



January 2010

**New! Coming in
2010...**

TRANSFORM! Changing Lives Through Sunday School

August 20–21, 2010
First Baptist Church of Raytown

This LifeWay-sponsored event will offer fifteen tracks for leaders of all age-groups. Mark your calendars and watch for more details soon. (For 2010, this event will replace MALT, the annual leadership training event hosted by the three Kansas City associations.)

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GPS: Across North America—Is your church ready?

There is strength in numbers. By coordinating evangelism efforts, churches can share resources, planning and the excitement of large-scale mobilization. The latest such effort for Southern Baptists is **God's Plan for Sharing (GPS)**. This is a 10-year effort with the goal of every believer sharing the gospel and every person in North America hearing the gospel message by 2020.

The first GPS campaign, known as *Across North America*, is already under way. State conventions, associations and churches are partnering to touch millions of households in March with a targeted media campaign, prayerwalking and distribution of packets containing *Find It Here* drop-in pieces and invitations to Easter services. During the five weeks following Easter, GPS will emphasize follow up with new believers.

Consider leading your church to get on board. The following adaptation from Ten Steps for Preparing your Church to Reach Across North America by Jerry Pipes and Skip Arnhart in *On Mission* magazine might be a helpful tool in GPS participation (the complete article may be found at www.onmission.com).

- 1. Pray!** Mobilize your church to pray for lost people in your community and your church's efforts to reach them.
- 2. Determine your territory.** Determine which homes your church will touch through prayer and the *Find It Here* Gospel distribution. Identify other participating churches so as not to overlap efforts.
- 3. Order Across North America materials.** The first item you will need is the *Pastor/Church Preparation Guide*. You may download this for free at www.gps2020.net. Plastic bags and *Find It Here* Gospel drop-in pieces and banners are available at KCKBA as long as supply lasts. You should order enough for each home in your territory. You may also order additional banners, postcard invitations, bulletin inserts and many other items from Outreach, Inc. at www.Outreach.com: search "Find it Here."

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How You and Your Church Can Be Involved in Local Church Planting

Brad Brisco, Church Starter Strategist

Here is the seventh of eight ways your church can be involved in church planting within this association:

1. Become a prayer partner
2. Adopt a Church Planter and his family
3. Provide equipment and materials to use with the new church plant.
4. Send people and families to help at the new church plant.
5. Mentor and Coach Church Planting Leaders
6. Contribute to the New Church's Financial Needs
7. **Share Your Church's Facilities**

New church plants are usually in need of different types of meeting space. Your church can provide worship or office space for a new church in your current facility. Perhaps your church members can open up their homes for Bible studies and fellowship events. Moreover, businesses that are represented in your church may have excellent spaces available that a new church could use for meetings or offices.

For information on how your church or business can share your facilities with one of KCKBA's church plants, contact Brad Brisco, 913.599.4455 or bradb@kcbaptist.org.

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4. Update your church's profile. Churches can make changes to their online information anytime using their 7-digit SBC ID# (the same number used for the Annual Church Profile) by going to <http://churchsearch.net>. Be sure the address listed is your physical address. Those looking for church homes during this campaign will be sent to this website to find churches in their area.

5. Become an ERC Covenant Church. The information from individuals contacting the Evangelism Response Center is sent to Covenant Churches for follow-up. If your church is equipped and registered as a Covenant Church then the contact information of people accepting Christ in your area will come to you. For more information about Covenant Churches, call 770.410.6383 or email erc@namb.net.

6. Provide your congregation with evangelism training. The *Across North America* Campaign is an opportunity to equip your congregation to share the Gospel. Visit www.gps2020.com for ideas and materials.

7. Prepare your church for company. Easter Sunday will be a day when many people come and visit for the first time. Remember, you never get a second chance to make a first impression.

8. Keep it simple. Adding extra steps to this tested process only weakens the campaign. *Across North America* is four simple steps:

- A three-week targeted media saturation which is planned to take place March 20–April 11, 2010 (TV, radio, billboards, newspapers, etc).
- Participating churches prayerwalking their communities on the weekend of March 20, 2010.
- Participating churches on March 27, 2010 distributing clear bags containing a *Find It Here* Gospel drop-in piece and an invitation to your Easter services to each home in your territory.
- Participating churches conducting a five-week follow-up process after Easter.

9. Make Easter Sunday (April 4) special. Because of your prayer and hands-on work to distribute the Gospel, many lost people will be at your Easter Sunday services. Take full advantage of this time by clearly presenting the Gospel and providing an opportunity for people to respond.

10. Celebrate what God has done. Host a baptism celebration, reflect with thanksgiving on the changed lives, praise God for the number of believers trained, and rejoice about the revival experienced in your community. Let God continue this transformation in your heart, your church, and your community.

For more information concerning this outreach opportunity, visit www.namb.net or www.GPS2020.net or call KCKBA, 913.599.4455.

Bulletin Board

KCKBA is transitioning to an electronic newsletter. Please e-mail loisz@kcbaptist.org with NEWSLETTER in the subject line to receive this publication electronically.

Southern Baptist Ministries needs plastic grocery bags. You may drop them off at the SBM or KCKBA locations.

AROUND KCKBA

Valley Fellowship, Leawood led by Pastor Bryan Fellers moved into a new meeting space at 148 and Metcalf. The Grand Opening/Dedication Celebration was December 6.

New Beginnings, a new work in Basehor led by Pastor Glynn Robison, had 8 new members and 2 baptisms last month.

Grace Baptist Church, Gardner and Pastor Don Flack baptized 6. They are moving forward on construction of their first building.

Brad Brisco, KCKBA Church Planter Strategist, attended the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and continued to build relationships with the convention and churches. Many partnerships with KCKBA churches are being formed out of his work.

Haven Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas had a new high attendance of 173 and baptized one of their teenagers. Pastor Don Andrews and Associate Pastor of Youth Shaun Jones serve at Haven.

Pastor Carl Garrett of Outpost Ministries is assisting in starting two new churches out of this church.

Emmanuel Baptist Children's Minister Angie Moreno reports they collected 169 shoeboxes filled with gifts for Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child. The pastor is Lou Fortier.

The Missional Church Conference held at Haven Baptist Church was a huge success with many being challenged and encouraged to BE the church in their communities.

Spring Hill, Kansas will soon have a new work. A Church Planter is moving to Spring Hill this month and will begin the ground work for the new church.

Lenexa Baptist led by Pastor Steve Dighton held another outreach event targeting Hispanics in a Lenexa apartment complex. All of this is ground work for a new Hispanic ministry.

Blue Valley Baptist Church, Overland Park, Kansas will sponsor the *Abundantly More* conference for women, January 15–16, 2010, at the Embassy Suites Hotel on the Country Club Plaza. The featured speaker is Lysa Terkeurst. Information and online registration may be found at www.bluevalleybaptist.org. Registration is \$125 and closes on January 10. Derrick Lynch is pastor.



**NORTH AMERICAN
MISSION BOARD**

The North American Mission Board will hold a Commissioning Service in the Kansas City area for newly appointed state missionaries. The inspirational

service take place at Lenexa Baptist Church on May 16, 2010. Please mark this on your calendar. It is an awesome opportunity for adult groups as well as Children in Action, Royal Ambassadors, and Girls in Action groups to hear testimonies and meet missionaries that Southern Baptists support.

Thanks from Brazil

I just wanted to let you guys know how thankful Patty and I are for KCKBA and the continuous support to our ministry through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Also, for the participation of Dr. Garrett, Scott Mayse and the guys from Blue Valley Baptist Church for participating in a project here in Brazil last month. I pray that God may continue blessing KCKBA.

*Blessings,
David Lopez*

*IMB Missionary to Brazil
(former KCKBA Missions Pastor)*

KCKBA Teams to Take the Gospel to Jamaica in 2010

In 2009, KCKBA Mission Trip Coordinator Scott Mayse led teams to Central and South America where they saw 5600+ receive Christ as their Savior in Nicaragua and 2500+ in Brazil.

Participants are now being enlisted for KCKBA's mission trip to Jamaica, November 5–14, 2010. Pray about going on a trip where God performs a new birth in people's lives as you share your testimony. Pray about participating in a mission God has given all believers—to share the redeeming love of Jesus to a lost world. After praying, make the commitment to go and share Christ with the Jamaican people.

If you are interested in participating this missions opportunity, please contact Scott Mayse, 913.731.0539 or ScottM@IC-World.org.

Celebrations

January Birthdays

- 01 David Neely, Blue Valley Baptist Church
- 04 Angie Moreno, Emmanuel Baptist Church
- 08 Mike McKinney, Leawood Baptist Church
- 09 Steve Tan, Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church
- 09 Rick McCarley, Osawatomie Southern Baptist Church
- 17 Rick Rooks, First Suthern Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas
- 20 Michelle Egbert, Leawood Baptist Church
- 21 Rich Arnold, Leavenworth Baptist Church
- 22 Bucky Hitchcock, First Southern Baptist Church, Overland Park

January Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Judy Dearwester, Westside Family Church, '99
- 01 Dick Dearwester, Westside Family Church, '99
- 01 Russ Preston, Sharon Baptist Church, '90
- 01 Steve Reed, Daybreak Community Church, '01
- 01 John Crawford, Lenexa Baptist Church, '04
- 01 Kenny Warren, Nall Avenue Baptist Church, '07
- 01 Dale Baker, Calvary Baptist Church, '09
- 01 Jason Gentry, Calvary Baptist Church, '09
- 03 Brad Ohlenhausen, Lenexa Baptist Church, '05
- 07 Ben McDaniel, Grace Fellowship, '07
- 22 Edmond Thomas, Lenexa Baptist Church, '07

Calendar of Events

January

- 15-16 Worship Leader/Family Retreat, WCC

February

- 15-21 Focus on wMu Week
- 20 wMu Children's Ministry Day
- 26-27 Tapestry, Topeka
Women in Missions & Ministry

March

- 5-6 Youth Worship Arts Camp, WCC
- 6 VBS Jumpstart, Salina
- 7-14 North American Missions Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 15-4/4 God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) Outreach Campaign
- 9-10 KNCSB Missionary/Staff Leadership Team Mtg.
- 12-13 "1440" Conference (Youth Leaders), Colorado
- 12-13 Ignite '10 (Youth), Des Moines
- 26-28 Eagle Retreat [Ministers' Teen Children], WCC

WCC=Webster Conference Center



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