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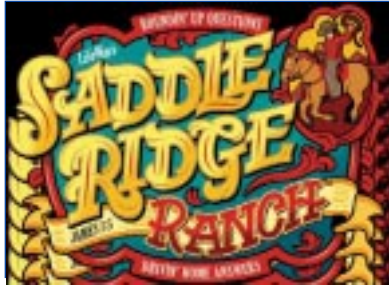
Connections

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Make Reservations for VBS Jumpstart Clinic

Get a JUMPSTART planning your 2010 Vacation Bible School! Get great ideas, teaching helps, and have fun at the VBS Jumpstart on March 6, 9:45 AM–3:00 PM. Again this year, the statewide event will be held at First Southern Baptist Church in Salina, Kansas. Brochures were mailed to churches in January. Reservations may be made by contacting Barbara Spicer, 1.800.984.9092, bspicer@knscsb.org or download a registration form at www.knscsb.org, click "Church Ministries" then Bible Study."



Training will be available for LifeWay's **Saddle Ridge Ranch: Roundin' Up Questions, Drivin' Home Answers**. The two-hour based conferences will be offered for VBS Directors/Pastors, VBS Music, Preschool VBS, Younger Children's Bible Study, Middle Children's Bible Study, Preteen VBX Bible Study, Children's Missions, Children's Crafts, and Youth VBS. Afternoon electives include more rotations plus other VBS enrichment conferences.

Registration for the VBS Jumpstart began in January. The cost is \$12.50 if postmarked by February 22 or \$15.00 for late registration. The fee includes conference materials and a light lunch. For additional information about curriculum or the VBS Jumpstart, contact Marie Clark, 800.984.9092, mariec@kcbaptist.org, or Debbie Carter, debbiec@here2serve.org.

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Local VBS CLINICS

Tuesday, April 20

7:00 PM

Nall Avenue
Baptist Church

Saturday, April 24

9:30 AM

Emmanuel
Baptist Church



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

Brad Brisco, Church Starter Strategist

Here is the last of eight ways your church can be involved in church planting within our 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
8. **Send People on a Church Planting Mission Trip**

The eighth way that you can partner with a church plant is by "sending" mission teams locally. Youth groups, college students, and adults can assist the church planting team on a mission trip in a day, weekend, and week long setting. Community surveys, block parties, Backyard Bible schools, and neighborhood canvassing are events that can greatly benefit a church plant.

For information on how your church can send people on a church planting mission trip, contact Brad Brisco, 913.599.4455 or bradb@kcbaptist.org.

There will be an Estate Planning Seminar hosted by KCKBA in the spring. The date will be listed in the March newsletter and posted on the website as soon as it is available. If you have been thinking about creating or updating your estate wishes, this seminar will be very helpful and informative for you.



KCKBA churches have an opportunity to participate in one of the most exciting journeys Southern Baptists will ever take. The destination is *every believer sharing and every person hearing by the year 2020*. This evangelistic campaign called **God's Plan for**

Sharing (GPS) is a 10-year initiative to share the gospel with every person in North America. Churches everywhere are traveling this journey. It is a God-sized task with opportunities for churches to join together in response to His command—partnering with each other and with God.

Soon you will see evangelistic billboards and television commercials as vehicles used on this journey. Vehicles, however, are only as effective as the drivers. Billboards and television commercials are nice—but ultimately, it is the hearts of believers who are willing to share the gospel and an unprecedented move of God's Spirit that will bring Southern Baptists to the destination of every believer sharing and every person hearing by 2020.

The journey has already begun in KCKBA churches. At what stage of the journey is your church? Are you ready to share the gospel with your community? Banners, door hangers, and training materials are available on line, www.namb.net, or at the KCKBA office. Please share with the KCKBA staff as to where you are on the journey and in what ways this office can assist you along the way.

Mission Trip to Jamaica in 2010

Churches of Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association will partner on a mission trip to Jamaica. Jamaican Christians are now praying and preparing the work for God's people from KCKBA to share the gospel in their country. As a participant in this trip, you will have the opportunity to lead people to Christ and experience joy in seeing people make a profession of faith. You will also be used by God as an encourager and discipler to Christians in the church where you will serve. At the close of the week, there will be a Victory Celebration Service where hundreds of volunteer missionaries, churches, and new believers will come together to worship. The trip is scheduled for November 5–14. The first preparation meeting will be at KCKBA on Thursday, February 11. For more information, contact Scott Mayse, ScottM@IC-World.org or 913.731.0539.

KCKBA Church Plans Trip to Thailand

Envision a land where cows are holy, animal sacrifices are a weekly occurrence, and human cremations take place daily. Envision an unreached people group of which less than 1% of the population is Christian. Such a land exists among Hmong and Buddhist cultures. This land is often referred to as *the heart of darkness*. A mission team from Kansas City's First Hmong Baptist Church will go to such a place—Bangkok, Nan and Chiang Mai—for a three-week trip in June. While there, they will host an adult and youth Christian camp at the Joyouth Camp Development Center in Nan. They will visit many small villages in Thailand where they will further develop relationships with and encourage Christians living there.

Those preparing to go on this trip are excited about this opportunity and the experience that lies ahead. They hope that you will see the value and significance in what they hope to accomplish. If you would like to be part of this mission opportunity in some way, please contact Pastor Chue Herr, 913.544.4946 or cgherr@msn.com.



**NORTH AMERICAN
MISSION BOARD**

The North American Mission Board will hold a Commissioning Service for newly appointed state missionaries at Lenexa Baptist Church in May 2010. This is an opportunity for adult groups as well as children and youth groups to hear testimonies and meet Southern Baptists missionaries.

Bible Drill Tournament Scheduled for April

Scripture memory is an important discipline in the life of Christians and is especially encouraged for children and youth through local church, association (KCKBA), and state (KNCSB) Bible Drills. The Children's drill (grades 4–6) and the Youth drill (grades 7–12) are ways for young people to memorize Scripture, apply it to their lives, mature spiritually, and share their knowledge. Many are currently memorizing and preparing for the drills this spring. The KCKBA drill will be held at 7:00 PM, April 7 in a church to be announced. Those who qualify from the local church drill will participate in the KCKBA drill; and, those qualifying from the KCKBA drill will advance to the KNCSB Children's Bible Drill/Youth Bible Drill and Speaker Tournament at Webster Conference Center in Salina, April 17, 10:00 AM. Certificates are awarded to each participant in any level. Medals are awarded to winners of the KNCSB Children's Drill and monetary scholarships are awarded to the top three winners of the KNCSB Youth Drill.

Brochures were mailed to churches last August. For replacement or additional materials, contact Barbara Spicer, 800.984.9092. For questions, help, or training regarding Bible Drill, contact Delores Hanneman, Bible Drill/Speaker Tournament Coordinator, 913.393.1983. Please contact KCKBA immediately after your church drill with the names and scores of the children/youth who will participate in the association's Bible Drill.

Blue Valley Baptist Church, 8925 West 151 Street, Overland Park, Kansas, will be the location for ***The Truth Revealed Conference: A New Kind of Apologetics Conference***, March 26–27. This 2-day event will equip you with effective tools to share Jesus with confidence and clarity. The Truth Revealed Conference is committed to helping you achieve your maximum potential in engaging current culture with the life changing message of Jesus. Speakers for the event include Stuart McAllister, itinerant apologist with Ravi Zacharias International Ministries; Dr. James Merritt, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Robert Smith, award winning author & international speaker; and Dr. Phil Roberts, author, apologist, & seminary president. Concert Artists Kyle and Patty Dill will provide the music.

Purchase tickets for this event at www.truthrevealedconference.com. The \$20 Early Bird price ends March 8. After that, tickets are \$30.



Retired Pastor Lester Barker went to his eternal home in December 2009. Sympathy is extended to his

wife of 61 years, Barbara, and sons Mark and Brad and their families. Lester served as a Southern Baptist pastor for fifty years in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas. At the time of his retirement in 1997, he was pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Shawnee and CEO of Trinity Christian Day Care Center.

The KCKBA Disaster Relief Ministry will have a Feeding Unit Training in this area on March 20. See more information in the March issue of the KCKBA Connections or visit www.kckba.org. Questions may also be addressed to Disaster Relief Coordinator Rick McCarley, 913.731.3538 or oz-rick@cebridge.net.

MBTS to Host Community Choir

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is offering an opportunity for area vocalists to participate in a community choir this semester. Members are welcomed to join and sing some of the well-known sacred choral selections along with new anthems for the church. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, February 2, 7:00–8:30 PM, in the seminary chapel, 5001 North Oak Trafficway. Rehearsals continue each Tuesday throughout the semester, with a culminating concert in May.

For more information, please call Dr. Eric A. Foley, 816.414.3750.

February Events

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

March Events

- 5–6 KNCSB Youth Worship Arts Camp, WCC
- 6 KNCSB VBS Jumpstart, Salina
- 7–14 North American Missions Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
- 12–13 Ignite '10, Youth, Des Moines, Iowa
- 15–4/4 God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) Outreach Campaign
- 26–28 Eagle Retreat for Ministers' teenage children, WCC

February Birthdays

- 01 Kevin Ross, Pearl Street Baptist Church
- 04 Richard Sowards, retired
- 07 Laura Staver, Leawood Baptist Church
- 09 Ralph Hansen, North Overland Park Baptist Church
- 20 David Weldy, First Baptist Church of Shawnee
- 24 Carl Garrett, Outpost Cowboy Church

February Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Carl Hunker, Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church, 1988
- 01 Steve Gabrielse, Valley Fellowship, 2008
- 14 Cole Cochran, Vista Baptist Church, 2005
- 17 Ralph Hansen, North Overland Park Baptist Church, 2007
- 26 Steve Dighton, Lenexa Baptist Church, 1990

□Leawood Baptist Church seeks a pianist/organist who sight reads well, has a sensitivity to congregational worship, and has experience playing for choirs and with a worship band. Must be available Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and some Saturdays. Email resumes to music@leawoodbaptist.com.

□Harrisonville Churches seeks Youth Minister. Send resume to Faith Baptist Church, attention Charlie Sweet, P.O. Box 345, Harrisonville, Missouri 64701.

□Leavenworth Baptist Church has a Gulbransen Organ for anyone who will pick it up. Call Janell at the church office, 913.682.4396. This church is also an Angel Food Distribution Center. For monthly order and pick-up dates, please call the number above (February order deadline is February 17.).



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