

MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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Church and the Law Workshop

Do your leaders know what the law has to say about how your church relates to the people it employs? What about your liability to those who attend or come onto your property? If you found it necessary to release an hourly employee, would your Personnel Committee know the proper steps to take? It is imperative that your church leaders understand the key legal concepts necessary to best protect the church from harm.

A 2-hour workshop will be held Tuesday evening, May 17 at the Mission Center, 4001 NE Lakewood Way in Lee's Summit. The workshop will run from 6:15 to 8:15 PM, and will be led by Alisa Henley, PHR, founder of *The Sunshine Organization* and *Destiny Consulting*. Alisa is a certified human resources and (see "Workshop" on page 2)

Volunteer opportunities abound!

If you, or your group, are looking for opportunities for ministry, you'll want to read the rest of this article.

BR-KC Move

The Association staff will move to their new offices on Thursday, June 2 and we are counting on volunteers to help with the loading and unloading. The Mission Center will be closed to business as usual from May 31 to June 3 as we pack up offices and supplies and relocate to the new office at 4041 NE Lakewood Way, Suite 260.

Everything will be packed by June 2, and that day we will need help loading boxes and equipment, then unloading at the new space. We will begin at 9:00 AM and anticipate the job will take 3-4 hours. We will provide lunch for everyone who helps.

Please call Jennifer at 795-1822 or e-mail her at

jenniferh@kcbaptist.org if you can come join the fun that day.

Santa-Cali-Gon Giveaway



Two hundred volunteers are needed for a special evangelistic outreach Labor Day weekend at the Santa-Cali-Gon Festival in Independence. Vendor space has been reserved on the square for two tents which will house a brand new 2011 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The Harley will be given away to some blessed person who qualified to register by listening to a gospel testimony.

Volunteers will walk through the crowd distributing (see "Volunteers" on page 2)

Cross Across Missouri calls people to Christ

The walk across the state was launched with a prayer rally at Central Baptist in downtown Kansas City on April 13. The cross began its journey Thursday, April 14 from Lee's Summit. Debbie Hjerpe of Norfleet Baptist, Diane Reynolds from FBC

Greenwood and Diane's daughter Alicia Anderson from Lee's Summit

Community Church (shown here) were the first three

volunteers to carry the cross as it started toward Tower Grove Baptist Church in St. Louis.

Over 65 volunteers helped carry the cross, but the brunt of the work was handled by Clarence Lance, Randy Messer, Brad Spear, Aaron Dunn, Steve Robinett and Joe Letzig, all from FBC, Oak Grove.

The purpose was to bring awareness to the MBC's evangelistic emphasis, "No Home Left Behind." BR-KC, FBC, Oak Grove and the MBC co-sponsored the event which covered over 235 miles with prayer rallies held each night along the way.



"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."



Workshop (cont'd from page 1)

organizational development consultant. She attends Spruce St. Matthew Baptist Church and is active in the Christian Education Department.



Alisa Henley, PHR

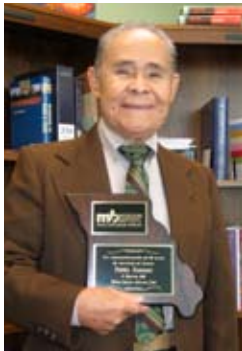
She started The Sunshine Organization to enable pastors and church leaders to be more skilled in the leadership arena. Her focus is helping church leaders

discover their potential and be more efficient in their ministries.

If you are interested in learning the essentials for churches and the law, plan to attend this training. Call 795-1822 or e-mail jenniferh@kcbaptist.org to register.

There is no charge for the workshop.

Sixty years of ministry



Bro. Pablo Jiminez, Pastor of Principe de Paz in Kansas City was recently recognized by the MBC for 60 years in the ministry.

He began his ministry in

1950 in Mexico. He currently helps lead Hispanic work at Pleasant Valley B.C. and Independence along with Principe de Paz.

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We're moving!

Volunteers are needed for Thursday, June 2 from 9:00 AM until the job's done. The staff will have packed the office for the move to the new location, and we need people to help load the truck and unload at the new office.

The new space is just down the hill from our present location, so there will be no travel time involved. We believe that we can make the move in 3-4 hours. Lunch will be provided for all those who help.

After the Mission Center is empty, there is some clean up and minor work to be done to the building to get it in top shape to sell. We need people with painting and construction skills who can come in for a few days and help.

Call Jennifer at 795-1822 or e-mail jenniferh@kcbaptist.org to volunteer.



The next E³ Ministers Meetings will be Thursdays @ 12:00 NOON:

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.

Lunch is provided by the Association.

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Acts 2:42

Volunteers needed

(cont'd from page 1)

postcards explaining how people can register to win the Harley. When a person comes to the tent, they are asked to listen to a three-minute testimony from another volunteer who will share with them how they can be saved. After listening to the testimony, they will be asked if they would like to pray and receive Christ as their savior.

Every person who listens to a testimony will be entered for the drawing, and the bike will be given away at the end of the festival.

"We need 200 people who can give \$50 each to help make this happen."

Over 200,000 people attend Santa-Cali-Gon each year. Literally thousands could hear the gospel if we can find enough volunteers for the weekend. Volunteers are needed to distribute cards in the crowd, to man the tent and share their testimony, and to help raise the budget for the event.

It is estimated to cost \$10,000 to cover the expenses of this outreach. We need 200 people who can give \$50 each to help make this happen. Similar events have been done in South Dakota and Florida with hundreds coming to a saving knowledge of Christ.

We have a core team of Christian motorcycle enthusiasts who have agreed to manage the event. Let's not miss this opportunity to share Christ because of a lack of volunteers or support.

If you can help at the event, contact Ray Chapin at coolray57@kc.rr.com or by calling the Mission Center at 795-1822.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the event, we would welcome a check for any amount. Make the check out to BR-KC Baptist Assn. and mark it for the Santa-Cali-Gon Ministry. Mail your check to BR-KC Baptist Association, 4001 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064.

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

From your Executive Director

Dear Partners in Mission,

I would like to take this opportunity to focus your attention on good news, needs and opportunities.



Good News

In the good news department, we have a serious potential buyer for the Mission Center property. Please pray that this sale would go through if it is the buyer the Lord has for us. They have looked extensively at the property twice, have taken building plans to their architect for review, and are supposed to get back to us after Easter to indicate if they will bring their Board here for an additional site visit and potential vote.

Also, we are praising the Lord with Anchor Point for their wonderful revival, United Believers for moving into their brand new south campus building and Easter week revival, Tree of Life church plant for their relocation to Roanoke Baptist Church to share that facility, Heart of Life Lees Summit/Peculiar campuses merging and moving into their new building at Ward Road and 150 Highway, and the Lord's mighty moving through the Strength Team at Belvidere Heights and Country Meadows resulting in over 150 total decisions for Christ! There are many other outreaches over the Easter season, including GPS efforts we will report on in subsequent editions.



Finances

We also want to praise the Lord for providing through your strong giving thus far in 2011. As you can see on the back page of this newsletter, our receipts are over expenses and you have given over the budget. This is significant, as we still have further repairs and fix-ups to make to our building in advance of its sale or lease, and we have to repave our parking lot. The sale or lease will recoup these funds but we obviously have to pay for them up front.



Needs

We are in need of some volunteers to help with fix-up, clean-up, and moving at the Association office. We also have several churches in need of repair and renovation work. Please let Jennifer know at 816-795-1822 if you can help.



Mission Opportunities

Soon we will have confirmation from overseas of how you can help us reach out to Horn of Africa refugees. We will advise further as soon as possible. If you would like to help reach out in Vancouver this summer, please contact our office and we will put you in touch with the right people. The Association will also sponsor a Vision Trip this coming October to Vancouver where you can learn how you and your church can partner in missions there.

Locally, we will have a massive opportunity to share the gospel with over 200,000 people from all over the metro area and surrounding counties that converge upon Independence for the Santa-Cali-Gon Festival over Labor Day weekend in September. We need over 200 volunteers to prayer walk, man the tent, pass out materials, give your testimony, etc. We also need our churches ready to follow up with those who make decisions or want to know more. This is a great way for all of us to work together to evangelize our Jerusalem.

I'm grateful to God to be on mission with you.

Midtown Community Church building bridges to its neighborhood

Midtown Community Church, the site of last year's Mission Fair, welcomed a team of students from Broken Arrow Oklahoma last March for a community-service filled Spring break. Students spent three days partnering with the Kansas City Urban Youth Center to provide support for their programs.



The team's work provided valuable inroads for the church

which they continue to pave. Ten men and women from the church applied to become long-term mentors, who will spend one hour weekly for the next year with students at the Troost center.

Throughout the week the church was able to donate more than \$2,000 to community projects that provide essential support in the neighborhood. They raised support and awareness for the Kansas City Urban Youth Center, then focused on Literacy Kansas City - a non-profit organization that has been working to improve literacy for more than 25 years.

Eleven men and women who attended the LKC block party signed up to learn more about long-term mentoring opportunities.

Their last block party of the week raised support for the Alley Garden. The church seeks every opportunity to be a blessing in their neighborhood. That's love in action.

Ministry Teams

May 12

September 8

11 AM – 12, Lunch after

Mission Center

Teams will not meet during the summer

www.blueriver-kansascity.org/ministry_teams.html



August 29-30
7 - 9 pm
FBC, Raytown
4 sessions with
over 35 class choices

News from the churches

Loma Vista Baptist Church has had six new members join recently, two by baptism. They are working with R+R Ministries to revitalize their ministry and outreach.

Immanuel Baptist Church in Independence, MO is seeking a Church Secretary/Financial Secretary for three quarter-time employment. Interested parties should send resumes to: Personnel Committee, Immanuel Baptist Church, 112 W. 23rd Street, Independence, MO 64055, (816) 254-9579 by May 16.

Red Bridge Baptist Church, 4901 Red Bridge Road, Kansas City, 816-761-1194, recently purchased three new steel fire doors and only one was used. These 3-hour UL rated doors originally cost approx. \$2500 each. One of the rolling coiling fire doors is 3'-0" by 7'-0", while the second is 5'-7" by 7'-4". They will accept any price to bless another church.

Belvidere Heights Baptist Church recently hosted The Strength Team and saw 102 decisions, 36 for salvation. They have set a goal of 75 new believers by Easter and are over half way there. Chris Hicks is the pastor.

Country Meadows Baptist Church recently hosted The Strength Team and saw 76 decisions for Christ. Jeff Paul is the pastor.

On May 14th, **South Kansas City Baptist Church** will celebrate Jeff Logsdon's 10th anniversary as Pastor. A celebration in his honor will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Sunday, July 24th following the morning worship service. All are welcome.

One of our churches is seeking a part-time office manager/secretary with skills in general church office management. A knowledge of MS Word, Excel, MS Publisher and Quickbooks will be helpful. Send resumes to Baptist Mission Center, 4001 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064 and we will forward them to the church.

Longview Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, is prayerfully searching for a Christian (couple preferred) to begin and teach a youth Sunday School class.

Contact the church at longviewbaptist@att.net if you can commit to help for at least one year and can provide ministerial references.

Little Blue Baptist Church hosted a dinner following their service of April 3 to welcome Brother Myron "Andrew" Roshto and his wife, Claudia. Brother Andrew became the new pastor on March 27. They also recognized Brother Sterling Elsbury and his wife Mary, for sharing their lives and leading the congregation for the last year while the church was seeking a new minister.

Bales Baptist Church in Kansas City needs someone with expertise in fiberglass construction to help them replace the liner in their baptistry. Contact pastor Joey Candillo at 816-231-4405 if you can help.

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www.blueriver-kansascity.org/newsletter.html

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March Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$34,447.44	\$97,547.90
Other Income	18.81	64.77
Total	\$34,466.25	\$97,612.67
Less Expenses	(33,479.00)	(\$93,705.96)
Balance as of March 31, 2011	\$ 987.25	\$ 3,906.71
Budget \$383,764.00 Annual	\$31,980.33 Monthly	\$95,940.99
Budget Receipts + other income		97,612.67
Receipts compared to budget	101.7%	\$ 1,671.68

Calendar

May	June
5, 19, 26 E ³ Minister's Meetings	2 E ³ Minister's Meeting, Noon
6 Spring Golf Tournament	United Believers C.C.
7 Media Library Workers Mtg.	12-15 SBC Annual Meeting, Phoenix
12 Ministry Team Meetings	
30 Memorial Day (Office Closed)	