

*Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association*

# Resourcing Churches

A guide to how your church  
and church members can  
be a blessing to  
others.



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## **“Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Phillipians 2:4**

One of the five key objectives of the Association’s VISION 2020 Strategy is to provide resources to our churches by drawing on the skills, expertise and resources of all the churches in the Association. The needs of one church can often be easily met by a sister church or by individuals in a sister church. The difficulty often lies in finding an effective means of making known the need, or of searching out the person or persons with the expertise that is required.

The VISION 2020 Resourcing Churches Ministry Team has addressed this issue and developed a 4-pronged approach designed to meet the needs of the churches.

- Church Partnerships
- Resource Specialists (individuals with special expertise)
- List available resources
- Resource Groups (teams of ministry specialists)

This booklet explains these four approaches and how your church can become a part of a network of healthy Baptist churches sharing ideas, needs, expertise and resources with one another.

The Association has 125+ congregations with over 20,000 active members. Within those churches are many material resources and areas of expertise. Compiling a database of those resources and of the individuals with special skills and knowledge will be an ongoing ministry of the Association for the next several years.

Let’s say that your church was going to begin a new outreach ministry to your neighborhood around the concept of providing a health clinic for a day. Imagine how helpful it would be if your church could contact the Association and access a listing of all the doctors, dentists, nurses, etc. in our churches who have said they would be willing to help a sister church in need.

Or perhaps your Women’s Ministry wanted to begin a new video Bible study, but you didn’t have the budget to purchase the DVDs. Wouldn’t it be great to know what video studies were just sitting on library shelves in other churches and were available free of charge?

Maybe your church could benefit from an ongoing partnership with another congregation. Maybe you could join forces with another church to take on a ministry that is too intensive for either of you alone. Yet together, you could help each other as you helped the lost.

As you look through this brochure, please prayerfully consider if God would have you and your church members become active participants in this resource network. You may be blessed as well as be a blessing to others.

# Partnering Churches

We would like to see 80% of our churches partnering with other BR-KC churches by October 2012.

A partnership between churches would be defined as “an established relationship for achieving shared goals in areas such as evangelism, community involvement and worship through sharing of resources such as materials or personnel.”

If you would like to discover other churches that would like to work together, go to [www.blueriver-kansascity.org/partnering\\_churches.html](http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org/partnering_churches.html) and complete the form below. Your request will be e-mailed to the Mission Center and one of the staff will help you to find a partner church. You can also photocopy this page and fill out the form then mail it to the Association office.

Each year, we will send a list of churches willing to partner together to all of our congregations. The staff will facilitate putting churches together to discuss how they might help one another.

**Partner Church Request Form**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  I'm a Pastor     Staff Minister     Secretary

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate your city if you are a "First Baptist Church." e.g. FBC, Anytown)

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church's Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate ministry areas where you would like to partner with a sister church. (e.g. evangelism, prayer, sharing resources, sharing facilities, leader training, etc.)

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# Resource Specialists

You'd be surprised at how often the Association staff gets a request from a church or pastor with a specific, short-term need. They could be helped by someone who could come to them and give advice, training or short-term leadership to a project or ministry.

As part of the VISION 2020 Resourcing Churches initiative, we are compiling a database of "specialists" from around the Association. There are people in your church that have expertise that can be a blessing to a sister church.

They don't have to be a professional or have a college degree, just real-world, practical experience that they would be willing to share if needed. Please take a moment and look through the categories and sub-specialties and see if there is a place your people could help.



Your members can register by going to [www.blueriver-kansascity.org/resource\\_specialists.html](http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org/resource_specialists.html) and completing the form on that page. Alternatively, they can simply call the Association and let us know of their willingness to help and the areas in which they feel qualified.

## Resource Specialists Categories

### Church Ministries

Pastor  
 Church Administrator  
 Adult Minister  
 Children's Minister  
 AWANAS  
 Education Ministry  
 Facility  
     *Bldg. Maintenance*  
     *Sound Systems*  
     *Video Projection*  
 Recreation Minister  
 Finance  
     *Church Treasurer*  
     *Accounting*  
     *Bookkeeping*  
 Youth Minister  
     *Youth Leader*  
     *Youth Worker*  
 Music  
     *Guitar*  
     *Percussion*  
     *Keyboard*  
     *Worship Leader*  
     *Praise Band*  
     *Youth Choir*  
     *Sr. Adult Choir*  
     *Praise Team*

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Family Ministry  
     *Marriage*  
     *Seniors*  
     *Singles*

### Arts & Crafts

Artist  
 Photography  
 Sewing  
 Drawing  
 Painting  
 Face Painting  
 Pottery  
 Chalk Art

### Business

Administration  
 Bookkeeping  
 Office Skills  
 Typing  
 Accounting  
 Telemarketing

### Camping & Motor Homes

Backpacking  
 5th Wheel  
 Motorhome  
 Tent

(Cmpg. & MH cont'd.)

Tent Trailer  
 Truck Camper  
 Van Camper  
 Campers on Mission member

### Campground

Cook  
 Counselor  
 Lifeguard  
 Crafts  
 Recreation  
 Sing-along  
 Canteen/Gift Shop

### Church Renewal Journey

Lay Renewal Weekend Coordinator  
 Lay Ministry Weekend Coordinator  
 Discipleship Weekend Coordinator  
 Experiencing God Weekend Coordinator  
 Children's Leader  
 Children's Worker  
 Music Leader  
 Adult Team Leader  
 Adult Team Worker  
 Youth Team Leader  
 Youth Team Worker  
 Lady's Luncheon Spkr.  
 Men's Luncheon Spkr.

**Communication**

AV Equipment Operator  
 Public Relations  
 TV/Radio Production  
 Video Editing  
 Amateur Radio  
 Publishing  
 Web Pages  
 Newsletters  
 Social Networks

**Computers**

Data Entry  
 Software Development  
 Graphic Design  
 Internet Evangelism  
 Web Design

**Construction**

Pro. Builder/Contractor  
 Architect  
 Drywall  
 Electrical  
 Finish Carpentry  
 Framing  
 HVAC  
 Masonry  
 Construction Worker  
 Project Coordinator  
 Plumbing  
 Painting  
 Roofing  
 Carpentry  
 Repair/Gen. Maintenance  
 Landscaping  
 Tile Layer

**Creative Arts/Drama**

Puppets  
 Skits  
 Clowning  
 Mime  
 Ventriloquism  
 Balloon Sculpting  
 Comedy  
 Magic

**Disaster Relief**

Blue Hat  
 White Hat  
 First Aid  
 Chain Saw  
 CPR  
 Water Purification  
 Childcare  
 Amateur Radio  
 Basic DR Training  
 DR Training ARC  
 Mud Out

**Education**

ARW (Adult Reading & Writing)  
 TCY (Tutoring Children & Youth)  
 ESL  
 Librarian  
 Literacy Worker  
 Teacher  
 Career Counselor  
 Tutor  
 Special Education

**Food Service**

Soup Kitchen  
 Food Pantry  
 Preparation/Cook  
 Dietician/Nutricianist

**Language**

Interpreters  
 ESL  
 Deaf  
 (List languages spoken)

**Legal**

Lawyer  
 Para-legal

**Medical**

Dentist/Dental Skills  
 Dietician/Nutritionist  
 EMT  
 Doctor  
 Other Medical Skills  
 Nurse  
 Pharmacist  
 Rehabilitation  
 Therapist  
 CPR  
 First Responder  
 First Aid  
 Hospice  
 Home Health Care

**Misc.**

House Parent  
 Supervised High School Student

**Missions**

Adult Worker  
 Student Missions  
 Coffee House Min.  
 Child Worker  
 Hearing Impaired  
 Fairs/Festivals/Special Events  
 Acteens  
 Girls Auxiliary  
 Mission Friends  
 Migrant Worker  
 Prison Ministry

**(Missions cont'd.)**

Prayer Ministry  
 Royal Ambassadors  
 Resort Ministry  
 Raceway Ministry  
 Foreign Student Min.  
 WMU Leader

**Outreach**

Door to Door Witnessing  
 Acts of Kindness  
 Scripture Distribution  
 Survey/Canvassing  
 Telemarketing  
 Block Party  
 VBS/BYBC

**Religious**

Bible Study Leader  
 Church/Community Ministry  
 Children's Evangelism  
 Chaplain  
 Church Growth  
 Church Planter  
 Counseling  
 Conference Leader  
 Devotion Leader  
 Fellowship Leader  
 Interfaith Witness  
 Minister  
 Men's Ministry  
 Missions Leader  
 Pastor  
 Preaching

**Social Ministry**

Food Pantry  
 Clothes Closet  
 Community Work  
 Infant Resources

**Sports/Recreation**

Coach  
 Referee/Umpire  
 (List sports specialty)

**Transportation**

Car Driver  
 Driving Pulling Trailer  
 Bus Driver  
 15-Passenger Van Driver  
 CDL  
 Mechanic  
 Motorcycle  
 Pilot w/Plane  
 Pilot

# Sharing Resources

Your church probably has items of value that you used in the past but no longer need, or could loan to a sister church for a short time. Examples would include choir music or cantatas, accompaniment tracks, video and DVD Bible studies, Mission Trip equipment, chairs, tables, etc.



Something that is just taking up shelf or closet space at your church could be a real blessing to another church. Please take a moment to think of items you might have that you could share with another church. You will only be loaning them for a short time, unless you're sure you no longer need them and would like to give them away. The choice is yours.

## Do You Have a Need? Do you have a resource?

Maybe your church has a need that right now you can't afford. Let us know what that need is, and we will do our best to put you in touch with another church who can help.

You can go to [www.blueriver-kansascity.org/shared\\_resources.html](http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org/shared_resources.html) or use the form below to either let us know of a need, or use it to tell us of a resource you would be willing to loan.

### Resource/Needs Information Form

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to indicate a resource you can share or a need with which you would like help.

I HAVE A: (check one)  Need  Resource

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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# Resource Groups



The concept behind these groups is one of helping churches with specific ministry needs and/or training where

a team of leaders is needed (i.e. Sunday School age-level conferences, VBS Leaders). Volunteers from around the Association will be trained in different ministries of their choice and will stand ready to go to a church and assist with a ministry or train the church's people in how to do the ministry themselves.

By volunteering to be a part of a Resource Group, you or one of your members are committing to serve on a team designed to help sister churches whenever your schedule will allow and as requests come in. You may not be called for months, or you may receive an opportunity to help every few weeks. It will all depend on how often a church requests assistance in your team's area of expertise.

When a church requests help, we will do our best to fit the needs of the church within the schedules of the Resource Group members and find a time that is convenient for both. To join a Resource Group (Team) just go to [www.blueriver-kansascity.org/resource\\_groups.html](http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org/resource_groups.html) and complete the online form.

Resource Groups are being formed in the areas of Sunday School, VBS, Music, Youth and Mission Trip Ministries. We need specialists in all of the leadership positions these ministries would have. For instance, the Mission Trip Resource Group would have specialists in Puppets, Outreach & Evangelism, Trip Planning, etc. The Music Resource Group will have specialists in Children's Choirs, Handbells, Praise Teams, etc.

E-mail Loren Hutchinson at [lorenh@kcbaptist.org](mailto:lorenh@kcbaptist.org) if you have questions about where you or one of your members could serve on a Resource Group.

