate in the retreat. We are depending on your advice, consent and feedback to establish the goals and action plans that will guide our ministry for the next several years.

Lunch is included. Please e-mail Loren at [lorenh@kcbaptist.org](mailto:lorenh@kcbaptist.org) by August 31 to let him know how many will be attending from your church.

## BR-KC Baptist Association Fall Golf Tournament

**Friday, September 11**

**Shamrock Hills Golf Course, Lee's Summit**

**Two-person scramble**

**\$45 per person (includes lunch, cart and prizes)**

**Check-in 7:00 – 7:40 a.m.**

**Tee-time 8:00 a.m.**

Register by sending a check for \$45 per person made out to C. Porter to:

Curtis Porter  
2632 NW Bent Tree Circle  
Lee's Summit, MO 64081.

Registration deadline is September 7



# OUR STEWARDSHIP

# Church Giving Jan 1 to June 30, 2009

| Church                                | 2009 Assn. Mission Giving | Church                           | 2009 Assn. Mission Giving | Church                            | 2009 Assn. Mission Giving |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Abiding Love                          | 989.97                    | East Lynne, First                | 710.30                    | Noland Road                       | 12,255.28                 |
| Anchor Point                          | 0.00                      | Ebenezer Missionary              | 0.00                      | Norfleet                          | 2,127.13                  |
| Antioch                               | 190.44                    | Faith                            | 2,926.06                  | Oak Grove, First                  | 20,014.91                 |
| Antioch Southern                      | 1,289.56                  | First Haitian                    | 230.00                    | Oakwood                           | 500.00                    |
| Armour Heights                        | 240.00                    | First Westside                   | 139.03                    | Olive Branch Missionary           | 0.00                      |
| AZ-U-R                                | 100.00                    | Fleming                          | 458.47                    | Peculiar, First                   | 2,661.42                  |
| Bales                                 | 0.00                      | Forest Avenue                    | 0.00                      | Plaza Heights                     | 1,000.00                  |
| Baruch Hashem                         | 1,330.00                  | Freeman                          | 789.49                    | Pleasant Hill, First              | 0.00                      |
| Beaumont                              | 0.00                      | Grace Point                      | 3,285.72                  | Pleasant Prairie                  | 165.89                    |
| Belvidere Heights                     | 1,200.00                  | Grain Valley, First              | 7,613.96                  | Pleasant Ridge                    | 705.32                    |
| Besonia                               | 100.08                    | Grand River                      | 0.00                      | Principe de Paz                   | 400.00                    |
| Bethany                               | 0.00                      | Grandview, First                 | 5,604.55                  | Raymore, First                    | 1,665.00                  |
| Beverly Hills                         | 100.00                    | Greater Faith Missionary         | 0.00                      | Raytown, First                    | 15,500.00                 |
| Big Creek                             | 4,674.85                  | Greendale                        | 668.47                    | Red Bridge                        | 350.00                    |
| Birchwood                             | 2,499.96                  | Greenwood                        | 0.00                      | Redeemer Fellowship (1st Calvary) | 0.00                      |
| Blue Ridge                            | 5,124.72                  | Heart of Life (1st, Garden City) | 2,400.00                  | River Boulevard                   | 1,435.64                  |
| Blue Springs, First                   | 16,234.97                 | Hickory Grove                    | 631.50                    | Roanoke                           | 919.24                    |
| Blue Summit                           | 1,050.93                  | High Point                       | 0.00                      | Rockwood                          | 1,087.79                  |
| Broadway, Oak Grove                   | 1,291.43                  | Hispanic, Rockwood               | 0.00                      | Russian, Kansas City              | 0.00                      |
| Buckner, First                        | 2,812.18                  | Holmeswood                       | 1,225.20                  | Second Missionary                 | 0.00                      |
| Calvary Temple                        | 0.00                      | Holy Hill                        | 0.00                      | Six Mile                          | 977.00                    |
| Calvary, Blue Springs                 | 574.46                    | Iglesia Pan de Vida              | 377.09                    | South Haven                       | 8,418.50                  |
| Calvary, Independence                 | 703.47                    | Immanuel                         | 4,509.22                  | South Kansas City                 | 450.00                    |
| Carlisle                              | 327.83                    | Independence, First              | 583.31                    | Southview                         | 3,746.19                  |
| Celebration Community                 | 0.00                      | Kansas City Korean               | 0.00                      | Sovereign Grace                   | 0.00                      |
| Central                               | 1,619.21                  | Lees Summit, First               | 12,517.52                 | Spring Valley                     | 6,729.30                  |
| Church of Faith                       | 55.00                     | Life Connection                  | 463.26                    | Spruce St Matthew                 | 500.00                    |
| Clearpoint                            | 850.00                    | LifeQuest                        | 40.00                     | Sterling Acres                    | 3,480.20                  |
| Cleveland, First                      | 219.00                    | Little Blue                      | 1,624.00                  | Strasburg                         | 5,908.81                  |
| Colbern Road                          | 0.00                      | Living Stones Community          | 0.00                      | Susquehanna                       | 100.00                    |
| Coleman                               | 0.00                      | Logos                            | 0.00                      | Sycamore Hills                    | 4,666.18                  |
| Connect Ministries (formerly Skyline) | 0.00                      | Loma Vista                       | 500.63                    | The Avenue                        | 0.00                      |
| Corinthian Missionary                 | 100.00                    | Lone Jack                        | 700.00                    | Tree of Life                      | 35.00                     |
| Cornerstone                           | 0.00                      | Longview                         | 350.00                    | True Vine Missionary              | 0.00                      |
| Country Meadows                       | 1,365.68                  | Martin City                      | 598.27                    | Truth Bible Fellowship            | 1,217.74                  |
| Covenant Memorial                     | 0.00                      | Maywood                          | 1,050.00                  | U Church                          | 25.00                     |
| Coventry Estates                      | 1,243.72                  | Mt Washington                    | 449.36                    | United Believers                  | 300.00                    |
| Creighton, First                      | 1,465.93                  | New Birth Christian Ministries   | 0.00                      | Vietnamese                        | 600.00                    |
| Crescent Creek                        | 0.00                      | New Haven                        | 0.00                      | Word of Life Community            | 0.00                      |
| Cross Creek                           | 90.69                     | New Life Cambodian               | 0.00                      | Wornall Road                      | 200.00                    |
| Crossroads, Grain Valley              | 350.00                    | New Salem                        | 382.15                    | <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$197,163.18</b>       |
| Discovery                             | 0.00                      | New Zion Missionary              | 0.00                      |                                   |                           |

If each church increased their Assn. giving by 1/2 percent of undesignated offerings, it would result in over \$115,000 for local missions.

## Communicating the 1st century gospel in the 21st

Frederick Boulevard Baptist in St. Joseph will host the 1-21 Forum (1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY MESSAGE, 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY METHODS) sponsored by the Missouri Baptist Convention

on August 28-29. Six speakers will address communicating the gospel in contemporary culture. Full info is online at [www.121forum.com](http://www.121forum.com).



MALT (Metro Area Leadership Training) "Equipping Today's Leaders" will be held on Saturday morning, October 17 at First Baptist, Raytown starting at 9:00 AM. There will be three training sessions offered that morning with over 40 classes from which to choose.

The classes will end at 12:15. Participants can choose to stay for lunch afterwards and spend time sharing around the table about what they learned.

Go to [www.kcmalt.info](http://www.kcmalt.info) and download a full listing of classes plus items you can use to promote MALT at your church.

### Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association News

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## Harvesters needs volunteers

Harvesters' BackSnack program exists to provide elementary students with nutritious food over the weekend and holidays when they may not have access to regular meals. Harvesters will provide the food and backpacks, but they need assistance in getting the backpacks filled and delivered to the schools on a weekly basis. If you have questions or are interested in helping please contact Ryan Kepley, BackSnack Program Manager at 816-929-3041 or [rkepley@harvesters.org](mailto:rkepley@harvesters.org).

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the building and land could be better used for kingdom purposes. It has been estimated that the property could be worth in excess of 1.5 million dollars. That value represents a tremendous ministry potential. The proceeds from a sale could be used to create an endowment that would fund ministries, or as a resource for assisting churches with short-term loans, or both. Recommending how the money would be put to work will be one of the Administrative Committee's assignments.

**“That plan and more will be presented at the October 11 Annual Meeting of the Association at First, Raytown.”**

As of June 30th, receipts from the churches came to 99.99% of the budget (*see financial report on page 4.*) Thirty-nine churches have increased their giving to the Association over the same period last year. This is a wonderful testimony in a time of national recession and a weak economic recovery.

Dr. Hammer reported on the work of the VISION 2020 Strategy Planning Advisory Group (*see story on this page.*) The group will help lead a planning retreat on Thursday, September 3 at First Baptist Raytown. The retreat is open to anyone. Participants will choose which objective and group discussion they'd like to be a part of to help determine the goals of the Association and how we will seek to achieve them in the coming years. The recommended vision, values and objectives from the Advisory Group will be the basis for the work group discussions. Every pastor should attend if at all possible. The recommendations coming from the retreat will help form the Association's Master Ministry Plan for the coming decade.



*Welby Jones (Sterling Acres) visits with Tom Patton (Loma Vista) after the Executive Board meeting.*

That plan and more will be presented at the October 11 Annual Meeting of the Association, also at First, Raytown. The meeting will be a three-fold format with a Missions Fair leading the activities from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in the foyer, followed by the business session in the Atrium from 6:00 – 7:00. A time of worship and missions rally in the sanctuary will cap the evening from 7:30 – 9:00 PM. This will be an event for the entire family. The Association's WMU is planning a Children's Mission Rally from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, and Jr. and Sr. High youth will have their Praise and Worship time in the Student Underground area of the church.

The meeting will take place on a Sunday evening. We know that many churches still have Sunday evening worship, and we're not asking them to not worship that night. We're asking them to come and worship together with their 124 sister churches in the Association, and be encouraged by seeing they are part of a larger ministry impacting the area for Christ's Kingdom. We hope to see you at First Baptist, Raytown on Sunday, October 11.

## One-day Clown & Magic workshop in Shawnee

The Fellowship of Christian Magicians will hold a one-day conference on Saturday August 22, 2009 at First Baptist Church of Shawnee; 14000 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS. 66203. Learn how to use gospel magic and clowning in your church ministries.

Please e-mail at [rdjlbj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdjlbj@sbcglobal.net) or call: Leona Jackson: 913-722-4044, for info. Conference registration is **free** but you **must** register in order to attend any of the classes!



## VISION 2020 group sets values and objectives

The VISION 2020 Strategy Planning Advisory Group, in their final meeting before the summer break, identified four key values and five broad objectives for the Association. In a two-hour session, the group established the following as Key Values of the Association:

- Biblical Fidelity
- Gospel Proclamation
- Partnership, and
- Servanthood

The group listed overlapping objectives which coalesced into five general objectives; Reaching All Peoples, Strengthening Churches, Community Transformation, Starting Churches and Developing Leaders. These objectives were renamed to create an acrostic on the word GRACE.

**G**OSPEL OUTREACH

**R**ESOURCING CHURCHES

**A**SSISTING COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

**C**HURCH PLANTING

**E**QUIPPING LEADERS

These five objectives will form the foundation for the goals and action plans to be developed at the Strategic Planning Retreat to be held September 3 at First Baptist, Raytown (*see box on page 1*).

## Media Library Workshop August 14-15

The Association will host a workshop for all Church Media Library workers on Friday and Saturday, August 14-15 at the Mission Center.

LifeWay Consultant, Beth League from Smyrna, TN, will lead four classes. Friday's topics will be *Promotion with Pizazz* and *Promotion Activities*. Saturday's will be *Limited Resources—Unlimited Possibilities* and *Media Selection for Churches*.

Cost for the two days is \$25 (lunch included.) Contact Lois Ellis at 816-618-3370 to register or for more information.

## News from the churches

**Central Baptist Church**, Kansas City, has been ordered by the city to demolish an old carriage house on their property. The cost for the demolition is \$8,700. They are requesting help from their sister churches. If 87 people/churches gave \$100, 30 gave \$290, or 15 gave \$580 they can meet their demolition goal. If the Lord lays it on your heart to contribute, you will receive a tax deductible receipt. Any funds received beyond their goal, will be designated to a future building project. Contact Pastor Omar Segovia at 816-820-5808, e-mail omsegovia7@gmail.com.

**First Baptist Church Westside**, the Association's oldest Hispanic church at 801 W. Cesar Chavez Rd. in Kansas City, is holding luncheons the first Sunday of every month. They are raising funds to help with their new building loan. The luncheon is held after the morning church service (usually around 12–12:15). The cost is \$20.00 per family or \$5.00 per person. Typically they have tacos, rice, beans, dessert and a drink. Here's an opportunity to enjoy authentic Mexican food and help out a sister church at the same time.

**Plaza Heights Baptist Church**, Blue Springs, is hosting the nationwide Beth Moore simulcast event on Aug 28–29. It's a Friday evening, Saturday morning live simulcast for women. If you would like more details, contact Barb Allen at 816-220-1753.

**Susquehanna Baptist Church** in Independence is cleaning out some old music files. They have boxes full of old Christmas cantatas and Easter cantatas that they would like to give to any church that is interested. They all include CD accompaniments and several also have rehearsal CDs (with four vocal parts). Contact the church at 816-257-2080.

**Club D-Mask-Us**, 1221 B SE Broadway in Lee's Summit, has announced the following concert schedule for August;

- 8/7 T.B.A.
- 8/14 Connie Whitlock and Friends
- 8/21 Charles David Smart
- 8/28 Matt and The Testifiers

Contact Pastor Chane Hutton at [jesussaves@az-u-r.com](mailto:jesussaves@az-u-r.com) for more details.

**First Baptist Church, Oak Grove** is looking

for a full-time Minister of Worship and Music. Please send resumes to First Baptist Church, Music Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 129, Oak Grove, MO 64075 or e-mail [randy@firstbaptistog.org](mailto:randy@firstbaptistog.org).

**Plaza Heights Baptist** in Blue Springs will offer the Dave Ramsey course, Financial Peace University, beginning on Monday, September 14. If interested in enrolling, contact the church at 229-4077.

**Anchor Point Baptist Church** in Independence celebrated their 34th year of ministry on June 28th. They will be having Vacation Bible School from August 10–14 with a team of Perchoron horses pulling a wagon picking up the kids for VBS.

Gabriel Duarte, guitarist from Paraguay, will present a worship concert at **First Baptist Church, Grandview, MO** on

August 16, 2009 at 6 PM. Admission is free. A love offering will be received.

**Mt. Washington Baptist Church** in Independence, a little church with a big heart, recently sent four 30-gallon tubs of school supplies and personal items to missionaries in Angola. Also, the church women have made 194 lap robes for patients at Truman Lakewood and prepared baby kits for newborns.

Paul Adams, pastor at **Little Blue Baptist Church**, recently celebrated his 60th year in the ministry. He has pastored churches in Kahoka and Mountain Grove, MO as well as Kansas City.

Rev. James Clouse, pastor at **Mt. Washington Baptist** from 2003-2006 recently passed away.

### June 2009 Financial Report

|                             | Current Month       | Year-to-Date  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance           |                     | (\$18,797.62) |
| Receipts from churches      | \$37,538.93         | \$197,163.18  |
| Other Income                | 1.71                | 550.77        |
| Total                       | \$37,540.64         | \$178,916.33  |
| Less Expenses               | (25,500.67)         | (181,968.30)  |
| Balance as of 6/30/2009     | \$ 12,039.97        | (\$ 3,051.97) |
| Budget \$394,334.00 Annual  | \$32,861.18 Monthly | \$197,167.08  |
| Budget Receipts             |                     | 197,163.18    |
| Receipts compared to budget | 99.99%              | (\$ 3.90)     |

### Calendar

| August                       | September                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 CityFocus WMU Training     | 3 VISION 2020 Retreat          |
| 3-7 Girl's Mission Camp      | 7 Office closed (Labor Day)    |
| 14-15 Media Library Workshop | 11 Association Golf Tournament |
|                              | 12 Apple Festival              |
|                              | 26 Assoc. WMU Celebrations     |