

MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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Golf Tournament

Friday, September 9
Shamrock Hills G.C.

2-person scramble, \$50/ea.

Lunch after at FBC, Raytown

Go to www.blueriver-kansascity.org/golf.html to register your team, or contact Curtis Porter at 816-678-5408

"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."



SENTRALIZED

2011

A unique conference is being held in Kansas City this September 29 to October 1. Speakers from

of doing church evangelism. Others see missional as a means to mobilize church

www.sentralizedconference.com

all across the nation will converge on Heartland Community Church, 12175 S. Strang Line Road in Olathe, Kansas for three days of discussion centered around being "Missional" in today's culture.

The organizers hope to bring clarity to the missional conversation. Unfortunately, the use of missional terminology has become confusing in many circles. Some view "missional" as the latest church growth strategy, or a better way

members to do missions more effectively. While still others believe missional is simply the latest Christian buzz word that will soon pass when the next trendy topic comes along.

This conference hopes to demonstrate that the move towards missional involves no less than a complete and thorough recalibration of the form and function of the church of Jesus. By bringing together some of today's best missional thinkers they desire to assist God's people in (see "Sentralized" on page 2)

Annual Meeting October 16 The Churches Gathered

Every member of the family will find something for them at the Annual Meeting of the Association. There will be a Missions Fair highlighting the work of over 30 different ministries in our area, special activities for children and youth, and a worship celebration followed by a brief business session.

This year's meeting will take place Sunday evening, October 16 at South Haven Baptist Church, 16800 Bel-Ray Boulevard in Belton.

A Missions Fair will be held from 5:00-6:00 PM followed by worship from 6-7:30 along with separate activities for children and youth.

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

The business of the Association will be conducted following the worship service, allowing 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.

The South Haven Choir will bring special pre-service music and help lead in worship. A Praise Band from one of our language churches will also lead in worship.

Put October 16 on your church's calendar, and come worship with your sister churches at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

We've Moved!



But we're still getting mail addressed to the Mission Center. Please note our new address and send all mail to:

BR-KC Baptist Assn.
4041 NE Lakewood Way
Suite 260
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

Providing Moral Leadership in a Sexualized Culture

The Christian Life Commission of the Missouri Baptist Convention will be sponsoring a special workshop at Sycamore Hills Baptist Church in Independence. The workshop will run from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, September 17.

We live in a highly sexualized culture where pornography, sexting and online adultery are wrecking havoc on Christian homes and churches. Come learn how to minister to those trapped by a highly sexualized culture.

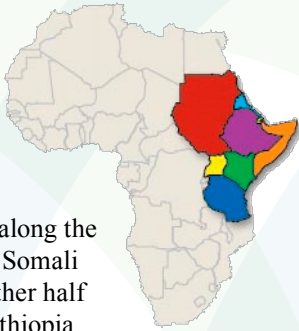


The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Splinter. There will also be nine breakout sessions from which to choose.

Cost for the day is \$20 per person, \$15 per married couple or \$10 per person in groups of five or more. Find out more details and register online at www.mobaptist.org/moral_issues.

Drought ravages Horn of Africa

The Horn of Africa is experiencing the worst drought in 60 years. We believe that God is calling us to love and serve our neighbors in this region of the world. The first week of October, a team representing BR-KC, FBC, Blue Springs and other Association churches will travel to the Horn. Part of the team will head South to explore work in the emerging drought and refugee crisis along the Ethiopian and Somali Border. The other half will work in Ethiopia along the borders to access and gain a greater understanding of the Eritrean people and their needs.



Churches can support these efforts in 3 primary ways.

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1) Financial Support—We will deliver food and basic hygiene supplies to the newly forming Somali refugee camps to the south and Eritrean camps to the north. We will be purchasing supplies in country to deliver to those displaced by the political unrest and famine. Please make checks payable to BR-KC, memo line Horn of Africa Missions.

2) Birthing Kits—(see article this page)

3) Prayer—You can pray for peace in the region, relief from drought, political transformation, homes for the displaced, parents for the orphaned, access and favor for us as we visit, and life change through Jesus Christ.

Visioning Vancouver

by Chane Hutton, Trip Coordinator

In October of 2010, I was a late addition on the Visioning Trip to Vancouver, Canada. I had no idea how that trip would impact my life. But it did in a big way.



First, it was just a great city. Beautiful, great food, with Mountains on one side and the Ocean on the other. However, that was only a small part of it.

The tremendous need to reach people and plant churches is what really impressed me. Vancouver is known for being one of the largest multi-cultural cities in the world.

The number of ethnic groups that have migrated there are almost endless. It is also the most unreached for its size. God put such a burden on my heart for Vancouver and for church planting that made me think that if I ever retired that's where I might want to be.



Third, the church planters and church plants who are there are few and the new plants are just beginning to take root. We can be a great partnership on the ground floor of potentially one of the greatest missionary ventures in a long time. You see, every ethnic person we reach there becomes a missionary to their country when they go back home. Many who go there are college students who will return to their own people to reach them for Christ. Are you getting the picture?!

Last, one mission group has already been there this summer. Another will go in November. Our Oct. 17-20 Visioning Trip is an opportunity for you, your church, and our Association to catch a glimpse of how we could fulfill the Great Commission in that City. Please go, pray, and give in the Name of Christ.

Centralized (cont'd from page 1)

thinking deeply about God's mission in the world.

The conference hopes to inspire and propel the church to engage in God's mission in life changing ways. That is why a significant feature of the conference will focus on practical engagement; through the stories and personal examples of some of the best missional practitioners around.

Featured speakers include Alan Hirsch, Dan Kimball, Hugh Halter, Michael Frost Mike Breen and many more. **A full list of speakers and details is available online at www.centralizedconference.com.**

If you desire to gain a clearer, deeper understanding of the missional conversation, but would also benefit from knowing how to engage your local context, then plan to attend Centralized!

Birthing Kits you can send to Africa

Our Horn of Africa Team will distribute birthing kits that will help midwives and mothers deliver children using simple, clean and sanitary supplies.

These kits can be assembled by churches and brought to the association office or to First Baptist, Blue Springs. A list of the supplies is provided below and all can be packed into a 1 gallon zip lock bag.

For more information contact Matt Sprink at 229-9335 or e-mail mattsprink@fbcbluesprings.org.

Birthing Kit Supplies

- 1 plastic sheet at least 1 square yard of 4 millimeter thick sheeting or a plastic drop cloth
- 2 pairs of gloves (medium and preferably latex free)
- 1 hotel-size bar of soap
- 3 pieces of clean string cut to 12" inches or 1 cord tie or clip
- 1 disposable scalpel or single edge razor blade (carefully wrapped)
- 2 4x4 gauze squares
- 1 gallon zip-lock plastic bags
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets (1 yard each, hemmed or cut with pinking shears)

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From your Executive Director

Dear Partners in Mission,

I'd like to encourage you to participate in our **Ministry Teams**, support the **Horn of Africa Outreach**, and consider aiding our **Vancouver Partnership**.



We have new opportunities for people to join our Ministry Teams in September. Jump in as the Lord leads and has given you passion for a particular area of ministry (see below)! All are welcome to join a team and plug in as you can.

Also, we need much more financial and material assistance to make a significant impact in the tragic situation in the Horn of Africa (see articles on page 2 for details). We are committed to a long-term investment and strategic involvement in not only aid but evangelism and church planting among some of the most unengaged/unreached and needy peoples on the planet.

Lastly, I'd like to ask you to also pray about either joining the **Visioning Vancouver** trip in October 17-20 led by Chane Hutton, or helping with the **Encouragement Retreat for Vancouver Church Planter and Missionary Families** November 10-14. We need financial contributions, gift cards and things for children. We also need **childcare volunteers** and encouragement team members to join in the retreat.



Wornall Road church and Pastor John Mark Clifton will lead the retreat program and worship, but we need additional help with childcare from babies to teens, as well as people to rub shoulders with and encourage church planters, missionaries, and spouses.

We need men and women! My wife Debbie will lead a time of encouragement for the wives and needs some women to assist. There will also be special time for the guys. It's a great opportunity to get to know in depth those we partner with and establish relationships for future service.

Please pray about these needs and opportunities. There's something for everyone and every church!

Ministry Teams resume work September 8

The five Ministry Teams that direct the work of the Association will begin meeting again at 11 AM on Thursday, September 8 at the new Association offices, 4041 NE Lakewood Way, Suite 260 in Lee's Summit. The teams did not meet during the summer months.

Ministry Teams are open to anyone who is interested in the mission work of the Association. The five areas are:

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



Teams meet each month for one hour to plan new initiatives and evaluate past work. You do not have to attend every meeting to be a member. The teams are open in that anyone can come to any of the meetings, enter the discussion, and share their thoughts and ideas about the Association's work.

You can volunteer to be on a team by coming to the meeting, or by going to our web page at www.blueriver-kansascity.org/ministry_teams.html and completing the sign-up form. When you register online, your e-mail address is added to our team roster, and you will receive a reminder before each meeting.

Life Change

by Carson Conover
MBC Collegiate Minister

One of my primary roles at LifeConnection Church is campus ministry. I'm regularly spending time with students from the local



community colleges in our area. I wanted to share a story of how God is at work in the lives of college students.

Spencer Bergsten: I met Spencer my first year of campus ministry in Independence. When I first met Spencer he was nominally Christian with little exposure to God's word. While he attended a local church in town, he wasn't sure that he believed that the Bible was truly God's word – at least not all of it. He also told me that he was never personally motivated to read it for himself.

Having said that, Spencer continued to come to small group Bible discussions on campus, weekend retreats centered on God's word, and a Spring break trip to Colorado where he had a great time and regularly encountered the Scriptures.

Upon graduation from community college, Spencer began the rest of his studies at the University of Central Missouri where he got involved with the BSU, a campus ministry led by my friend Jaben Houk. Jaben continued to invest in him, encouraging him to begin reading the Scriptures for himself.

This Summer, we've met every Monday reading through the book of Galatians together. To my surprise, Spencer told me that he's craving God's word and reading nearly 3 to 5 chapters of the Bible a day. He's reconsidered his previous doubt about the reliability of the Scriptures.

This new desire for God's word is evidence of God's grace--God is clearly doing a great thing in Spencer's life.

"[My word] will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:11

News from the churches

Country Meadows Baptist Church has cassette blanks, duplicator, equipment and deck for a tape ministry. They also have Equipping Centers. These are free to any church who would like them. Contact Melissa Jenks 373-6445 or Pastor Jeff Paul, 547-7167.

Armour Heights Baptist Church is currently accepting resumes for the position of Bi-Vocational Lead Pastor. Please forward your resume to armourheights@sbcglobal.net or Armour Heights, 7900 Jarboe, K.C., MO 64114 Attention: Search Committee.

Big Creek Baptist Church of Pleasant Hill went on the road in June and July. In June, a group of 8 members joined the "New Faith Baptist Builders" and traveled to Bastrop, LA to assist in building a new church. The Lord blessed the project with no injuries and a lot of progress.

In July, 14 year old Courtney Bakkan went to Orlando with the ACTEENs for Mission training. There were around 5,000 teens attending, and Courtney came back with a new determination to be involved.

On July 22, Pastor Todd MacLean and Charlie and JoAnne Rubles joined International Commission on a mission trip to Lima, Peru. The entire group witnessed to thousands, and counted 1,663 professions. At home, members spent 4 days passing out 5,600 bottles of water at The Cass County Fair. They also covenanted with Harmony House Baptist Church in Joplin to fund a payment each month for a year to be used for reconstruction.

Grace Point Baptist Church is seeking a part time music minister. Ten to twenty hours per week. Plan blended services and oversee the total music program of the church. College and/or seminary training preferred. Send resumes to Pastor Kirtes Calvery, 10415 Chestnut Drive, Kansas City, MO 64137

Pray for Vancouver

www.prayvancouver.ca



Rev. Cobb

Roanoke Baptist Church held a special retirement celebration for their pastor, Alan Cobb on Sunday, August 20. Brother Cobb is retiring after 19 years of service to Roanoke and the Westport Community. Congratulations Alan.

Southview Baptist Church in Raytown is looking for a listening CD & split-track accompaniment CD for the children's play "O Christmas Tree". It is by Brentwood Music Publishing. If you have performed this in the past and have extra CD's, please contact Ginger Gibeson (children's choir director) at (816) 353-3554.



Saturday October 1
8:30 AM to 4:55 PM
Abundant Life Baptist Church
 414 SW Persels
 Lee's Summit, MO 64081
 Hosted by People Matter Ministries
 Full details and registration at
www.peoplematterministries.com/Iron-Sharpens-Iron-kansas-city.php

July Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$31,707.25	\$216,062.70
Other Income	21.73	154.63
Total	\$31,728.98	\$216,217.33
Less Expenses	(32,409.52)	(\$219,849.59)
Balance as of July 31, 2011	(\$ 680.54)	(\$ 3,632.26)
Budget \$383,764.00 Annual	\$31,980.33 Monthly	\$223,862.31
Budget Receipts + other income		216,217.33
Receipts compared to budget	96.6%	(\$ 7,645.19)

Calendar

September	October
1 E ³ Minister's Meeting	1 Missions Exploration (WMU)
8 Ministry Team Meetings	13 Ministry Teams Meet
9 Fall Golf Tournament	16 Annual Meeting & Missions Fair
10 MBCH Apple Festival	5 – 8:30 PM
15 E ³ Minister's Meeting	South Haven B.C., Belton
22 E ³ Minister's Meeting	31 – Nov. 2 MBC Annual Meeting
29 E ³ Minister's Meeting	Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach
29-Oct. 1 Sentralized 2011 Conf.	