



KCKBA

Connections

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New Churches Being Planted Around Kansas City Metro

God is doing exciting things in the area of church planting in and around the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association. Matt Maestas continues to do a great job planting De Soto Community Church. Gary Jones is planting The U Church in Kansas City, Kansas, currently meeting in the facility of 83rd Street Baptist Church. Rutlader Outpost Cowboy Church in Louisburg is going strong under the leadership of Carl Garrett. Glynn Robison is leading a work called New Beginnings in Basehor. Leonardo Simbaequva continues to lead Leavenworth Baptist Hispanic Church.

KCKBA is also partnering with the Missouri Baptist Convention in two church plants across the state line. The first is Crossroads Church, located in the Crossroads Art District in downtown Kansas City, led by A. J. Vanderhorst. The second is Emmanuel Chinese Campus Mission, located near the UMKC campus, led by Henry Chen. In addition to the campus ministry, Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church of Lenexa has also started South Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church in Olathe, Kansas.

There is a new church being planted in Spring Hill, led by Jeff Johnson. Frank Gonzalez is giving leadership to a regional strategy for Hispanic church planting. At this time, Frank is working with Lenexa Baptist Church on starting multiple Hispanic Bible Studies in a multi-housing complex. The association has also been discovering ways to partner with The Mission House, a community mission outreach in Kansas City, Kansas, under the leadership of Sam McCord, along with the partnership of Westside Family Church.

There are several other church planting possibilities currently being developed, including possible church plants in the areas of Stillwell, Baldwin City, and Kansas City, Kansas. Two Church Planting Discovery Days will be led by Church Starter Strategist Brad Brisco this summer and fall. Also, planned is a one-day conference in September with author and speaker Reggie McNeal.

If you have questions about any of these events, church plants, or how you might partner with what God is doing through church planting efforts, please contact Brad Brisco, 913.599.4455 or bradb@kcbaptist.org.

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People on Beautiful Tropical Islands Need Jesus, too!

Has the cold weather gotten you down? Are you already dreading the cold and snow coming again next winter? Maybe you should think about a tropical vacation—maybe even a tropical mission trip right about the time that winter storms return to Kansas City in November?

Are you ready for Jamaica? You still have time to get your passport and join the KCKBA mission team that is taking the gospel to Jamaica in the fall of 2010. There will be a team preparational meeting at KCKBA on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM. For more information about this trip and the preparational meeting, contact KCKBA Mission Trip Coordinator Scott Mayse, ScottM@IC-World.org or 913.731.0539.

FamilyFEST

Are you looking for a family vacation with a purpose this summer? FamilyFEST, July 10–16, may be just for you! Join families from across the United States to minister to the churches and communities around the Wichita area. Families, church groups, Sunday School classes, worship teams, neighbors, etc., can also become a “family” for the week in this ministry opportunity.

Contact KNCSB Women’s Leadership Director Mari Jaquith, mjaquith@kncsb.org or Church Planter Mark Jackson, kschurchplanter@hotmail.com for more information.

AROUND KCKBA

Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, recently hosted a women’s lunch. Sandy Badgett was the keynote speaker, sharing an inspirational message about life journeys and the lessons she learned as she traveled alongside her daughter Laura while she was ill.

West Haven Baptist Church, Tonganoxie, will host a live satellite simulcast event featuring Beth Moore on Saturday, April 24. Tickets are \$15. Registration Begins at 8:30 am. Lunch is 11-12:30. Childcare is available for a fee, but must be paid in advance to ensure adequate workers. Moms are responsible for caring for their children during lunch. There are several area restaurants or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the local parks. Women from other churches are invited. Register by calling 913.369.9422 or www.westhavenbaptist.org.

Lenexa Baptist Church honored Pastor Steve Dighton’s twentieth anniversary with the church in February with a reception for the church family followed by a performance by Christian comedian Jeff Allen and the release of a new CD featuring LBC’s choir and orchestra with live worship music. *(Pictured at right are Steve and Mary Dighton in the LBC sanctuary.)*



National Sunday School Director Seminar Coming to Wichita

contributed by Marie Clark, KNCSB

A National Sunday School Director Seminar will be held April 16–17, at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas. Plan to take advantage of this unique opportunity to make a genuine difference in your Sunday School. The event is jointly sponsored by LifeWay Christian Resources and Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists.

A National Sunday School Director Seminar will...

- ◆ Equip you as a Sunday School director to serve effectively in all phases of Sunday School work.
- ◆ Give you practical “how to” application in all aspects of your job.
- ◆ Provide you an opportunity to learn from a team of experienced Sunday School practitioners and consultants—people who are accomplishing successful Sunday School work.
- ◆ Facilitate opportunities for you to network with other Sunday School directors.
- ◆ Teams of pastors, Sunday School directors, and church staff attending the seminar together can begin to build cohesive plans.

The 12 hours of training are specifically designed to help you build a strong Sunday School, including: five high-paced, interactive general sessions; and four specialized conference sessions with over 20 choices of subjects. Your seminar experience will also include a specially prepared Seminar Notebook; other helpful books and materials, lunch and breaks, plus a chance to learn and network with others like yourself.

The cost is \$40 per person. Mail check payable to KNCSB to: Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, Attn. Barbara Spicer, 5410 S.W. Seventh Street, Topeka, Kansas 66606-2398. For more information, contact Marie Clark at 913-599-4455 or mariec@kcbaptist.org.

Seminar to Offer Dialogue on the Impact of Cultural Changes on Churches

Trends in the United States American Church plus *The Church and the Waves of Change* will be the focus of a seminar for church staff and key leaders. Topper Reid of Birmingham, Alabama, is the featured speaker and will also facilitate opportunity for dialogue.

The April 6 event will meet from 10:00 AM–2:30 PM at Western Hills Baptist Church, 2900 Auburn Road, Topeka, Kansas, and is sponsored by the Minister of Education Network. Because of the seminar focus, ministers of education and associate pastors are encouraged to bring their pastor and other guests

Both of these topics deal with the state of the church and what we need to be doing to prepare for the future. The trends are actual trends Reid has observed as he travels across the country working with churches on a daily basis. In his words, some of the trends “are good and some are revealingly bad.”

Understanding our culture and what is taking place around us can help us prepare to make the changes needed to be prepared for tomorrow. “In a world of constant change, churches cannot shy away from change. There are three choices churches make regarding change, and only one of these is the correct choice,” according to Reid.

Topper Reid is a speaker and consultant in both state and national Sunday School and Church Growth seminars, has served as minister of education in Southern Baptist churches for 37 years, and currently is the Director of Church Development for MG&A in Birmingham, Alabama.

There is no charge for this event; however, lunch is included, so reservations are needed by April 2. Please send reservations to Barbara Spicer at KNCSB, 1.800.984.9092 or bspicer@kncsb.org. For further information, contact Marie Clark at mariec@kcbaptist.org or 800.984.9154.



New FCC Law Affects Wireless Microphones

Churches using wireless microphones and similar devices operating in the 700 MHz band need to be aware of a new rule by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Under law, the operation of such devices must cease no later than June 12, 2010.

To see if your cordless microphones and similar devices fit into this category, look for frequency markings that are sometimes found on the device. If the markings indicate that it operates on frequencies between 698 and 806 MHz, then the device uses a 700 MHz spectrum and is included in this group to be banned. If there are no frequency markings on the equipment, you may research the equipment by manufacturer definitions found at www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones to determine if it operates in the 700 MHz band. In addition, the FCC staff is available to assist you at 1.888.225.5322.

The reason for this new ruling by the FCC is due to the fact that the frequencies used by some wireless microphones are now also being used by public safety entities, i.e., police, fire and emergency services, and by commercial providers of broadband wireless services. The wireless microphones that are being banned can cause harmful interference to these public safety and wireless consumer services.

The FCC is only prohibiting the use of wireless microphones (and similar devices) that operate in the 700 MHz Band. Wireless microphones and similar devices that operate on other broadcast frequencies may continue to be used. Microphones and other similar devices with cords are not affected by the FCC's decision.

Buckets of Hope Collected for Haiti



The “Buckets of Hope” ministry is just one means by which Baptists are fulfilling the mandate of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry in the name of Jesus through cooperative ministry of individual churches and the North American Mission Board.

A “Bucket of Hope” consists of a plastic five-gallon bucket packed with selected foodstuffs. The food contained in a single bucket will feed a Haitian family for a week.

Pearl Street Baptist Church of Paola, Vista Baptist Church of Olathe, and Calvary Baptist Church of Lenexa delivered a total of nearly 100 buckets to KCKBA. Those buckets were then picked up by the KNCSB Disaster Relief Team for shipping to Haiti.

KCKBA VBS CLINICS

Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 PM

Nall Avenue Baptist Church
6701 Nall Avenue
Prairie Village, Kansas

Saturday, April 24, 9:30 AM

Emmanuel Baptist Church
10100 Metcalf
Overland Park, Kansas



Breakout Sessions

(Bring Your Leader Guide!)

- ▣ **VBS Directors**
Pam Apple, Valley Fellowship
- ▣ **Preschool Bible Study**
Syd Gilliland, Emmanuel Baptist
- ▣ **Children's Bible Study**
Harriet Bennett, Blue Valley Baptist
- ▣ **Preteen Bible Study**
Mendy Ruthrauff & Michele Fortier, Emmanuel Baptist
- ▣ **Children's Missions**
Leslie Bryant & Rachel Bryant, Westside Family
- ▣ **Children's Crafts**
Lisa Clark, Nall Avenue Baptist
- ▣ **Saddle Ridge Ranch Music**
Joy Richardson, Emmanuel Baptist

Breakout sessions for recreation and snacks will not be offered.
RSVP for childcare by April 18. Contact Syd Gilliland, 913.640.0900
or sgilliland@Godfor.us.

Electronic Communication Replaces Annual Coaches' Meeting

KCKBA will again sponsor two adult summer softball leagues: a mixed league and a men's league. These leagues have served as an evangelistic outreach tool of KCKBA for many years. John Mark Estes, Nall Avenue Baptist Church, stated at the end of last year's season, "It's easy to recruit a church visitor or my buddy from work to come out and just play softball." This league provides a vehicle for a church member to reach those co-workers, neighbors and church visitors with whom he/she may not always have opportunities to witness or have fellowship.

Games are played on Monday evenings at Heritage Park in Olathe. Schedules will be posted on the website as soon as they are available. Each league is composed of eight teams. Additional requests cannot be accommodated. The eight-week league begins on June 7.

The annual coaches' meeting is being replaced this year by electronic communication. If you are interested in reserving a place for your church's team in this league, contact Brad Brisco, 913.599.4455 or bradb@kcbaptist.org, before April 26, 2010. Once you are registered, you will receive information via e-mail. Registration fees are due May 3.

Bible Drill Activities Scheduled for April

The KCKBA Bible Drill will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 7, in the Activities Room at Grace Gardens Manor, 143 Street and Nall Avenue, Leawood, Kansas. Children and youth who have qualified from their own church drill will participate in the associational drill and winners will advance to the State Children's Bible Drill/Youth Bible Drill and Speaker Tournament sponsored by the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists (KNCSB) at Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kansas on Saturday, April 17. If you have questions, need assistance, or desire training regarding Bible Drill, contact Delores Hanneman, Bible Drill/Speaker Tournament Coordinator at 913.393.1983.

KC Kids Camp Meeting Scheduled for Children's Ministry Leaders



A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 7:00 PM, at KCKBA, to discuss plans for the association's annual camp for children, grades 3–6. Churches interested in participating in this camp and adult members interested in serving as camp workers should send a representative to this meeting.

Children's camp is scheduled for July 6–9, 2010 at New Hope Camp in Holt, Missouri.



You have read about **God's Plan for Sharing** in this newsletter for over a year. Perhaps you have seen the *Find It Here* television commercials with a toll free phone number to call. This is all part of a 10-year evangelistic strategy called GPS designed by the North American Mission Board. Is your church partnering with other Southern Baptist churches to share the gospel using the GPS system? In your community, are non-believers aware that they can find the plan of salvation within your church? Is your church's GPS system set to *Find it Here*?

The advertising is free to each church. When people respond by calling the toll-free number, their information is taken and passed on to a GPS participating Southern Baptist church with the same zip code as the caller. Christians, trained to respond, will return the call and share the gospel.

Free promotional materials are available at this office for KCKBA churches. Call to reserve yours today, 913.599.4455.

Raceway Ministries Prepares for Big Race Weekends

Christians take the love of Jesus to the Kansas Speedway. Although normally never seeing a race, those ministering as a part of the KCARM (Kansas City Alliance of Raceway Ministries) are in the middle of many servant opportunities on race weekends. Race weekends this year will be April 30–May 2 and September 30–October 3. For more information about this ministry, call Linda Ann Kinder at 913.261.9300.

Estate Planning Seminar

hosted by KCKBA

Presenters

Bob and Marie Clark
*KS-NE Southern Baptist Foundation
 Estate Planning Consultants*

April 27, 2010

KCKBA Seminar Room
 8745 Ballentine, Suite C
 Overland Park, Kansas

Register by calling 913.599.4455 or emailing loisz@kcbaptist.org.



**NORTH AMERICAN
 MISSION BOARD**

A North American Mission Board Commissioning Service is scheduled for May 16, 2010 at Lenexa Baptist Church. KCKBA churches are encouraged to take the opportunity to attend this service to meet and hear the testimonies from newly appointed Southern Baptist missionaries that you support.

Single Adults to Minister at Webster Conference Center

April 16–18, 2009: AWOL (A Work of Love) is a short-term ministry project designed for single adults by the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists. During the day, physical labor is done at the Webster Conference Center (WCC) facilities, and in the evening, there is worship and fellowship time. Lodging and meals are provided by WCC; however, a \$20 registration fee is requested for program expenses. Registration and information packets have already been sent to churches, or you may contact Jana Gifford at jgifford@knksb.org or 800.984.9092 for more information.

Video Corner

Do you find yourself struggling between wanting to do the right thing and wanting to do *your* thing? Do you find yourself struggling between pleasing God and pleasing yourself? That is where you will find Jacob and Esau, Leah and Rachel—and where you can find conflicts in your own heart as well in the video-driven



discipleship series **Loved by God**. According to award-winning speaker, best-selling author, Bible teacher, and informative radio personality Liz Curtis Higgs, “Jacob and Leah are perfect examples of God blessing the undeserving and loving the unlovable. Their story puts forth a generous dose of grace from a place we don’t often expect to find it—among the pages of the Old Testament.”

Kathy Gaumer, Fellowship Baptist Church of Olathe, writes, “I found this study to be full of insightful truths that applied to my daily life. Liz Curtis Higgs is funny and resourceful in the way she presents the information from God. She inserts personal experiences to drive the point home of how much God loves us. The homework assignments were thought provoking, yet, not too long. I enjoyed this study.”

This DVD kit with seven 30-minute lessons, leader’s guide and sample 120-page workbook is available in the association’s library to be loaned to KCKBA churches. Contact carolynb@kcbaptist.org or 913.599.4455 to reserve this kit for your Bible study today.

April Calendar of Events

- 2 KCKBA Office Closed
- 4 Easter
- 7 KCKBA Bible Drill, 6:30 PM, Grace Gardens Manor
- 16–17 National Sunday School Directors' Seminar, Wichita
- 16–18 A.W.O.L. (KNCSB Single Adult Mission Project), Salina
- 16–18 Heart of the Child Leadership Convention, Broken Arrow, OK
- 17 Children's Bible Drill/Youth Bible Drill/Youth Speakers' Tournament, WCC
- 20 KCKBA VBS Clinic, Nall Avenue Baptist Church, 7:00 PM
- 20 Jamaica Mission Trip Preparation Meeting, KCKBA, 7:00 PM
- 22 Children's Camp Planning Meeting, KCKBA, 7:00 PM
- 24 KCKBA VBS Clinic (repeat), Emmanuel Baptist Church, 9:30 AM
- 27 Wills and Estate Planning Seminar, KCKBA, 7:00 PM

Birthdays

- 01 Scott Mayse, retired
- 03 Bill Shiflett, Lenexa Baptist Church
- 05 Kenny Warren, Nall Avenue Baptist Church
- 07 Michael Holmes, Sr., First Baptist Church of Bethel, KCK
- 10 Mark Scribner, West Haven Baptist Church
- 19 Brian Albert, Calvary Baptist Church
- 24 Charles Mitchell, 47th Street Baptist Church
- 24 Carl Hunker, Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church
- 25 Josh Johnson, Leawood Baptist Church
- 27 Steve Dighton, Lenexa Baptist Church
- 28 Bill McKean, retired
- 30 Dan Chaverin, Westside Family Church

Ministry Anniversaries

- 02 Byong Jin Ha, 1st Korean Baptist Church, '03
- 15 Carolyn Barnette, Nall Avenue Baptist Church, '02; KCKBA '04
- 17 Terry Ferris, Mission Creek Baptist Church, '05
- 20 Brian Richardson, Lenexa Baptist Church, '03
- 21 Rick McCarley, Osawatomie Baptist Church, '02
- 30 John Huber, Westside Family Church, '08

Consultations with Guidestone Retirement Representative are Scheduled for April 15

A Guidestone representative will be at KCKBA on April 15. Church staff with retirement savings through Guidestone may wish to set aside that day for a personal consultation with him. Call KCKBA for more information.

**Associational
Emphasis Week
May 17–23, 2010**

Preregistration Available for SBC Messengers to Annual Meeting

Pre-registration is now underway for messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting, June 15–16, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Visit <http://www.sbc.net/churchupdate/modchurch.asp> for more details and to register.



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