



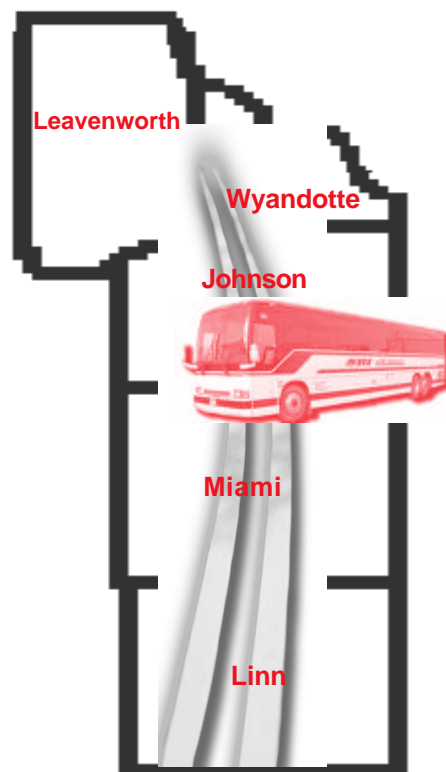
October 2007

KCKBA Annual Meeting Scheduled for October 23

The annual meeting of the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 PM, at Fellowship Baptist Church. The theme, *On Tour*, will give attendees an overview of ministry occurring in and through the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association.

The evening will include worship, reports and recommendations, and highlights of ministry within KCKBA and beyond. Fellowship Baptist Church is located at 1325 South Ridgeview, Olathe, Kansas, about .5 mile north of 151st Street.

(Editor's Note: In order for your church's statistics to be listed in the Book of Reports, please be sure that all of your Annual Church Profile information is entered on line no later than October 5.)



SBM to Host Regional Training

On Saturday, October 27, from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, there will be a regional training event for multihousing ministries at Southern Baptist Ministries, 2548 S. 42nd Street, Kansas City, Kansas.* This conference is for current and potential multihousing ministry leaders and others who are interested in beginning such ministries. The cost is \$25.00 (conference, lunch, and snacks included). Reservations must be made by Monday, October 23 to Dawn Wilder at 913.620.5777 or dawnw@kcbaptist.org.

*Directions: From I-635 exit east on Shawnee Drive to 42nd Street (one block). Turn left. The Master's Community Church is the second property on left. Enter on the Lower Level, South End Entrance to SBM.

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10 Ways Your Church May Be Involved in Church Planting

(continued from last month's newsletter)

- 9. Sending People and Families to Help:** Encourage members to prayerfully consider serving with a new church for indefinite or fixed time periods. Children, youth, and music leaders can seed new churches with experienced leadership, while influencing the development of new leaders. As churches release their people for church planting, they demonstrate confidence in God's plan to provide for all of their leadership needs.
- 10. Mentoring Church Planting Leaders:** Pastors can expand their influence by mentoring other church planters in pastoral, leadership, and preaching skills. Staff and program leaders can reproduce themselves by sharing their insights with members of the church planting team.

Editor's Note: See past issues of this newsletter on line at kckba.org for additional ways to be involved in church planting.

The 2008 Church Planning Calendars, with association, state, and national SBC events included, are available for you at KCKBA. Stop by KCKBA to pick one up before your next planning meeting.

Around KCKBA

Parkway Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas, ordained John Ross as deacon on June 10, 2007 (See photo on right.). Tom Douglas is pastor.

Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church, Lenexa, is beginning a new mission point in south Kansas City on October 20. About 20 of their members will form the corp group. Pastor George Hsu and congregation would appreciate your prayers for this outreach.

South Leawood Baptist Church, Leawood

has leased office space at 14872 Metcalf. The space will also provide for smaller group meetings such as youth group, women's Bible studies, and committees. The church currently meets in Prairie Star Middle School for Sunday services. Bryan Fellers is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Shawnee, youth participated several Saturdays this summer in a ministry project at the Farmer's Market in nearby downtown Shawnee. The youth handed out snowcones, cold water and helped carry produce purchases for the customers. On August 29, the church hosted "An Evening with Hank Hanegraaff." Bob Mills is interim pastor.

Westside Family Church, Shawnee, has called Dan Chaverin as Executive Pastor. He began service on September 6. He and his wife have four children and are moving here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

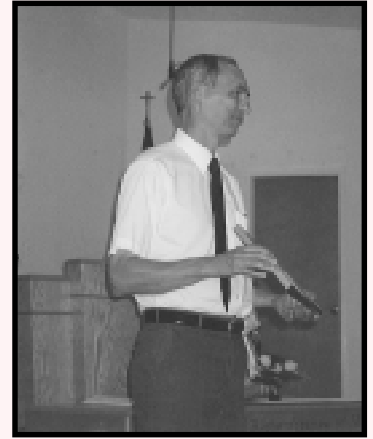


Emmanuel Baptist Church, Overland Park, is now enrolling piano students for the 2007-08 year in their **School of Music**. Lessons are available for all ages and performance levels. Contact Kenny Gamble at 913.649.0900 for more information.

Orphan Ministry to Begin in Shawnee

"There are currently over 143 million orphans in the world. Most have no hope for adoption, but God has a plan. We know His people are commanded to care. There are many ways to make a difference." These words were written by Dennis and Terri Hitt, members of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, who are providing leadership for the church to begin an Orphan Ministry.

The Hitts are still exploring the specific direction for this new ministry. They have proposed working with various adoption agencies for orphans and/or orphanage sponsorship, prayer, adoptions, etc., and also with children's advocate groups such as Kansas Children's Service League. "We are also interested in foster child mentoring and support groups with speakers to educate for people who are adopting or have adopted, and people fostering children." If anyone is interested in getting assistance in starting a ministry at their church, please contact them at tmhitt60@hotmail.com or dennis_hitt@yahoo.com.



KCKBA Missions Team Plans Trip to Guatemala in 2008

On January 18–27, 2008, when the snow is blowing and the temperature is cold, why not join the 35 Baptist churches in Guatemala on a short-term mission trip? The weather will be warm, the fellowship with Guatemala Baptists will be sweet, and the mission of seeing others come to Christ will bring glory to God. If you have an interest in this mission trip, you are encouraged to attend an informational meeting at 7:00 PM on September 18 at the KCKBA offices. For more information, call the KCKBA office, 913.599.4455 or Scott Mayse at 913.352.6577 or 913.731.0539.

Ministry Opportunity Available for Single Adults at Webster Conference Center

A.W.O.L. (A Work of Love) is a mission project sponsored twice a year by the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists' family ministries department. It is designed as a ministry experience for single adults. During the day, manual labor is performed at Webster Conference Center (WCC), followed by worship and fellowship in the evening. Lodging and meals are provided by WCC, but there is a \$20 registration fee to help with other expenses of the weekend. October 13–15 is the time to go A.W.O.L. this fall! For more information or to register, contact Jana Gifford, 800.984.9092 or jgifford@knscsb.org.



Minister and Spouse Christmas Gathering Scheduled for December 8, 2007

All pastors and church staff members, along with their spouses, are invited to a Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 8, from 2:00–5:00 PM at the home of Donnie and Dava Simpson.

Donnie Simpson, executive director of KCKBA, said, "The work of the churches and the association is strengthened through relationships." The come-and-go Open House, allowing for informal fellowship, replaces the Minister and Spouse Christmas Dinner held in previous years.

FamilyFEST

July 21–25, 2008
Kansas City Area

FamilyFest volunteers will *Live the Call* this week in July through one or more of the following missions experiences: sports camps, prayerwalking, tutoring, servant ministries, light construction and repairs, multi-housing ministries, etc. Would your church provide one of the ministries points? Contact KCKBA office, 913.599.4455 ASAP.

Give of Yourself at Christmas

Southern Baptist Ministries serves as a collection and distribution center for many Christmas projects such as those listed below. All gift and food items need to be delivered to Southern Baptist Ministries **before December 14, 2007**. Call 913.299.5404 to schedule a date and time for delivery of donations.

Host a Christmas Activity. Groups are needed to host Christmas activities at sites in low-income, multi-housing properties and senior adult high-rises.

Donate Items for Goodie Bags. Cookies, candy, packets of cocoa and apple cider are packaged with a gospel tract. Wrapped boxes filled with similar items, along with such personal items as warm, fuzzy socks or slippers, mittens, individual tissue packets, and inspirational books also make great gifts.

Donate Items for a Christmas Meal. Each meal should be packed in a separate bag and should include: 1 box of stuffing, 1 box of instant potatoes, 2 cans of sweet potatoes, 1 can of cranberries, 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of green beans, 1 box of muffin/bread mix, 2 cans of pie filling, and 2 boxes of dry pie crust mix.

Donate Financially for Inmate Gift Boxes. \$10 will provide a gift box for a Lansing Prison inmate. Make checks payable to KCKBA, 8745 Ballentine, Suite A, Overland Park, Kansas 66214, and mail **before December 1**. Please note "inmate boxes" in the memo line of your check. Volunteers available to pack boxes should contact Mary Jo Robertson, 913.287.7031.

Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association

Proposed 2008 Calendar

Bold=Kansas City area events
WCC=Webster Conference Center, Salina

January

18-19 Worship Ldr/Family Retreat, WCC

February

11-17 WMU Focus Week

29-3/1 Tapestry (Women's Missions/Ministry), Topeka

March

2-9 North American Missions Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong offering

7-8 KNCSB Youth Worship Arts Camp, WCC

8 KNCSB VBS Jumpstart, Salina

12-14 Missionary/Staff Ldrshp Team Mtg.

23 Easter

April

1 Minister of Ed. Conf., Topeka

3-4 KNCSB Ex. Comm/Board Meeting, Topeka

4-5 S.T.E.P.S., WCC

4-5 Heart of the Child Regional Convention, FBC Broken Arrow, OK

11-12 Mission Challenge Weekend, WCC

9 KCKBA Bible Drill, 7:00 PM

15 KCKBA Executive Brd. Mtg., 7 PM

18-20 A.W.O.L. (Single Adult Spring Missions Project), WCC

19 KNCSB Children/Youth Bible Drill & Speaker's Tournament, WCC

19 KCKBA VBS Clinic, 9:30 AM

22 KCKBA VBS Clinic, 7 PM (repeat)

May

1 National Day of Prayer

5 Softball Coaches Meeting, 7 PM

18 Day of Prayer for VBS

29-31 KNCSB Eagle Retreat, Ministry Kids, Gr. 7-12

June

10-11 Southern Baptist Convention, Indianapolis, IN

30-7/4 Super Summer Week 1, WCC

July

7-11 Super Summer Week 2, WCC

7-11 KCKids Camp, New Hope Camp

14-18 Super Summer Week 3, WCC

21-25 Missions FamilyFest, Kansas City

21-25 Super Summer Week 4, WCC

28-8/1 Super Summer Week 5, WCC

August

4-8 Super Summer Week 6, WCC

23 KNCSB Baptist Men's Softball Tournament

25-26 MALT (Metro Area Leadership Training), FBC, Raytown

September

2-3 KNCSB Missionary/Staff Leadership Team, Topeka

4-5 KNCSB Executive Committee and Board Meeting, Topeka

12-13 Wonderful Weekend for Women, WCC

21-28 Viola Webb State Missions Week of Prayer

24 See You at the Pole (Local Schools)

26-27 KNCSB Library Conference, WCC

27 KNCSB Baptist Men's Golf Tourn., Topeka

October

3-4 Mother-Daughter Retreat, Gr. 1-3, WCC

3-4 GA Retreat, Gr. 4-6, WCC

10-12 A.W.O.L. (Single Adult Fall Missions Project), WCC

13 WMU Annual Missions

Celebration, Westside Family

13-14 KNCSB Annual Meeting, Westside Family, Lenexa

17-18 Men's Celebration Retreat, WCC

20 KCKBA Annual Meeting, West Haven, Tonganoxie, 7 PM

November

3 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

7-8 Strength for the Task Conference, WCC

14-15 S.H.I.N.E. for (Teen) Girls, WCC

21-22 Mission Ed Training for Men/Boys Leaders, TBA

December

11/30-12/7 International Missions Week of Prayer & Lottie Moon Offering

8 KCKBA Minister/Spouse Christmas Open House

31-31 In DEPTH. Youth Conference, TBA



...to Marie and Bob Clark on the recent homegoing of Marie's father Dr. Tom Gambrell on September 4. Marie is the

KCKBA director of church ministries and Bob is the minister of education at Nall Avenue Baptist Church. Both inherit a legacy from Dr. Tom who was also a Christian educator, serving on church staffs as the minister of education and music, shaping the lives of young ministers as a professor of religious education and Dean of Students at Oauchita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and as a store manager of Baptist Book Stores in Mississippi and Georgia. Early in his career, he served as a chaplain's assistant in the U.S. Army. He is preceded in death by Marie's mother, Alpha Marie Gambrell.

Thank you ...

... to the many KCKBA churches and members for the prayers and expressions of concern following my dad's stroke and then at his death; and,

... to the KCKBA staff for the flowers sent for the funeral of my father, Dr. Tom Gambrell.

It is a joy—and comfort—to be a part of the Christian fellowship here in our association.

—Marie Clark

Church Leaders Turn Out for MALT

On August 27–28, church leaders from across the metro area and beyond experienced the benefits of quality training during M.A.L.T. (Metro Area Leadership Training). This training event drew 440 people from 63 churches.

During the four sessions, those attending were able to choose from over 50 topics. The elective conferences allowed individuals to customize their training experience to best meet their interests and needs. A popular new feature this year was the senior adult rally on Tuesday afternoon.



The MALT planning team will soon begin preparation for MALT 2008 to be held August 25–26, 2008, at First Baptist Church of Raytown. This annual event is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Associations in the Kansas City area: Blue River-Kansas City, Clay-Platte, and Kansas City Kansas Baptist Associations.

2008 VBS Themes Announced

Churches will have two choices for Vacation Bible School curriculum again in 2008. The themes, recently announced, continue the LifeWay VBS tradition of a strong evangelistic emphasis. KCKBA will offer training opportunities for church leaders during the month of April.

Outrigger Island: *Living God's Unshakeable Truth*

Surf's up, so grab your surfboard and head for the waves! During VBS 2008, Kids will know, speak, and live God's truth ... aloha style. Based on Psalm 86:11, Outrigger Island is more than a tropical paradise. It is the place where kids will develop the stability they need to face a world of shifting sands and wavering opinions.



Club VBS: *Cactus Canyon*

Lasso a way-out-west Vacation Bible School adventure. As kids gather round the campfire in Cactus Canyon, they'll hear all about the good news in John 3:16 and learn ways they can tell everyone they know about Jesus. It's sure to be a howling good time for VBS, day camps, mission trips, spring and fall breaks – anytime you've got a group of young and eager partners on the ranch.



Events Scheduled Around Kansas City

First Baptist Church of Raytown will host a two-day **Extraordinary Women** conference, Friday and Saturday, October 26–27. This conference is designed to encourage women's hearts and help draw them closer to the heart of God. *Beautiful in His Eyes* is the theme this year. The pre-registration cost is \$50/person or \$69 at the door. For more information and to register, visit www.ewomen.net or call 800.526.8673.

The National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families will sponsor a one-day **Men's Conference** coming to Kansas City on October 13 from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. The theme is *Iron Sharpens Iron*. It will be held at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall, Kansas City, Missouri. The cost is \$55 per person. Go to www.ironsharpensiron.net for registration and information.

Sharon Baptist Church will host the simulcast **Thrive! Reaching Higher, Experiencing Life at a Higher Level** conference for women on November 3, 2007. Gary Smalley will be a featured speaker. The church is located at 13020 South Black Bob Road, Olathe. To order tickets, please call 913.829.2111.

Please contact KCKBA if your church is planning a special event or workshop that is open to other churches in the association. As space allows, it will be added to the website and newsletter. The newsletter deadline is the 10th of the previous month.

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 01 Rose White, retired
- 07 Dick Dearwester, Westside Family Church, Lenexa
- 08 Les Barker, retired
- 11 Don Flack, Grace Baptist Church, Gardner
- 20 Mike Bronson, West Haven Baptist Church, Tonganoxie
- 25 Ron McInay, The Master's Community Church, Kansas City, Kansas
- 27 Bill Means, retired

Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Mike McKinney, Leawood Baptist Church, 1988
- 01 Michelle Patton, Leawood Baptist Church, 2004
- 01 Troy Kennedy, Westside Family Church, 2005
- 05 Bucky Hitchcock, First Southern Baptist Church of Overland Park, 2003
- 21 Bob Clark, Nall Avenue Baptist Church, 1980

Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists
Annual Meeting
October 15–16, 2007
Bellevue, Nebraska

Calendar of Events

October

- 5–9 Mother/Daughter Retreat, WCC
- 5–6 GA Retreat, WCC
- 12–14 A.W.O.L. (Single Adult Missions Project), WCC
- 15 KNCSB WMU Annual Missions Celebration, West Bellevue Baptist Church, NE
- 15–16 KNCSB Annual Meeting, West Bellevue Baptist Church, NE
- 19–20 Men's Celebration Retreat, WCC
- 23 KCKBA Annual Meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, Olathe, Kansas, 7:00 PM

November

- 2–4 Strength for the Task Conference, WCC
- 5 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 9–10 S.H.I.N.E., WCC
- 17 Missions Education Training for Men and Boys' Leaders, TBA
- 19–20 College Ministers Retreat, WCC

*WCC=Webster Conference Center



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