

MISSIONS & MINISTRY

Roberts to keynote Annual Meeting



Dr. Roberts

Dr. Bob Roberts, Jr. is the founding and Senior Pastor of NorthWood Church, a rapidly growing church near Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX. He is the author of *Transformation, Glocalization, The Multiplying Church* and the soon

to be released *Real Time Connection: How To Use Your Job To Change The World*.

He is a leading practitioner and writer on glocal—global and local—transformation of individuals, churches, communities and global engagement. Roberts' unique principles have transformed the people and ministry of NorthWood and its 117 (and counting) church plants and “adopted” nations throughout the world.

He is the founder of Glocal.net, a network of like-minded leaders who are advancing a glocal church multiplication movement that

connects the body of Christ worldwide.

Dr. Roberts is a graduate of Baylor University (BA), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div), and Fuller Seminary (D.Min).

He will address those attending the Worship and Missions Celebration at the Association's Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 11 at FBC Raytown. The evening's activities will begin with a Missions Fair from 5-6 PM, followed by the Association's business session from 6-7 (in the Atrium). The worship will begin at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary and will feature music from the choir and praise band at First, Raytown, a combined Gospel Choir from the African-American churches in the Association and the band from AZ-U-R Church in Lee's Summit. There will also be a Children's Mission Rally from 5-7 PM for grades 1-6 and a concert for Jr. & Sr. High youth featuring the band Starlit Platoon starting at 7 PM. **Childcare is available for babies-grade 3, from 6-9 pm by calling Julie Pieratt at 778-1100, ext. 2122.**



Senior Adult Rally

Monday, October 12 10 AM – 1:30 PM

First Baptist Church, Raytown
featuring

“Grandpa John” Gorham
LaPlata, MO

Cost \$7.00

Call Lisa at 795-1822 to register by
Friday, October 9

Leadership Training

Saturday, October 17 9 AM – 12:15 PM

First Baptist Church, Raytown

Choose 3 classes from 45 offered.

Training for all areas of church leadership. You can download the complete listing of classes and teachers at

www.kcmalt.info

Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 11 First Baptist Church, Raytown

- * Missions Fair
5 – 6 pm
- * Children's Missions Rally
5 – 7 pm
- * Business Meeting
6 – 7 pm
- * Youth Concert/Worship
7 – 9 pm
- * Worship/Missions Rally
7:30 – 9 pm

VISION



2020

Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association

Over 150 attend Spiritual Awakening conference

The Association's first ever Spiritual Awakening conference for African-American churches saw over 150 people attend three nights of classes and worship celebration. The event was held at Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church September 15 – 17 with five classes being offered the first two nights and a special worship rally on the closing night.

Rev. K. Marshall Williams, pastor of Nazarene Baptist Church in Philadelphia was the guest speaker on Thursday night. He spoke on the Great Commission and stressed that it is impossible to carry out the Great Commission without first fulfilling the Great Commandment, that we love God and love one another. A forty-voice choir made up of musicians from several churches led the worship music.

Earlier that day, Rev. Williams addressed the black pastors of the Association at a luncheon held at Corinthian. He shared from his thirty-plus years of experience and encouraged the pastors present to make disciples, into the men of their churches. "If you get the men, you get the whole family," stressed Williams.



Rev. K. Marshall Williams addresses the Spiritual Awakening Conference



Rev. Darron Edwards, (back to camera) demonstrates a point during his class on Prayer at the Spiritual Awakening Conference.

Williams also shared about his 14 years of experience with the Southern Baptist Convention and told the pastors that to be a viable part of the convention their churches needed to participate with "presence and pocket," attending the meetings, serving on committees and supporting the mission efforts with regular giving.

Classes on Worship, Stewardship, Evangelism, Discipleship and Prayer were offered Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The class on prayer was repeated again on Thursday before the worship hour. Pastors and musicians from area churches led the classes.

Bro. B.G. Roberson, pastor at Corinthian Missionary, was the driving force behind getting the conference organized and making it a success. Working with Bro. Roberson on the planning team were pastors Darron Edwards, United Believers, B.W. Rucker, Olive Branch, Anthony Andrews, Church of Faith Int'l., Marvin Tigner, New Zion Missionary, Gary Jones, U-Church, Don Graves, Holy Hill and Jesse Frazier, Ebenezer Missionary. The conference will be offered again next year with the hope that all of our black congregations will take part.

An open letter from Bro. Ken Smith at Forest Avenue Family Shelter

Ever since the financial crisis, much of our support has been slow and unsteady. For almost a year, God has provided our needs but there has not been the extra money for a newsletter to go out. Except for a \$500 monthly check for one of the staff, all money goes to pay the utilities and cleaning supplies for the shelter. As a Southern Baptist ministry, it is a tough situation to be in. Do we put the homeless on the streets or send out a newsletter? For a year and a half we have chosen to pray and not send the letter.

During this financial crisis for the Shelter, we have felt that it is the time to make a drastic shift in the way that we do the



Dinner time at the shelter

Lord's work. We are in the process of going for even better stewardship and going green, all at the same

time. For this reason, we urgently need your help right now in two ways.

The first thing we are challenging churches to do is join the "Buck-a-Month Club." This is a commitment for individuals to give one dollar each month to the Forest Avenue Family Shelter. This simple dollar can work miracles for both the physical and spiritual well being of our guests.

The second thing that you can do to help this ministry is help us go electronic. If you use E-mail, please allow us to E-mail you and your church our E-mail newsletter. You can send us your E-mail address at jkensmith@aol.com

We assure you that we will not give your address out to anyone else for solicitation or any other reason. By doing this, we not only will save quite a bit of money each time we send out a newsletter, we will eliminate a lot of paper.

Please pray for this ministry and what the Lord would have you give at this critical time. Grace and Peace.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

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Come to the Fair

Children's Mission Rally

Sunday, October 11
5 – 7 pm

A part of the BR-KC Annual Meeting at
First Baptist, Raytown

Your children, grades 1 – 6 will have a great time learning about missions and enjoy hot dogs prepared in our Disaster Relief Mobile Feeding Unit.

The Annual Meeting is for Everyone!

From your Director of Missions

Dear Partners on Mission,

I can't wait to see many of you at our Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 11 at FBC, Raytown! We will have a tremendous time of dynamic fellowship, learning, envisioning, discussion, worship and celebration. I hope and pray a large group from every church, in addition to your voted messengers for our business session, will come to worship and celebrate together at 7:30 PM.

We are drawing close to the conclusion of our Envisioning Strategy Planning Process. On September 3 we had an excellent time of prayer, discussion, dreaming and sharing among forty associational leaders, pastors, staff, and church members. The Strategy Planning Advisory Group of 9 pastors facilitated discussion and elicited ideas from work groups formed around our proposed objectives of Gospel Outreach, Resourcing Churches, Assisting Community Transformation, Church Planting and Equipping Leaders. On October 1 the Advisory Group and staff will meet to finalize the proposed Vision 2020 Master Ministry Plan for the Association. We will publish the proposed plan on our website for your consideration prior to the Annual Meeting.

After the Finance Committee meets, we will publish an annotated, proposed 2010 Budget. This will give everyone an opportunity to see what is proposed prior to the Annual Meeting. We will vote on the Vision 2020 Master Ministry Plan and 2010 Proposed Budget in the 6 – 7 PM business session on October 11.

Finally, the Executive Board voted to have the Administrative Committee study further the idea of putting the Mission Center property up for sale. The four main areas of their study were drawn from the feedback of Board members. They are an official appraisal of the value of the property and building, possible alternatives for the office building's use, current published costs of buying or leasing elsewhere, and proposed utilization of funds received if the property were sold. The Administrative Committee was requested to report back to the Association two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting with any recommendation they might have. On September 28 the Committee will publish a report via e-mail and the Association's website regarding these four areas. Due to factors beyond their control, they will report on 3 of the 4 areas with the official appraisal figure to be available by October 1. At that time they will finalize their report. Any recommendation will then be discussed and, if requiring action, voted on at the October 11 Annual Meeting.

See you there!

New Church Plant needs volunteers

Crossroads Church, KC has been receiving help from volunteers, remodeling their building at 1827 Washington in preparation for their launch as a new church plant. A student team from "Mission to the City" did some demo work recently, and Larry Jacques brought a team down to help with the work.



Larry Jacques (right) and a team from Sterling Acres and FBC, Blue Springs

The church plant still needs help with the following work list:

- Reframe 2 window openings and a door opening
- Install replacement windows (13 of them)
- Repair drywall
- Inspect and open fireplaces
- Expose brick and remove drop ceiling (kitchen)
- Install tile backsplash (kitchen)
- Lay floor tile (kitchen)
- Install countertop (kitchen)
- Run gas line for a 1st floor kitchen stove
- Replace wall tile around tub (bathroom)
- Lay floor tile (bathroom)
- Install tile backsplash (bathroom)
- Replace sink and counter (bathroom)
- Run conduit for interior electric where walls and ceilings have been exposed
- Paint small outside decks
- Reinforce large rear decks

If you or your church can help, contact church planter A.J. Vanderhorst at arielj.van@gmail.com or 816-810-2244.

Dick is the Executive Director for New Fields and is a member at the Russian congregation meeting at Holmeswood. If you would like to have this group perform at your church, contact Wilhelm at 913-485-5293 or via e-mail at newfieldsministries@yahoo.com.

Student Rally Concert and Worship Service led by...



...as part of the BR-KC Baptist Association Annual Meeting.

October 11 7 p.m.

FBC, Raytown Student Auditorium
\$5 at the door, \$2.50 per person when
with a church youth group.

**The Annual Meeting is for
Everyone!**

Missions Opportunity

New Fields Ministries, Inc., a non-profit working with ministries in Russia, has invited several students from the university in Omsk, Russia to come to Kansas City and perform a series of concerts. These are all university students working towards becoming professional musicians.

The concerts will be free of charge, but a love offering will be received that will benefit six alcohol and drug rehabilitation centers and two homeless shelters in Russia. These ministries have seen 10 new churches started in their area, and many of the former addicts and criminals are now church members and even pastors.

The group will be here during the three weeks following Easter next year (April 5-25, 2010). The program will include Russian classical, spiritual and some other internationally known pieces. Wilhelm

News from the churches

Martin City Baptist Church will be sponsoring a concert by the Gospelairens on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 6:30 PM. For Halloween, the church will be doing "Light the Night" combined with "Trunker Treat" on the church parking lot beginning at 5:30 PM.

South Haven Baptist Church in Belton has recently cleaned out their music library and has individual anthems and various Christmas and Easter cantatas to give away. A few of the anthems and several of the cantatas have accompaniment tracks and part tapes. Please call the church office (816-322-0409) to schedule an appointment to look at the music.

Club D-Mask-Us will host FFH in concert on Saturday, October 10. Cost is \$12 and doors open at 6:30 pm. The concert begins at 7:00. For directions and tickets, go to www.az-u-r.com or call 816-525-7999 or 816-550-0144. Club D-Mask-Us is a ministry of **AZ-U-R Church**.

Beverly Hills Baptist Church at 31st and Crysler in Independence will host a gospel concert on October 23rd at 7:00 PM. Performances will include Bill Burns and Gospel Lovin' Four and Colleen. A love offering will be taken. Following the concert there will be light refreshments in the fellowship hall. For further information contact Jean King at 224-0804.

Greendale Baptist Church, 29th and Oakley in Kansas City needs a small piano to use in their dining hall where they worship. Contact Chuck Bateman at 816-923-0773; or pastor Lon Brown at: 816-719-5338.

Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church south of Belton recently held a revival with evangelist Randy Hogue. They had 51 total decisions for salvation, mostly by adults and teens. Bro. Hogue may be contacted at www.randyhogue.org.

New Haven Baptist Church, 5501 Blue Ridge Cutoff in Raytown, is now a distribution site for Harvester's. They will have food available on the third Saturday of each month from 9 – 11:30 AM. Contact the church at 353-3938. The food is free, but you must provide your own container to carry it home.

Volunteers needed for MBC meeting

Sixteen volunteers are needed to help with enrollment at the Missouri Baptist Convention annual meeting on October 26-27 at First Baptist Church, Raytown, MO.

Volunteers are needed to insert name badges in holders, hand out programs and the Book of Reports, and to talk with messengers and visitors.

Workers are needed for four-hour shifts Monday morning 7:45–noon, noon–4:00 PM, and 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. On Tuesday workers are needed for the

7:45–noon shift. Those working will need to be at First Baptist Raytown at least 10 minutes before your shift starts for instruction from workers from the state office.



This is a great opportunity to be of service to the convention and to meet fellow Baptists from all around the state of Missouri. If you can serve in this capacity, call Joe Barbour, chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee at 816-350-8002. Please specify the time(s) you would be available.

August 2009 Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Beginning Balance		(\$18,797.62)
Receipts from churches	\$24,082.30	\$253,255.97
Other Income	.63	552.25
Total	\$24,082.93	\$235,010.60
Less Expenses	(27,505.64)	(237,687.30)
Balance as of 8/31/2009	(\$ 3,422.71)	(\$ 2,676.70)
Budget	\$394,334.00 Annual	\$32,861.18 Monthly
Budget Receipts		253,255.97
Receipts compared to budget	96.34%	(\$ 9,643.47)

Calendar

October	November
11 Annual Meeting, 1st Raytown	2 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
12 MALT Sr. Adult Rally 10-1:30	7 Media Library Workers Mtg.
17 MALT, 1st Raytown 9-12:15	26-27 Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
26-28 MBC, 1st Raytown	29-Dec. 6 Season of Int'l. Missions