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## WELCOME

Welcome to the 2014 Annual Meeting and Celebration of Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association.

Since our last meeting we sold our Baptist mission center property, invested the proceeds and began Vision 2020 quarterly grants. We give back \$29,000 plus to BR-KC churches and ministries every quarter! We've raised thousands of dollars for a Safe House for Victims of Human Trafficking, a library for unaccompanied refugee minors (for which you also collected, processed and shipped over 8,000 books) and a Bible School in Shire, Ethiopia. In our adopted Send North America city of Vancouver, we've seen the Lord raise up two new church plants in our target area of Coquitlam where we also funded, staffed and delivered a complete retreat for church planters and their families.

The Lord also enabled us to help establish a ministry center for Impact at UMKC, support 14 church plants, help Forest Avenue Homeless Shelter and True Life Change, enable People Teams Ministry to Immigrants in Kansas City, and provide four in depth consultations with churches seeking to revitalize. We put on a Church Safety Seminar in partnership with GuideOne, and saw four churches join the Association as well!

There is more gospel outreach, church revitalization, ministry assistance, community transformation and equipping efforts that God empowered through our association. Details inside!

We have so many reasons to celebrate and praise the Lord! Thank you for your partnership, contributions and prayers.

*Rodney Z Hammer*



Horn of Africa books being processed at Bethel Baptist



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## Business Session

Call to Order	Jeff Logsdon, Moderator
Reports	
Nominating Committee	Andrew Huesing
Credentials Committee	Jeff Paul
Written Reports/Vision 2020 Update	Rodney Hammer and Dennis Roth
Finance Committee and 2015 Budget	Jeff Paul
Miscellaneous Business	Jeff Logsdon
Special Recognitions and Introductions	Rodney Hammer
New Association Churches	Gregg Boll
Recognition of Incoming Moderator and Moderator-Elect for 2014-2015	Rodney Hammer



## Report of the Nominating Committee

Moderator.....Rev. Jeff Paul, Country Meadows  
Moderator Elect .....Rev. Gary Jones, The U Church  
Clerk.....Jennifer Hutton  
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Randy Messer - First, Oak Grove  
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Armando Preza - First, Westside  
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Donald Ford - Second Missionary  
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### Credentials Committee

Rich Cummings - Grace, Oak Grove  
Chris Williams - The Fellowship Greenwood  
Sean Brooks - Southview  
Tony Darnell - AZ-U-R  
Wendel Rosbrugh - Bethel  
Malachi O'Brien - Pleasant Ridge

### Personnel Committee

Don Kabel - Martin City  
Jerry Tharp - Lone Jack  
Heidi Huesing - Bales Avenue Community  
Kim Danley - First, Blue Springs  
Brandon Park - First, Raytown  
David Cole - Oak Tree

### 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).

Loren Hutchinson, First, Lee's Summit  
Andrew Huesing, Bales Avenue Community  
Virginia Garrett, Heart of Life  
Clayton With, Abiding Love  
JC Beckner, First, Raymore  
Travis Hamm, Impact Ministries



Dr. Jeff Paul, Moderator  
Country Meadows Baptist



Gary Jones, Moderator-Elect  
The U Church

## Report of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee met in August for the purpose of reviewing Membership Applications from churches wishing to join the Association. After meeting with the pastors and reviewing their church's doctrine, ecclesiology, Constitution, By-laws and budget, we recommend the following churches for full membership in the Association:

1. **Crossroads Bible**, 4800 NW Homestead Road, Riverside, MO 64150 - Anthony Baker, Pastor
2. **True Light of Jesus Christ Ministries**, 12419 3rd Street, Grandview, MO 64030- Bill Roper, Pastor

The Credentials Committee brought a recommendation before the Executive Board in April, during a Special-Called Executive Board Meeting, that the following churches be approved for full membership in the Association:

1. **The Fellowship Greenwood** (a campus of Lenexa Baptist), 1601 W. Main Street, Greenwood, MO 64034 - Chris Williams, Pastor
2. **Mosaic Bible Fellowship**, 1215 E. Truman Road, Kansas City, MO 64106 - Michael Randle, Pastor

Both of these churches were approved.

Respectfully submitted: The Credentials Committee

Jeff Paul, Chairman

Doug Bradley

Don Graves

Rich Cummings

Robert Strong

Jim Tolliver



Michael Randle, Pastor  
Mosaic Bible Fellowship



Chris Williams, Pastor  
The Fellowship Greenwood



Anthony Baker, Pastor  
Crossroads Bible Church



Dr. Bill Roper, Pastor  
True Light of Jesus Christ

The Finance and Administrative Committee makes the following recommendation:

We recommend that the Joint Administrative/Financial Committee Report that was presented and approved at the January 26, 2012 Executive Board meeting be amended as indicated below in red.

## Administrative/Finance Committee's Joint Financial & Ministry Investment Proposal for the proceeds from the sale of the Missions Center

The Finance and Administrative Committees are committed to proper stewardship of the proceeds from the sale of the building. We are excited to see how God uses the funds to further His Kingdom through the VISION 2020 plan. The committees have worked hard to develop the following plan for spending and investing the proceeds.

### SPENDING RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the proceeds from the building be spent over the next seven years with the earnings from the investments going into an earnings account. Each of the five ministry teams will be allocated a percentage of the proceeds to support projects in that particular area of ministry. Each quarter, the association will accept grant proposals from BR-KC churches, church plants, associational ministry teams, or associational personnel. ~~The Finance and Administrative Committees will review the proposals and submit approved applications to the ministry teams~~ The Ministry Teams will review the proposals and submit approved applications to the Finance and Administrative Committees who will issue the grants based upon a variety of factors as outlined in the detailed spending plan below.

### INVESTING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Finance and Administrative Committees researched options for investing the proceeds from the sale of the building. They reviewed information regarding the potential investment products as well as different providers of those products. The details of this research are contained in the investing recommendations below. In summary, the committees are recommending the funds be placed in a donor advised fund with the National Christian Foundation. The funds will be managed by Steve Cox, a local financial advisor, who will develop a customized investment plan based upon the association's goals and spending plan.

### INTRODUCTION

In 2009 the mission that God had written on the hearts of the churches of the BR-KC Baptist Association was transferred onto paper: "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." Our persistent request has been that God empower us with an unrelenting boldness to live out VISION 2020 for His glory.

We now stand two years later on the edge of what appears to be a unique God-sized provision; the sale of a building for the funding of the mission. Our God is great! Therefore, The Finance and Administrative Committees have worked hard to develop the following plan for spending and investing the proceeds. We are committed to proper stewardship and we are excited to see how God uses the funds to further His Kingdom through the VISION 2020 plan.

### SPENDING RECOMMENDATION

#### GUIDELINES FOR VISION 2020 GRANTS

1. The VISION 2020 Grants of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association shall be a fund used by BR-KC churches, church plants or Associational personnel to expand missions, ministry and assistance to our churches consistent with the VISION 2020 strategy previously adopted by the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association.
2. The VISION 2020 Grants shall be funded by the proceeds of the Mission Center property sale. The proceeds will be held in a donor advised fund at the National Christian Foundation until granted out for VISION 2020 purposes.
3. The allocation of funds to VISION 2020 objectives will be as follows:
  - a. Gospel Outreach - ~~22.5%~~ 20%
  - b. Resourcing churches – 20%
  - c. Assisting Community Transformation – 10%  
1. Safe House - 10%
  - d. Church Planting – ~~22.5%~~ 20%
  - e. Equipping Leaders – 15%
  - f. ~~Restructuring Contingency = 10% (not to be used in year one)~~
  - f. Flex funds - 5%
  - g. Earnings Account – All investments earnings (est. \$250,000 by year 2020)

4. Funds will be available and allocated on a quarterly basis over seven years. Therefore, the ministry team leading each objective will receive 1/28th of their total allocation each quarter for distribution consistent with these guidelines.
5. The funds not allocated in a given quarter will be invested back into the earnings account.
6. Applications by BR-KC churches, church plants, associational personnel, and ministry teams shall be made to the Executive Director of BR-KC in care of the associational office for further review by the Administrative Committee, Finance Committee and the appropriate Ministry Team.
7. Grant applications must be received on or before the quarterly deadline for reviewing the grants. The application shall indicate the name of the requesting church, church plant, associational personnel or ministry team; the date of the application; the date(s) of the use of the funds; the manner of the use of the funds; and the purpose of the use of the funds. The Executive Director, Administration Committee, Finance Committee and Ministry Teams may require additional information at their discretion.
8. Grants shall be appropriated based on available funds, the degree to which the use of the funds is consistent with the VISION 2020 objectives, the desire to allocate funds broadly among the churches and church plants within BR-KC, and other criteria the Executive Director, Administration Committee, Finance Committee and Ministry Teams deem appropriate.
9. VISION 2020 grants not allocated to initiatives of associational personnel or ministry teams will be approved only for congregations that make a commitment to support missions through contributions (money, volunteerism, etc.) to BR-KC.
10. Grants for any one congregation from the BR-KC Association shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) per quarter.
11. There shall be no limit on the number of grant requests for each church, except there is a limit of one request per church or church plant for capital improvements per year.
12. The scope of capital improvements may include: electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling (HVAC), foundation repair, roof repair, sound improvements, painting. etc.
13. Within thirty days of completing the event, those receiving funds must report back to the associational office on the use of the funds. Future grants may not be considered for organizations failing to complete the report.
14. At the end of one year this allocation process will be reviewed by the Executive Director, Administration Committee and Finance Committee and the review findings will be reported to the Executive Board.
15. The restructuring contingency will be used to allocate additional funds to VISION 2020 objectives based on the findings of the Executive Director, Administration Committee and Finance Committee during the one year review.

The Finance and Administrative Committees also make the following recommendation:

That the 2014 Restructuring Contingency funds be redirected and made available to the Safe House for Victims of Human Trafficking ministry to be used in 2015. This amount would total \$11,938.80.





# VISION 2020 Grant Application

Church name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

VISION 2020 ministry area:     Gospel Outreach     Resourcing Churches     Assisting Community Transformation  
    Church Planting     Equipping Leaders

Amount requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (attached itemized list of how money will be spent)

Purpose (use back of form if more room is needed) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date needed \_\_\_\_\_

Other sources of income that will address this need: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated results of this need being met: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If this grant is for an event, what follow-up plan do you have for the event? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (if other than pastor) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last time the church received a VISION 2020 Grant? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that the church must send a report to the Association about the result of the grant's use within one month of its use, and that no future grants will be awarded until this report is received at the Association office?     Yes

(For office use. Don't write below this line)

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount approved \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date scheduled for review \_\_\_\_\_     Returned for more information     Tabled     Denied

Reason for denial \_\_\_\_\_

Date approved by Administrative Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Date approved by VISION 2020 Ministry Team \_\_\_\_\_ Date check sent \_\_\_\_\_





## 2015 GRANT SCHEDULE

### Quarter 1:

Deadline for Submission - February 2

Ministry Teams Review – February 12

Administrative and Finance Committee Review and Approval – February 18

Grant Checks Written – February 25

### Quarter 2:

Deadline for Submission - April 6

Ministry Teams Review - April 9

Administrative and Finance Committee Review and Approval - April 15

Grant Checks Written - April 22

### Quarter 3:

Deadline for Submission - August 7

Ministry Teams Review – August 13

Administrative and Finance Committee Review and Approval - August 19

Grant Checks Written – August 26

### Quarter 4:

Deadline for Submission - October 2

Ministry Teams Review - October 8

Administrative and Finance Committee Review and Approval – October 14

Grant Checks Written – October 21



# Vision 2020 Update

## 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.”

## Objectives:

Gospel Outreach

Resourcing Churches

Assisting Community Transformation

Church Planting

Equipping Leaders

## ***GOSPEL OUTREACH***

### **People Teams**

*by Andrew Huesing, Team Leader (andrewhuesing@gmail.com)*

The year kicked off in February with a large training in Discovery Bible Studies for anyone looking to work cross-culturally using a reproducible discipleship method. Forty-six people attended the training.

People Teams continued several programs enabling internationals to connect with SBC churches. The immigrant kids' soccer league joined with some inner city elementary schools for a seven week league. Many believers participated in various levels in coaching and meeting families. **Noland Road Baptist Church** continued the car club to teach international kids and teens about basic car maintenance. It has been a good way to share the stories of God casually as we worked together to fix and maintain cars for needy families in the neighborhood. Alew, Ritchi, and Jean Rico attend every week and can now share six Bible stories by heart as well as change oil.



This summer included many activities in connection with the World Cup. Watch parties and VBS hosted by **FBC**, **Blue Springs** and **Palabra Viva** were a big hit in the Northeast. Other VBS programs and a week of missions training with E3 Partners resulted in the formation of some home Bible studies by the power of the LORD. The LORD worked miraculously to heal a Somali man through prayers in the name of Jesus.

A Hispanic woman named Diana met some People Teams volunteers on her doorstep and told them about how God had convicted her of sins at a party that week. Two ladies from **Oakwood Baptist Church** shared the Gospel with her, and she started attending a local church in her neighborhood. A year later, she was baptized and went home in shorts and a t-shirt. Her mother asked her where she had been, and she boldly explained that she was baptized. Her mother said, “No, you were baptized as a child into the Catholic church.” Diana took that chance to explain her new faith in Christ and her commitment to the LORD. Praise the LORD! Please pray for her.

Seven paid interns partnered with Andrew to do ethnic research for ten weeks this summer. See the results at [www.peoplegroups.info](http://www.peoplegroups.info). Prayer Guides were distributed at the Annual Meeting. This resource identifies the top 40 people groups for the purpose of prayer and casting awareness of ethnic lostness in our city. As mission churches, agencies, denominations, and individuals start to pray for these groups, we will see how God works to mobilize believers to share the Gospel and bring the love of Christ to each international in our city.

Future plans include starting reproducing Bible studies in homes with international groups and forming a coalition of people who will meet once a month to encourage each other in this effort. It is our desire to build this coalition to encourage and equip workers for the harvest field.

## **Horn of Africa**

*by Rodney Hammer, Director of Missions (rodneyh@kcbaptist.org)*

I want to update you on the status of the library project for Eritrean refugee children in northern Ethiopia. As you probably know, we were invited by government and refugee officials in Ethiopia to assist Eritrean refugee children, particularly unaccompanied minors, in the Mai Ayni and other refugee camps established for those fleeing the country of Eritrea. There are almost 2,000 unaccompanied minors ages 5-17 in four refugee camps now. After four years of delivering aid, providing clothes, educational and athletic equipment, and developing relationships with officials, refugee councils of elders, and the children themselves, we sought to begin the library in Spring, 2014.

Many of you assisted in donating, collecting, and processing over 8,000 children's books, academic textbooks, Bibles, and spiritual books in English as well as funds to purchase additional books in the regional Tigrinian language. The books were shipped by sea container and the building of the library was to begin this spring. Our small group's trip in late January, 2014 was to be our final preparation with approvals in hand for beginning construction of the library. Land was procured and a minimal fence was built around it shortly thereafter to reserve the space in the Mai Ayni refugee camp.



Just as BR-KC was about to wire the initial construction funds, the government officials stopped our shipment in the port of Djibouti and revoked approval for the construction of the library as well as denying our application for duty free importation of the books.

It was unexpected, of course, and we believed it would be only a brief, temporary roadblock as Satan often mobilizes opposition to mission projects and third world country processes can require patience. We continued to make the plans to construct the library in anticipation of our July, 2014 volunteer group arriving to set up the library. We worked through many bureaucratic delays and procedural and customs/import issues as well as government reconsideration of our project.

During this time we prayed and believed that any day we'd be allowed to proceed, finish construction in time for the arrival of the volunteer team and set up the library during the volunteer trip. Then, as it became evident that the issues would not be resolved, funds raised were not sufficient to complete the library, and approvals were not forthcoming in time to construct the library before our arrival, we hoped to at least see the release and arrival of the container of books and library equipment while we were there. This also did not happen.

Why? During this period of government reconsideration and blockage, the Lord led us to a Christian, non-government organization (NGO) operating in Ethiopia named Innovative Humanitarian Solutions (IHS). We discovered our common gospel goals and beliefs, some common in-country contacts, and a shared heart and vision to help the unaccompanied Eritrean refugee children. They were already approved to conduct such projects in all of the camps, not just Mai Ayni, and the Lord clearly led and enabled us to connect with them. This partnership opened new doors, enabled us to move forward with our God-given objectives, and garnered new favor with the government, UN, and refugee officials. During our volunteer team's visit, we accompanied IHS leaders to all of the Eritrean refugee camps, ministered to children, assisted with construction of a transitional dormitory for newly arriving refugees and a new Bible School for Horn of Africa and northern Ethiopia pastors and church planters, shared the gospel, encouraged believers, and conducted needs assessment at the request of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) regional staff—including where such a library for refugee children should be constructed. It was determined that one of the newest camps, Hitsas or Ade Harush, would be the more critical location for the library while 1,000 books from our container would be provided for the children and teachers to use in Mai Ayni.

If we had been allowed to pursue the original plan we would have missed the greater need, greater lack of educational resources in Hitsas or Ade Harush camps, would not have partnered with IHS which will bear even greater fruit in our ongoing efforts to minister among Eritrean refugees, would not be in the advantageous position with UNHCR, and would not have even more opportunities before us because of our partnership with IHS.

Thus, God delayed and redirected us according to His time and His way. Our container of books is being processed, duty free (PTL!) and will be held in an IHS warehouse in Addis Ababa until we can complete the library. The funds collected thus far for constructing the library were placed for safekeeping with IHS in Ethiopia to be ready to begin construction as soon as plans are finalized in the new camp with officials. Our prayer now is that approximately \$15,000 will be raised, construction completed, and the container of books and equipment delivered to Hitsas or Ade Harush camp which will be set up by a January, 2015



volunteer team from BR-KC.

Thank you for your prayers, contributions, volunteer service, and patience! Many thanks to **Noland Road Baptist Church** for their leadership. If it was easy, it would already be done. If it was easy, they wouldn't be unreached. If we don't give up, we will see a great harvest. To God be the glory! Applications for the January, 2015 mission trip can be obtained at [www.blueriver-kansascity.org/blog/horn-of-africa-trip/](http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org/blog/horn-of-africa-trip/).

## **Vancouver Partnership**

*by Chane Hutton, BR-KC International Advocate for Vancouver (pastorchane@blueridgebaptist.com)*

Vancouver, Canada - A place where less than 2% of its 2.3 million residents would be considered Believers. Vancouver has an ethnically diverse population that is actually more interested in becoming Canadians/North American than us understanding their native culture. This makes it easier (but not easy) to get into these people groups and reach them for Christ although we certainly are not uninterested in the culture they came from.



We have penetrated these groups largely through church planting. There has been an increase in church planting and mission ventures in the last few years largely due to a number of men who have committed their lives to this city and planted churches in areas where the cost of living is high and the resources to fund them are low.

As an Association, we have partnered with The WestCoast Baptist Association to try and help provide some of those resources from money to training to just plain old encouragement through coaching and mentoring. We lead Vision Trips twice a year that help church planters, pastors, and lay people from BR-KC see for themselves the tremendous need to plant churches and reach people. We send money whenever possible to resource specific needs at specific times. We help connect the church plants in Vancouver with financial partner churches here. As a result we are now sending mission groups from a variety of churches in our Association each summer to help in any way we are asked. The next trip will be in the Spring, 2015 with an approximate cost of \$700. If you have any interest in going on a Vision Trip or contributing in any way to our Vancouver

Partnership please contact the Associational Office.

Conrad Au is the Church Planter Pastor of The Common Place in Coquitlam, an area of Vancouver where we partner. Recently, Conrad baptized two people. We praise the Lord for these results. Because we help support Conrad, we also helped further his theological training. This is only one example of how God is working in the Vancouver area. We presently have five church planters in the Coquitlam area. If you would like a list of needs we have created a spread sheet showing what each planter's needs are. We encourage you to help in any way you can. Contact Chane at 816-550-0153 or Jennifer Hutton at 816-795-1822 for specific details.

BR-KC is once again planning a Church Planter Family Encouragement Retreat in February, 2015. This is a time for their church planters to get some much needed rest and have a time for spiritual renewal and to reconnect with their families.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership.

## **Campus Ministry**

*by Travis Hamm, Impact Ministries at UMKC (travis@impactumkc.com)*

Impact has seen several changes over the past year. After much time spent in prayer, evaluating our ministry, and conversing with godly men and women, I have sensed God leading us to modify and expand our vision for making disciples who make disciples on college campuses. Below are some of the changes along with explanations as to why we think these will be helpful.

We expanded our focus to include Rockhurst University and the surrounding neighborhoods. Rockhurst is only one block away from UMKC and we have begun to develop connections with students there. In fact, one Rockhurst student, Bola, is currently living with us. The neighborhoods surrounding both universities are filled with students and some faculty and staff. We feel compelled to give some time and energy to reaching these neighborhoods that have such a university connection.



We expanded our focus to include non-traditional students, faculty, and staff. The college campus is made up of so much more than 18-22 year olds. UMKC has a high percentage of nontraditional students. Faculty and staff are shaping students with primarily liberal, anti-God worldviews. If the gospel can touch the influencers, its reach can extend so much further than what we ourselves can do. Plus, there is great beauty and value in a multi-generational expression of the body of Christ, and we feel called to reach the campuses with the gospel in their entirety.

We ended our weekly worship gathering (for now, at least). If you have been involved with church long enough, then you know that weekly worship services require time and energy and lots of it. Several UMKC college ministries host weekly worship gatherings, and, yet, combined student attendance for all of these services is less than 1% of the 15,000+ student population. We felt it was wise for us in this season to free up ours and the students' time given toward service planning and commit that time to hanging out with the many nonbelieving students around us. So more time and attention has been given to the Missional Community that my wife and I lead which has resulted in more unbelieving students getting connected to our community. That is not to say that we won't someday have a weekly worship gathering. We just think the worship gatherings will be more beneficial to our ministry after we have established several healthy Missional Communities that are successfully making disciple makers.

We are starting a nonreligious student organization for providing aid to Eritrean refugees. Every time I hear Dr. Hammer and others share what's happening in the Horn of Africa I feel a strong pull to help in some way. I've never known what that help should look like until now. The millennial generation has been known as a generation that wants their lives to make a real impact in the world. So I began dreaming about how beautiful it would be to bring together medical students, education students, engineering students and others to contribute to helping the Eritrean refugees. Not only is this a win, but this student organization could serve as a connection point between nonbelievers and believers. It is a win-win!

Please pray for us. Change is never simple. Faithfully obeying God is not always easy. Our group has had a fair share of hardships over the last year such as physical illnesses, family issues, friends going to other ministries, financial strains, etc. And yet, God has been kind to us by drawing us closer to Him, growing the intimacy of our community, and adding nonbelievers to our group. Join us in praying for wisdom, patience, and perseverance to continue following His lead.

*by Carson Conover, Campus Ministries at Longview & Blue River Community College (carson@lifeconnectionkc.org)*

**LifeConnection Church** has a vision to see God glorified through transformed lives by the power of the Gospel. One of the ways we seek to accomplish this vision is by taking the Gospel to students and faculty at Blue River and Longview Community Colleges.

### The Alpha Course

The vast majority of students on these campuses are not Christians and are not meaningfully connected to a church of any kind. The Alpha Course was an attempt to reach a few of them.



Alpha is a safe, no pressure environment for those with honest doubts, questions, and/or objections to the Christian faith. It revolves around a free meal, an Alpha video talk on a core belief or practice of the Christian faith, followed by group discussion. I spent several weeks, along with the help of other Christian students, promoting and inviting students to Alpha through simple servant evangelism. We gathered contact info for approximately 30 students and then followed up with each one through phone calls, texts, emails, and Facebook messages. As a result we had 10-20 students consistently involved.

The majority of those who consistently gathered with us for Alpha were Muslim students. They were excited about an opportunity to have meaningful, civil conversation about their faith. Over the course of 5 weeks, there were approximately 10 Muslim students connected to Alpha. I've already reconnected with several of them this fall. Additionally, through Alpha, we connected with a student who identified as a humanist and skeptic of both the Bible and the Christian faith. Each student heard the truth about Jesus and

had meaningful dialogue concerning the Gospel. During the last week of Alpha we were able to bless these students by giving away several hundreds of dollars worth of gift cards, expressing gratitude for consistently carving out time in their week for Alpha.

### Life Change

The most significant encounter was with an acquaintance of mine from my undergraduate days at the University of Central Missouri. He grew up in a religious context and then turned from his faith in college. He isn't currently a student, but still accepted an invitation to Alpha and joined us every week to re-explore his roots in the Christian faith. One day he picked up a copy of Tim Keller's "The Reason For God" from the resource table and asked if we'd be willing to have a book discussion. We met weekly for two months to

read and discuss it. One evening, he sent me a Facebook message saying that he'd told God he was ready to repent and trust Christ. Since then, I've personally met with him, working through a resource for new believers called "Just For Starters" to help him get grounded in the faith. I've been praying for God's help to get him connected with LifeConnection. He finally joined us for the very first time recently. That was a big step for him as he was very nervous and anxious.

In all this, God's grace toward and love for students has been evident. I'm very thankful for the support of the local BR-KC Association and the funding received to help reach the next generation with the Gospel.

## ***RESOURCING CHURCHES AND EQUIPPING LEADERS***

*by Gregg Boll, Associate Director of Missions (greggb@kcbaptist.org)*

I am encouraged by the progress in many of our Association Churches that I have witnessed over the last year. I am hearing more encouraging stories coming from pastors and church members and a greater optimism about the future of their church. I see more pastors stepping up and accepting the tough challenge of truly leading their churches to develop a serious strategy of outreach and discipleship. They are preaching boldly and leading by word and example. I hope and pray that a small part of this progress is due to our diligent efforts to equip our leaders and resource our churches.

### **Legacy Cohort**

One of the most exciting things that we have offered our pastors is the Legacy Cohort. This is an open group led by John Mark Clifton that puts the most biblical and proven leadership training in the hands and hearts of our pastors. We meet monthly and allow the pastors to share the challenges of their unique ministry setting and discuss books and other resources. It is from the pastors who have been attending the cohort that I hear the most encouraging stories of churches seeing new life and turning around their decline. That is not a coincidence. The next two Legacy Cohort meetings will be held on October 14 and November 11th at **Beverly Hills Baptist Church** in Independence beginning at 10:00 am. Plan to join us, Pastors!

### **Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship**

Since church health and growth begin with the bold preaching of a pastor with a passion for Christ to be known, we hosted the third annual Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship in April. Greg Ealey, Joshua Hedger and Tim Juhnke were invited to address our pastors on a number of pertinent issues related to effective gospel preaching. **United Believers Community Church** South hosted the event.

### **Urban Church Conference**

Most recently, we helped sponsor the Urban Church Conference at **Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church**. The evening began with a supper of pulled pork and brisket sandwiches thanks to Pastor Scott Flippin of **Norfleet Baptist Church** exercising his spiritual gift of smoking meat. Nearly 130 people attended the Conference whose theme was "I Will Not Be Afraid: Being Good News People in a Bad News World". Pastors Jesse Frazier, Darron Edwards, Gary Jones and Anthony Andrews each lead a conference to packed rooms of people and the evening concluded with a call to prayer about several pressing community and worldwide needs.



### **Interim Support**

Another way we have attempted to strengthen our churches is by working with the church during the interim time between pastors. We have helped several churches over the last year by providing helpful counsel to their pastor search committees. We provided resumes of known competent pastors to several search committees and personally worked with them to get the search process going in the healthiest, most efficient manner possible. Additionally, Dr. Hammer and I, upon request, have attempted to find our pastorless churches a long-term interim pastor with strong preaching ability and leadership skills. A good interim can make the job of the new pastor far easier and bring greater unity and stability to the church. I am currently serving as the interim pastor of **Grandview First Baptist Church** and am greatly enjoying my interaction with the people there. The new pastor of the last church where I served as interim expressed that the church was prepared to move forward under his leadership without delay. I would remind our member churches that we have no authority over our churches and must be invited in by the church if they desire this kind of help during their interim. We encourage and welcome such invitations.

### **Appreciation Banquet**

In January, **Raytown First Baptist Church** was gracious as always to host our annual Pastors and Wives Appreciation Banquet. We invited comedian and illusionist Lindy Phillips and enjoyed an excellent meal served by the staff of Raytown First Baptist. We kept

Lindy around for a few days so he could perform at fundraising events for our Horn of Africa Library Project and for the new Safe House for Victims of Human Trafficking.

### E3 Meetings

Pastors, we continue to hold luncheons at various churches around the association so that you can connect with other pastors and share burdens, praises and prayer needs. We are so grateful to **Big Creek Baptist, Bethel Baptist, Plaza Heights Baptist, LifeQuest** and **First Westside** for hosting an E3 luncheon this last year. The E3 locations for next year include **Second Missionary, Antioch Southern, Oak Tree, and Blue Ridge Baptist**. We recognize that attending a lunch meeting is not possible for some of our bivocational pastors. If you would like to be a part of a pastor's fellowship like this and could make a breakfast meeting, let me know. We are considering offering a breakfast E3 opportunity for you. Watch the Association website for further info.



### VBS Clinic

**Grandview First Baptist Church** graciously hosted our annual Vacation Bible School training clinic again this spring. Nearly 70 people were in attendance as training was offered for leading preschoolers, older and younger children, backyard Bible club, worship/music, missions, crafts and for VBS Directors. A huge "thank you!" to everyone who helped.

### Church Safety Seminar

BR-KC sponsored a GuideOne Insurance Church Safety Seminar hosted by **Sycamore Hills Baptist Church** in February. Forty lay and ministerial church leaders participated in the day long training that included sessions on how to prepare for and deal with church violence, risk management, insurance and liability issues, fraud prevention and children's safety.



Throughout the year I am privileged to meet with several pastors, staff and church members personally for giving consultation, encouragement and partnership ideas. Nothing blesses me more than being able to help a pastor or church member accurately assess their current needs and to humbly make recommendations with a neutral, outside observer's eye. Most of the time, pastors know what needs to happen in their church for greater kingdom health and growth. Sometimes, they just need another qualified person to affirm that their convictions are accurate. Please don't hesitate to call me if I can serve you or your church in any way.

### WMU

*by Ruth Carpenter, Association WMU Director*  
*Lorraine Powers, Adult Missions Consultant*  
*Kami Cheney, Student Missions Consultant*  
*Sheriann Kessinger, Children's Missions Consultant*  
*Ruth Carpenter, Preschool Missions Consultant*  
*Sandi Malone, Secretary/Treasurer*

Several members of local WMU organizations traveled to St. Louis to join the Missouri WMU bus going to Baltimore for National WMU's final celebration of 125 years of WMU. The hometown of Annie Armstrong was a fitting place for remembering the history of WMU beginnings.

The Leadership Team has been busy the past two months with training new age level leaders throughout the state and helping new age level start-ups. If you have questions about GA's, RA's, Children in Action, Acteens or Mission Friends, Missouri Special Workers to contact are: Kami Cheney – Acteens; cheneykami@gmail.com; Sheriann Kessinger – GA's, RA's, CiA; askess@earthlink.net; Mission Friends – Ruth Carpenter – jimruthcarpenter@sbcglobal.net.

ESL clinics have continued throughout the summer and fall. Watch for new clinics to be announced in the coming months. If you have questions or need information regarding ESL classes, you may contact Lorraine Powers at powerscl@yahoo.com.

The past two years a special needs focus of WMU has been on Human Trafficking and we





are grateful that a way has been made for a Safe House to be located in the greater Kansas City Area. Many area WMU groups will be planning “showers” for supplying many needs of maintaining such a ministry. Worldwide, WMU has been involved in assisting many to leave the world of human trafficking and extreme poverty by helping provide artisans around the world a conduit for their arts and crafts items and selling them at “fair trade” prices, thereby helping many to provide for their families. See [www.worldcrafts.org](http://www.worldcrafts.org) for more information.

## ***ASSISTING COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION***

### **Human Trafficking**

*by Rodney Hammer, Director of Missions (rodneymh@kcbaptist.org)*

GOAL: The establishment of a permanent Safe House and Long-term Recovery program for victims of Human Trafficking in the Greater Kansas City region.

The Safe House and Recovery Program will result in victims’ spiritual, emotional, physical, and social recovery and ability to reintegrate into society and healthy relationships, making their own unique contribution. This will be pursued in a Christ-centered, biblical manner, offering every client served the opportunity to be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now that a house has been identified and start up funds have been raised, we are working through issues and needs to get the facility open for ministry. The following is a list that we are working through:

We will be determining...

- ...a legal structure and policy manual.
- ...a list of programming and services for the victims we will be serving.
- ...possible grant/funding opportunities.
- ...a volunteer structure to help fulfill many needs.
- ...a complete list of remaining furnishings and supplies needed.

To see a list of needs visit the Association website, or contact [safehouse@heartoflife.org](mailto:safehouse@heartoflife.org) if you’d like to assist or donate items for the house. We are very grateful for **Heart of Life Church**’s leadership in this effort.

The highest priority right now, however, is hiring a Director. If you know a Christian professional with a Bachelor or Master’s degree in Social Work, Behavioral Therapy, Psychiatry or Psychology, Counseling, or similar with work experience and preferably administrative/management experience in social work, victims advocacy, criminal justice, therapeutic counseling, residential treatment, homeless or addiction recovery shelter, or such environments, please have them contact us at [safehouse@heartoflife.org](mailto:safehouse@heartoflife.org) with a resume for consideration.

**POSITION: DIRECTOR OF BR-KC SAFE HOUSE/TRAFFICKING VICTIM RESTORATION**

**DESCRIPTION:** Direct the Safe House program to assist victims of human trafficking resulting in personal recovery and restoration and healthy involvement in society.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** In consultation with BR-KC leadership, develop and implement the assistance and recovery program of the Safe House, including Security and Personal Safety, Screening of Victims/Clients, Referral and Reintegration assistance, Shelter Guidelines, Health and Counseling services, and cooperation with law enforcement agencies.

Oversee staff and volunteers related to the assistance and recovery program.

Liaison with all pertinent law enforcement, Coalition Against Human Trafficking,





and the Department of Justice/Western Missouri Office, Kansas City and Eastern Kansas Office.

Network with other entities and persons assisting victims of human trafficking to deliver comprehensive, long term restorative services.

Assist in fundraising, awareness-raising, and partner-raising efforts.

Oversee the financial, administrative, and therapeutic/restorative functions of the Safe House program.

WORK EXPERIENCE DIRECTING OR WORKING IN A SHELTER, THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM, OR WITH TRAUMA/SEXUAL MISCONDUCT VICTIMS IS PREFERRED; SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE IS ALSO PREFERRED; A PASSION FOR ASSISTING VICTIMS AND ERADICATING TRAFFICKING IS REQUIRED.

We also need case managers for clients at the Safe House beginning the first quarter of 2015. Case Managers need to be women. This is a volunteer position that is occasional. Expenses will be covered. We need several case managers so that no one person need assist more than one or two young ladies at a time.

Lastly, we are asking each church to please consider establishing a line item in your budget for the Safe House—above and beyond your regular Associational giving. Please pray about committing \$1,000; \$2,000; \$5,000 or \$10,000 per year for the next three years to support the ministry of the Safe House.

### **Disaster Relief in Missouri**

*by Brian Mills, Chainsaw Unit Director (brian.mills@thehartford.com)*

During the past year, the Chainsaw Unit did the following work:

October 2013

Provided tree work to widow and family who had storm damage in Garden City, MO

November 2013

Provided split firewood to 2 families for winter

January and February 2014

Spent numerous Saturdays cutting wood and splitting it for families for 2014 winter

May 2014

Provided removal of debris for **The U Church** in South Kansas City

September 2014

Cleaned lot for Impact Ministries site

Tree removal for family in Harrisonville dealing with debilitating diseases

October through December 2014

Continue cutting and splitting wood for 2 families unable to afford the expense

The childcare team provided childcare at the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Baltimore last June. In April, they provided childcare services at the MWMU meeting in Springfield. Sherriann Kessinger of FBC Grandview, assisted in Orrick, MO in May after a tornado struck that town. She helped tarp roofs, pulled limbs for the chainsaw unit and provided chaplain services.

If you would like more information on the MBC's Disaster Relief Ministry, visit [www.mobaptist.org/dr/](http://www.mobaptist.org/dr/).

### ***CHURCH PLANTING***

*by John Mark Clifton, Church Planting Ministry Team Leader (johnmarkclifton@yahoo.com)*

Southern Baptists are growing, but just barely. Each year more than 900 SBC churches cease to exist. That's the bad news, very bad news. The good news is that each year Southern Baptists plant 1200-1300 new churches. Without aggressive and robust church planting strategies our convention would be in a tail spin. There are times when some well meaning people question why all the emphasis on church planting? The combination of continued population growth and



the death of established churches makes church planting an imperative. In recent months Southern Baptists have engaged in active strategies to replant dying churches. This new strategy is called “Legacy Planting” and our own Association is leading the way with the new approach to rescue rather than neglect dying churches.

The BR-KC Association has a robust church planting strategy that includes:

1. Strategic identification of the next best places to plant new churches. We have identified more than 30 places based on demographics and gospel outreach where new churches are needed within our Association;
2. Seamless partnership with the SEND CITY focus of our NAMB partners. The SEND CITY focus is led by NAMB missionary Matt Marrs. This focus includes working in partnership with our Missouri Baptist Convention partners as well as the other two Associations in our metro region and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The single focus of this working partnership is to greatly enhance church planting in our Association and to engage partnerships from across North America to help resource our church planting strategy;
3. Assessment of church planters and church planting teams;
4. Assessment of field readiness for church planting;
5. Basic training for church planters and church planting teams;
6. Ongoing coaching for church planters;
7. Financial commitment to new church plants;
8. Equipping of Sending and Sponsoring churches for the task of church planting.



This past year we have realized several new church plants. These include **Grace Church** in Independence and **Mosaic Bible Fellowship** in Kansas City. This past year we also assisted 14 church planters.

In order to attract the highest capacity church planters and to equip the church planters in our Association, we are committed to PlantKC. PlantKC is a network of planters in the metro area that gather four times a year to learn, pray and connect with one another. This past year the theme was “Building Bridges and Removing Barriers for Gospel Advancement.” We had the opportunity to learn from Denny Burk on the subject of The Gospel and Sexuality; Damon Horton on The Gospel and Race; and Tony Merida on The Gospel and Money. In November Dr. Jason Allen from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will speak on The Gospel and Exclusivity. These gatherings of 50-100 planters/leaders/pastors include ample time for prayer for our city and ourselves.

### **Multiethnic Church Planting Center**

*by Luis Mendoza, MECPC Director (planterluis@gmail.com)*

This has been an interesting and challenging year for the Multiethnic Church Planting Center (MECPC). Some of the objectives of the center are to discover, assess and commission individuals called by God to plant churches among the different people groups living in Kansas City. As part of fulfilling these goals this year, we had the opportunity of hosting two assessment centers. The first one was for Hispanics; from the people assessed, Lisandro Gonzales is doing an internship at **Palabra Viva** and next year will start a new church plant. Luis Felipe Sanchez has taken the responsibility of leading the church plant in Independence and Yoel is planting a church in the Northland. We are working closely with all of these men, helping them and coaching them to develop their God-given potential and abilities.

The second assessment was for African church planters. This was a historical and significant event because, for the first time, we were able to assess African men who God has called to plant churches among those specific people groups. All of these individuals are already involved in the task of planting churches or leading church plants in the Kansas City area. Another objective of the Center is to make the facilities available for any group or individuals willing to plant churches. This year we have had the privilege of hosting **LifeConnection Church** in the facilities and we are in conversation with some other church plants that would like to celebrate their



activities at the Center.

We have also continued the process of developing relationships among other people groups, with the objective of starting Bible studies that can evolve into church plants into these groups. With the assistance of some friends that are willing to help us, we have the objective of either continuing (Burmese group) or to start new Bible studies among Sudanese and other groups, as God opens doors of opportunity for us. As part of accomplishing these goals we have been hosting some specific events that have helped us to start the process of achieving these objectives.

With the assistance of several local and non-local churches, we pursued the objective of learning more about our multiethnic community, finding out about the specific needs they have, and developing a strategy to help. After completing this task, we were able to develop some specific projects oriented to fulfill some of those felt needs. The support of individuals, churches and organizations has been amazing. Please allow me to share with you some of these specific events. We know that with your assistance, we have made a difference in the lives of many.

In the month of April, West Haven Baptist Church (Tonganoxie, KS), First Southern Baptist Church (Overland Park, KS), Focus on Missions Ministry and **Palabra Viva** joined efforts to host a Free Eye Clinic. It was encouraging to see so many different people groups represented in this event. We had the opportunity of checking their physical eyesight as well as their spiritual sight; these efforts helped us to develop new relationships and friendships with some of the attendees, share about the existence and objectives of the MECPC, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a direct result of this event 15 people made professions of faith.

June was a very busy month for the Center. On June 12-14, with the cooperation of **First Baptist Church, Blue Springs**, we hosted the first Soccer World Cup Celebration. It was the first time that all the different people groups residing in this community came together to watch on a giant screen at the park, for three nights, some of their favorite teams to compete in this world wide significant event. During these activities we had the opportunity of meeting so many new friends and developing relationships with them. In conjunction with showing the games every night, we were able to minister to the children of our community through VBS activities. In the same month, we hosted an Immigration Clinic to help young people renew their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals applications (DACA). Several families came and did use these free immigration services. We also celebrated the first African Assessment, with the participation of four African planters. As mentioned earlier, this was a historical event in the area of church planting assessments.



Last month, for four days we had the privilege of serving the Multicultural community through what we called random acts of kindness. Some of the activities we were able to complete during this event were: Cleaning the community, VBS activities and Immigration Attorney Services. It was very nice to see how many members of the community were involved in this process. People in the community had a repeating question asked to us: why are you doing this? And they got the right answer: “Because we love Christ and love you.” We also heard many expressions of gratitude, such as, “Thank you for what you are doing in this community! You guys are making a difference.” In general, it was beautiful to see what serving the community through random act of kindness can do in the hearts of unbelievers and also believers. We are grateful to God and to all the individuals, churches, Association (BR-KC), Convention (MBC) and other organizations for allowing us the opportunity to serve through all of these different ministries.

## CONCLUSION

God has moved mightily among us, and we trust and believe Him for much more in 2015! Thank you for your support and partnership in the gospel.

**Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association  
Balance Sheet  
September 2014**

**Accounts**

<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		
101000 - Commerce Checking Account	\$23,127.65	
103000 - Missouri Bank Money Market	\$169,844.68	
<b>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>\$192,972.33</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
130000 - National Christian Foundation	\$716,003.62	
130001 - Change in Value of Investments	\$8,263.34	
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$724,266.96</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$917,239.29</b>
<b>Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Tax &amp; Liabilities</b>		
201000 - Federal Income Tax Withholding	\$590.00	
201500 - State Tax Withholding	\$648.00	
202500 - FICA Tax Withholding	\$411.84	
<b>Total Tax &amp; Liabilities</b>		<b>\$1,649.84</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$1,649.84</b>
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
270000 - Unrealized Losses & Earnings on Inv	\$8,263.34	
299999 - BRKC Fund Principal	\$31,671.74	
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$5,333.25	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Receipts Over (Under) Expenses</b>		<b>\$45,268.33</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$870,321.12	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$870,321.12</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$917,239.29</b>

**Financial Statement  
September 30, 2014**

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$39,659.99	\$323,880.81
Other Income	\$69.77	\$515.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,729.76</b>	<b>\$324,396.42</b>
Less Expenses	\$33,519.86	\$319,102.17
Balance as of 9/30/14	\$6,209.90	\$5,294.25
 Budget		 \$341,149.50
Budget receipts		\$324,396.42
Receipts compared to budget	95%	-\$16,753.08



**2015 Budget**  
**Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association**

<b>Accounts</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Proposed</b>
<b>Gospel Outreach</b>		
401000 - City Focus Mission Enterprise	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
411900 - Deaf Ministry/Literacy Missions	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
412100 - Discretionary Missions Fund	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
412200 - Partnership Missions	\$10,000.00	\$17,400.00
414100 - Refugee & Immigrant Ministries	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
417000- Andrew Huesing/People Teams Leader	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>College Ministry</b>		
405100 - Travis Hamm - Impact Student Min. UMKC	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
405200 - Leadership Training Conference	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
405400 - Get Away	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
405800 - Sit-Down Fund	\$650.00	\$0.00
406000 - Housing/Office	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
406400 - Social Events	\$150.00	\$0.00
406410 - Discipleship	\$150.00	\$0.00
406420 - Administration	\$250.00	\$0.00
406430 - Snacks and Supplies	\$150.00	\$0.00
406440 - Mission Trip (Spring Break trip to StL)	\$200.00	\$0.00
406500 - Freshmen Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
406700 - Carson Conover - Blue River & Longview	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
406610 - Servant Evangelism	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
406620 - Discipleship/Evangelism/Leadership	\$200.00	\$0.00
406660 - Sit-Down Fund	\$200.00	\$0.00
406670 - Get-Away Conference	\$300.00	\$0.00
<b>Total College Ministry</b>	<b>\$18,950.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
<b>Total Gospel Outreach</b>	<b>\$44,350.00</b>	<b>\$44,400.00</b>
<b>Resource Churches</b>		
421600 - Media Center	\$1,285.50	\$1,935.50
422200 - Minister - Church Relations	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
435000 - Auto - Executive Director	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
435200 - Auto - Associational Director	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

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435900 - Auto - Administrative Assistant	\$500.00	\$500.00
436100 - VBS/Camp Assistance	\$500.00	\$0.00
436110 - Church Revitalization Ministries	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
<b>Woman's Missionary Union</b>		
408000 - Age Level Development	\$850.00	\$850.00
408600 - Girls Resident Camp	\$500.00	\$500.00
409400 - Literature/Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
409600 - Postage and Promotion	\$800.00	\$800.00
<b>Total Woman's Missionary Union</b>	<b>\$3,150.00</b>	<b>\$3,150.00</b>
<b>Total Resource Churches</b>	<b>\$29,935.50</b>	<b>\$32,585.50</b>

**Assist Comm. Transformation**

401100 - Community Development Projects	\$3,600.00	\$0.00
401200 - Forest Avenue Homeless Shelter	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
401300 - TrueLife Change Trans Womens Shelter	\$3,600.00	\$0.00
401500 - Human Trafficking	\$7,200.00	\$16,662.20
NEW - Inner City Youth & Education Outreach		\$10,581.10
<b>Total Assist Comm. Transformation</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,843.30</b>

**Church Planting**

411100 - Multi-Ethnic CPC	\$14,400.00	\$14,400.00
411300 - Spanish - First Grandview/Pedro Achucarro	\$4,800.00	\$0.00
411500 - Spanish - Independence First	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
411600 - Jerry Akins - Tree of Life	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
411700 - Spanish - Ernesto Flores	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
412900 - Jesse Thomas - New Wave Ministries	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
413000 - Jess Thomas - In God's Hands Ministries	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
413200 - Ray Stewart - Grace & Truth	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
413800 - Life Connection Church Planting Ctr.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
413900 - LifeQuest Church Planting Ctr.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
414000 - Wornall Road Church Planting Ctr.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
414400 - Jason Dawson - Bales Avenue	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
414500 - Tony Darnell - Common Ground	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
414700 - David Cole - Colbern Road	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
414800 - Marvin Tigner - Sanctuary of Faith	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
414810 - Chris Seay	\$600.00	\$2,400.00
414820 - Nathan Begnaud	\$600.00	\$2,400.00
<b>NEW - Michael Randle - Mosaic Bible</b>		\$2,400.00

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<b>NEW - Anthony Baker - Crossroads Bible</b>		\$2,400.00
<b>NEW - Joey Candillo - Grace Independence</b>		\$2,400.00
<b>NEW - Pedro Achucarro - Spanish Belton</b>		\$4,800.00
<b>NEW - Asefaw Indrias - African Church Plant</b>		\$2,400.00
<b>NEW - New Church Planter</b>		\$2,400.00
414900 - CP Resourcing	\$18,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>Total Church Planting</b>	<b>\$65,400.00</b>	<b>\$66,000.00</b>
<b>Equipping Leaders</b>		
421000 - Leadership Training	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
422400 - Conferences & Special Events	\$2,400.00	\$4,000.00
422500 - Black Church Christian Conference	\$1,100.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Equipping Leaders</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
401400 - Newsletter	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
401600 - Postage (2nd class for newsletter)	\$6,300.00	\$1,800.00
432100 - Communications Assistant	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
401800 - Assocation Emphasis	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
422600 - Annual	\$500.00	\$0.00
436000 - Conv/Training - Executive Director	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
436200 - Conv/Training - Assoc Director	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
436600 - Conv/Training - Admin Assistant	\$500.00	\$500.00
451000 - Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,350.00
451500 - Postage - Administrative	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
452500 - Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
452600 - ACS Accounting	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
452800 - Online Giving Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00
455000 - Miscellaneous Administrative	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,150.00</b>
<b>Operations</b>		
441100 - Rent	\$19,275.00	\$19,275.00
441500 - Janitorial Supplies	\$100.00	\$200.00
442500 - Maintenance & Repair	\$500.00	\$300.00
443500 - Vehicle Maintenance	\$500.00	\$550.00
444000 - Insurance - Property	\$4,568.00	\$4,500.00
444200 - Insurance - Vehicle	\$848.00	\$1,350.00
444300 - Insurance - Workman's Comp	\$1,426.00	\$1,400.00

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444500 - Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
445000 - Electricity	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
445500 - Telephone/Internet	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
445600 - Gas	\$720.00	\$950.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$37,437.00</b>	<b>\$39,025.00</b>

**Personnel**

431000 - Exective Director <i>salary</i>	\$78,155.00	\$63,550.15
431100 - Exective Director <i>housing</i>	\$23,500.00	\$39,629.68
431200 - Exec Dir Hsing paid from design annuity	-\$23,500.00	-\$23,500.00
431100 - Exec Dir Housing ( <i>designated shortage</i> )	\$7,000.00	\$8,612.50
431200 - Associate Director	\$37,120.00	\$38,833.60
431300 - Associate Director Housing	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
431800 - Administrative Assistant	\$29,700.00	\$30,145.50
432000 - Financial Secretary	\$2,600.00	\$2,800.00
433000 - Health Insurance	\$19,200.00	\$15,000.00
433200 - Annuity - Exec Director	\$7,815.50	\$6,355.00
433400 - Annuity - Assoc Director	\$3,712.00	\$3,883.00
433900 - Annuity - Admin Asst	\$2,970.00	\$3,015.00
434200 - Payroll Tax Expense	\$2,471.00	\$2,521.77
434400 - Christmas Bonus	\$900.00	\$900.00

<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$211,643.50</b>	<b>\$211,746.20</b>
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$454,266.00</b>	<b>\$467,750.00</b>
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*BR-KC 2015 Yearly Planning Calendar*

**2015**

*January*

- 1-2 New Year's Holiday (office closed)
- 8 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. to noon
- 13 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 16 Pastor/Staff/Spouse Appreciation Banquet, 7 p.m.
- 17 Human Trafficking Fundraiser, 7 p.m.
- 18 Horn of Africa Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Martin Luther King Day (office closed)
- 22 Executive Board Meeting

*February*

- 2 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grant Requests due
- 10 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 12 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. to noon
- 18 Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 19 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 24 African-American Conference
- 25 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grant checks written
- 26 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.

*March*

- 5 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 10 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 12 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. to noon
- 19 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 21 T4T Training
- 26 VBS Clinic, 6:30 p.m.

*April*

- 3 Good Friday (office closed)
- 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grant Requests due
- 7 Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 9 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. to noon
- 14 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 15 Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 22 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grant checks written
- 23 Executive Board Meeting

*May*

- 1 Spring Golf Tournament
- 7 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 12 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 14 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m.
- 21 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 25 Memorial Day (office closed)
- 28 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.

*June*

- 4 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 9 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 10 Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 15-17 SBC Annual Meeting

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*July*

- 3 Independence Day Observed (office closed)
- 23 Executive Board Meeting

*August*

- 7 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grant Requests due
- 11 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 13 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m. to noon.
- 19 Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 26 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grant checks written

*September*

- 3 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 4 Fall Golf Tournament
- 8 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 10 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m.
- 17 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 24 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.

*October*

- 1 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 2 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Grant Requests due
- 4 BR-KC Annual Meeting
- 8 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m.
- 13 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 14 Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grant checks written
- 26-28 MBC Annual Meeting

*November*

- 5 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 10 Legacy Cohort, 10 a.m.
- 12 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m.
- 19 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

*December*

- 3 E3 Ministers Meeting, noon to 1 p.m.
- 10 Ministry Teams, 11 a.m.
- 16 Finance Committee Meeting, 3 p.m.
- 24-31 Christmas Holiday (office closed)

**2015**

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*2015*

*Executive Board Meetings*

January 22  
April 23  
July 23

*Annual Meeting*

October 4



Lunch and Fellowship  
for Pastors and Staff  
12 Noon - 1 p.m.

2014

<b>November 6</b>	<b>LifeQuest, Belton</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>Bethel, Independence</b>
<b>December 4</b>	<b>Big Creek, Pleasant Hill</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>First Westside, KC</b>

2015

<b>February 19</b>	<b>Antioch Southern, Harrisonville</b>
<b>February 26</b>	<b>Second Missionary, Grandview</b>
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Oak Tree, Lee's Summit</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Blue Ridge, Independence</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Antioch Southern, Harrisonville</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Second Missionary, Grandview</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Oak Tree, Lee's Summit</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>Blue Ridge, Independence</b>
<b>September 3</b>	<b>Antioch Southern, Harrisonville</b>
<b>September 17</b>	<b>Second Missionary, Grandview</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Oak Tree, Lee's Summit</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Blue Ridge, Independence</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>Antioch Southern, Harrisonville</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Second Missionary, Grandview</b>
<b>December 3</b>	<b>Oak Tree, Lee's Summit</b>



## VISION 2020 Ministry Teams



**11 AM – Noon**  
**Association Office**

[www.blueriver-kansascity.org/ministry\\_teams.html](http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org/ministry_teams.html)

2014

**October 9**

**November 13**

**December 11**

2015

**January 8**

**February 12**

**March 12**

**April 9**

**May 14**

**August 13**

**September 10**

**October 8**

**November 12**

**December 10**



# Legacy Cohort

All meetings begin at 10 and include lunch



## 2014

**October 14 - Beverly Hills, Independence**

**November 11 - Beverly Hills, Independence**

## 2015

**January 13 - Immanuel, Independence**

**February 10 - Immanuel, Independence**

**March 10 - Immanuel, Independence**

**April 14 - Bales Avenue, KC**

**May 12 - Bales Avenue, KC**

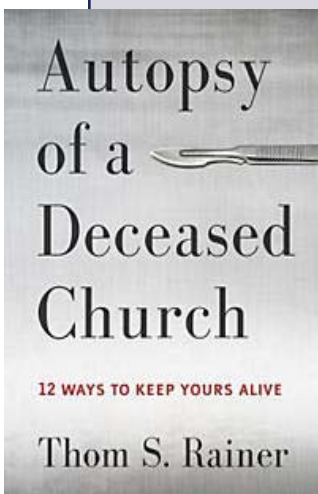
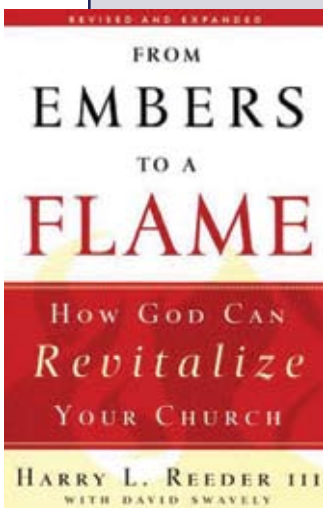
**June 9 - Bales Avenue, KC**

**August 11 - Wornall Road, KC**

**September 8 - Wornall Road, KC**

**October 13 - Wornall Road, KC**

**November 10 - Wornall Road, KC**



# International Partnerships

## *Horn of Africa* Mission trips January and July 2015



## *Vancouver* Vision trip Spring, 2015



*“From the Day of Pentecost, there has not been one great spiritual awakening in any land which has not begun in a union of prayer, though only among two or three; no such outward, upward movement has continued after such prayer meetings have declined.” AT PIERSON*

Advance will be held on November 18 at The **First Baptist Church of Raytown**. It begins at 7:00 pm and lasts until 8:30pm. We will UNITE, TURN, & PRAY to the God of Heaven who sends revival. This advance will feature much prayer and worship to help fuel our prayer time.

This is open to all in the BRKC. All pastors, all leaders, all students, and anybody else who is desperate for God to do something powerful and unseen before in our city and region. We will be crying out and crying up one with another. Would you set aside that time now. This is not about personalities. This is not a program. This is about the Presence of the Almighty.

Join with fellow desperate hearts in prayer for a mighty move of God in revival. The

## *Kingdom Diversity Conference*

February 24, 2015

United Believers South Campus

Featuring Dr. John Yeats, MBC Executive Director  
Mark Snowden, MBC Evangelism/Discipleship Strategist

## *Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship*

April 7th

Location TBD



## **Training for Trainers**

March 21, 2015 - The Fellowship Greenwood  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- \* Discover the heart of God while advancing the Kingdom of God
- \* Learn to disciple resulting in multiplying generation of Christ followers
- \* Get equipped to engage ethnic communities
- \* Learn to mobilize laborers for the harvest
- \* Get back to the simplicity of disciple making found in the book of Acts

Training led by Mark Snowden, Evangelism/Discipleship Strategist for MBC and Jared Hauk, Southeast Region Mobilizer for IMB

Cost is \$15 (by February 21), \$25 (by March 16)  
This includes all training material, a T4T book and lunch.

This training is for the entire church leadership from pastor to evangelism committee leader to Sunday School director.

**5th Annual  
Pastor/Staff & Spouses Appreciation Banquet  
Friday, January 16, 2015  
7 p.m.**

**First Baptist Church, Raytown Atrium**



This year's entertainment will be provided by comedian, Marty Simpson. Marty is a stand up comedian who quickly garnered national recognition after becoming the winner of the 2012 Clean Comedy Challenge. Put January 16th on your calendar and encourage your pastor and staff and their spouses to come enjoy an evening of good food and good fun together.

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**PLUS, Marty will be with us all weekend helping us raise funds and awareness for two important causes.**

**Safe House Fundraiser  
Saturday, January 17, 2015**

**Horn of Africa Fundraiser  
Sunday, January 18, 2015**

