

MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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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."

Annual Meeting to be a time of reflection & celebration

Every member of the family will find something for them at the Annual Meeting of the Association. This year's meeting will take place Sunday evening, October 16 at South Haven Baptist Church, 16800 Bel-Ray Boulevard in Belton.

The evening will begin with a Missions Fair from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Over 35 ministries have been invited to set up displays and share about their work in and through the Association.

The fair will be followed by a Worship Celebration from 6:00 to 7:30 led by South Haven's Music Ministry and musicians from Iglesia Pan de Vida in Grandview. Rev. Jeff Funderburk,



Pastor at Heart of Life Church in Garden City will preach the annual sermon. The celebration will feature interviews with Luis Mendoza and Pedro Achucarro. Luis

is the Hispanic Church Planter Strategist for the Association, and Pedro is pastor at Iglesia Pan de Vida.

While the worship celebration is taking place, there will be special activities for children and youth. The Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry at South Haven are planning a great time of activities and fun designed to strengthen and encourage your children and teens.

The business session will take place following the worship service from 7:30 to 8:30.

This will allow those who are not messengers to leave if they wish. Of course, we would like for everyone to stay and hear how the Association is impacting the Kingdom locally, in Vancouver, British Columbia and the Horn of Africa.

This is the one opportunity of the year for all of the churches of the Association to come together for worship. We have 130 congregations representing over 50,000 members. It will be an exciting and encouraging evening when hundreds from around the two-county area come together to worship. Put October 16 on your church's calendar, and plan to be a part of a great evening of missions celebration and worship.

**5 pm Missions Fair
6 pm Worship
7:30 pm Business**



BR-KC Association churches will impact Vancouver in two ways between now and the end of this year. You could be a part of the team.

On October 17-20 Chane Hutton will lead a group from BR-KC to see the church planting and mission opportunities in this metropolitan area of 2 million. You will have an opportunity to meet church planters who are working to witness to this unreached city in Canada.

Our Association will provide leadership for an Encouragement Retreat for church planters and missionary families in Vancouver on November 10-14. John Mark Clifton, pastor at Wornall Road, will lead our team and the sessions in Vancouver. Childcare volunteers are needed for the retreat. Could you be the one God will use to help make this mission a success? Call 795-1822 to find out how you can help.

Financial gifts to offset the cost of these trips are needed and welcomed. If you or your church would like to help, send your gift to the Association at 4041 NE Lakewood Way, Suite 260, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. Mark it for Vancouver Missions.



South Haven Baptist Church



A Tale of Two Pictures by John Mark Clifton, Pastor, Wornall Road B.C.

Two pictures telling one amazing story.



One picture was taken a year ago on the occasion when, after Sunday worship, some of our members walked two blocks south of our church to Southwest High school and prayed that God would use us to bless this school. The school is one of the single most troubled schools in our metro, the scene of more than 50 fights, dozens of fires and four principals in 12 months.

The second picture is the Southwest High Football team, coaches and cheerleaders that gather in our fellowship hall each Friday evening for a pregame meal. We are now feeding over 80 kids each Friday evening, that's nearly 10% of the student body.



The team also gathers in our building on Saturday to watch game film and have an in-depth strategy session. On Saturday our church provides lunch for the team and transportation for those young men who need a ride to practice. Each day we provide after-school snacks for the team before daily practice. The coach has invited me to attend each practice and to be on the sidelines at each game.

We are now working toward "adopting" individual players. This involves a promise by a Wornall Road member to send a note to their player each week before the game, to attend as many of the Friday night games as they can and wear their player's Photo Button (also provided by our church for the team). We are planning to begin a tutoring program after practice to help those who need to increase their reading skills.

We are doing all of this because it is the right thing to do. Because it is one way we can express love and support to some kids who have very little of either in their life. We are doing it because we understand the nature of the gospel and its impact on our lives that causes us to love our world and desire to bless our world. We do it to make much of God. We do it for God's glory and our joy. It is *not* about "growing" our church. The world is bigger than our church. We are doing it because we have a core belief that one

of the reasons the church exists is to bless the world. We are doing it because we prayed one year ago and asked God to use us to bless Southwest...and for His Glory He has done just that!

We could never have "planned" for this opportunity, but we certainly had to be prepared for it. It is far more important to be prepared by pursuing God and the gospel than to rest on our plans. When we are prepared, in our hearts, our lives and our church, God will show us where He is at work, and in revealing that to us, He invites us to join Him in His work for His glory and our joy.

Ministry Teams meet October 13

The VISION 2020 Ministry Teams will meet Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 am at the Association offices. The teams meet monthly for the purpose of evaluating and carrying out the goals and action plans developed during the VISION 2020 strategic planning process.

There are five teams:

- G**ospel Outreach
- R**esourcing Churches
- A**ssisting Community Transformation
- C**hurch Planting, and
- E**quipping Leaders

Team leaders for the coming year are (Gospel Outreach) Randy Messer, Pastor, FBC, Oak Grove assisted by Jeff Funderburk, Pastor, Heart of Life, Garden City and Matt Sprink, Missions Strategist, FBC, Blue Springs; (Resourcing Churches) Loren Hutchinson, Associate Director, BR-KC; (Assisting Community Transformation) Eric Williams, Pastor, Calvary Temple and Gary Jones, Pastor, U Church; (Church Planting) John Mark Clifton, Pastor, Wornall Road; (Equipping Leaders) Larry Thomas, Associate Pastor, FBC, Raytown.

The teams are open to anyone who is interested in the work of the Association and helping support local mission efforts. Go to www.blueriver-kansascity.org/ministry_teams.html to join a team.

Missionary News

Marty and Dena McAnally have left Peru after twelve years of service in the central Peruvian jungle. They ask for prayer as they begin a new journey assignment in Southeast Asia.

Carolyn Houts, retired missionary after 39+ years in Ghana, West Africa, is enjoying her retirement in Grant City, MO. Her contact info is 109 N. High St., Grant City, MO 74456. She welcomes invitations to come speak about missions in West Africa.

Wilma Weeks, one of the last missionaries to China before the Communist revolution celebrated her 100th birthday September 16. Her address is 606 NW Shamrock Avenue #101, Lee's Summit, MO 64080.

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From your Executive Director

Dear Partners in Mission,

October is celebration, budget and missions time! On Sunday evening, October 16, we will have our 2nd VISION 2020 Annual Meeting. We will celebrate our missions and ministries with a Missions Fair from 5-6 PM and joint Celebration Worship Service from 6-7:30 PM followed by our business session. All the events will take place at South Haven Baptist Church in Belton. South Haven will provide childcare, as well as special activities for children and youth.

Let me encourage you to join with your sister churches in celebration and planning the direction of your Association! All are welcome, even in the business session, to learn about the work of our Association sharing the gospel, resourcing churches, assisting community transformation, church planting, and equipping leaders. Only approved messengers from the churches can vote, but all can attend. For those churches who have Sunday evening services, we're asking you to join with your sister churches in joint worship and celebration. It will be a wonderful time together.

Praise the Lord and thank you for a great August giving record. We received \$38,000 and spent \$29,000 erasing the small deficit and putting us \$5,000 above expenses for the year. You have given 99.6% of our budget need. The proposed 2012 budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting business session. The Administrative and Finance Committees will also present a proposed plan for investments and ministries utilizing the proceeds from the eventual sale of the Mission Center.

The first week of October Matt Sprink, (Missions Strategist at FBC, Blue Springs), Jim Tompkins, (Pastor at Pleasant Prairie) and I will be in the Horn of Africa seeking to bring relief to refugees in crisis there. We will deliver the birthing kits assembled by our churches along with relief supplies purchased with your gifts. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry to the unreached peoples of Africa!



The day after our Annual Meeting on October 16, an intrepid group of BR-KC pastors and staff will accompany Chane Hutton to Vancouver to see how the Lord may lead them to help in our partnership there. The team will be there from October 17-20, then Chane and I will stay for the Vancouver partnership advocates and NAMB (North American Mission Board) "Send North America" Vancouver coalition meetings.

May the Lord bless you in your ministry. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

Web page automates renting Block Party Trailer



A new page on our web site makes it easier than ever to reserve the Association's Block Party Trailer or Bar-b-que Smoker. Go to www.blueriver-kansascity.org and click on the "Rentals" menu on the home page. You will be taken to the new page

that includes all the information about the trailer and smoker, a calendar showing when both units have been reserved and a reservation form you can use to request either unit for your event.

We have a new Block Party Trailer that includes a bounce house, new popcorn machine, sno-cone machine, cotton candy machine, tent, sound system and several games. The trailer rents for \$100 for up to three days + \$25 for each additional day. The smoker is \$25, and there is a \$150 cleaning deposit required. Use this new page to reserve your dates.

Impact Ministry Report

by Travis Hamm, UMCK Campus Min.

We had a wonderful Ministry Team Retreat August 18 & 20.

Britney and I loved hearing our student leaders share their hopes for reaching their campus this semester. The retreat afforded our team the opportunity to pray for each other, pray for the campus and refocus on what God has called us to do at UMKC. Our time ended Saturday afternoon, and many



of the leaders decided to gather a group together for a campus-wide capture the flag game. After walking the halls of the residence halls extending invitations, they had over 70 students participate. Many of the freshmen wanted to know who was hosting the event, and our leaders grabbed the opportunity to share the heart of Impact and invite them to be a part of what we're doing this semester. I could not be more pleased to see the initiative these leaders are taking.



In the first week of class, our 4th annual Java Night served 180 iced espresso drinks to students. The next night we offered a free home-cooked meal in one of the residence halls that fed over 70 students. 30 students learned how to get involved with Impact at our Vision Gathering. Now our Ministry Team is taking these new students out for coffee or lunch to get to know them better and, Lord willing, minister to them.

News from the churches

Red Bridge Baptist Church will present "Judgement House" again this year. Judgement House is a dramatic walk-through presentation of life, death, and eternity. The hour-long tours will take place at the church on Saturdays & Sundays, October 22-23 & 29-30, from 5-9 PM. This is a great opportunity for a youth group to attend. Groups should be scheduled ahead of time by calling 816-942-2464. The suggested cost is \$3 per person.

Noland Road Baptist Church is sponsoring a parenting conference "Understanding Your Teenager" from 2-7 PM at Truman High School on Sunday, October 9. Jim Burns, Ph.D., President of HomeWord and Doug Fields from Simply Youth Ministry will lead. Cost is \$10 at the Independence Mardel's Bookstore or at the church, 373-0106.

Blue Ridge Baptist Church is currently looking for a youth/children's minister. It is a part-time paid position. Anyone interested in the position can send their resumes to pastor@blueridgebaptist.com.

Forest Avenue Family Shelter needs a 12 or 14 foot box truck to use picking up food for the shelter. If you can help with a donation, send it to the shelter at 4300 Forest Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64110.

Three of our churches celebrated anniversaries in September. **Faith Baptist** in Harrisonville celebrated their 10th, **Colbern Road** in Lee's Summit celebrated their 55th, and **Grace Point** in south Kansas City celebrated their 100th. **Grace Point Baptist Church** began in 1911 near Swope Park and was originally named Swope Park Baptist Church.



Grace Point Baptist Church

Although the church changed its name in 2004, it has for 100 years continued to be a source of spiritual growth to Christians, a source of help and encouragement to various people in need, and a voice for the

Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The celebration Sunday focused on the Past, Present and Future of the church



Former pastor, Dr. Wade Paris, addresses the congregation at Grace Point.

with Dr. Wade Paris recalling the church's history, current pastor Kirtes Calvery speaking on the present and Dr. Rodney Hammer addressing the future.

IN MEMORIAM

Sung Chun Kim

2000-2011

Please remember Pastor Ji Sung Kim, his wife and two daughters on the death of their only son and brother.

Pastor Kim is the pastor of Kansas City Korean Baptist Church at 3817 N. Wayne, North Kansas City, MO 64116

August Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$38,569.50	\$254,632.20
Other Income	23.46	178.09
Total	\$38,592.96	\$254,810.29
Less Expenses	(29,500.22)	(249,349.61)
Balance as of August 31, 2011	\$9,092.74	\$5,460.68
Budget \$383,764.00 Annual	\$31,980.33 Monthly	\$255,842.64
Budget Receipts + other income		254,810.29
Receipts compared to budget	99.6%	(\$ 1,032.35)

Calendar

October

- 1 Missions Exploration (WMU)
- 13 Ministry Teams Meet
- 16 Annual Meeting & Missions Fair
5 – 8:30 PM
South Haven B.C., Belton
- 31 – Nov. 2 MBC Annual Meeting
Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach

November

- 3 E3 Meeting, FBC, Grandview
- 5 Media Library Workers Mtg.
- 7 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 10 Ministry Teams Meet
- 17 E3 Meeting, Coventry Estates
- 24-25 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)