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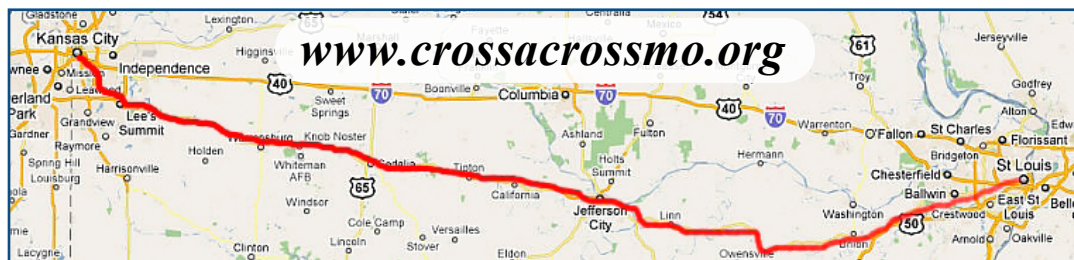
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## Prayer Walk Across Missouri set for April 13-22

The BR-KC Baptist Association, along with the Evangelism Department of the Missouri Baptist Convention and FBC, Oak Grove, is co-sponsoring a prayer walk across the state of Missouri in

S. Garfield in Kansas City on Wednesday night, April 13 at 7:00 PM. The walk will begin the next morning with stops and prayer ralie at the following towns along the way:

Pastor Randy Messer and a crew from FBC, Oak Grove will coordinate the trip along with Gary Taylor, Evangelism Director for the MBC. Randy and his group have carried the cross from Santa Monica, CA



preparation for the *GPS-No Home Left Behind* emphasis this Spring.

The walk will take place from Kansas City to St. Louis, mostly along Hiway 50. A prayer rally will be held at Central Baptist Church, 550

- April 14 – Lone Jack
- April 15 – Warrensburg
- April 16 – Sedalia
- April 17 – California
- April 18 – Jefferson City
- April 19 – Linn
- April 20 – Gerald
- April 21 – Wildwood
- April 22 – St. Louis

to Washinton D.C. in years past.

Times and locations for the prayer rallies are on a special website created for the event.

**Anyone who would like to, can register to help carry the cross at the website above.**

## Executive Board to meet April 26

The next meeting of the Association Executive Board is Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 PM at Sterling Acres Baptist Church, 11200 E. 47th Street in Kansas City (just south of the Sterling Exit off of I-70). The date has been changed from the original calendar date in order for Dr. Hammer to attend an important strategy meeting in Vancouver with representatives from NAMB. The Association is a key partner in the mission plans for Vancouver.

The board will meet to hear

reports on the Association's finances, progress on evangelizing our communities and our mission partnerships in Vancouver and the Horn of Africa.

Every church in the Association is entitled to three Board Members, the pastor and two others elected by the church. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in local missions work and wants to learn about opportunities for service available through the Association.

## Golf Tournament May 6

The Association's Spring Golf Tournament, a 2-person scramble, will be held on Friday, May 6 at Shamrock Hills Golf Course in Lee's Summit.

Registration is \$50 per player and includes green fees, cart, snacks, lunch afterwards at First Baptist, Raytown and prizes.

To register your team, call Dr. Curtis Porter at 816-525-5277 or 816-678-5408.

Tee-time is 7:50 AM sharp.

## Non-Profit and Church Law Training

May 17 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM BAPTIST MISSION CENTER, LEE'S SUMMIT

It is imperative that your church leaders understand the key legal concepts necessary to best protect the church from harm. If you are interested in learning the essentials for churches, plan to attend this training led by Alisa J. Henley, PHR the founder of The Sunshine Organization and Destiny Consulting, LLC. Alisa is a certified human resources and organizational development consultant. She attends Spruce St. Matthew Baptist Church and is active in the Christian Education Department. Call 795-1822 or e-mail [jenniferh@kcbaptist.org](mailto:jenniferh@kcbaptist.org) to register.

# 550 attend Paradise Outfitter's Wild Game Supper

by Brandon Smith, pastor

On February 26, Paradise Outfitter Ministries in Oak Grove, MO hosted their second annual Wild Game Supper. Last year they fed 400 people and had a waiting list of people hoping to get tickets. People all over town were trying to get tickets from friends.

This year they figured out a way to seat 550 people. The event was sold out more than a month in advance, before they ever got a chance to start advertising. They feel that it is a God thing...definitely.

This year the guest speakers were Dan and Guy Fitzgerald from Team Fitzgerald Outdoors. Dan has been doing bowhunting videos for decades. In fact he started doing



hunting videos before they were popular. His son grew up hunting and filming with his dad. They spoke about hunting deer, about the miracles that have happened in Dan's life (He should be at least crippled if not dead from the amount of serious accidents he has had), and they shared about their relationship with Jesus Christ.

In addition to a great meal, the ministry gave away more door prizes than they could count. When all was said and done they had over 60 names of people to follow up with who were either interested in knowing more about Paradise Outfitter Ministries or about how they could know Jesus Christ. They are in the process of following up with those people right now.

A few weeks before this year's event they wanted people in their church to see the impact that last year's event had. They had people in the church who started coming to Paradise Outfitter Ministries as a result of the Wild Game Supper last year raise their hands. Nearly one-third of the church had their first connection with Paradise Outfitters at last year's Wild Game Supper. They have already had the chance to talk with a number of people, and have already had some guests come to check out the worship services as a result of this year's event.

# Volunteers needed for Gospel Outreach "Win a Harley" event



Are you willing to share your personal testimony of Jesus Christ? Can you do that in 3-minutes? Then would you ask them to pray with you right then, accepting the gift of forgiveness that only Jesus Christ can offer?

The BR-KC Gospel Outreach Team is looking for volunteers for a very unique evangelism event at Santa-Cali-Gon Days on the Independence Square, Labor Day weekend, September 2-5, 2011.

Our booth will be registering folks, after listening to our 3-minute story, to win a brand new Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

If you would like more information about how you can become a local missions team member for the Santa-Cali-Gon "Win A Harley" event please contact Ray Chapin at coolray57@kc.rr.com or by calling the BR-KC Baptist Association office at 816-795-1822.

## We need volunteers

Who are willing to be used by God and share their 3-minute story in front line local missions.

Maybe you are a behind the scenes person who would be willing to silently Prayer Walk the streets of Santa-Cali-Gon asking God's Spirit to spread over every person in attendance.

Are you good with organizing, data base entry, evangelism training or a people person? Your talents are needed as we equip, prepare and assemble this large team of witnesses.

Or maybe you've been gifted financially to partner with others in support of this event to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in this unique way.

Please visit our website at [santacaligonbikegiveaway.wordpress.com](http://santacaligonbikegiveaway.wordpress.com)



## The next E<sup>3</sup> Ministers Meetings will be Thursdays @ 10:00 AM:

May 5, FBC, Grandview

May 19, Coventry Estates, Indep.

May 26, Antioch So., Harrisonville

June 2, United Believers, K.C.

Each quarter, ministers from around the Association will have the opportunity to come together for the purpose of learning, prayer and mutual support. These meetings will be held in four locations allowing everyone easy access.

The ministers attending each location will determine the agenda for their meeting. All pastors and staff ministers are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

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## From your Executive Director

Dear Partners in Mission,

You don't want to miss our Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday April 26, 6:30 PM at Sterling Acres Baptist Church! The primary thrust of the meeting will be evangelism and missions progress reports, encouragement and opportunities... across our church neighborhoods, across our city, across people groups, across Missouri, to Vancouver and the Horn of Africa. All church members and interested persons are welcome.

I also want to exhort you to grow in G.R.A.C.E. in 2011. Not only in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also partnering through the Association in Gospel outreach, Resourcing churches, Assisting community transformation, Church planting, and Equipping leaders.

**Gospel Outreach:** Join with other churches in Gospel outreach. Training and networking is available. Get equipped and linked up and work together to share the gospel across our communities and our world.

**Resource Churches:** Resource other churches in our Association by sharing of your expertise, resources, time and gifts. Pray and partner with another church in our Association.

**Assist Community Transformation:** Pray about adopting a local school. Learn how through our Association. Join another church's community efforts and make a difference this year. We can hook you up.

**Church Planting:** Become a sponsoring and partnering church for a new work, or join with other churches in helping a new church start. We can get you linked, and it will bless your church.

**Equip Leaders:** When you give to the Association's work, you help us train and equip and encourage lay leaders and ministers. Pastors can attend our E<sup>3</sup> minister's meetings to be encouraged and equipped. You can be equipped at our Metro Area Leadership Training coming again August 29-30.

Just a heads up...we need to repave our parking lot this spring or early summer and do some fix-up and freshen-up work at the Association Mission Center property. We have the funds on hand to do this, but continued strong giving will be needed in order to make these necessary repairs without harming our ability to accomplish the missions and ministry of the Association.

Let me close by thanking you for a strong beginning to a new fiscal year. As of the end of February, despite much inclement weather and lower church attendance, you can see on the back of this newsletter that our churches have given our needed budget enabling much ministry, outreach, training, and church assistance. Praise the Lord and thank you. It's a privilege to serve the Lord together with you.

## Volunteers needed at the Mission Center



Once the association staff and the staff of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home move out of the Mission Center, there is quite a bit of cosmetic work that needs to be done in preparation to sell the building. Volunteers are needed who have skills in painting, plastering and sheet rock work, and general "fix up" work. If you or a group from your church would like to help, e-mail [jenniferh@kcbaptist.org](mailto:jenniferh@kcbaptist.org) and let us know of your availability and skills.

We still have a few items that will not be moved to the new office space that haven't been spoken for by any of our churches. Stop by the Mission Center and Jennifer will show you what is available for the asking.



## South Kansas City leading the way to Vancouver

One of the first congregations to take advantage of our missions partnership with Vancouver, British Columbia is South Kansas City Baptist Church. SKC will take a team to Vancouver July 30 to August 7. The focus of the trip is young adult and college ministries.



In addition to South Kansas City's trip, Chane Hutton, Church Planter Strategist and co-leader of our Church Planting Ministry Team, is planning a Visioning Trip for Pastors, Church Planters and Church Leaders from October 3-7. The approximate cost for that trip will be \$600.

The Association voted at the 2010 Annual Meeting to enter a missions partnership with the churches in the West Coast Baptist Association of Vancouver as part of our VISION 2020 Master Ministry Plan.

For information about how your church can participate in Vancouver, contact the Mission Center at 795-1822. For more info on the South Kansas City trip in July, call Pastor Jeff Logsdon at 765-7305. E-mail [jesussaves@az-u-r.com](mailto:jesussaves@az-u-r.com) for details about the October trip.

### Ministry Teams

**April 14**

**May 12**

**11 AM – 12, Lunch after**

**Mission Center**

**4001 NE Lakewood Way**

**Lee's Summit, MO**

[www.blueriver-kansascity.org/ministry\\_teams.html](http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org/ministry_teams.html)

## News from the churches

**Employment Opportunities at Plaza Heights Christian Academy** for 2011-2012 School Year: Full-time Preschool Teacher, Elementary Teacher, Before-Care Worker, Secondary Social Studies Teacher, Secondary English Teacher, Secondary Spanish Teacher, Secondary Girls PE Teacher, Elementary Boys Basketball Coach, Elementary Girls Basketball Coach, Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach, Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Varsity Baseball Coach and Varsity Boys Soccer Coach. Application can be downloaded from [www.plazaheights.org](http://www.plazaheights.org). Contact: Rev. Michael Hart, Administrator (816) 228-0670 FAX (816) 229-4092 – 1500 SW Clark Road, Blue Springs, MO 64015.

**The U Church** is in need of a car or van to transport people to work. If you have one you could donate, contact pastor Gary Jones at 816-210-6887.

**Mt. Washington Baptist Church**, 9623 Independence Avenue, Independence, MO is looking for a pianist Sunday morning only, traditional service. \$50 per service. Contact church office at 254-5688 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

**First Baptist, Raytown** has several music collections they will donate to any church that would like them. Contact Trudy Buehler, at [tbuehler@fbcraytown.com](mailto:tbuehler@fbcraytown.com) or 816-778-1143 if interested.

**Roanoke Baptist Church** at 3950 Wyoming in Kansas City, is seeking a part-time or retired pastor for approximately 20-hour/week. Must be committed to reaching out to a neighborhood with many spiritualities and ethnicities. Please send resumes to the Pastor Search Committee.

The Senior Adult Ministry of **First Baptist Church of Blue Springs** invites the churches of BR-KC to an informational meeting Tuesday evening, April 12th, 2011, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall of FBC at 1405 W. Main to present a travel opportunity to the Holy Land.

This trip is a fully escorted 9-day tour February 29th – March 8th, 2012. with tour operator Collette Vacations and GoAwayTravel. At this meeting we will discuss all of the details of the trip. Call 229-9335 if you need more information.

**Country Meadows Baptist Church**, 4901 Lee's Summit Road, Kansas City is looking for a part-time Minister of Music (approx. 20 hrs/wk) to coordinate the music ministries of the church. Salary will be determined by experience (15-20k range). Send resumes to [searchteam@cmbc.net](mailto:searchteam@cmbc.net).

**New Haven Baptist Church** is in need of a 15-passenger van. If you have one you would like to sell or donate, contact Pastor John Edwards at 816-353-3938.

**Holy Hill Baptist Church**, 201 NW 11th Street in Blue Springs is celebrating its 13th year with a musical on Saturday, April 9th at Heartland Church of Blue Springs, 400 SW Lake Village Drive.

On Sunday, April 10th, they will continue their celebration with a 10:45 AM service and a 3:00 PM service at Holy Hill.

**Anchor Point Baptist Church**, 25501 E.

Bundschu Road in Independence, covets the prayers of all her sister churches for their revival. Please pray that revival will have begun already when Bro. Sam Moore, Bentonville, AR, and Bro. Craig Johnson from Sycamore Hills Baptist come to lead their meeting starting April 10-15. All are invited to attend the services.



**Longview Baptist Church** in Lee's Summit has called Enrico Stephen as their new Minister of Music. The

Stephen family are from Jakarta Indonesia and will be staying in the U.S. while Enrico completes his Master of Divinity-Worship Leadership studies at Midwestern Baptist Seminary. He is married to Yuli and they have three children.

### February Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$38,500.19	\$63,100.46
Other Income	34.64	45.96
Total	\$38,534.83	\$63,146.42
Less Expenses	(30,554.07)	(60,266.96)
Balance as of 1/31/2011	\$7,980.76	\$2,879.46
Budget \$383,764.00 Annual	\$31,980.33 Monthly	\$63,960.66
Budget Receipts + other income		63,146.42
Receipts compared to budget	98.7%	(\$814.24)

### Calendar

#### April

2 VBS Clinics, FBC, Grandview  
 1-2, 8-9 GA Weekend Retreats  
 9 Association Bible Drill  
 14 Ministry Team Meetings  
 26 Ex. Bd. Mtg., Sterling Acres B.C.

#### May

5, 19, 26 E<sup>3</sup> Minister's Meetings  
 6 Spring Golf Tournament  
 7 Media Library Workers Mtg.  
 12 Ministry Team Meetings  
 30 Memorial Day (Office Closed)