



KCKBA

Connections

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KCKBA Disaster Relief Field Kitchen Training Scheduled for March 20

Unprecedented opportunities to help people in crisis near and far continue to present themselves to God's people. For this reason, the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association has a disaster relief team ready to assist when the emergency arises.

KCKBA has already trained a significant number of volunteers for chainsaw teams and is raising funds to put together a chainsaw unit. KCKBA is now expanding to form a Field Kitchen Team and will host the Disaster Relief Field Kitchen training this spring. The training will be provided by the KNCSB Disaster Relief staff on Saturday, March 20 at First Baptist Church of Shawnee, 11400 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas. Field Kitchen training provides an opportunity to respond to disasters anywhere with an existing Kansas/Nebraska unit. The team will provide meals for disaster victims and the volunteers that assist them.

The training is free and will be from 8:30 AM–4:30 PM with lunch provided. Pre-registration is requested. Contact Brian Rothrock at Lenexa Baptist Church, 913.599.6447 ext. 1007 or jbr@lenexabaptist.com to register.

As spring and its inevitable storms approach, KCKBA's chainsaw teams may be available to respond in the Kansas City area for even more localized and minor storm damage than natural disasters bring. Please keep this in mind should the strong straight line winds or microburst that frequent this area hit your neighborhoods. If your church would like to contribute towards purchasing and equipping the KCKBA chainsaw trailer unit, please contact the Association office, 013.599.4455.

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AROUND KCKBA

What if?

This past month you have seen the earthquake devastation in Haiti and the aftermath that has taken over 200,000 lives. The reporters and many others have pleaded with you to help the Haitians financially. The question that remains is how many of those 200,000 had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

What if a KCKBA mission team had been there just one week before—there to share about the redeeming love of Jesus and how He has prepared a place for them in Heaven? *What if* such a team could have shared that even in the turmoil of life, God walks beside His children and comforts them?

What if usually reflects upon the past—what should or could have been done. *What if* can be the opportunity for the future. *What if* you had the opportunity to share Jesus Christ with someone **before** a tragedy occurs?

You have the opportunity to share about your relationship with Jesus Christ every day where you live. The Southern Baptist Churches in Kansas City have also received an invitation from the Jamaican Baptists to come and share the love of Christ with their families and friends. November 5–14 is your opportunity to go to Jamaica, sharing the plan of Salvation that prepares one for eternal life as well as for the tragedies of this earthly life. *What if* you accepted the call to go? Then you would be giving the Jamaicans the Greatest Gift of Life they could ever need—eternal life. *What if?*

The next preparation meeting for this trip is March 11, 7:00 PM, at KCKBA. For information concerning this opportunity for KCKBA churches to connect on mission, contact Scott Mayse, 913.731.0539 or ScottM@IC-World.org.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Overland Park, recently collected over 2200 pounds of canned goods and nonperishables for Southern Baptist Ministries (SBM) as part of their *Decade of Love* emphasis. Each Sunday in February highlighted a different ministry project including *Can Do* Sunday for SBM, an offering for world hunger, an offering to minister to two needy families, and collecting items for Mission Adelante in KCK. For years, Rex Boone and EBC's senior adults have emphasized collecting canned goods for SBM on the first Sunday of the month and were glad to note the success of this church-wide project.

Welborn Baptist Church, Kansas City is pleased to announce that Stephen Chichester and Jared Kathcart joined their staff in December. Stephen is serving as worship pastor. He is a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary majoring in Biblical Studies. Jared is the new youth pastor. He, too, is a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary majoring in Biblical Studies.

Nall Avenue Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Shawnee are reaching into their communities with The Good News Clubs after school programs. Each week, the students hear Bible stories, have snack time and share prayer requests. These ministries are reaching hundreds of children who otherwise might not hear the gospel message.

Blue Valley Baptist Church, Overland Park, will host its second annual worship arts camp for students who have completed grades 6–8. For registration information, contact Janae Shepherd, camp director at 913.897.9669 or Janae.Shepherd@bluevalleybaptist.org.

Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village is offering GriefShare and Divorce Recovery on Sunday afternoons, 4:00–6:00 PM. Registration information may be obtained at www.nallave.org or call 913.432.4141.

Fellowship Baptist Church, Olathe, is looking to borrow the musical *The Bible Tells Me So Show* by Kathie Hill. If you have that music, please contact Martha Couric at macouric@gmail.com.

If you have church news that you would like to see printed in the KCKBA Connections please send the information to carolynb@kcbaptist.org. The deadline to receive information is the tenth of each month.

FamilyFEST Comes to the Wichita Area this Summer

Looking for a family vacation with a purpose this summer? FamilyFEST, July 10–16, may just be 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@knscsb.org or Church Planter Mark Jackson, kschurchplanter@hotmail.com for more information.

Southern Baptist Ministries Offers Benevolent Ministry Resource Information to KCKBA Churches

Since the economic crisis in America peaked, churches are experiencing an increase in people needing food and financial assistance for rent and utilities, etc. Churches may be wondering how Southern Baptist Ministries can help in these situations. Sometimes they can help with the direct needs and other times they are a resource providing information to churches about available resources through other agencies.

Southern Baptist Ministries (SBM) is a Non-Profit Agency located in Kansas City, Kansas. It is a subsidiary board of KCKBA and depends on operational funds from KCKBA churches and personal donations. It also receives federal, state and local designated funds to assist clients through FEMA (rent & food), United Way (utilities), and TEFAP Government Commodity Program. All of these government funds are designated strictly for Wyandotte County residents. In addition, however, SBM can sometimes provides food, clothing and various other undesignated ministries to those outside of Wyandotte County. Churches should encourage people requesting assistance to call the SBM client assistance line, 913.299.5800, to make an appointment for assistance. This telephone service is available on Mondays, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM (closed at noon for lunch), and on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 AM–noon.

Benevolent ministries should also be aware that each county receives designated funds from federal and state government grants to assist persons in need. Some local government programs may exist, as with utility company programs. Some agencies have their own funds available that are subject to agency or donor guidelines. Church offices should keep such a list available as an additional resource to give to people requesting assistance.

Unfortunately, some people in this society choose to prey on churches for continuous handouts rather than attempt to work, making it difficult to discern how to be a wise steward of your benevolence funds. Help is available to you in that area. United Way has partnered with Mid-America Assistance Coalition (MAAC) to establish a database that keeps track of funds and services provided to individuals and families in each county. Agencies that belong to MAAC have access to this information. Churches may take advantage of MAAC's tracking and stewardship system by calling and asking SBM to check MAAC for the history of those requesting funds to see if they have already received financial assistance from other organizations in the area. SBM will not disclose personal information.

To find out more about all services available in your county, contact the United Way. By computer, search 211 Kansas online to locate services in your area. By telephone, dial 211 toll free across Kansas to talk with trained specialists. All phone calls are confidential. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Or, contact Dawn Wilder (urbanmiss@aol.com), executive director of Southern Baptist Ministries, for a consultation or to speak with your benevolent ministries team/committee.

Southern Baptist Ministries Announces New Ministry **MARGIE'S HOPE** A Cancer Support Network

Mission Statement: *Sharing Christ's love while empowering women through education, encouragement through the storm, and equipping them with a purpose to flourish.*

A new cancer support group ministry, Margie's Hope, is seeking women with a passion to connect with women at the crossroads of their cancer journey. Interested individuals in KCKBA churches are invited to partner together by organizing, planning and promoting this support group. If you are interested in helping to establish this ministry, please contact Debby Rieck (Metropolitan Baptist Church) at 913.909.9435 or drieck@kc.rr.com.

The name Margie's Hope was chosen in honor of Rieck's cousin who lost her battle with cancer a few years ago. She was the fourth member of that family to die from cancer—the two remaining siblings are cancer survivors. Although there are many organizations, support groups & resources available for cancer patients, few are faith based. This support group will share the hope of Christ to those traveling the cancer journey.

Churches with support group ministries open to people in other congregations may send the information to carolynb@kcbaptist.org for promotion in the KCKBA Connections and at www.kckba.org.

KNCSB VBS

Jumpstart Clinic

First Southern Baptist Church

Salina, Kansas

Saturday, March 6

9:45 AM–3:00 PM

\$15/PERSON

Reservations may be made by
contacting Barbara Spicer,

800.984.9092, bspicer@kncsb.org.



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

Church takes VBS into the Community

Editor's note: It is time to plan Vacation Bible School for your church. Please submit your VBS dates to carolynb@kcbaptist.org. Also, please use the www.kckba.org website as a tool for connecting with churches to share decorations, leftover materials, etc. It is always a joy for the KCKBA staff to visit your church during VBS and to receive your reports each year. Last year, a unique report was submitted by Rhonda Miller, church secretary and VBS director of West Haven Baptist Church in Tonganoxie, Kansas. Their VBS was not confined within the walls of the church, but instead, was taken into the community. If you are looking for a new slant on VBS, perhaps this idea might work for your church, too.

Last year, West Haven Baptist Church held Backyard Vacation Bible School at ten different homes throughout Tonganoxie and Basehor during the week of June 22–25. There were four homes that led VBS in the morning from 9:00–11:00 AM, four in the afternoon from 1:00–3:00 PM and two in the evening from 6:00–8:00 PM.

While the lessons, crafts and snacks at every site were the same, each site was able to set its own schedule according to the number of children they had or how hot the weather was each day. Some leaders treated their children to extra snacks like snow cones, or popsicles, and almost all of the homes played water games each day.

The Lord blessed with a record attendance one day of 125 children and over 60 workers. As a result of taking the gospel to the people, they were able to lead three children and one adult to the Lord. What an exciting week it was!

The climax for the week was during the Sunday morning worship with a VBS commencement where every VBS child in attendance received a certificate of participation and a VBS t-shirt. That resulted in one of the highest attendance Sundays the church has experienced.

Bible Drill Activities Scheduled for April

Churches involved in Bible Drill are getting ready for their local Church Drill, followed by the Associational Drill sponsored by KCKBA to be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 7, in the Activities Room at the 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 KCKBA drill and those qualifying from the association drill 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.



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

Eagle Retreat 2010 Planned for March

If you are a youth in grades 7–12, and your parents are vocational ministers in a KNCSB church, the Eagle Retreat is designed for you. The retreat is March 26–28 at Webster Conference Center. For more information about program fees and registration, contact Jana Gifford, 800.984.9092 or jgifford@kncsb.org.



Do not miss out on the North American Mission Board's ten-year evangelism plan to share the gospel with your community. God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) will soon begin airing over 325 television and radio advertisements in the Kansas City area that invite people to Christ. Door hangers and brochures are available at KCKBA for you to use in sharing the gospel with your

neighborhood as you prayer walk. *Find It Here* banners will soon be available for you to place in your church yard prior to Easter. Stop by the KCKBA office to get these items soon. Supplies in this office are limited.

The state convention office also provides seminars on ***How to Prayer Walk in Your Community, How to Share Your Faith, Understanding the Timeline for the God's Plan for Sharing Across North America 2010, Planning for Welcoming Visitors, and Effective Follow-up in Your Church.*** Contact Jon Sapp, jsapp@kncsb.org or 785.228.6800, to schedule one of these workshops in your church.

The Evangelism Response Center will receive thousands of calls during March and April as a response to the television and radio ads. Trained telephone encouragers are needed to share the gospel of Jesus from their own home phone at a time that best fits your schedule. For information on being trained as a telephone encourager, please contact your local association or state convention office.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 7-14, 2010
LIVE WITH URGENCY
NATIONAL GOAL \$70 MILLION
WWW.ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM

Nearly three out of every four people in the United States, Canada and their territories live without a personal relationship with Christ. Each person's life can be transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ, but how will people hear the life changing message without someone telling them? How are Southern Baptists sharing God's amazing transforming power with unbelievers?

North American missionaries, in partnership with state conventions, associations, and local churches, are living out the call God has placed on their lives by unashamedly proclaiming the message of salvation with all people they encounter. Southern Baptists can pray for North American missionaries, give sacrificially to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and work alongside Southern Baptist missionaries to share God's powerful message of forgiveness and the offer of eternal life.

During the Week of Prayer for North American Missions, March 7-14, and the receiving of the Annie Armstrong Missions Offering, consider how you can *Live with Urgency* and impact the Kingdom of God through your continued prayers, giving, and going in this urgent task God has called us to carry out.

Estate Planning Seminar Set for April 27, 2010

Bob and Marie Clark are embarking on a new career as estate-planning consultants for the Kansas-Nebraska Southern Baptist Foundation. Leaders in religious education, Bob retired from Nall Avenue Baptist Church on December 31, 2009 and Marie retired on December 31, 2008 from KCKBA. She continues to serve as team leader for Bible teaching at KNCSB where she has served part-time for 13 years.

Although people often do not think about estate planning until later in life, estate plans are vital for people of all ages. For example, couples with minor children should have a will that names guardians. If they die without a will, the state will name guardians. The Clarks will meet with individuals and couples to set up estate plans and will also lead seminars in local churches. For more information, contact them at 800.984.9154 or bclark@kncsb.org.

As a resource for KCKBA churches, this association will host an estate planning seminar on April 27. Register by calling 913.599.4455 or emailing loisz@kcbaptist.org.



Blue Valley Baptist Church is the location for ***The Truth***

Revealed Conference: A New Kind of Apologetics Conference, March 26-27. This event will equip you with effective tools to share Jesus with confidence and clarity.

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

(See the February issue of the KCKBA Connections on line at www.kckba.org for detailed information.)

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

March Prayer Calendar

Birthdays

- 01 Lois Zabel, KCKBA
- 01 Troy Kennedy, Westside Family
- 11 Kevin Gooden, New Light Bethel Baptist
- 21 Ben Porras, retired
- 21 Matt Adams, Westside Family
- 27 Shirley Umstead, retired
- 29 Russ Preston, Sharon Baptist
- 30 Tom Douglas, Parkway Baptist
- 31 John Huber, Westside Family Church

Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Kent Hackathorn, Lenexa Baptist, 2004
- 01 David Weldy, First Baptist of Shawnee, 2005
- 04 Larry White, Lenexa Baptist, 2002
- 15 Donnie Simpson, KCKBA, 1999
- 16 Chris Madsen, Edgerton Southern Baptist Church, 2008

ATTENTION CHURCH STAFF

A representative from Guidestone 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.

Cowboy Church to Host Concert

Rutlader Outpost Cowboy Church and Wroship Leader Tresa Motte invite you to a concert on Saturday, March 6 by THE MISSOURIANS . This Southern Gospel Concert is at the Middle Creek Theatre, 7:30 PM and admission is \$10. You are invited to this special time of worship with The Missourians. While their roots are in southern gospel music, this Midwest based group has developed a unique blend that combines southern gospel with a more progressive sound. Their top priority in concert is to lift up Christ in their music while presenting the gospel to the listener through song and testimony.

Middle Creek Theater is located at 33565 Metcalf Road, Louisburg Kansas—30 minutes south of Kansas City on Kansas Highway 69 & 335th Street. Please call Middle Creek Theater to purchase tickets 866.888.6779. Tickets may be purchased at the door, but they are taking reservations now and that can be done on their website—www.rutladeroutpost.com. This is a 600 seat auditorium and they have quality Nashville acts that perform there during the summer as well as local acts. If you want a good seat, call ASAP. Carl Garrett is pastor of this church.

Church Bulletin Board

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 some noise reduction dividers for churches who might be interested. The dividers are 8 feet tall; 1 with 5 panels @ 12.5' in width; 1 with 9 panels @ 18' in width; and 3 with 13 panels @ 24' in width. They also have a Gulbransen Organ for anyone who will pick it up. Call Janell at the church office, 913.682.4396, for more information.

