



May 2008

## Associational Emphasis Week May 18–24, 2008

### *Live with Urgency: Seize Your Divine Moment*

Throughout the past 300 years in the Baptist association, one common thread has always existed: assisting the local church in its task to fulfill the Great Commission. The Baptist association stands now at a key moment in its history as it moves with urgency to assist local churches in fulfilling this great task. Divine moments require urgency of action. Let us not miss those moments!



*This fall, the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association will celebrate her 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Periodically in 2008 this newsletter will highlight different periods of ministry through the fifty-five years of ministry as a family of KCKBA churches.*

## **KCKBA—GETTING ESTABLISHED**

### **I. HOUSTON LANIER, Superintendent of Missions, 1956–1960**

In June 1956, I. Houston Lanier became the Director of Missions for the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association (KCKBA). “One of the thrilling things about KCKBA is that from the beginning, the reports of all the organizations show a substantial annual increase in numbers and in activities. As one reads, he can feel the enthusiasm of the people as goals were set, and as people pulled together to reach those goals.”<sup>1</sup> In 1956, the first R.A. Camp and Y.W.A. Houseparty were held; and ten churches reported Vacation Bible Schools.

Between 1957–1960, nine new churches were birthed and joined KCKBA: High Point, KCK; Leawood; First Southern of Overland Park; Leavenworth; Rehm’s Park, Bonner Springs; Calvary, Lenexa; Greenwood Heights, Shawnee (later Trinity); Pearl Street, Paola; and White Church, KCK.

Rev. Lanier resigned his work in April 1960, and the missions committee was asked to search for another Director of Missions. During the interim, the moderator and clerk were authorized to maintain a “monthly bulletin” service to keep the associational officers and churches informed on the progress of the associational work. KCKBA had grown to a family of twenty-three Southern Baptist congregations.

<sup>1</sup>*History of the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association, 1980, by Amy Ruth Elledge*

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*If your church has something to announce or celebrate, and would like for the information to be included in the KCKBA newsletter or posted on the KCKBA web site, please send the information along with one or two jpg photo files to [carolynb@kcbaptist.org](mailto:carolynb@kcbaptist.org) before the 10th of each month.*

## FamilyFest Kansas City: Be a Commuter Volunteer in July

During the third week of July, more than 150 volunteers from across the nation will converge on this association. These volunteers will be coming July 21–25 as part of FamilyFest Kansas City sponsored by the national Woman's Missionary Union (WMU).

Volunteers will be assigned to assist many KCKBA churches in a variety of ways, such as sports camps, creative arts, Backyard Bible Clubs/VBS, light construction/repairs, and other servant ministries. Once you have completed the registration, and it is received, information about the assigned ministry will be sent as quickly as possible.

FamilyFest is recommended for first grade and older. Why not get your family or a small group from your church together to do missions Kansas City style this summer? A special commuter rate of \$100 is available to local volunteers for the week. Your registration cost includes some meals, a celebration meal, devotional guide, training materials, nametag, water bottle carrier, and a t-shirt. Go on line to [www.wmu.com/volunteerconnection](http://www.wmu.com/volunteerconnection) for registration forms and additional information concerning FamilyFest.

## SBC Pre-Registration Available Online

Pre-registration for the 2008 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Indianapolis, June 10–11, is available on the Internet. Churches may register messengers at:  
[www.sbcannualmeeting.net](http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net).

## Around KCKBA

**Edgerton Family Bible Church, Edgerton**, called Chris Madsen as pastor March 9<sup>th</sup>. He has previously served as an interim and supply pastor in some KCKBA churches and as pastor at Southside Baptist in Spring Hill.

**Daybreak Community, Overland Park**, is currently meeting as a house church. On March 26, members held an evangelistic outreach ministry at the Chalet Apartments, KCK, using the film "Facing the Giants." Steve Reed is the pastoral leader of the group.

**Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church, Lenexa**, held a multiple commissioning service on April 6. Dr. Jerry Jean was commissioned as the interim pastor while pastor George Hsu is on sabbatical in Taiwan for seven months. Their UMKC mission church was also commissioned.

**New Life Baptist Church, Olathe**, held a joint service with sponsoring church Nall Avenue Baptist on the afternoon of April 13 for an organizational celebration. New Life, began as a ministry of Nall Avenue to new refugees arriving from Laos. The ministry soon included an adult Sunday School class, and later worship services were added. April 13 marks their official date as an organized church. Bounmy Sayasone is pastor of New Life, and Jim Reynolds is pastor of Nall Avenue.

**Pearl Street Baptist Church, Paola**, held revival services April 6–10. Evangelist Thomas Young led the evangelistic services centered around the theme "Going to the Mountain."

**Sharon Baptist Church, Olathe**, said good-bye to youth minister Scott Murphy and his family at the end of the year. Scott has accepted a staff position at First Southern Baptist Church, Pratt Kansas. Russ Preston is pastor at Sharon.

**West Haven Baptist Church, Tonganoxie**, called Steve Gabrielse as worship leader, and he started ministering there in February. Steve and wife Patti have four children and have served previously in other KCKBA churches. Mike Bronson is pastor.

**Westside Family Church, Lenexa**, has called John Huber as Family Pastor. John, his wife Jenny, and their son Elijah moved here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where John served as the pastor to children, students, and families. Dan Chaverin is the executive pastor.

## Emmanuel Baptist Church to Celebrate Mortgage Payoff

Emmanuel Baptist Church will celebrate paying off their sanctuary mortgage on Sunday, May 4, 2008 with a church-wide potluck dinner and program following the 11:00 AM worship service. The dinner and program will be held in the fellowship hall. All former members and friends of EBC are invited to this celebration. Lou Fortier is pastor. The church is located at 10100 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66212. For further information call the church office at 913.649.0900.



## Help Kids Carry the Torch at Church Camp This Summer

The KCKids Adventure Camp will be held July 7–11, 2008 at New Hope Baptist Retreat Center near Holt, Missouri. The camp is for children who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grades. The theme, *Carry the Torch*, will challenge campers and sponsors alike to “carry the light” of God’s love wherever they go. This year’s camp pastor is Steve Reed, pastoral leader for the Daybreak Community house church.

May 26 is the deadline for initial registration and camp deposit; the balance is due June 26. The cost is \$135 per camper/sponsor. Each church is asked to provide one sponsor for 5 or fewer boys and every 5 or fewer girls. Marie Clark serves as Camp Director. Call KCKBA, 913.599.4455, or visit [www.kckba.org](http://www.kckba.org), for registration brochures and further information.

## MALT Brings Quality Training to Area Churches

Many churches in the Kansas City area and beyond have benefited in the past from leadership training provided through MALT (Metro Area Leadership Training). MALT 2008 features several additions and changes to better meet the needs of churches. Mark your calendars for these elements of MALT. All events will be held at First Baptist Church of Raytown.

- MALT Pastors Luncheon—Monday, July 7, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM in The Atrium. Dr. Jimmy Draper, former president of LifeWay and of the SBC, will be the featured speaker for this event for pastors and educational staff members. Those attending will receive an advance copy of the MALT promotional packet as well as a free promotional DVD. No charge, but reservations are needed to FBC, 816.353.1994.
- MALT Church Leader Training—Monday & Tuesday, August 25–26, 6:45–9:00 PM, begins in the Sanctuary. A brief general session at 6:45 PM each evening will be followed by two elective conferences. The 40 conference topics include leadership helps with all age groups, plus spiritual enrichment courses, and a pastor’s track.
- MALT Senior Adult Rally and Luncheon—Tuesday, August 26, 10:00 AM–1:30 PM in The Atrium. It’s back ...based on the popularity of the first rally last year! Seniors may choose any two of the interesting and informative sessions offered. The catered lunch at 12:15 PM will also feature entertainment.

This annual training event is a cooperative effort among the three Baptist associations in the Kansas City area, plus LifeWay Church Resources, Missouri Baptist Convention, and Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists. Go to [www.kcmalt.info](http://www.kcmalt.info) to find a listing of topics and conference leaders. Updated information will be added through the summer.

## Southern Baptist Ministries Pantry Needs Restocking

The next time that you go to the grocery store, think about filling an extra sack of groceries for the Southern Baptist Ministries Food Pantry. Executive Director Dawn Wilder reports that the following non-perishable canned and dried food items are needed to assist families with meals:

soups, vegetables (at this time please refrain from donating green beans and corn), fruits, tuna fish, canned meats, stew, spaghetti, ravioli, spaghettios, pie filling, peanut butter, jelly, jams, rice, oatmeal, cereals, instant potatoes, pasta meals, rice meals, cake/brownies/frosting mixes, muffin mixes, corn bread mixes, flour, sugar, pudding and jello, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, alfredo sauce, crackers, non-refrigerated canned juices, etc.

Items may be delivered to the ministry site at 2548 S. 42<sup>nd</sup>, Kansas City, Kansas.

## Are you looking for a ministry/mission opportunity? If so, look here!

People are needed to paint the offices at the Southern Baptist Ministry location. To volunteer, call Dawn Wilder, 913.620.5777, or email her at [UrbanMiss@aol.com](mailto:UrbanMiss@aol.com).

## Family Mission Trip During Spring Break

Lenexa Baptist Church took 22 on a “family mission trip” during spring break. Kelly Hughes, associate pastor, and Kent Hackathorn, young families pastor, led the group. There were six family groups represented which included 6 youth, three college students, and 13 adults. This was the first trip in which the church has encouraged family members to participate together.

The group went to Juarez, Mexico, March 16 through March 21. They partnered with a church in Mexico and did LifeWay’s 2008 VBS in their church. Monday was used for set-up and morning VBS was conducted Tuesday through Thursday. The team used all Spanish materials and taught with “interrupters” (interpreters).

Kent Hackathorn wrote, “We did the music in Spanish with all the hand motions and the kids had a blast. The VBS material for this year is great!!! We are going to have lots of fun this summer.



*Pictured left to right: Aaron (interpreter), Kent Hackathorn (LBC’s young families pastor) and Nathan Holder (college student and ministry intern). The VBS children are tied to the boat like Paul and the other prisoners might have been on the trip to Malta.*

We had 130 the first day and ended with 175 on Thursday. We had 80 children respond to the invitation on Thursday by making decisions for Christ. It was a blessing to all of us.”



*LBC members go into the streets and invite people to VBS.*

## National Day of Prayer for VBS to Be Observed in May

Join churches around the world to pray for this summer’s Vacation Bible Schools! To observe the National Day of Prayer for Vacation Bible School, please spend time in corporate prayer on Sunday, May 18, 2008 for VBSs around the world, including your own!



## New Hymnal to Be Released This Fall

This fall, LifeWay will release a new **Baptist Hymnal**, the first in 17 years. The web site, [www.lifewayworship.com](http://www.lifewayworship.com), has been created to provide information and ordering materials for the churches.

The new hymnal will have 674 hymns and worship songs, plus there will be another 300 songs available for download. PowerPoint DVDs will be available for every song in the hymnal along with mpeg accompaniment files and videos.

A new feature includes monthly downloadable materials that will be available on a subscription basis. This will allow new music to be added on a continuing basis along with accompaniment tracks, orchestrations, and other resources.

Cost for pew hymnals will be \$13.99, but if a church places its order before August 8<sup>th</sup> of this year, they may purchase them for a reduced price of \$11.99. Split track accompaniments for all 974 hymns and worship songs is available on CD for \$500.

For more information, contact David Manner at the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists office, 800.984.9092 or [dmanner@knscsb.org](mailto:dmanner@knscsb.org), or visit, browse and register for e-mail updates at [lifewayworship.com](http://lifewayworship.com).

## PARADISE 2008: Thy Kingdom Come Sunday, May 25 LaCygne, Kansas

PARADISE is a gathering of a multitude of college and high school students who have a growing passion for the name, fame, and reign of the Son of God. It will be held in a rural field in the center of the nation just south of Kansas City. Registrations have already come in from across the nation and Canada.

This sacred assembly will interweave music with times of absolute silence and awe in the presence of His majesty. In humility the 60 musicians of Christian bands and worship teams will be hidden so all focus will be on Jesus. Jumbotrons will provide the words of music and Scripture.

Much of PARADISE is unprecedented, and there are no plans for a second gathering. For this generation, May 25 may be a unique and life-altering encounter with the greatness of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of the Father. Go to [www.paradise08.com](http://www.paradise08.com) for information and registration.

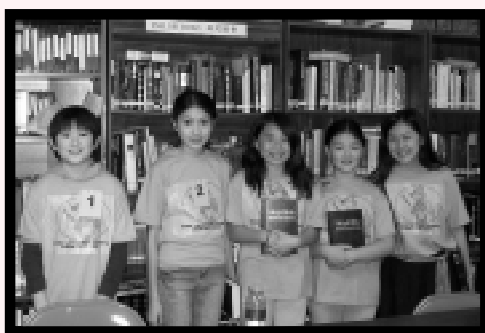
### Adult Volunteers Needed for Paradise '08

Paradise 2008 (see related article above) is expected to draw thousands of participants. Terry McIlvain, Director of Youth Evangelism for Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, is serving as coordinator of volunteers for the event. Visit [www.paradise08.com/volunteer](http://www.paradise08.com/volunteer), to find the kinds of volunteers needed and to register as a volunteer. If you have questions contact Terry at 800.984.9092 or [tmcilvain@knksb.org](mailto:tmcilvain@knksb.org).

### Children and Youth Participate in KCKBA Bible Drill Experience

On April 9 at Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church, four children in 4th–6th grade and one youth took part in the annual KCKBA Children and Youth Bible Drill experience. They had to memorize and be able to find (in 8–10 seconds) the books of the Bible, at least 25 scripture verses, plus be able to identify key passages.

If you have questions concerning your children's involvement in Bible Drill, call Marie Clark, 913.599.4455.



*Children's Bible Drillers Steele Steward, Iris Dew, Trisha Xue, and Rikki Li, and Youth Bible Driller Hanna Sims participated in the Associational Bible Drill on April 9. Steele, Iris, Rikki and Hanna represented their church and KCKBA in the Kansas-Nebraska Bible Drills on April 19 at Webster Conference Center.*

## Not-for-Profit Corporation Report Due in June

The Not-for-Profit Corporation Annual Report and fee of \$42 is due for most churches and associations at the Kansas Secretary of State's Office by June 15, 2008 (The deadline is different if your church's fiscal year does not begin in January.). You may complete the form on line at [www.kssos.org](http://www.kssos.org). Click on *Business Filing Center* on the left side of the page and click on *File an Annual Report* in the center of the page.

If a report is not filed annually, the church will forfeit its corporate status. According to legal counsel, the biggest danger is personal liability of each church member when the corporate charter is not in place. If a church's corporate status has lapsed, it may be reinstated by completing additional paperwork and paying charges.

If there is a question about a church's status, you may contact the Secretary of State's office by calling 785.296.4564.

## Softball Leagues Now Forming

The eight-week leagues of eight co-ed and men's teams, will play on Monday nights beginning June 4 at Heritage Park, 169th Street and Pflumm. The \$325 per team league fee is due the first week of May. Coaches for the teams will meet at the KCKBA office on Monday, May 5, at 7:00 PM. Please contact Marie Clark, [mariec@kcbaptist.org](mailto:mariec@kcbaptist.org) or 913.599.4455 to reserve a place for your team.

## Upcoming Events and Celebrations

### May

- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 5 **Softball Coaches Meeting, 7 PM, KCKBA**
- 18 **National VBS Day of Prayer**
- 25 **Paradise '08, LaCygne, Kansas**

### June

- 2 **KCKBA Softball Leagues Begin, Heritage Park, Olathe**
- 9-10 WMU SBC Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 11-12 SBC Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 30-7/4 Super Summer Week 1, WCC

\*WCC=Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kansas

**Mark your  
calendars!**

## **MALT 2008**

***Growing Leaders***

**First Baptist Church of Raytown  
August 25-26, 2008  
[www.kcmalt.info](http://www.kcmalt.info)**

### Birthdays

- 02 Luis Gomez, Hope Hispanic
- 03 Bill Colbert, retired
- 04 Ryan Holt, First Family
- 08 Marie Clark, KCKBA
- 12 Jerry Johnston, First Family
- 13 Derrick Lynch, Blue Valley
- 16 Kevin Hale, Calvary
- 17 John Crawford, Lenexa
- 24 Leonardo Simbaqueva, Leavenworth Hispanic

### Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Christian Newsome, 1st Family, '00
- 01 George Hsu, Emmanuel Chinese, '96
- 01 Steve Roe, Fellowship, '00
- 01 Jay Gaumer, Fellowship, '00
- 01 Darwin Ball, Emmanuel, '05
- 01 Mike Bronson, West Haven, '06
- 01 Lori Andersen, Nall Avenue, '07
- 02 Glynn Robison, Rehm's Park, '04
- 04 Bounmy Sayasone, New Life, '03
- 05 Marie Clark, KCKBA, '82
- 05 Lois Zabel, KCKBA, '03
- 07 Golden Davis, Mt. Olive, '01
- 07 Derrick Lynch, Blue Valley, '07
- 23 John Leonard, Lansing, '04

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