



January 2008

FamilyFEST

**Kansas City
July 21–25, 2008**

What: Kansas City FamilyFESTSM

FamilyFEST is a missions experience in Kansas City in the summer of 2008. It is a partnership between the national Woman's Missionary Union, the Kansas/Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, and the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association.

When: July 21–25, 2008

Who: Volunteers from across the nation ages 6 years and older.

Why: FamilyFEST is designed for families, adults, students, and children to have the opportunity to experience missions first-hand. The ministry projects are determined by the local churches in order to best meet the needs in their community. The goal of the ministry projects are to join with the individual churches and their members to meet needs and minister alongside one another.

How: You and Your Church Can Participate

How could FamilyFEST volunteers assist you and your church members in meeting some of these needs in the community around your church? Are you concerned about ministering to young families in your church's neighborhood who aren't a part of a church family? Then maybe a Vacation Bible School would be a helpful ministry that week. Or, maybe there's a community center in your area that works to meet the needs of the impoverished or homeless, and they could use some assistance. The partnership between local churches and the volunteers is significant. Long-term partnerships have come about as a result of FamilyFEST.

For more information about partnering with *FamilyFEST* volunteers, contact Scott Mayse at sdmayse2000@yahoo.com or 913.731.0539; or Donnie Simpson at donnies@kcbaptist.org or 913.599.4455.

**Pray for
KCKBA's
Mission Team
in Guatemala,
January 18–27.**

KCKBA Directory

www.kckba.org
association@kcbaptist.org

Donnie Simpson

Executive Director of Missions
donnies@kcbaptist.org

Marie Clark

Church Ministries Director
mariec@kcbaptist.org

Brad Brisco

Church Starter Strategist
bradb@kcbaptist.org

Dawn Wilder

Exec. Dir., So. Baptist Ministries
dawnw@kcbaptist.org

Lois Zabel, Administrative Assistant
loisz@kcbaptist.org

Charles Rocklage, Bookkeeper
charlesr@kcbaptist.org

Carolyn Barnette, Ministry Assistant
carolynb@kcbaptist.org

Around KCKBA

Rehm's Park Baptist, Bonner Springs, organized a Thanksgiving ministry for those of their community in need. Through donations of food and fund raising, they were able to distribute food to over 100 individuals. More than half of those individuals were Hispanic. As a result, a Wednesday night Hispanic Bible study was begun on December 5. Glynn Robison is pastor.

Parkway Baptist, KCK, gave a Christmas gift to their community and other churches with their *Walk through Bethlehem Experience* the second weekend of December. Single Adults from **Nall Avenue Baptist, Prairie Village**, included this experience as part of their Christmas dinner and activity. Tom Douglas is pastor of Parkway.



Fellowship Baptist, Olathe, and **First Hmong Baptist, KCK**, held a joint commissioning service during morning worship at First Hmong on December 16. The combined mission team left for Thailand the following day. Tom Couric is pastor of Fellowship and Chue Herr pastors First Hmong.

Pastors, staff, and spouses enjoyed the hospitality of Donnie and Dava Simpson during the KCKBA Minister and Spouse Christmas Open House. In spite of a threatening ice storm, over 40 people from 13 churches came for the fellowship time.

A 2007 Review of God's Work Through KCKBA

Praise God for all He accomplished in 2007 through KCKBA's 53 churches and missions. Some of the ways your association served churches are:

Direct assistance for churches was varied.

- ◆ Iglesia Bautista La Esperanza—helped with sale of existing building and purchase of new church building/relocation
- ◆ Back 2 School Bash—helped with funds for this teen event in Paola sponsored by multiple churches; over 1000 attended with 80 decisions for Christ plus 150 other decisions
- ◆ First Baptist, Shawnee Youth—provided funds towards the Market Ministry that the youth host at the Shawnee Farmer's Market.
- ◆ Osawatomie Flood Relief—over \$6,000 from KCKBA churches sent for ministry, plus volunteers recruited from associational churches as well as from KNCSB and NAMB
- ◆ Greensburg Tornado Relief—money and volunteers sent to help with clean-up/repairs
- ◆ Church strengthening helps with one pastor search; two conflicts in churches; and pulpit supply by Donnie Simpson and Brad Brisco.
- ◆ Community Profile materials—provided to multiple churches

Training resources provided leadership development for over 350 church leaders.

- ◆ MALT (Metro Area Leadership Training)—our premier event for training a wide variety of church leaders; drew 101 KCKBA folks out of the 440 city-wide attendance
- ◆ VBS Clinics—trained 94, helped partner 12 churches to share VBS resources, and connected 2 churches to teach VBS in other churches
- ◆ National Sunday School Directors Seminar—included 23 from KCKBA because of partnerships with the Kansas-Nebraska and Missouri Baptist conventions, and LifeWay
- ◆ Regional Multihousing Ministries & Church Planting Conference—by Southern Baptist Ministries

Networking and fellowship groups connected leaders from different churches for encouragement and peer learning.

- ◆ Church Planters Network plus a Church Planters discussion group; conducted two Discovery Day Church Planting Seminars
- ◆ Associational Mission Trip to Argentina—led by KCKBA Volunteer Missions Coordinator Scott Mayes with a mission team formed from several KCKBA churches
- ◆ Church Anniversaries—Leawood Baptist's 50th, and First Hmong Baptist's 30th

Cooperative opportunities for ministry abounded.

- ◆ Church Planting Vision Tour—over 40 participants from our association and state convention, as well as other potential planters and sponsors from Missouri, Arkansas and Florida. As a result at least 4 new works have been started.

story continued on page 3

continued from page 2

- ◆ Southern Baptist Ministries year-round food pantry and utility assistance, Christmas gifts and parties for low-income area residents—made possible by church donations and by volunteer assistance in all areas
- ◆ School supplies for approximately 15,000 children—Donations from SBC churches in all fifty states were distributed to unchurched multihousing and ethnic people groups, and at sites for new church starts in KCKBA, Wichita, Topeka, Omaha, Lincoln, Mexico, and Canada.
- ◆ Kansas City Alliance Raceway Ministries (KCARM)—volunteers in the ministry tent provided food, conversation, worship, and children's activities during major races at Kansas Speedway

And the results? Of the 32 churches reporting, they baptized over 550 new Christians ... four new churches were planted ... many Christians were involved in Kingdom service... God's blessings were experienced!

Churches are being Planted and New Works are Started in KCKBA

Exciting church planting opportunities are quickly moving forward in this association since the Church Planting Vision Tour last spring. The following updates will inform you about where God is at work beginning new churches through the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association.

First is the new work in De Soto. Matt and Jessica Maestas have accepted the call to plant a new church in De Soto. Matt is a seminary student at Midwestern. He and Jessica have recently moved to De Soto and are in the process of developing a core group and starting Bible studies in the area.

Second is a new church plant in Basehor. Glynn Robison, pastor of Rehm's Park Baptist Church, has recently started New Beginnings Family Worship Center to reach the large, unchurched Basehor population.

The third new work is a Hispanic church plant in Bonner Springs led by Leonardo Simbaqueva. Leonardo pastors a church in Leavenworth which he started just over two years ago. Rehm's Park Baptist Church is making their facility available to Leonardo and his leadership team to start the new Hispanic church in Bonner Springs.

The fourth new church is a new African American plant that also began last month in Kansas City, Kansas. Gary Jones, who has planted a church in Kansas City, Missouri, is planting the new work. 83rd Street Baptist Church has graciously opened their facility to Gary and his team to begin this new church.

If you have questions about any of these new church plants or how you might assist any one of these new churches, please contact Brad Brisco at the association office, 913.599.4455 or brad.brisco@gmail.com.



Get Ready for VBS 2008

The 2008 LifeWay Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme is *Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakeable Truth*. Based on Psalm 86:11, this tropical adventure will help children develop the stability they need to become unshakeable in a world of shifting sands. Help for your church leaders is just around the corner. Your local association (KCKBA) and state convention (KNCSB) will provide quality training to help them have the best VBS possible. Take note of the following dates:

Sat, March 8, VBS Jumpstart

First Southern Baptist, Salina, Kansas
9:45 AM-2:30 PM, Cost: \$10

Sat, April 19, Associational VBS

Place TBA
Clinic, 9:30 AM, Free.

Tue, April 22, Associational VBS

Nall Avenue Baptist Church
Clinic (repeat), 7:00 PM, Free.

Contact Marie Clark, 913.599.4455 or mariec@kcbaptist.org for further information concerning VBS 2008.

Attention Youth and Youth Leaders

PARADISE is a journey for students nationwide who will meet in a national worship gathering on **May 25, 2008**, at the geographic center of U.S.A., Paradise, Kansas.

If you have not registered for this event, visit www.paradise08.com.
Registration costs increase January 6, 2008.

November/December Celebrations

January Birthdays

- 04 Angie Moreno, Emmanuel
- 08 Mike McKinney, Leawood
- 09 Steve Tan, Emmanuel Chinese
- 09 Rick McCarley, Osawatomie
- 17 Rick Rooks, FSBC, KCK
- 20 Michelle Patton, Leawood
- 22 Bucky Hitchcock, FSBC of OP
- 24 Robb Hand, Southside

January Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Judy Dearwester, Westside Family, '99
- 01 Dick Dearwester, Westside Family, '99
- 01 Russ Preston, Sharon, '90
- 01 John Crawford, Lenexa, '04
- 01 Kenny Warren, Nall Avenue, '07
- 01 Dan Geldart, South Leawood, '07
- 01 John Hulen, The Gathering, '05
- 03 Brad Ohlenhausen, Lenexa, '05
- 07 Ben McDaniel, Grace Fellowship, '07
- 17 Kenny Gamble, Emmanuel, '06
- 20 Robb Hand, Southside, '02
- 22 Edmond Thomas, Lenexa, '07

Someone recently borrowed the KCKBA projection screen and it needs to be returned. If you borrowed the screen, please return it as soon as possible or call 913.599.4455, for an extended check-out date.

Upcoming Events

January

18-19 KNCSB Worship Leader and Family Retreat, TBA

February

- 7-8 Church & Community Ministries Leadership Meeting, Baptist Building, Topeka
- 11 Focus on WMU week
- 29-3/1 Women's Ministry/Missions: Tapestry, Baptist Convention Building, Topeka

**WCC=Webster Conference Center*

Mark your calendars!

July 7-11, 2008

**KCKids Camp
New Hope Camp
Holt, Missouri**

The Connection is a monthly publication of the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association. To subscribe, call 913.599.4455 or visit www.kckkba.org.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association
8745 Ballentine, Suite A
Overland Park, Kansas 66214



Non-Profit Org
Postage Paid
Shawnee Mission, KS
Permit #1305