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Calvary Temple Baptist Church

Kansas City, MO

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Business Session

Call to Order	Charles West, Moderator
Welcome from Host Pastor	Rev. Eric Williams
Reports	
Nominating Committee	Moderator
Credentials Committee	Rev. Alan Cobb, Secretary
Association Ministries Report	Dr. Rodney Hammer, Executive Director
Mission Partnerships/Initiatives	Dr. Hammer
Finance Committee and 2011 Budget	Kim Rice, Treasurer
Special Recognitions and Introductions	Dr. Hammer
New Pastors and Staff	
Top Churches in Number of Baptisms	
Top Churches in Ratio of Resident Membership to Baptism	
Top Churches in Associational Giving	
Special Presentation to Lois Ellis	Loren Hutchinson
Miscellaneous Business	Moderator
Recognition of Incoming Moderator for 2010-2011	Dr. Hammer
Adjourn to Worship	

Report of the Nominating Committee

Moderator.....Rev. Eric Williams, Calvary Temple
Moderator ElectRev. Doug Schildknecht, First, Buckner
Clerk.....Unfilled at Present
TreasurerKim Rice

Administrative Committee

Larry Heenan – Spring Valley
Jeff Funderburk – Heart of Life
Carole Heaggans – United Believers Community
Sheriann Kessinger – First, Grandview
Jim Vest – South Haven
George Barnes – Spruce St. Matthew

Finance Committee

Preston Sanders – Strasburg
Jeff Logsdon – South Kansas City
Dennis Roth – Heart of Life
Joyce Rose – First, Buckner
Linda Zellmer – Faith
Pedro Achucarro – Iglesia Pan de Vida

Credentials Committee

Francis O'Donnell – Noland Road
Alan Cobb – Roanoke
Robert Hutchinson – Faith
Martha Molina – First Westside
Everett Van Ness – Sycamore Hills
Ernie Cecil – Antioch Southern

Personnel Committee

Jack Chastain – Sycamore Hills
Randy Orr – Maywood
Jim Millstead – Calvary, Blue Spings
Tom Patton – Loma Vista
Betty Myers – Norfleet
Mary Roberson – Corinthian Missionary

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is appointed by the Moderator in consultation with an advisory group composed of the Moderator Elect, the Director of Missions and the Clerk. (Bylaw 9.8.1). The makeup of this committee will be announced in the Missions & Ministry newsletter and at the first Executive Board meeting following their appointment.

Report of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee of the Association met two times this year, and interviewed eight pastors. The following congregations are being recommended by the committee for membership in the Association.

Tree of Life, Jerry Akins, Pastor
Grace and Truth Baptist, Ray Stewart, Pastor
Greater Bethel Missionary Baptist, Victor Lee, Pastor
Paradise Outfitters, Brandon Smith, Pastor
LifeConnection Church, Jason Allen, Pastor
Truth Bible Fellowship, D.A. Horton, Pastor
Crossroads Church KC, A.J. Vanderhorst, Pastor
New Wave Ministries, Jesse Thomas, Pastor



SPIRITUAL AWAKENING CONFERENCE

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
5501 Blue Ridge Cut Off
Raytown, MO 64133-3238**

November 9 – 11 (6:30 – 8:30)

Sponsored by:

*African American Pastors Fellowship of Kansas City, MO (BR-KC)
Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association
Lifeway Christian Resources
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Tuesday Night Classes

A Change Is Gonna Come Transformation of a Traditional to a Contemporary Worship Celebration (Dr. Barry Johnson, Southern Star Baptist Ch., Louisville, KY)

Fighting To Save My Family Spiritual Warfare (Anthony Andrews, Church of Faith International, Kansas City, MO)

Evangelism Reaching The Lost At All Cost (John Edwards, New Haven Baptist, KCMO)

Wednesday Night Classes

Forgiveness: Why Do You Treat Me So Bad? (Darron Edwards, United Believers Community Church, Kansas City, MO)

How Is Your Church Doing With Sunday School? (Dr. Charles Grant, Lifeway Resources, Nashville, KY) 2-hour course, please remain for entire time frame

A Change Is Gonna Come Transformation of a Traditional to a Contemporary Worship Celebration (Dr. Barry Johnson, Southern Star Baptist Ch., Louisville, KY)

Thursday Night Class

IMPROVING YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL (Dr. Charles Grant, Lifeway Resources, Nashville, KY)

7:30 Worship with Dr. T. Vaughn Walker

Professor Black Church Studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
and
Pastor of First Gethsemane Baptist Church, Louisville, KY



Ministry Wives'/Women Fellowship coming

Debbie Hammer will host two fellowships and prayer gatherings for all minister's wives and women involved in ministry this winter. The first fellowship will be on Saturday, November 13 from 10:30 AM–NOON at the home of Beth Whorton, 5203 S Peck Ave., Independence, MO 64055. Watch our web page at www.blueriver-kansascity.org/women_ministry_fellowships.html for the announcement of the second fellowship time and location.

Join Debbie and other ministry wives for some good fellowship and prayer time with other women who serve in ministry as you do. Reservations are not necessary, but it will help to know how many will be attending. Call Lisa at 795-1822.

Executive Director's Report

A Recap of 2009-2010

Messengers to the 2009 BR-KC Annual Meeting gave overwhelming approval to a Vision 2020 Master Ministry Plan designed to guide the work of the Association for the coming years. The Plan was the culmination of a year long strategic planning process that was begun in 2008. The Lord led us to this vision statement:

"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."

The objectives we are pursuing to accomplish this vision are:

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

Copies of the plan are available online at our web site, www.blueriver-kansascity.org. Ministry Teams were formed to address the goals under each objective. They began functioning in 2010. These teams are open to anyone who has a passion for the objective. They meet monthly. Details are published on our website and in each Association newsletter.

Gospel Outreach

God's Plan for Sharing, an evangelistic strategy providing training, resources and tools was implemented Association-wide with approximately one-third of BR-KC churches participating. Whole neighborhoods and communities were prayed for and canvassed, gospel information was shared and invitations to church and special events were offered. Mission partnerships in Vancouver and the Horn of Africa were explored, and an outreach strategy to reach immigrants and refugees was begun. In this year's business session we will vote about pursuing the Vancouver and Horn of Africa mission partnerships.

There was a major Associational relief effort targeting Haiti after the devastating earthquake that struck the island January 12. Donations of money, food and supplies were sent through a partnership with MBC and NAMB. Direct aid was also given through First Haitian Baptist and Red Bridge Baptist churches here in Kansas City. Both churches have ministries on the island.

We also help 4 campus missionaries serve 3 college campuses in making disciples.

Resourcing Churches (see Loren Hutchinson's Associate Director's report)

I want to note here my great appreciation for the extensive ministry of resourcing churches provided by Lisa McMechan, Associational Administrative Assistant, and Loren Hutchinson. From loaning biblical and media resources, AV equipment and the outreach party trailer to communications, financial records, IT, ministry training and consultation, Lisa and Loren are wonderful servants of the Lord who give excellent assistance and resourcing to our churches.

Unfortunately for us, Lisa is leaving at the end of this year to spend more time with her husband John who retires this fall after 30 years with the Blue Springs School District. We will begin the search process for a new administrative assistant after this year's Annual Meeting.

I also seek to resource our churches primarily through consultation with pastors and church planters, assisting them at their behest in vision and ministry development, as well as seeking to encourage them and understand their contexts and ministry challenges. It is also a joy to minister the Word through preaching and special events when invited by our churches.

Assisting Community Transformation

Adopting schools to serve in a variety of ways--including fix-up work, back-snack programs for kids, and mentoring/tutoring-- was one initiative of the Assisting Community Transformation Team. You can find a video and information on how you can minister to your community's schools at our website, www.blueriver-kansascity.org.

Church Planting

The church planting team and strategy continues to grow. A luncheon, featuring John Marshall of Springfield, was held in May and highlighted the why's and needs for new churches. Currently we have 12 new works underway with 4 more getting cranked up.

These represent quite a cross section of the socio-economic, geographic and ethnic diversity of BR-KC. A new element is Church Planting Centers. These "centers" are local churches who are already



helping to plant churches through financial sponsorship, coaching/mentoring, training in church planting and ministerial leadership, and other concrete assistance such as sharing their building, equipment, etc. You will note the 2011 Budget proposal has funds suggested for LifeConnection, LifeQuest and Wornall Road church planting. This is because these are our first church planting centers. They would use these proposed funds to help with the activities and assistance that I mentioned earlier in this paragraph.

Equipping Leaders

The equipping leaders team implemented a “Pastors praying for Pastors” initiative, developed a “tool box” of resources and training opportunities to offer to churches and their leadership, and consulted with staff on leadership and equipping seminars.

Association staff also aided in planning and implementing a Missional Church workshop with Reggie McNeal, Church Media Library and VBS workshops, and a Spiritual Awakening and equipping conference for our African American and urban churches that will be held November 9-11.

Finances

The worst economic recession in a generation encompassed our first two years with you. In spite of that, the Lord led us to begin Vision 2020. We praise God that He provided not only vision but wisdom and opportunity to lower our overhead, raise our missions and church assistance and eliminate our debt. God did this through your sacrificial giving in tough times and the guidance He gave to the extent that we entered the summer of 2010 with a \$50,000 reserve beyond what was in our checking account. The Lord’s sovereign goodness to us was in anticipation of our need to replace our mission center roof, make corresponding repairs, and repaired two air conditioning units. Meeting those needs has temporarily eliminated that cushion.

We have not pursued an Associate Director of Missional Outreach as discussed last year because finances were inadequate, but even more importantly, because we are working through our ministry teams to accomplish those objectives.

New Budget Structure

The 2010 budget had a new look in that it was designed around the five objectives of the Association’s Master Ministry Plan. You will notice the 2011 Budget Proposal follows our ministry objectives as well. It includes additional savings through renegotiation of contracts for services, reducing phone lines, finding more cost effective suppliers and keeping administrative and personnel costs flat or reduced where possible.

The 2010 Administrative budget was \$44,050. The 2011 proposed Administrative budget is \$40,300.

The 2010 budget for Personnel was \$212,779. That item in the 2011 proposed budget is \$208,099.

In 2010 we budgeted \$50,395 for Operations. The 2011 proposed budget figure is \$43,950

The Book of Reports, which includes a copy of the budget, is available online at our web site, www.blueriver-kansascity.org.

The 2011 Budget Proposal also includes new missions, church planting, and outreach funds. With reduced overhead and personnel costs, other cost savings, and small reductions without loss of ministry in some ministry budgets, we are able to propose a budget slightly under last year that involves us further in Kingdom extension while not inhibiting our ability to resource our churches and equip leaders.

The Baptist Mission Center/Association office was put up for sale or lease. We continue to have lookers and inquirers, but the economy certainly hurt our ability to find a buyer/lessor as did the road work reconfiguration of Lakewood Way. We know, of course, that the Lord will sell or lease our building when the time is right. When He does, we will seek to lease an approximately 2,000 square foot office suite with the approval of the Administrative Committee of the Association. The location is yet to be determined. If the proposed office location is not in the same basic area, we will bring the proposal to the Executive Board.

We can lease such a suite for less than it costs to operate our current building. One potential office space to be considered is \$1700 a month with all utilities and common area costs included. The only additional costs would be phone and internet service. If you annualize that rate and add operation costs like copier, phone, internet, renter’s insurance, etc., our Operation’s cost would be reduced from \$43,950 to \$34,700. Meetings of the Association will be held in churches around the Association. This will involve more people and create more awareness of our missions work as we come together in the churches rather than always meeting at the Mission Center.

It is a privilege to serve the Lord with you in BR-KC. I look forward to what God will do in the last quarter of 2010 and throughout 2011!

Rodney

Date : 10/06/2010
 Time : 1:37:46 PM

**Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
 Balance Sheet
 September 2010**

Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts

Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
101000 - Commerce Checking Account	\$12,810.45	
102000 - Commerce Money Market	\$26,666.35	
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		\$39,476.80
Other Receivables		
111300 - The U Church Loan	\$2,500.00	
111500 - Promissory Note - Exec. Director	\$18,000.00	
Total Other Receivables		\$20,500.00
Fixed Assets		
120000 - Land & Building	\$1,400,000.00	
120500 - Building Contents	\$44,322.20	
Total Fixed Assets		\$1,444,322.20
Total Assets		\$1,504,299.00
Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities		
Tax & Liabilities		
201000 - Federal Income Tax Withholding	\$1,499.38	
201500 - State Tax Withholding	\$1,506.00	
202500 - FICA Tax Withholding	\$1,331.96	
Total Tax & Liabilities		\$4,337.34
Total Liabilities		
		\$4,337.34
Fund Principal		
299999 - BRKC Fund Principal	\$1,507,081.09	
Excess Cash Received	(\$30,249.10)	
Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received		\$1,476,831.99
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$23,129.67	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00	
Total Restricted Funds		\$23,129.67
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		\$1,504,299.00



**2011 Proposed Budget
BR-KC Baptist Association**

Accounts	2010 Budget	2011 Budget
<i>Gospel Outreach</i>		
401000 - City Focus Mission Enterprise	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
411000 - Spanish - Rockwood	\$1,800.00	\$1,200.00
411200 - Spanish - Principe de Paz	\$2,400.00	\$1,200.00
411400 - Russian - Holmeswood	\$1,800.00	\$1,200.00
411900 - Deaf Ministry/Literacy Missions	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
412100 - Discretionary Missions Fund	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
412200 - Partnership Missions	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
414100 - Refugee & Immigrant Ministries (NEW)	0	\$4,000.00
<i>College Ministry</i>		
405100 - Impact Student Min. UMKC - Travis H	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
405200 - Leadership Training Conference	\$1,060.00	\$1,000.00
405400 - Get Away	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
405800 - Sit-Down Fund	\$1,050.00	\$750.00
406000 - Housing/Office (NEW)	0	\$600.00
406400 - Social Events	\$900.00	\$750.00
406500 - Freshmen Recruitment	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
406600 - Blue River & Longview Comm. College	\$1,165.00	\$1,900.00
406700 - Carson Conover	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
406800 - The Way-Penn Valley Comm. College	\$1,165.00	\$740.00
406900 - Adam Breckenbridge	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
407000 - The Plug - UMKC	\$1,165.00	\$1,165.00
407100 - Brian Key	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Total College Ministry	\$14,805.00	\$14,205.00
Total Gospel Outreach	\$35,305.00	\$31,305.00
<i>Resourcing Churches</i>		
421400 - Church Media Library	\$750.00	\$250.00
421600 - Media Center	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
422200 - Minister - Church Relations	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
435000 - Auto - Executive Director(RH)	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00
435200 - Auto - Associational Director (LH)	\$2,500.00	\$1,750.00
435900 - Auto - Administrative Assistant	\$200.00	\$200.00
436100 - VBS Assistance (NEW)	0	\$500.00
<i>Woman's Missionary Union</i>		
408000 - Preschool	\$100.00	\$50.00
408200 - Youth	\$150.00	\$150.00
408400 - Adults	\$350.00	\$350.00
408600 - Girls Resident Camp	\$500.00	\$500.00
408800 - Training	\$250.00	\$200.00
409200 - Children	\$200.00	\$200.00

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Accounts	2010 Budget	2011 Budget
409400 - Literature/Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
409600 - Postage	\$950.00	\$800.00
Total Woman's Missionary Union	\$3,700.00	\$3,250.00
Total Resourcing Churches	\$14,850.00	\$12,150.00
<i>Assist Comm. Transformation</i>		
401100 - Community Development Projects	\$3,900.00	\$3,000.00
Total Assist Comm. Transformation	\$3,900.00	\$3,000.00
<i>Church Planting</i>		
411300 - Spanish - First Grandview	\$2,400.00	\$1,200.00
411500 - Spanish - Coventry Estates	\$2,400.00	\$1,200.00
411600 - Jerry Akins - Tree of Life	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
411700 - Spanish - Ernesto Flores	\$2,400.00	\$1,200.00
411800 - Jason Allen - Life Connection	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
412000 - Anthony Andrews - Church of Faith	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
412300 - Adam Christensen - Midtown Comm.	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
412400 - Damon Horton - Truth Bible Fellowsh	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
412500 - Chane Hutton - AZ-U-R	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
412600 - Gary Jones - The U Church	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
412700 - Brandon Smith - Paradise Outfitters	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
412800 - AJ Vanderhorst - Crossroads KC	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
412900 - Jesse Thomas - New Wave Ministries (NEW)	0	\$1,200.00
413000 - Jess Thomas - In God's Hand Ministries (NEW)	0	\$1,200.00
413100 - Todd Hawthorne - Mt. Moriah Community (NEW)	0	\$1,200.00
413200 - Ray Stewart - Grace and Truth Baptist (NEW)	0	\$1,200.00
413800 - LifeConnection Church Planting (NEW)	0	\$3,000.00
413900 - LifeQuest Church Planting (NEW)	0	\$5,400.00
414000 - Wornall Road Church Planting (NEW)	0	\$8,000.00
Total Church Planting	\$18,000.00	\$35,600.00
<i>Equipping Leaders</i>		
421000 - Leadership Training	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
422400 - Conferences & Special Events	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
422500 - Black Church Christian Conference	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Total Equipping Leaders	\$7,300.00	\$6,300.00
Accounts	2010 Budget	2011 Budget
<i>Administration</i>		
401400 - Newsletter	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
401600 - Postage (2nd class for newsletter)	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00

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Accounts	2010 Budget	2011 Budget
401800 - Association Emphasis	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
422600 - Annual	\$500.00	\$500.00
436000 - Conv/Training - Executive Director	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
436200 - Conv/Training - Assoc Director (LH)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
436600 - Conv/Training - Admin Assistant	\$500.00	\$500.00
451000 - Office Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
451500 - Postage - Administrative	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
452000 - Financial Review	\$3,000.00	0
452500 - Legal Fees	\$500.00	\$500.00
452600 - ACS Accounting	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
455000 - Miscellaneous Administrative	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Administration	\$43,300.00	\$40,300.00
Operations		
441000 - Building Security	\$800.00	\$850.00
441500 - Janitorial Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
442500 - Maintenance & Repair	\$6,500.00	\$7,500.00
443000 - Lawn Service/Snow Removal	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
443500 - Vehicle Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
444000 - Insurance - Property	\$6,000.00	\$4,250.00
444200 - Insurance - Vehicle	\$1,500.00	\$1,700.00
444300 - Insurance - Workman's Comp	\$1,745.00	\$1,500.00
444500 - Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
445000 - Electricity	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
445500 - Telephone	\$8,500.00	\$4,000.00
446000 - Water	\$350.00	\$400.00
446200 - Trash Pick Up	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
446500 - Building Contingency	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Operations	\$50,395.00	\$43,950.00
Personnel		
431000 - Exective Director (RH)	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Executive Director Housing (NEW)	0	\$7,000.00
431200 - Associate Director (LH)	\$63,362.00	\$63,362.00
431800 - Administrative Assistant	\$35,805.00	\$27,000.00
432000 - Financial Secretary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
432200 - Custodial	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
432300 - Deaf Ministry	\$2,400.00	0
433000 - Health Insurance	\$20,000.00	\$23,000.00
433200 - Annuity - Exec Director (RH)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
433400 - Annuity - Assoc Director (LH)	\$6,337.00	\$6,337.00
433900 - Annuity - Administrative Assistant	\$3,575.00	\$2,700.00
434200 - Payroll Tax Expense (SS)	\$8,500.00	\$7,100.00
434400 - Christmas Bonus	\$1,200.00	0
Total Personnel	\$212,779.00	\$208,099.00
Total Expenses	\$385,829.00	\$380,704.00

Associate Director of Missions Report

As co-chairman of the Resourcing Churches Ministry Team, along with Todd MacLean, I've been excited to see the team put together four key elements of our VISION 2020 goals.

Partnering Churches

We're on a search to find churches who would be willing to form partnerships with other congregations for the purpose of "establishing a relationship or achieving shared goals in areas such as evangelism, community involvement and worship, and through sharing of resources such as materials or personnel." Many of our churches are already doing this in the areas of shared music, VBS materials and cooperative efforts in the God's Plan for Sharing ministry. We hope to have 80% of our congregations involved in some kind of partnership by October of 2012.

Resource Specialists

One of the most exciting goals, in terms of its potential for good, is the identifying and enlisting of Resource Specialists. Resource Specialists are individuals who have a particular gift, skill or talent that they are willing to use to bless a church or ministry within the Association. We've identified over 200 areas of expertise that would be helpful to a church in need.

Volunteers can go to our website at www.blueriver-kansascity.org/resource_specialists.html and complete the registration form located on that page. They will be automatically added to a database of volunteers willing and ready to serve our churches. Just imagine what a pool of talent and skills could be put together if over 1,000 of our members would register. Please encourage your members to go to the web page and register. Who knows? Your church may be one that will have a special need someday.

Shared Resources

Another aspect of our work is discovering churches who would be willing to share material resources. These may be teaching aids, videos, music, VBS decorations, audio-visual equipment, or anything that might be needed for a short time by a sister church. There is a web page where your church can list items it would be willing to share, or request items you might need. Go to www.blueriver-kansascity.org/shared_resources.html and complete the form on that page to help.

Resource Groups

Finally, we are in the process of enlisting teams of specialists who could go to a church and train the members in specific areas of ministry. Modeled somewhat on the old Sunday School ASSIST Teams, we're hoping to put together teams in the areas of Sunday School, VBS, Music Ministry, Youth and Mission Trip ministries. For instance, the Mission Trip Team might include specialists in Trip Planning, Puppets, Face-painting, Outreach Evangelism, etc. The Music Team would have specialists in Children's Choirs, Youth Choirs, Handbells, Orchestra, Praise Teams, etc.

E-mail me at lorenh@kcbaptist.org if you have questions about where you or one of your members could serve on a Resource Group.

In addition to our work through VISION 2020, it has been a great year for the continuing program ministries of the Association. LifeWay presented one of their three Regional Sunday School Events here in August. Over 400 people attended Transform, a one-day workshop for Sunday School leaders.

Our Media Library Group saw over 15 trained at their annual event in August. Lois Ellis of Martin City Baptist has done an outstanding job of leading this group for the past 11 years. Lois is retiring from that position this year, and we want to say "thank you" for a job well done. The work will continue with Gloria Calvert from New Liberty Baptist leading the way.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help strengthen your church in any of its program ministries, please don't hesitate to let me know. My greatest joy is in working with individual churches to equip their members for ministry.

— Loren Hutchinson, Associate Director of Missions

WMU REPORT October 17, 2010

New Years and New Beginnings are filled with promise and opportunities. Some New Beginnings include new age level starts since September, 2009:

- October, 2009, Big Creek Baptist Church, began G.A.'s
- April, 2010, Anchor Point Baptist Church, began Women on Mission
- September, 2010, First Baptist, Peculiar, began Mission Friends
- September, 2010, Spruce St. Matthew, began G.A.'s

New Association Leaders are:

- Lorraine Powers, Youth Missions Consultant (new position in leadership)
- Cheryl Mullis, Preschool Missions consultant
- JoAnne Ruble, Missions Involvement Coordinator

Opportunities

The year past had many opportunities to strengthen missions education:

- training sessions for all age levels at Spruce St. Matthew in May
- Six-Mile Church in August; and
- continuing leader training and encouragement with Acteen leaders.
- ESL training in August led by Lorraine Powers, NAMB approved ESL/EFL trainer.

In addition to these training sessions, materials have been shared and individual consultations provided.

Acteens in the Association have been very active during the summer with ministry outreach events, learning face painting and then putting into action at various locations what they've learned.

Association WMU leadership is also involved with the Ministry Teams via the Resourcing, Equipping and Evangelism groups.

Two WMU team members participated in international mission trips: Lorraine Powers served with National WMU on the More Than Gold Team at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC, and Sheriann Kessinger with a team to Moscow helping provide child care (doing VBS) with MKs while parents participated in regional missionary team meetings.

Opportunities for women in all our churches to come together for prayer, missions encouragement, Bible training events and fellowship were provided through:

- Association WMU Annual Meeting helped provide baby shower items for Baby Boot Camp.
- Women of Wisdom Tea, with Missionary Nancy Skinner sharing 'From Russia With Love' and praying over requests back to Russia with love.
- Brenda Poinsett's Panorama View of the Bible was enjoyed by a good number of men and women.
- Our September Celebration allowed a visit from Chuck and Amy Barbour before they leave later this year for South Africa. Lessons from the Barbours on how they have handled hindrances to fulfilling their continuing desire to serve in international missions were an inspiration to all.

The trip through the year always has bumps and detours and we had some of those.

Two of our steadfast team members have retired due to health issues and we greatly miss the expertise and faithfulness of **Janet Dyer** and **Beverly Johnson**.

We had to cancel Girls Missions Camp this year due to lack of reservations, no doubt due in part to the economic times.

Blue River-Kansas City WMU looks forward to many more opportunities to serve **UNHINDERED!**

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Carpenter, WMU Director
Lorraine Powers, Youth Missions Consultant
Sheriann Kessinger, Children's Missions Consultant/Camp Director
Cheryl Mullis, Preschool Missions Consultant
Lucy Wagner, Missionary Ministries Coordinator
Lisa McMechan, Treasurer
Sandi Malone, Assistant Camp Director
JoAnne Ruble, Missions Involvement Coordinator

Impact Ministries Report Fall 2010

Good News...

God has been working in the lives of college students at UMKC. Impact has been blessed this past school year to see students come to know Christ. One of those students in particular celebrated her one year birthday of being a Christian. She has grown leaps and bounds and is serving this year on our leadership team where we see her ministering to other college students and finding many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.

Our leadership team (we call it the Ministry Team) has grown from five members last year to nine this year. This excites me in many ways, because it means that students are growing in their relationship with Christ, they want to see others grow in that relationship, and, therefore, this ministry is able to have more of an impact on this college campus.

Various fall events have given Impact an opportunity to meet new students and serve them. A free dinner in one of the dorms was such a hit that we ran out of food. A Java Night allowed us to give coffee drinks to over 150 students. We're hoping to continue ministering and connecting with students through serving them in ways such as these.

Impact started something new this fall called Transitions. Transitions is a weekly gathering for freshmen and transfer students to connect with each other and to hear a Biblical perspective on various issues they face in their adjustment to UMKC. We've been able to proclaim how a follower of Christ deals with issues such as Time Management, Rest, Dating, and Money. Over twenty freshmen and transfer students have attended Transitions, and many of them have shared with us how helpful it has been for them. I pray that God uses these times to create a community among our students that centers around the gospel and its implications for their lives.

There is plenty more that can be shared about Impact such as music students taking the gospel to the music conservatory, or small groups of students gathering for weekly Bible studies, or students attending MBC's Getaway conference, but I want to talk about what else is happening in other Kansas City college campuses.

Carson Conover and LifeConnection Church have been leading a college ministry at Blue River Community College. Carson had the privilege of leading one student to Christ last spring. He has been spending time with this student and others in helping them grow in Christ-likeness. This fall Carson launched two on-campus discussion groups that study and discuss the book of James.

Adam Breckenridge is ministering at Penn Valley Community College. He met several students at Penn Valley's Get Connected Day. As he follows up with these students he hopes to be able to make disciples on that campus and see them join some small groups he plans on launching soon.

Please be praying for Penn Valley. In September a Dean of Students was stabbed on campus by a student. The incident has brought lots of confusion in the hearts of students as to why this would happen. This Dean is a beloved friend by many at Penn Valley. It has generated a lot of discussion about human depravity and human nature among students and faculty. Please pray as Adam engages students, that he can speak the gospel to them and that they are able to trust Jesus in the midst of a dark situation.

Brian Key is primarily ministering to African-American students at UMKC. He and I are excited about some medical students in our ministries who want to lead a Bible study together at the Hospital Hill campus of UMKC. Medical students have classes at this campus, and these guys have shared the need for the gospel to be proclaimed there. We are praying that God opens many eyes to the truth of Christ and that lives would be changed. In addition, Brian is leading a Bible study at UMKC and intentionally discipling some of the male students in his group.

Those of us in Impact and these other ministries are so excited to see the plans God has for college campuses of Kansas City. Continue to pray with us that He would open the eyes of these future leaders to His wonderful gift of salvation. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We are blessed and encouraged by all of it.

Humbly Serving Him,
Travis Hamm
Student Ministries Director

People Teams Training set for October 30

People Teams Training will take place from 8:30 AM–4:00 PM on Saturday, October 30. The location had not been set when this issue went to the printer.

This training will equip teams within local churches to reach out to Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and other people groups in the Kansas City area.

Did you know:

- *Somali is the third most spoken language in Kansas City after English and Spanish.*
- *There may be as many as 20,000 Vietnamese in Kansas City and the vast majority are Catholic and Buddhist.*
- *There are significant populations of other Muslim groups in Kansas City, such as Iraqi, Pakistani, Kurdish, and Bosnian.*
- *There is a growing Asian Indian Hindu population in Kansas City.*



Mark Snowden, who served in the IMB for 18 years, will be leading this training. He has been working with NAMB the past few years, training churches to reach people groups in their areas. He has led similar training events in Kentucky, California, and New Hampshire.

To register or for more information including the location, contact David Elliott, David.B.Elliott@Gmail.com or 816-550-6662.

Ministry Teams November 11 December 9

11 AM – 12, Lunch after
Mission Center
I-470 & Woods
Chapel Rd.
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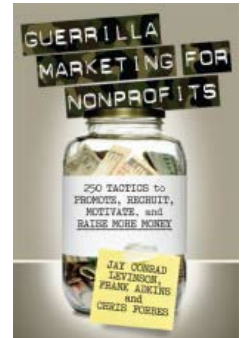
Guerilla Marketing for Non-Profits



Chris Forbes, co-author of Guerilla Marketing for Non-profits be presenting a free two hour seminar on marketing techniques at the Baptist Mission Center, Monday morning, October 18 from 9:30 - 11:30.

With money tighter and competition greater than ever before in the nonprofit sector, you need marketing results--not marketing theory. You'll learn to develop a personalized battle plan for your organization using the proven weapons of Guerrilla Marketing to promote, recruit, motivate, and raise more money for your nonprofit.

You can find out more information about Chris and Guerilla Marketing at their web site, <http://gmnonprofits.com>.



Transformational Church

Ken Lupton, LifeWay Consultant for Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska, will lead a 2-1/2 hour workshop on The Transformational Church. The workshop will be from 9:30 - Noon on November 23 at the Baptist Mission Center, 4001 NE Lake-wood Way in Lee's Summit, MO.

How did LifeWay discover the Transformational Church information?

In 2008, LifeWay engaged in one of the largest and most significant research projects ever conducted on the American Church including 7000 protestant pastors; personal interviews with 250 churches; 15,000 church member surveys.

What did the research reveal?

Bruce Raley, Director, leadership and evangelism training and events, explains the findings, in the spring 2010 Facts and Trends article this way, "Transformation is occurring in churches across our nation. From coast to coast, churches of various sizes—urban and rural, old and new – are being transformed by the power of God and, as a result, are seeing transformation of individual lives and, ultimately, their communities. . . The findings proclaimed, "There is hope! Hope for the American church! Hope and possibilities!"

Is this just a new program from LifeWay?

It is not a new program or a one-size-fits all strategy, or even a formula for immediate results. Rather, it is an initiative designed to help churches examine where and how God is working and to make the necessary adjustments in order to more fully join in His mission of redemption.

Can you define for me what a Transformational Church is?

The best way to help you understand the Transformational Church is by using the letters-PCC and BAR.

People—Becoming more like Christ.

Church—Acting like the Body of Christ.

Communities—Reflecting the Kingdom of God.

