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"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."

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We've Moved!



By the time most people read this newsletter we will have moved into our new office space at 4041 NE Lakewood Way, Suite 260 in Lee's Summit. As you can see from the photo above, the new office is just down the hill from the former Mission Center. The new space is part of the Eastport Office Center complex, a group of four office buildings. Our office entrance is on the south side of the building shown above.

The entrance to Lakewood Way has been relocated 1/4 mile east of Highway 291 (I-470) and the old entrance has been closed. To reach the office, you now need to go to the new Lakewood Way intersection with Woods Chapel Road and follow Lakewood Way down the hill to the office park.

June 2 was the official move date with men from Set Free Ministries, a ministry devoted to helping homeless men get back into society, loading and unloading the truck. Volunteers from some of our churches also assisted in the move.

A new feature of our office space is wireless internet access. People visiting the office with laptop computers or wi-fi enabled devices will be able to connect to the internet through a password protected connection to our wireless router.

The conference room in the new space features a 42" HDTV that will serve as a computer monitor. A wireless mouse and keyboard will allow committees meeting in the room to have full access to the internet and computer programs with a screen large enough for everyone in the room to read.

An Open House is being planned for later in the summer after we've had time to get everything ready for company. Watch future issues for the date, or stop by anytime for a quick tour.

Are you willing...

...to share your personal testimony of Jesus Christ?
Can you do that in 3-minutes?

Would you then ask that person to pray with you, 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 the Santa-Cali-Gon Days on the Independence Square Labor Day weekend Sept. 2-5, 2011.

We will share the gospel and our testimonies, and also register people to win a 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 Bike Give Away event please contact Ray Chapin at coolray57@kc.rr.com or by calling the BR-KC Baptist Association office at 816-795-1822.

(see Witnesses on page 2)

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, July 21
7:00 PM

Wornall Road Baptist
400 W. Meyer Blvd.
Kansas City, MO

Every church should be represented at this meeting. Your input is critical to our cooperative ministries.

FBC, Oak Grove spearheads Prayer-Walk

by Brian Koonce (This article first appeared in the May 3rd issue of "The Pathway." It has been edited to fit this space)

From west to east, Missouri Baptists from across the state prayer walked and carried a cross along U.S. Highway 50 the week leading up to Easter.

Seventy-five people registered to carry the cross, and dozens of unregistered volunteers helped get the cross from the Kansas border to the Illinois border April 13-22, an average of a little more than 25 miles a day. On the final day – Good Friday – more than 150 showed up to take the cross from Wildwood to Tower Grove. Dodging rainy weather and the occasional

stopped for a prayer rally.

They had to stop for lightning on Good Friday, when a bolt struck 500 yards away, and they had to move that night's prayer rally into the Tower Grove Baptist Church's basement when tornado sirens sounded.

The cross weighed 80 pounds—wheel and padding included.

"Some people have told us that Jesus didn't have a wheel, so neither should we," Messer said. "Well, we're not Jesus. Only

Christ can die on the cross and we can't pretend. Finally we just named the wheel Simon, because Simon of Cyrene

helped Jesus carry His cross."

"The whole way, I prayed that God would break my heart for lost souls and that He would send laborers," Messer said.

Messer got at least two opportunities to be that laborer on the journey – and see the harvest. One woman at a hotel asked what they were doing, and he was able to lead her to Christ. Another man from the West Coast stopped alongside the road between Jefferson City and California and offered to pay \$50 for an opportunity to carry the cross.

"I told him he didn't need to pay anything, but that he could carry it a mile if he wanted to," he said. "He came from a background that he felt like he had to pay his way by works or by money. I got to share with him the true meaning of the Gospel: Because Jesus died for us, we can freely and by faith receive Him. He said, 'I believe' and prayed to receive Jesus while carrying the cross."



distracted driver, participants prayer walked and carried the cross on foot all 276 miles of the journey.

Almost. Due to very narrow – and sometimes no – shoulders on the route, the walkers had to pack the cross into a chase vehicle and "prayer drive" 15-20 miles of the trip.

"We probably even walked some of the route we shouldn't have," said Randy Messer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oak Grove. "But for the most part, cars were very good to move over."

At the end of each night's journey, they

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Opportunities at Missouri Baptist Children's Home



Fred Zarf,
Human Resources Director for the Missouri Baptist Children's

Home would like to hear from people who would be interested in being Youth Care Specialists ("houseparents") for their Therapeutic Group Homes in Bridgeton, Mount Vernon and Peculiar. These are challenging positions but very rewarding and an ideal mission field for someone who can display and live out their Christian values with kids who desperately need that kind of influence in their lives.

Mr. Zarf feels that, if they can establish an ongoing and effective outreach through our area Baptist churches, the MBCH will find more of the kinds of people who can be most effective in this important role.

There may be qualified people in our churches who are in need of income, or who may be retired or semi-retired and would look upon this as a real mission opportunity.

If you would like to explore what it means to be a Youth Care Specialist for the Home, contact Mr. Zarf at 314-739-6811 or by e-mail at Fred.Zarf@mbch.org.



Witnesses (cont'd from page 1)

We need volunteers: Your talents are needed as we assemble this large team of witnesses. Maybe you could silently Prayer Walk the streets of Santa-Cali-Gon asking God's Spirit to spread over every person in attendance.

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 <http://santacaligonbikegiveaway.wordpress.com>.

From your Executive Director

Dear Partners in Mission,

This month I'd like to update you about our building, our Executive Board and Annual Meeting, and Horn of Africa and Vancouver Mission opportunities.

But First... please consider taking up missions offerings each day of your Vacation Bible School this summer and give the proceeds to our Association for Missions in Vancouver and the Horn of Africa! Please see below for more details.

Association Office – We continue to have interest shown in our Mission Center property. Please pray for the Lord's buyer in His time. We also continue to fix up the property, recently completing window and sealant repairs. We have some additional minor repair and fix up work inside, with driveway/culvert/storm drainage repairs underway near the roadway and the parking lot still to be repaved. We have four good bids with references for the repaving job and will begin that work shortly after we move to our new office location June 2. After we get unpacked, set up and looking good we will announce a date for "Open House" to officially introduce our new office. Of course, we will be open for service to our churches and you are welcome to come by after June 6 anytime you like.

Executive Board Meeting – On July 21 we will have our next Executive Board Meeting. It will be held at Wornall Road Baptist Church at 7 PM. We will discuss ministry updates and finances, and hear exciting reports of missions, church planting and college campus ministry and outreach.

Annual Meeting – I'd like to alert you to put our Annual Meeting on your calendar! As before, we will hold it on a Sunday evening as many more people are able and desirous to attend at that time. We will discuss the advance of God's work, recognize His church's highlights, and celebrate together Sunday, October 16 at 6 PM at South Haven Baptist Church in Belton. Pastors, if you would, please plan ahead to alert your people and plan your Sunday evening worship TOGETHER with all the churches that night.

Vancouver Missions – In addition to the October 3-7 Vision Trip for Pastors, Church Planters and Church Leaders led by Chane Hutton, we also are responding to a request from Vancouver to hold an encouragement retreat for Church Planters and their families in Vancouver. The retreat will be held November 11-13. Wornall Road and Pastor John Mark Clifton will head up this effort but we will need many volunteers to provide childcare, materials, gifts of encouragement and time to spend with these wonderful folks. Please pray about being part of the Vision Trip or Encouragement Retreat in Vancouver!

Horn Of Africa Missions – Approximately October 1-8 (departure and return dates may vary slightly) a select group of intrepid pioneers will travel to Ethiopia to access refugee camps filled with needy people from a neighboring country. Please be in prayer about this trip, our ability to access these camps and provide aid, and an open door to minister there in the future. We need financial assistance to enable these mission trips and projects. If you feel led of the Lord to give to this as a church, Sunday School class or individual, please put in the memo line of your check "Vancouver or Horn of Africa Missions" and make the check out to BR-KC Baptist Association.

In conclusion I'd like to offer congratulations and praise to God for Jeff Logsdon's 10th Anniversary as Pastor at South Kansas City Baptist Church, Pastor B.G. Roberson's 28th anniversary at Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church and to Pastor Chris Pinion and LifeQuest Church in Belton for the opening of their new Children's Ministry Building.

Grateful to serve with you,

Rodney

VISION 2020 MINISTRY TEAMS

will not meet during June, July and August. Our next team meeting will be Thursday, September 8.

First Raytown to make ROC available to pastors and church planters

First Baptist, Raytown has announced that they will give a free family membership to their Recreation Outreach Center to any pastor and/or church planter in the BR-KC Baptist Association. A family membership is normally \$340/year.

After a pastor completes a set of paperwork and verifies which church they are currently pastoring, they will receive security badges for their family. The ROC Fitness Center is open 5:30 AM to 9:00 PM Monday–Friday, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturdays and from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on Sundays.

Tuesday Pastor Fellowships

For BR-KC Association pastors and church planters. You are invited to the ROC fitness center@ First Baptist Raytown Tuesdays, June 7, 21, July 5, 19 and August 9, 23 from 8–9 AM.

You can enjoy full court/half court basketball in the gym, use the walking/running track or enjoy any of the machines in the church's full fitness center. Full locker rooms and showers are available.

Come out on these Tuesdays. Enjoy a good workout or quick game of basketball, then have coffee together afterwards in ROC cafe.



August 29-30 7 - 9 pm
First Baptist Church, Raytown
4 sessions with over 35 classes

News from the churches

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 NW 22nd Street in Blue Springs will have "The Calvarymen" in concert June 5 at 10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Longview Baptist in Lee's Summit honored former pastor Ben Dobbs in their May 22nd service by naming him Pastor Emeritus of the church. Brother Dobbs pastored Longview for over 20 years.

Ms. Carolyn Houts, retired missionary to Ghana, for 34 years, will be speaking at **FBC Buckner**, MO, 131 So. Hudson, Buckner, MO, hosted by their WMU on Monday, June 6 at 2:00 PM. For more information and/or directions, call 816-650-5632.

Loma Vista Baptist Church, 8622 Blue Ridge Blvd. in Kansas City, has a Copystar CS-2030 photocopier to give away to any church that can use it. Call 356-0078 for info.

The student choir at **FBC Raytown** will be premiering a new musical called *The Question* on June 18th at 7:30 PM. This is a good opportunity to bring your youth choir and get them excited about sharing a musical with your community. Go to www.thequestionmusical.com for info.

Free Employment Seminar

Our country has been experiencing some very difficult economic times. Many in our congregations struggle to find significant employment to meet the needs of their families. Country Meadows Baptist Church, 4901 Lee's Summit Road, is partnering with Elizabeth Mulligan, a Human Resources Consultant, to offer a free Employment Workshop.

There will be a one-hour presentation followed by a one-hour question and answer session. The presentation will include understanding the current job market, resume writing, developing a job search strategy and much more.

The seminar will be Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 PM. Space is limited and registration is free! E-mail: secretary@cmbc.net, or call (816) 373-6445 to reserve your spot.

Mission Opportunity

Angels of Mercy is a Christian womens home that assists young ladies with histories of homelessness, prostitution, drugs, and criminal backgrounds. They show them that they can live resurrected lifestyles, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and are seeking help for their facility on Prospect Avenue in Kansas City.

There is cleaning, painting and renovation work to do, and they could use donations of furnishings and personal items.

If you or your church would like to help a worthy ministry, contact Elizabeth Williams, Executive Director, at 816-437-7349. You can find out more about Angels of Mercy at their web site:

www.angelsofmercy.org

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April Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$32,729.93	\$130,277.83
Other Income	21.70	86.47
Total	\$32,751.63	\$130,364.30
Less Expenses	(29,775.47)	(123,481.43)
Balance as of April 30, 2011	\$ 2,976.16	\$ 6,882.87
Budget \$383,764.00 Annual	\$31,980.33 Monthly	\$127,921.32
Budget Receipts + other income		130,364.30
Receipts compared to budget	101.9%	\$ 2,442.98

Calendar

June	August
2 E ³ Minister's Meeting, Noon	4 Every Believer a Witness Trng.
7 Employment Seminar	6 Sisters Who Care Conf. (WMU) Jefferson City
12-15 SBC Annual Meeting, Phoenix	12 Media Library Training
21 Executive Board, 7 PM Wornall Rd.	29-30 Metro Area Leader Trng. MALT