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September 1, 2009

## Annual Meeting to be a threefold event

This year's Annual Meeting of the Association will be an evening of opportunities. The meeting, to be held on Sunday, October 11 at First Baptist, Raytown, will begin with a Missions Fair from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the foyer outside the sanctuary of the church, followed by a business meeting in the Atrium from 6:00 to 7:00. A missions rally and worship service will conclude the evening from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

Over 40 agencies and ministries are being invited to have a display table at the Missions Fair. Denominational entities as well as local church starts and ministries will be featured.

The business session will feature the unveiling of the Association's Master Ministry Plan, the culmination of almost a year's worth of strategic planning. The plan will guide the work of the Association for the coming decade as we seek to discover and fulfill God's Will for our area.

The final opportunity of the evening will be to join in worship and celebration with  
(see "Meeting" on page 2)

## Black churches rise to "Spiritual Awakening"

Spiritual Awakening is the theme and goal of a three-night conference planned by the African-American churches of the Association. The event will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, September 15-17 at Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, 6841 Sni A Bar Road, Kansas City.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, participants may choose two classes from the following topics: *Worship*, led by musicians from Corinthian, *Evangelism*, led by Jesse Frazier, pastor at Ebenezer Missionary, *Discipleship*, led by Anthony Andrews, pastor at Church of Faith International, *Stewardship*, led by Marvin Tigner, pastor at New Zion Missionary, and *Prayer*, led by Darron Edwards, pastor at United Believers.

Classes will begin at 6:30 PM each night and conclude at 8:30 PM.

A luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday for participating pastors. They will hear from special guest, K. Marshall Williams, pastor of Nazarene Baptist  
(see "Awakening" on page 2)



## 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.

# VISION



# 2020

Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association

**Meeting** (cont'd from page 1)

your sister churches as we join together to praise and worship our Lord.

Dr. Bob Roberts will be our preacher for the evening. Dr. Roberts 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.



Dr. Roberts

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.

You will be encouraged and inspired as we worship together and Dr. Roberts shares from the word of God. We hope every church in the Association will come together to worship and hear about the exciting missions opportunities available through the Association.



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**Leader Training That's...**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

**1 Day**  
**3 Sessions**  
**45 Classes**

**Saturday, October 17**

**9:00 AM – 12:15 PM**

**First Baptist Church  
Raytown, MO**

**Choose up to three classes to attend**

**Go to [www.kcmalt.info](http://www.kcmalt.info) for full details**

**Optional lunch afterwards**

**Child-care provided by reservation**

**(call 353-1994 to reserve childcare for up to 3rd grade)**

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**Awakening** (cont'd from page 1)

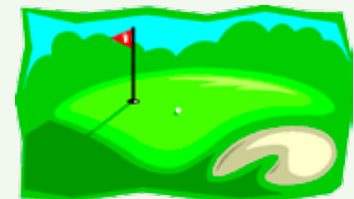
Church in Philadelphia, a past-president of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention, and former President of the SBC State Convention President's Fellowship.

Thursday night will feature a closing celebration beginning at 6:30 PM with Bro. Darron Edwards, pastor of United Believers, leading a one-hour session on prayer and then a time of worship with Bro. Williams preaching.



Pastor Williams

All churches are welcome to participate in the conferences, but the classes are designed especially with the needs and context of African-American churches in mind. Each participating church is being asked to help with the expense of the event by contributing \$50 toward the budget. The Association is augmenting that offering to cover the costs.



**Upcoming Golf Tournaments**

**BR-KC Fall Tournament**

Friday, September 11  
2-person scramble  
Shamrock Hills G.C. \$45 per person  
Call Curtis Porter at 525-5277 by September 7 to register.

**New Hope Retreat Center Benefit Tournament**

Monday, September 21  
4-person scramble  
Hidden Valley G.C., Lawson, MO  
\$50 per person.  
Call Clay-Platte Baptist Assn. at 792-2227 by September 15 to register.

Dear Partners in Missions,

It's been almost one year since we began our ministry here. It's truly a blessing and privilege to serve as your Director of Missions.

As we approach our Annual Meeting on October 11, let me share with you some information that will be of critical importance to our further ministry together.

## **Envision**

I shared at my installment service that my first year priorities would be connecting with pastors and churches, providing strategy and mission training opportunities, and leading the Association through a strategy planning process.

**Envision** is the title we gave to the process of associational strategic planning. This began with the formation of a planning and data-gathering team in December of last year. That team, led by Larry Thomas of First, Raytown, laid the groundwork for our Strategic Planning Advisory Group by formulating a questionnaire and conducting surveys and interviews of pastors and laity.

The information gathered was passed on to the nine-member Strategic Planning Advisory Group. These nine pastors used that data to formulate a vision statement and set of five objectives for consideration at this month's Strategic Planning Retreat (see box on front page). The vision statement says, "We envision a network of healthy Baptist churches partnering together to transform lives and communities through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home, in North America and around the world."

Entitled "VISION 2020", it will consist of five broad objectives:

- Gospel Outreach
- Resourcing Churches
- Assisting Community Transformation
- Church Planting, and
- Equipping Leaders

The goals and action plans that are developed from these objectives will make up the Association's "VISION 2020" Master Ministry Plan to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, October 11 at First Baptist, Raytown.

## **Stewardship**

God has blessed us almost miraculously through your generous giving. During one of the worst recessions in decades, your gifts to the Association surpass last years and allow us to operate without a deficit for the first time since August of 2005. All of our designated accounts are fully funded, and we have a small surplus in our operating budget. Praise God for the blessing of generous churches. (see July financial report on page four of this newsletter).

If this trend continues we could better pursue VISION 2020 and facilitate the increased mission activity and ministry by adding a staff position for Missional Outreach. This person would help develop and facilitate our churches intentional mission strategies, community transformation efforts, church planting, Association mission partnerships and projects, and help provide related equipping needs among our churches.

## **Mission Center/Kingdom Asset**

The Baptist Mission Center will also be an item of discussion at the Annual Meeting. The Administrative Committee of the Association will send a report to the churches by the first of October, providing information pertinent to the possibility of selling the property. This center has served us well, but it was designed for a time when the Association had nine full-time staff and multiple organizations. With three full-time staff and a different ministry paradigm, we need far less space.

The primary reason to sell the center is the potential ministry impact represented by the significant value of the property. This has led us to examine how best to use this Kingdom asset.

As you can see, there will be much to discuss and to celebrate at the Annual Meeting.

## **Silent Friends travel to Puerto Rico in 2009**

The Silent Friends of First Baptist, Oak Grove traveled to Puerto Rico for their annual mission trip on June 16-26. This year the team was made up of 20 members. Because of the group's size, it was possible for them to minister to several different locations on the island during the ten-day stay.



During the first weekend, Randy Messer led a Leadership Conference at First Baptist Church of Barceloneta. Men and women from Baptist churches around the island attended. Workshops were led on evangelism, Vacation Bible School, Christian clowning, youth ministry, children ministry, and Bible study for pastors and deacons.

On the same weekend, a retreat for Deaf adults and children was held



in the city of Arecibo. This retreat was exclusively for Deaf and their families, and concentrated on fellowship, Bible study and fun for the whole family. Many of the families are too poor to attend other types of retreats and summer camps.

Starting on the next Monday, Vacation Bible Schools were held in three different cities – Barceloneta, Hormigueros, and Aibonito. Two of these churches had never had the opportunity to have Vacation Bible School before. Approximately 200 children were ministered to during the week.

I hope and pray that every church will have representatives at both the Strategic Planning Retreat on September 3 and at the Annual Meeting on October 11. Thank you for all you do for the Kingdom!

## News from the churches

**River Boulevard Baptist Church** will have a Western Roundup Day Sept 20th with Phil and Pam Morgan in concert at 11:00 AM, followed by BBQ dinner and pony rides. Wear western duds.

Church Bowling League Monday evenings, starts Sept 14th at 6:30. A non-sanctioned fun league. 4 person team. Call **River Blvd Baptist Church** 461-5650 or Independence. AMF 795-8630 for details. No team? Come anyway. We have a place for you.

**Coventry Estates Baptist Church** is looking for a part-time secretary. Inquiries and resumes may be submitted to: Doug Bradley, Senior Pastor, Coventry Estates Baptist Church, 17133 E 39th Street, Independence MO 64055, (816) 373-3707, e-mail pastor@mycebc.org.

**Loma Vista Baptist Church**, 8622 Blue Ridge Blvd., needs a piano player for Sunday morning worship services and Wednesday night choir rehearsals. This is a paid position. Call the church at 816-356-0078, the choir director at 816-322-0158 or their personnel director at 816-763-9139.

**Country Meadows Baptist Church** would like to recognize and thank Frances Ogle for her dedicated and loyal service while serving as Church Clerk for more than 28 years. Frances has been a blessing and brought glory to God through her service.

**Plaza Heights Baptist Church** in Blue Springs will offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes beginning Monday, September 14 through Monday, December 14. The church is located at 1500 SW Clark Road. Call 816-229-4077 for more information.



### Senior Adult Rally

Monday, October 12 10 AM to 1:30 PM  
First Baptist, Raytown

Informative Classes  
A Great Lunch  
and  
Fun Entertainment

Watch for details at [www.kcmalt.info](http://www.kcmalt.info)

## Hutton to be new MBC Church Planter

August 1, AZ-U-R Pastor Chane Hutton, assumed the position of a Church Planting Field Assistant for the South Kansas City area for the Church Planting Department of the Missouri Baptist Convention. His responsibilities will range from working with a number of church plants already in progress as well as others who are in the process of being planted.



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Working with present church planters, recruiting new church planters, and looking for partnering churches are also among his

responsibilities. This will be in addition to his responsibilities as Senior Pastor of AZ-U-R Church.

When the Missouri Baptist Convention moved Vince Blubaugh, former church planter strategist, to Jefferson City to serve as Communications Director, it was decided to replace him with three part-time field assistants.

Chane is joined by Matt Mars of Northland Church who will have similar responsibilities in the North Kansas City area and Luis Medonza who will work with the Language churches. You can reach Chane at 816-550-0513.

### July 2009 Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Beginning Balance		(\$18,797.62)
Receipts from churches	\$32,010.49	\$229,173.67
Other Income	.85	551.62
Total	\$32,011.34	\$210,927.67
Less Expenses	(28,213.36)	(210,181.66)
Balance as of 7/31/2009	\$ 3,797.98	\$ 746.01
Budget	\$394,334.00 Annual	\$32,861.18 Monthly
Budget Receipts		\$229,173.67
Receipts compared to budget	99.63%	(\$ 854.59)

### Calendar

September	October
3 VISION 2020 Retreat	11 <b>Annual Meeting, 1st Raytown</b>
7 Office closed (Labor Day)	12 MALT Sr. Adult Rally
11 Association Golf Tournament	17 MALT, 1st Raytown 9-12:15
12 Apple Festival	26-28 MBC, 1st Raytown