



September 2008

Short-term Volunteer Missionaries Serve in the Kansas City Area

July 21–25, 2008 was an amazing week for KCKBA churches! Nearly 150 volunteers from all over the United States were serving with eleven of our churches in the *FamilyFest* Mission Week. They painted, handed out flyers, did survey work, served in servant evangelism projects, completed light construction projects, served as VBS and Back Yard Bible Club workers, etc. KCKBA was blessed to have them come and minister to the churches here and in the communities alongside the



Donnie Simpson welcomed *FamilyFest* volunteers to Kansas City at the orientation churches. The very essence of who we are as Southern Baptists was highlighted as we saw the cooperation and partnership of churches on mission together for the Kingdom.

Thank you for your prayers for *FamilyFest* over the last year as we were preparing. We saw evidence of God at work all week long.



At the close of orientation, local pastors and leaders had prayer time with the volunteers who would be serving in their churches.



Leavenworth Baptist Church utilized the volunteers during Vacation Bible School.



Home baked cookies were another tool used in "reaching out" to communities during *FamilyFest*.



FamilyFest participants gave free car washes to neighbors of West Haven Baptist Church.



Shelby Cooke and her dad Brian from Osawatomie Church helped paint Immanuel Baptist Church in KCMO.



Short-term volunteer *FamilyFest* missionaries helped with VBS decorations at Metropolitan Baptist Church.



Participants did maintenance and hauled off trash at the home of a senior citizen.

The 2009 Church Planning Calendars, with association, state, and national SBC events included, are available for you at KCKBA. Call and order yours today.

KCKBA Mission Trip Managua, Nicaragua

February 20–March 1, 2009

People interested in participating in the KCKBA mission trip to Nicaragua are encouraged to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 PM at KCKBA. For more information, call Volunteer Missions Coordinator Scott Mayse, 913.731.0539.

Softball Season Ends

Fourteen teams participated in the Men's and Mixed Softball Leagues this year. South Leawood (7-1) defeated Emmanuel (7-1) on June 23, making them the Men's League champions. Because Blue Valley (7-1) beat Lenexa (7-1) on July 7, they became the Mixed League champs. Congratulations teams!



Sympathy is extended to Jan Jeffers and family on the death of her husband Dr. Steve

Jeffers. Steve was killed in an automobile accident on August 14. He was a former pastor of North Overland Park Baptist Church and an adjunct professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. At the time of his death, he was serving as chaplain and Director of Spirituality in Health at Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

Around KCKBA

Westside Family Church, Lenexa, called Dan Sutherland with a 96% affirmation as the Lead Teaching Pastor on July 27 to begin full-time in mid-August. He previously served as Pastor-Teacher at Flamingo Road Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and at Next Level Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. For the past five years he has served as a part-time visiting Teaching Pastor at Westside Family Church.

Lenexa Baptist, Lenexa, CORRECTION: The last newsletter reported that Lenexa Baptist singles pastor John Crawford had resigned to accept a position in another state. We are happy to report that John and his wife are not leaving and will continue ministering at Lenexa Baptist.

Southside Baptist Church, Spring Hill, said good-bye to Pastor Robb Hand and his wife Erlinda on August 3. The congregation is currently using the consultation services of KCKBA in preparing their search for a pastor.

Blue Valley Baptist Church, Overland Park, will celebrate her 30th anniversary September 20–21. Activities begin on Saturday with a Ladies' Brunch and Men's Golf Tournament and culminate on Sunday with a reunion breakfast and Celebration Service at Blue Valley Northwest High School.

Marie Clark Announces Retirement Plans

On August 4, 2008, Marie Clark submitted the following letter to KCKBA Director of Missions Donnie Simpson and the Administrative Work Group announcing her plans for retirement in 2008.

Dear Donnie,

With this letter I am announcing my retirement from KCKBA as Church Services Director to be effective December 31, 2008. I will be retiring after 26½ wonderful years of ministry here.

I will continue in my part-time position with KNCSB as Bible Teaching & Discipling Team Leader. That means I will still be available to KCKBA churches for assistance in the Sunday School/Discipleship area as part of my state work.

Though I look forward to sharing the time of retirement with my husband, Bob, it is also a time of sadness leaving the ministry and people of KCKBA. God has blessed me through you, the staff, and allowing me to serve in the area of my passion and enjoyment.

*Sincerely,
Marie Clark*



A time of special recognition is being planned for Marie at the KCKBA annual meeting. Plan now to attend this meeting and let Marie know how much you have appreciated her service to this association. Cards and letters may be mailed in advance to: KCKBA, ATTN: Lois Zabel, 8745 Ballentine, Suite A, Overland Park, Kansas 66214, or e-mailed to loisz@kcbaptist.org.

KCKBA Mid-Year Report of Church Giving

**This report shows contributions made during the first six months of each year.*

Contributions made during the last six months of 2007 are not reflected in this report.

	Jan - Jun 08	Jan - Jun 07
47th Street Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
83rd Street Bapt. Church	1,359.61	1,288.55
Bethesda Missionary	0.00	0.00
Blue Valley	7,500.00	6,250.00
Bykota	654.55	524.28
Calvary Southern, Gardner	855.00	837.07
Calvary, Lenexa	1,067.12	1,406.03
Daybreak Comm. Church	0.00	137.84
Dynamic Life Baptist Ministries	0.00	0.00
Edgerton	0.00	1,002.31
Emmanuel	3,000.00	2,500.00
Emmanuel Chinese	0.00	0.00
Emmanuel International Community	240.00	0.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Olathe	2,593.44	3,843.95
First Baptist Church of Shawnee	572.00	680.00
First Baptist of Bethel	0.00	0.00
First Family Church	0.00	1,000.00
First Hmong	0.00	868.46
First Korean	0.00	0.00
First So., KCK	798.87	772.04
First So., OP	5,825.58	5,026.48
Grace Baptist Church	2,921.47	2,557.90
Grace Fellowship Church	359.02	507.15
Haven	2,248.14	2,030.70
Iglesia Bautista La Esperanza	338.60	176.65
International Community Church	0.00	240.00
IronHorse Community Fellowship	460.00	300.00
Lansing	4,802.99	1,901.72
Leavenworth	1,132.93	812.77
Leawood	1,821.15	1,708.93
Lenexa	6,000.00	6,000.00
Louisburg	819.54	1,029.58
Metropolitan	839.02	798.94
Mission Creek	500.79	1,003.41
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Nall Avenue	8,955.94	8,593.44
New Beginnings	25.00	0.00
New Hope	0.00	257.16
New Life	250.00	250.00
New Light Bethel	0.00	0.00
No. Overland Park	137.50	165.00
Osawatomie	756.99	619.98
Parkway	3,029.68	1,199.86
Pearl Street	4,618.98	5,476.80
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Rehm's Park	0.00	854.47
Sharon	1,250.00	750.00
South Leawood Bapt. Church	4,928.60	4,142.38
Southside Bapt. Church	0.00	0.00
The Master's Community Church	1,050.00	210.00
Vista	1,989.38	2,799.30
Welborn	1,132.45	1,362.16
West Haven	2,500.00	2,500.00
Westside Family Church	13,750.02	11,458.35
TOTAL	91,084.36	85,843.66

Statistics are Valuable

Your church's Annual Church Profile (ACP) is an invaluable tool for measuring patterns and trends in your ministry. A careful study of past years' statistics can help identify trends and needs that otherwise often go overlooked. To access this data, however, your church must compile and report it each year.

If you haven't already completed your ACP, please try to complete it as soon as possible. Don't hesitate to call if you need assistance or would like Lois to enter your data for you. Please return your church history information sheets by September 12. The KCKBA staff is here to assist you, please call 913.599.4455 for additional help.

Save this date!

KCKBA

Annual Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2008
7:00 PM

West Haven Baptist Church
1000 West Street
Tonganoxie, Kansas

State Convention Comes to Our Area

The Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists will hold its annual meeting in Lenexa, Kansas this year. The meeting will be October 13-14 at Westside Family Church. Mark your calendar and plan to take advantage of this local opportunity to participate in the business of Baptists in this two-state convention.

Viola Webb State Missions Offering Used for Evangelism

Each year an offering is taken for missions work in the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists. The Viola Webb Missions offering is named after one of the pioneers in Southern Baptist work in this area. The funds from this are used to support a number of ministry evangelism projects.

Fifty percent of the offerings are returned directly to the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association for distribution to various ministries. The remaining fifty percent is used to support ministries throughout the convention, including some of the KCKBA ministries. This enables the Convention and the Association to reach areas of Kansas and Nebraska that may not have the resources to spread the gospel in their community.

The Viola Webb Missions Offering is an important part of the strategy to increase the Kingdom of God. The annual emphasis and week of prayer for state and associational missions is September 21–28, 2008. However, gifts are received year-round. Please give generously through your church.

“Double-Digit Sunday School” Seminar Premiers in Salina

The first national *Leading the Double-Digit Sunday School* seminar will be rolled out in Salina. A “double-digit Sunday School” is easily defined: A Sunday School with an average attendance of 99 or less.

The one-day event will be held Saturday, November 1, 2008, at Webster Conference Center. The \$15 registration fee includes a seminar notebook, 2 books, and lunch.

The seminar will customize Sunday School basics for double-digit churches. The intent is to make it “hands on” and practical for those leaders in attendance. Dean Abernathy of LifeWay Christian Resources said, “I would rather conferees walk away understanding and prepared to implement a few basic Sunday School principles than for us to “dump” a bunch of stuff on them that they don’t value and see as meaningful in their church situation.”

This event is jointly sponsored by LifeWay Christian Resources and the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists. The primary leaders are Dean Abernathy, LifeWay, and Marie Clark, KNCSB. To register contact Barbara Spicer, 1-800-984-9092, or complete the registration form found on the website, www.kncsb.org.

Executive Board Meeting Notice

The KCKBA Executive Board Meeting scheduled for September has been cancelled. This fall meeting is scheduled as a contingency each year if needed. There are no pending business items that must be handled prior to the annual meeting this year.



The Vision of Acts 1:8

Wonderful Weekend for Women

September 12–13
Webster Conference Center
Salina, Kansas
Diane Nix, Keynote Speaker

For more information, visit
www.kncsb.org/ministry/women

See you at the Pole September 24, 2008

It’s tough being a Christian student today. They are forced to make a lot of choices about who they are and who they are not. They have a lot of dividing lines drawn for them. The lines are invisible, but students see them clearly every day.

See You at the Pole (syatp.com) is not about groups, grades, clothes, or churches. It is about praying. It is about all Christian students coming together and laying aside all the labels for one day, simply to call out to God, “Lord, may we be one in you—whether jocks, preps, geeks, Pentecostals, Baptists, Catholics, freshmen, or seniors—may the world believe that You are real and have sent us to touch others through You, regardless of the dividing lines drawn by a broken world!”

Students, join your generation of faith on Wednesday, September 26, at 7:00 AM. GATHER at your school flagpole, UNITE in the name of the One Who died to save you, and PRAY for your school, friends, and families. COME TOGETHER, just as Jesus prayed we would.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE!

Arkansas Mission Team Ministers at New Church Plant

DeSoto Community Church, a new church plant in DeSoto led by Pastor Matt Maestas, was recently joined in ministry by fifteen members of a youth group from Southside Community Church in Paragould, Arkansas. The mission trip was the direct result of last year's Vision Tour in KCKBA. Pat Graham, Mission Pastor at Southside, participated in the Vision Tour and as a result recognized the great need for a new church in DeSoto. The team spent the majority of the week putting a new roof on the building of DeSoto Youth Ministry. DYM has graciously offered the use of their facility to the new church plant.



Another KCKBA Church Planting Vision Tour is being planned for the spring of 2009. Details will be printed in the KCKBA Connections and on line when they become available. In the meantime, pray about being a part of the next Vision Tour and see how and where God may use you in the planting of new churches in the Kansas City area.



Monetary Donations Needed for Inmate Christmas Gift Boxes

It's time to think about Christmas! Your contributions each year help to minister to over 200 Lansing Prison inmates. Once again, churches, individuals, Sunday School classes, WMU groups, etc., are being encouraged to contribute at least \$10 toward the cost of each Christmas box. Due to prison regulations, the items must be purchased in bulk to be distributed among the boxes. Your monetary contributions are needed.

Please make checks payable to KCKBA and mail **before** December 1 to: KCKBA, 8745 Ballentine, Suite A, Overland Park, Kansas 66214. Write "Inmate Boxes" in the memo line of your check. Volunteers who are available to pack the inmate boxes should call Mary Jo Robertson, 913.287.7031.



Back2SkoolBash

September 13, 2008

6:30–11:00 PM

Rock Stadium

Wallace Park

Paola, Kansas

FREE!

For Youth

Grades 6–12

Guest Musicians
Decemberadio

Guest speakers
Mad Dog & Englishman
*a comedy duo sharing the gospel
in a fun and unique way*

*Counselors and financial contributions are still needed. Contact
Racquel Harrison, 913.522.9172 or
Jennifer Ferguson, 913.636.3203.*

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From Empowering Kids Organization

Emmanuel Baptist Church

10100 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, Kansas

October 17–18, 2008

Cost: \$59/person

Register at www.liquidleadership.tv

Celebrations

September Birthdays

- 01 Cole Cochran, Vista Baptist Church
- 02 Charles Nichols, retired
- 06 Steve Rives, Louisburg Southern Baptist Church
- 08 Brad Olnhansen, Lenexa Baptist Church
- 10 Larry Rutledge, Westside Family Church
- 19 Dan Geldart, Valley Fellowship Church
- 19 Bryan Fellers, Valley Fellowship Church
- 25 Todd Chipman, The Master's Community Church
- 26 Brian Richardson, Lenexa Baptist Church
- 27 Brad Brisco, KCKBA
- 27 Bob Hartmann, First Baptist Church of Shawnee
- 29 Bob Clark, Nall Avenue Baptist Church

September Ministry Anniversaries

- 06 Dan Chaverin, Westside Family Church, 2007
- 18 John Bower, 83rd Street Baptist Church, 2005
- 22 Jerry Johnston, First Family, 1996
- 22 Mark Scribner, West Haven, 2002

KCKBA Church Bulletin Board

West Haven Baptist, Tonganoxie has 113 Baptist Hymnals (gray) and a Thomas "The Symphony" Organ to pass along to someone. Contact Mark Scribner at 913.369.9422 or mark@westhavenbaptist.org.

Nall Avenue Baptist Church is having a Child Care Center closing sale in the Christian Life Center (east side of building) on Saturday, September 6, 2008, from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Items include cribs, crib sheets, books, movies, Christmas trees, crafts, etc. For more information, contact Lori Andersen at 913.638.3578.

First Southern Baptist Church of Overland Park has approximately 90 of the 1991 Blue Baptist Hymnals available to any church who could use them. Please call 913.381.0467.

Calendar of Events

September

- 12-13** Wonderful Weekend for Women, WCC, Salina
- 13** Back2SkoolBash, Paola
- 19-21** KNCSB Campus Ministry, Fall Retreat, WCC
- 21-28** Viola Webb State Missions Week of Prayer
- 24** See You at the Pole (Local Schools)
- 26-27** KNCSB Library Conference, WCC, Salina
- 27** Baptist Men's Golf Tournament, Topeka

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

KCKBA has several items to give away such as videos/ DVDs, music, offering plates, table cloths, etc. Stop by KCKBA to pick up the item(s) you want. The last day for this give away is September 28. (If needed, call to set up a weekend appointment with Carolyn, 913.599.4455.)



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