



May 2007

Associational Emphasis Week May 21–27, 2007



The Baptist Association... Then and Now is the theme for the 2007 Associational Emphasis Week. 2007 marks 300 years of service by associations to churches of all sizes and in all locations.

From its beginning in 1707 in Philadelphia to the present day, the Baptist Association has played a key role in the missional efforts of Southern Baptist churches.

Over the past 300 years the Baptist Association has gone through many changes and at times seemed to lose its focus of helping and assisting the churches. However, the Baptist Association has always been and remains today a strong mission partner with churches seeking to make a Kingdom impact in their world.

Today, as in 1707, your local Baptist Association is positioned in one of the most strategic and crucial places where it can resource churches that are focused on their mission and seeking to carry out their unique God-given vision in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the Earth.

Your local Baptist Association—Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association—is in a unique position to reaffirm the primacy of the church and to assist your church as it shares the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and your church.

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Factoid

On October 4, 1953, KCKBA was officially formed as ten churches met at First Baptist Church of Bethel. The original churches were: First Baptist of Westwood; Eudora; Mission Creek; Haven; Berean; Nall Avenue; First Southern of KCK; Hebron; First Baptist of Bethel; and Immanuel Southern.

Around KCKBA

Louisburg Southern Baptist Church, Louisburg, ordained Pastor Steve Rives to the Gospel Ministry on Saturday, April 14. Area pastors were invited to join the congregation at 10:30 AM for the questioning. After a noon meal, the ordination service was held.

Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, will host The Panhandle Singing Men and Southeast Singing Men (divisions of the Singing Men of Texas, BGCT), a group of 35 music ministers from Texas churches on Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 PM. The hour-long concert has all types of music from traditional to contemporary and from hymns to spirituals. Area churches are invited to attend this program. The church is located on the southeast corner of 67th Street and Nall Avenue. Jim Reynolds is pastor.

Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, Director of Youth and Childhood Ministries Jen Abercrombie resigned effective April 15 to accept the position of children's minister at First Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Mo.

Local Missions Service Opportunity Available on May 12

The annual Post Office Food Drive is Saturday, May 12. On this date, Post Office officials ask patrons to set food by their mailboxes to be collected and distributed to various organizations. One of the organizations benefiting from this event is Southern Baptist Ministries (SBM), 2548 South 42nd, Kansas City, Kansas. After the nonperishable items are picked up at the post office, volunteers spend two or three hours sorting the items for placement in the SBM food pantry.

If you or a group from your church are available to assist in this project, please call Dawn Wilder at 913.299.5404. (*note new address!*)

Mission Team Preparation Seminar

On Thursday, May 17th, from 9:00 AM–5:00 PM, the International Mission Board will conduct an area seminar at Fellowship Baptist Church. This seminar will give instruction on preparing mission teams for short-term volunteer projects and introduce such projects as a viable means to missions service. The cost for the seminar is \$10 which includes a light lunch and seminar materials. For additional information, please call Steve Reed at 913.526.3807 or Mike Jones at 913.907.4943. Fellowship Baptist Church is located north of 151st in Olathe at 1325 South Ridgeview.

Bulletin Board

Pianist: Leawood Baptist Church has a position open for a pianist on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. They should be familiar with contemporary and traditional styles. Call Michelle Patton, 913.649.0100.

January 2007 Home Life Magazines are needed by the Kansas City Alliance Raceway Ministries (KCARMS). Please collect the January issues at your church and contact Stuart or Kristia Lantz, 913.788.2241 or kllantz@juno.com. A team member will pick them up at your convenience.



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KCKBA has a total of 54 congregations: 3 house churches, 5 missions, and 46 churches.

National Events

Living Proof Live with Beth Moore

May 11–12, 2007

Qwest Center
Omaha, Nebraska
www.lifeway.com

Click on "events" for registration.

Blume for Girls

July 10–13, 2007

Kansas City, Mo.

Blume is a national missions event for teenage girls and collegiate women. Call the KNCSB Women in Missions & Ministry Department at 800.984.9092 or visit online at www.blumeforgirls.com for more information and to register.

Heartland Festival with Luis Palau

July 14–15, 2007

Qwest Center, Omaha, Neb.
Contact Information: 402.408.6152
heartlandfestival@palau.org

SBC Pre-Registration Available Online

Pre-registration for the 2007 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas is available on the Internet. Churches may register messengers at:

www.sbcannualmeeting.net.

Meeting and hotel information is also available at that website.



The Character Chronicles

**KC Kids Adventure Camp
July 9–13, 2007**

sponsored by
Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association
913.599.4455 www.kckba.org

Remember to mail your reservations for the 2007 KCKBA Children's Camp. The camp is for children who have completed 3rd–6th grade and who will be nine-years old by August 31.

Cost is \$120 per person. **Deposits are due at KCKBA by May 24. The remainder of the registration fee is due by June 26, 2007.**

Registration packets have been mailed to your church office. You may also call the KCKBA office, 913.599.4455, to request a children's camp brochure, or download one at www.kckba.org.

Spring Time Is Bible Drill Time

April brings more than springtime each year in KCKBA—it also brings the annual Children's & Youth Bible Drill. Emmanuel Baptist Church, Overland Park, has consistently had participants in the associational drills for more than 20 years. Nancy Chamberlain is the 2007 head coach.

On April 18 at Emmanuel, four children in 4th–6th grade and two youth took part in the KCKBA drill. 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.

CenterPoint Community Church and Nall Avenue Baptist Church have used the *Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills* curriculum during this school year with several of their children. Though the children did not participate in the formal church and associational drills, they have gained an amazing amount of knowledge in scripture memory and using the Bible. This is accomplished through a variety of fun, kid-friendly activities. If you have questions about how to get your children involved, contact Marie Clark at 913.599.4455.



Southern Baptist Ministries: You Can Help SBM Spring Forward

Southern Baptist Ministries is gearing up for spring and summer ministry. The long winter just past was marked by the upheaval of preparing for and making the move to the new location at the northeast corner of I-635 and Shawnee Drive.

One of the top two current priorities is help with funding. Though SBM receives funding from a few sources for some of the ministries, funds for on-going operational expenses are at a very low level right now. Financial giving opportunities include:

- Operations (utilities, etc.)
- Part Time Client Advocate
- Office Supplies
- Center Rent/Insurance

The second priority is to add some volunteers for Client Services. Volunteers will receive training and can choose to work on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, for a 2-3 hour period. Client Services include:

- Answer Client Phone and Set Appointments
- Client Interviews & Service
- Greeter/Prayer: Host(ess)
- Data Entry

In addition to these priorities, SBM can use volunteers in a variety of other ways. Contact Dawn Wilder, executive director, at 913.299.5404.

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Church VBS Dates Scheduled for 2007

As this newsletter goes to press, the KCKBA office has received the following dates for churches in our association.

June 3–8

- June 3–7 Vista Baptist, Olathe, 6:30–8:30 PM
- June 3–7 Pearl Street Baptist, Paola, 6:30–8:30 PM
- June 4–8 Emmanuel Chinese, Lenexa, Evenings

June 10–15

- June 10–14 CenterPoint Community, Olathe, 6:30–8:45 PM
- June 10–14 Nall Avenue Baptist, Prairie Village, 6:00–9:00 PM
- June 10–14 First Southern Baptist, Kansas City, KS, 6:00–8:30 PM
- June 10–14 Lansing Southern Baptist, Lansing, 6:30–8:45 PM
- June 11–15 First Baptist, Shawnee, 9:30 AM–12:00 NOON
- June 11–15 Haven Baptist, KC, KS, 6:00–9:00 PM (Middle School-College)
- June 11–15 South Leawood Baptist, Leawood, 9:00 AM–11:45 AM
- June 11–15 Blue Valley Baptist, Overland Park, 9:00 AM–12:00 NOON

June 18–23

- June 18–22 Emmanuel Baptist, Overland Park, 9:00 AM–12:00 NOON
- June 18–22 Haven Baptist, KC, KS, 6:00–9:00 PM (PreK–5th Gr.)
- June 18–22 Sharon Baptist, Olathe, 6:15–9:00 PM
- June 18–22 Westside Family, Lenexa, 9:00–11:45 AM; 6:00–8:30 PM

June 25–29

- June 25–29 Lenexa Baptist, Lenexa, 8:45 AM–12:00 NOON
- June 25–29 Westside Family Speedway Venue, 9–11:45 AM
- June 25–29 Southside Southern Baptist, Spring Hill, 6:00 PM–9:00 PM

July 8–13

- July 8–12 Grace Baptist Church, Gardner, 6:30–8:45 PM
- July 9–13 West Haven Baptist, Tonganoxie, 8:45 AM–12:00 NOON

July 15–20

- July 15–19 83rd Street Baptist, Kansas City, KS, 9:00 AM–12:00 NOON
- July 15–20 Mission Creek Baptist, Edwardsville, 6:00–8:30 PM
- July 15–19 Osawatomie Southern Baptist, Osawatomie, 6:00–9:00 PM
- July 16–20 Leawood Baptist, Leawood, 9:00 AM–12:00 NOON

July 23–27

- July 23–27 Leavenworth Baptist, Leavenworth, 6:00 PM–8:30 PM
- July 25–27 Chalet Manor Apartments, KCK (Haven & SBM), 6:00–8:00 PM

If your church VBS date is missing, please call or e-mail the information to Marie Clark, mariec@kcbaptist.org or 913.599.4455, so we may include it in the June issue.

Softball Leagues Now Forming

The eight-week league of eight co-ed and men's teams, will play on Monday nights beginning June 4 at Heritage Park, 169th Street and Pflumn. 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 7, at 7:00 PM. Please contact Marie Clark, 913.599.4455 or mariec@kcbaptist.org to reserve a place for your team.



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National Day of Prayer for VBS to Be Observed in May

Join other 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 on Sunday, May 20, in corporate prayer for all VBSs around the world, including your own!

Here are some other prayer strategies for VBS.

- Print a 31-day VBS prayer calendar with a different prayer request for each day. (See CD-Rom in the *Game Day Central* Administrative Guide for Directors.)
- Distribute prayer reminders to members at the close of a worship service.
- Designate a "Prayer Room" during VBS. Decorate it with the VBS theme; provide prayer suggestions as well as postcards for those who wish to send/give a prayer card to a VBS worker.
- Ask church members to "adopt" a specific VBS worker to pray for the week before and during VBS.

Guest Article:

The 'Age Wave' Has Arrived

Author Ken Dychtwald popularized the term "Age Wave" to describe the growing senior adult population in the United States. The Age Wave is driven by the aging of the Baby Boom generation. This generation of 78 million individuals born between 1945 and 1964 has altered the behavior patterns of every age group they have passed through, and it is expected they will have a dynamic impact on the way senior years are lived.

January 1, 2005, the first Baby Boomers celebrated their 60th birthday, the generally recognized entrance age of senior adulthood. Every day for the next twenty years 10,000 boomers turn age sixty and enter the senior adult stage of life.

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This major demographic change will have a profound effect upon local church ministry. It is projected that by 2020 the typical Baptist church will experience in their ministry area a 74% increase in the over-55-years-of-age population, while only seeing a 1% increase in the under-55-years-of-age population. Following are some changes churches will need to make due to this Age Wave.

1. **Outreach to and by senior adults must become a priority.** Only 38% of emerging seniors attend church regularly while 40% claim no religious faith or church affiliation.
2. Each congregation will need to **increase the number and types of senior adult ministry activities.** Just one senior adult program will not fit every senior's needs.
3. Each congregation will need to **provide challenging ministry/mission opportunities.** Emerging senior adults desire to use their remaining years to make a difference in society.
4. **Educational programming** will need to include courses dealing with the spiritual, emotional and physical challenges of aging.
5. Homebound, caregiver respite and nursing home **ministries will need to be enlarged.**
6. **Church buildings** will have to be built or remodeled **to be senior adult accessible and friendly**, such as ramps, elevators, better lighting, handicap accessible restrooms, larger print directional signs, and wider halls and doorways.

The front edge of the Age Wave has arrived—how is your church responding to it?

Frank Fain is the senior adult specialist for The Baptist Home, Ironton, Mo. Contact him at ffain@thebaptisthome.org.

Not-for-Profit Corporation Report

Due June 15, 2007

Becky Holt, Financial Services
KS-NE Convention of
Southern Baptists

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, 2007 (The deadline is different if your church's fiscal year does not begin in January.). The form may be completed on line at <http://www.accesskansas.org/ssrv-annual-reports/index.do>.

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 filling out additional paperwork and paying additional 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.



Factoid:

Long-tenured Directors of Missions Paul Elledge (13 years), James Griffin (12 years) and Don Reed (16 years) have contributed to a strong foundation for associational work in KCKBA. On January 1, 2005, Donnie Simpson became the sixth director of missions.



Factoid:

Donnie Simpson, director of missions, has challenged KCKBA churches to baptize at least 1000 people in 2007.

May

- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 5 **Kaleidoscope Mission Day Camp, Vista**
- 7 **Softball Coaches Meeting, 7 PM, KCKBA**
- 14-15 **Church Planting Vision Tour**
- 21 National VBS Day of Prayer

June

- 4 **KCKBA Softball Leagues Begin, Heritage Park, Olathe**
- 8-9 Fishing Tournament, TBA
- 10-11 WMU SBC Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- 12-13 SBC Convention, San Antonio, Texas
- 14-24 College World Series Ministry, Omaha, Nebraska
- 25-29 Super Summer, WCC

**WCC=Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kansas*



MALT 2007

Growing Leaders

**First Baptist Church of Raytown
August 27-28, 2007
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
- 16 Kevin Hale, Calvary
- 17 John Crawford, Lenexa
- 19 Nancy Baker, Westside Family
- 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
- 02 Glynn Robison, Rehm's Park, '04
- 04 Bounmy Sayasone, New Life, '03
- 05 Marie Clark, KCKBA, '82
- 05 Lois Zabel, KCKBA, '03
- 23 John Leonard, Lansing, '04



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