



KCKBA

Connections

April 2011

Do You Hear the Call?

In Acts 8:26–40, an angel of the Lord came to Philip and gave him the instructions from God to *arise and go*.

We often feel the touch of God as He works in our lives calling us to share the gospel. We may not get a personal visit from an angel as Philip did, but God speaks

in many ways calling us to witness. Notice Philip's response—*he arose and went*.

God had chosen for Philip the destination of a desert as the Divine appointment with the Ethiopian eunuch. It was a prearranged witnessing point that would have been missed if Philip had not responded by going. The Scripture says, *Then the Spirit*

told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' Then Philip ran up to the chariot...

Going into another country may seem like going into a desert, but rest assured that God has prearranged appointments for those who answer the call to GO. I believe there are Divine Appointments that only you can fill as a volunteer short-term

missionary. Are you willing to let God use you in fulfilling that witnessing appointment? Pray about following God's call as a short-term missionary to witness and lead someone to Christ. Personal testimonies and God's Word are the tools He uses to lead others into the Kingdom. Do not

miss the opportunity for God to use you to lead someone to Him on a short-term missionary experience in another country.

International Commission offers opportunities, for those who accept the call to go as Philip did, to witness in another country. If you are interested in accepting such a call to witness, contact

Scott Mayse at ScottM@IC-World.org or 913.731.0539. The next trip in which KCKBA will partner with International Commission is to Lima, Peru, July 22–August 1, 2011. There will be a preparation meeting for this trip on April 14, 7:00 PM, at KCKBA. Join us!

submitted by Scott Mayse
KCKBA Mission Trip Coordinator

Minister of Education Network To Feature Ross Ramsey

Ross Ramsey, Church Leadership Strategist with LifeWay Christian Resources, will be the featured guest speaker at the annual Minister of Education Network Conference on April 5, 10:00 AM–2:30 PM, at the KNCSB Baptist Building in Topeka. All church staff in education, adult, youth or childhood ministries are encouraged to participate.

Ramsey will use a workshop format that includes both presentation and time for conferees to interact and consider applications for their churches. The morning session will include a brief overview of the elements of Transformational Church. A look at the TC Assessment Tool will highlight specific areas relating to the educational ministry that can help move an established church to a more outwardly focus. In the afternoon, Ramsey will explore approaches ministers can use in leadership development. Training sessions are important, but one-on-one times are also essential in the development of key leaders.

Cost is \$5.00 per person. Lunch will be provided. To register, contact Barbara Spicer, bspicer@knksb.org or 800.984.9092. For more information, contact Marie Clark, 800.984.9154 or mclark@knksb.org.

*Lima, Peru
Mission Trip
Preparation
Meeting
Scheduled
for April 14*

Visit www.kckba.org for a listing of Vacation Bible School dates!

God's Plan for Sharing—Get Ready For Easter

Excerpts from the Baptist Digest, March 2011

Easter is coming! *What would it take to see the Great Commission fulfilled in our lifetime?* That was the question asked by a number of leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention in 2006. After much prayer, study, and the eventual involvement of hundreds of Southern Baptists across the nation, they developed the God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) vision:

Every Believer Sharing, Every Person Hearing by 2020

This is the second year of the focus for reaching every home in Nebraska and Kansas with the gospel, as well as an invitation to attend a local congregation for an evangelistic Easter service, April 24. The date is quickly approaching and people are gearing up for one of the largest evangelistic efforts in SBC history.

Leaders know the challenges involved in mobilizing individuals to share their faith, but never has there been a time like now when more tools are available to equip and inspire believers to simply share with others what Christ has done for them. Pastors will lead congregations to pray, followed by a gospel distribution and Harvest Sunday on Easter. Groups will be prepared for a five week follow-up process to connect church people with nonchurched people.

KNCSB has Prayer Walking and other resources available in addition to the gospel presentation drop-in pieces to help your church in reaching your community and helping them "Find It Here." Other resources may be found at www.namb.net.

Transitioning from Traditional to Missional

Brad Brisco, Church Planter Strategist

This month, we will look at the eighth of nine elements that are necessary when attempting to transition a traditional church to a more missional direction. These nine points are certainly not conclusive or comprehensive; however, I do hope they can provide a significant starting point that enables churches to become more externally focused.

1. Start with Spiritual Formation
2. Cultivate a Missional Leadership Approach
3. Emphasize the Priesthood of All Believers
4. Focus Attention on the Local Community
5. Don't Do it Alone
6. Create New Means of Measuring Success
7. Search for Third Places
- 8. Practice Biblical Hospitality**

In addition to connecting with people in the third places present in our local communities, we need to rediscover the topic of hospitality whereby our own homes become a place of common ground. The Greek word for hospitality is *philoxenia*, which is a combination of two words—*love* and *stranger*. Biblical hospitality, therefore, is much more than simply entertaining others in our homes. Instead, genuine hospitality involves inviting people into our lives, learning to listen, and cultivating an environment of mercy and justice. Whether our interactions occur in third places or within our own homes, we must learn to welcome and love the stranger.

to be concluded next month

For more information on missional churches, contact Brad Brisco, 913.599.4455 or brad.brisco@gmail.com.

Spring Breakers Partner with Gardner Church in Community Ministry

Under the leadership of Pastor Joey Lang, Grace Baptist Church (GBC) of Gardner, Kansas hosted the Baptist Student Union (BSU) Mission Team from East Central Community College of Decatur, Mississippi, during spring break. The BSU team served alongside GBC members by conducting door to door surveys and handing out flyers and brochures about the church. Together, they reached over 700 homes in Gardner.



The BSU and Grace in Action, the church's service arm, also partnered with Gardner Parks and Recreation to clean the Gardner Aquatic Center and Greenway Park as a ministry to the Gardner community.

Raceway Ministries Prepares for Big Race Weekends

Christians take the love of Jesus to the Kansas Speedway. Although normally never seeing a race, those ministering as a part of the KCARM (Kansas City Alliance of Raceway Ministries) are in the middle of many servant opportunities on race weekends. Race weekends this year will be June 2–5 and October 6–9. For more information, contact Linda Ann Kinder (913.261.9300), Cole Cochran (913.390.9298; kscole24612@yahoo.com) or Stu and Kristia Lantz (913.788.2241; lantzfamily88@yahoo.com).

Associational Missions Emphasis Week May 15–22, 2011

If you want additional information about the KCKBA network of churches, ministries, and partnerships or would like to have someone visit your church and share about KCKBA, call 913.599.4455 or send an email to donnies@kcbaptist.org.

Softball Anyone?

KCKBA will sponsor two adult summer softball leagues: a mixed league and a men's league. These leagues have served as an evangelistic outreach tool of KCKBA for many years. Games are played on Monday evenings at Heritage Park in Olathe. Schedules will be posted on the website as soon as they are available. Each league is composed of eight teams. Additional requests cannot be accommodated.

If you are interested in reserving a place for your church's team in this league, contact Brad Brisco, brad.brisco@gmail.com or 913.599.4455, before April 26. Once you are registered, you will receive information via e-mail. Registration fees are due May 3.

Bridging the Cultural Divide: The Ministry of a KCKBA Church

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells his disciples, ***But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*** In 2011, “the ends of the earth” has come to the United States! Perhaps churches can take this same verse and look at it with the mindset to bring Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth into their local church buildings. Victor Clay, senior pastor of Dynamic Life Ministries, a KCKBA church, recounts a childhood story of his father telling him to “use your head for something more than just a hat rack.” In a similar context, he shares that the church he pastors is using their building for something more than just their own Sunday service. They are building a multi-cultural bridge by sharing church facilities with non-English speaking congregations; thus, allowing Jerusalem, Judeah, Samaria, and the ends of the earth to each be present on their church campus.

Pastor Clay continued with the following testimonial. “We have a building located in a Kansas City area that has a high concentration of Hispanics and Latinos and a growing population of refugees from Burma. We have prayed for a way to reach out to the people in our neighborhood who speak Spanish. God, in His infinite wisdom, chooses to answer prayers in ways we may not always consider. About a year ago, the pastor of Truth & Life Ministries, a bilingual congregation with services and Bible studies in Spanish and offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, needed a place to meet. Someone suggested they talk to us and for the last year, they have used our building for their ministry. God's answer to prayer! God provided a way for us to reach the Hispanic and Latino community through Truth & Life Ministries.

About six weeks ago, a man named Pastor David, a refugee from Burma, came by the church. He is part of the leadership team of 80+ refugees from Chin, Burma who needed a place to worship as they had outgrown the house in which they were worshipping. Another answered prayer! For the last three weeks, 80–90 Chin refugees have used our sanctuary and Sunday School classrooms on Sunday afternoons for their worship services.

Mission Adelante, a group that reaches non-English speaking Hispanics and Burmese through ESL classes, needed space for two classes. Four weeks ago, we opened our doors on Tuesday evenings for their two classes to meet in our building for outreach and English lessons. They have been so blessed by the availability of space in our building that they have added a third class. Every Tuesday evening, we have 50–60 teachers and students using the Bible as a textbook for English classes in our building.

Although our local congregation has not grown numerically as a direct result of these ministries, God has created an *Ends of the Earth* church right here in Kansas City, Kansas because we were willing to share our building with non-English speaking churches. Could you bless a group that needs space to worship and praise and in turn be blessed by them? ***For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*** Galatians 3:26–29. Thank God for answering prayers in unique ways. It is exciting to see God's church, His chosen ones of many cultures, serving, worshipping and growing within our walls.”



KCKBA VBS CLINICS

Saturday, April 9, 9:30–11:30 AM

Haven Baptist Church
3430 Hutton Road
Kansas City, Kansas

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00–9:00 PM

Nall Avenue Baptist Church
6701 Nall Avenue
Prairie Village, Kansas

Breakout Sessions

(Bring Your Leader Guide!)

- ▣ **VBS Directors**
Pam Apple, Valley Fellowship
- ▣ **Preschool Bible Study**
Syd Gilliland, Emmanuel Baptist Church
- ▣ **Children's Bible Study**
Harriet Bennett, Blue Valley Baptist Church
- ▣ **Preteen Bible Study**
Kelby Hutsler, Haven Baptist Church
- ▣ **Children's Missions**
Leslie Bryant, Westside Family Church
- ▣ **Children's Crafts**
Lisa Clark, Nall Avenue Baptist Church
- ▣ **Worship Rally Music**
Joy Richardson, Emmanuel Baptist Church

**Breakout sessions for recreation and snacks will not be offered.
RSVP for childcare by April 7. Contact Syd Gilliland, 913.649.0900
or sgilliland@Godfor.us.**



APRIL 9th
BECAUSE WHAT YOU
DO TOGETHER
CHANGES HER FOREVER

VICKI COURTNEY
music by
THE SONFLOWERZ

9:00 AM–3:30 PM

This mother-daughter simulcast will be hosted by Lenexa Baptist Church. It is aimed at girls in grades 5–12. Best-selling author Vicki Courtney encourages moms and equips daughters to steer away from today's ungodly culture and toward a God-filled life. Soak up Vicki's inspiring messages, music and worship, age specific breakouts and more. To register, contact Jeanne at jeanne@lenexabaptist.com or 913.599.6447 ext. 1009.

KC Kids Camp Meeting Scheduled for Children's Ministry Leaders



A meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 10:30 AM, at the First Southern Baptist Church of Lansing to discuss plans for the association's annual camp for children, grades 3–6. Churches interested in participating in this camp and adult members interested in serving as camp workers should send a representative to this meeting.

Children's camp is scheduled for July 5–8, 2011 at New Hope Camp in Holt, Missouri. Dale Phillips will be camp pastor. Jim Conard is camp director.

Bible Drill Activities Scheduled for April

The KCKBA Bible Drill will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 3, in the Activities Room at 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 associational drill and KCKBA winners 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 16. If you have questions, need assistance, or desire training regarding Bible Drill, contact Delores Hanneman, Bible Drill/Speaker Tournament Coordinator at 913.393.1983. If you have never seen a Bible Drill in action, you are invited to observe on April 3.

Around KCKBA...

Haven Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the church on Sunday, March 6 with worship, lunch, and a special afternoon service. Don Andrews is pastor.

Blue Valley Baptist Church, Overland Park, Kansas is the location for *The Truth Revealed Conference*, April 3–4. This event will equip you with effective tools to share Jesus with confidence and clarity. Speakers include: Dr. Robert Smith, Jr., Rev. Phil Hopper, Dr. Norman Geisler, Dr. J. Alan Branch, and Dr. Russell Moore. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be received. Childcare will be available. Derrick Lynch is pastor.

Lansing Southern Baptist Church had a missions emphasis lunch on March 6, highlighting the Annie Armstrong Offering. Tim Boyd is interim pastor.

West Haven Baptist Church, Tonganoxie, Kansas, had a Missions Emphasis on Sunday, March 13. A number of mission opportunities for church members were presented during lunch after worship. Mike Bronson is pastor.

First Southern Baptist Church, Overland Park, Kansas is hosting the simulcast *Going Beyond: Life Interrupted*, April 1–2. This simulcast is taught by Priscilla Shirer and Anthony Evans. Bucky Hitchcock is pastor.

CROSSOVER KC Planned for October

Jon Sapp (KNCSB) in partnership with KCKBA is coordinating an evangelistic movement prior to the state convention which meets at Lenexa Baptist Church on October 17–18. In an effort to provide assistance to KCKBA churches, people from Kansas and Nebraska will arrive early to help local churches with block parties, prayer walks, etc., on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. This event, similar to the one done prior to the Southern Baptist Convention each June, will be referred to as **CrossoverKC**. If your church has a ministry opportunity and would like to utilize some of the Crossover volunteers, please contact Donnie Simpson, donnies@kcbaptist.org or 913.599.4455.

Single Adults Encouraged to Serve at Webster Conference Center

It is that time of the year again when single adults from throughout the Midwest embark on a journey to Webster Conference Center (WCC) to do the ministry called AWOL—A Work of LOVE! For over a decade, single adults have gathered at WCC once in the fall and once in the spring for this state convention sponsored opportunity. Due to the current economic times, KNCSB will only be sponsoring the fall event this year. A group of dedicated single adults, however, are partnering church with church to carry on the spring A.W.O.L. event at their own cost recovery expense, and they want to invite other single adults to join them.

The weekend begins with Bible Study led by Doug Barber and Praise Worship led by Jeff Wolfington on Friday evening, April 15 at 7:00 PM. On Saturday, April 16, single adults will do eight hours of physical labor at the conference center. Each person is asked to pay a registration fee of \$20 toward the expenses of the speakers, musicians, etc. Webster Conference Center provides lodging and three meals on the work day. If you also wish to stay Saturday night, you may; however, breakfast will not be served Sunday morning. As a courtesy to the conference center and those planning the event, please register during the first week of April by contacting Christopher Lucas, cl4611@gmail.com.

KCKBA CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Welborn Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas has a church bus for sale. It is handicap capable and in excellent condition. If interested in purchasing the bus, call Larry Griffin (church trustee) at 913.287.6557 or Pastor Elliott Eley, 816.807.5506.

Haven Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas is accepting resumes for a bivocational Pastor of Worship to lead the church to worship God through contemporary and traditional music, scripture, drama, etc., by building upon current music and worship programs. For more information, contact Pastor Andrews, donandrews@havenbaptistkc.org.

Valley Fellowship, Leawood, seeks a Children's Director. This person will design, implement and administer a dynamic children's ministry from birth to fifth grade. The position is approximately 20 hours per week. Send resumes to: 14840 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas 66223, or office@valleyfellowshipkc.org.

Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, Kansas is searching for a Minister of Children and Families who will be responsible for providing spiritual leadership and development to the children and families of the church through the coordination of all Children's Ministry and the development of a Family Ministry that already includes vibrant outreach programs like Upward, Mops, and Good News Club. The Minister of Children and Families should have a gift for working with children and parents with previous experience in Children's ministry required. It is also preferred that he/she have a seminary degree and/or a degree in childhood education. If interested please email your resume with references to kristina@nallave.org.

April Prayer Calendar

Birthdays

- 01 Scott Mayse, KCKBA Mission Trip Coordinator
- 03 Bill Shiflett, Lenexa Baptist Church
- 05 Kenny Warren, Nall Avenue Baptist Church
- 07 Michael Holmes, Sr., FBC of Bethel, KCK
- 10 Mark Scribner, West Haven Baptist Church
- 19 Brian Albert, Calvary Baptist Church
- 24 Charles Mitchell, 47th Street Baptist Church
- 24 Carl Hunker, Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church
- 25 Josh Johnson, Leawood Baptist Church
- 27 Steve Dighton, Lenexa Baptist Church
- 28 Bill McKean, retired
- 30 Dan Chaverin, Westside Family Church

Ministry Anniversaries

- 02 Byong Jin Ha, 1st Korean Baptist Church, '03
- 17 Terry Ferris, Mission Creek Baptist Church, '05
- 20 Brian Richardson, Lenexa Baptist Church, '03
- 21 Rick McCarley, Osawatomie Baptist Church, '02
- 30 John Huber, Westside Family Church, '08

The deadline for submitting information for the KCKBA Connections is the tenth of each month. Please submit announcements of upcoming events and reports of ministry experiences to carolynb@kcbaptist.org. Items listed in the church bulletin board will be removed after two weeks unless the association is notified otherwise.

April Calendar

- 3 KCKBA Bible Drill, 3:00 PM, Grace Gardens Manor, 143 and Nall Ave., Leawood, Kansas
- 5 Minister of Education Conference, Topeka
- 8-9 "Glow" for mothers and daughters, WCC
- 9 KCKBA VBS Clinic, Haven Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas, 9:30 AM
- 12 KCKBA VBS Clinic (repeat), Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, Kansas, 7:00 PM
- 14 Lima, Peru Mission Trip Preparation Meeting, KCKBA, 7:00 PM
- 15-16 A.W.O.L. (Single Adult Mission Project), WCC
- 16 KNCSB Children's Bible Drill/Youth Bible Drill/Youth Speakers' Tournament, WCC
- 16 Children's Camp Planning Meeting, Lansing Southern Baptist Church, Lansing, Kansas, 10:30 AM
- 22 KCKBA Office Closed
- 24 Easter
- 29 KS-NE Campers on Mission Spring Rally, WCC

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