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"I Have Been Born Again!"

Excerpts from the Blue Valley Baptist Church Newsletter

In February 2010, a massive earthquake and tsunami shook Concepcion, Chile with over 500 lives lost. During November 10–20, 2011, thirty-eight North Americans traveled to Concepcion to share about the love of God and the forgiveness of sin. Included in that 38, were 15 people from the Kansas City area—Jack Wallace and Ryan Hudnell from Blue Valley Baptist Church of Overland Park and Allen Seamiers and Scott Mayse from Rutlader Cowboy Church in Louisburg. As this team of short-term mission volunteers worked with the Baptist Churches of Chile visiting the lost without Christ, we found a common expression. Those who survived the earthquake and tsunami would refer to the survival as being ***born again***. In our understanding, it meant being saved from death. Because of this thought, we were able to share how to be ***born again*** in their spiritual life with Christ. They had given us the open door to share about salvation. At the end of the week of visits, sharing and prayer, we were able to see 2,110 Chileans pray to receive Christ into their lives. Praise God that as we are obedient to go and share, He calls those who accept into the Kingdom. After receiving Christ into their lives, they were able to say they have been ***Born Again*** for eternity with Jesus.

If you are interested in participating in an evangelistic crusade, call Scott Mayse at 913.731.0539 or e-mail ScottM@IC-World.org. The next KCKBA mission trip will be to Piura, Peru, July 19–29, 2012.

God at work through KCKBA Churches...

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Overland Park, had a church-wide Thanksgiving Challenge during the month of November. Their church family was challenged to provide food for needy families in the community surrounding the church campus. The donations of food, turkeys and hams took care of 25 families from Brookridge Elementary School. During December, they collected toys and set up a free gift store for 30 families at the school. Lou Fortier is pastor.

Blue Valley Baptist Church, Overland Park, is planning a mission trip to Alaska in the summer of 2012. They are also recruiting people to participate with them in a two-year partnership with the Kenya Baptist Theological College (KBTC). The needs include pastors, worship pastors, and administrators to teach 1–4 times per year (Each teaching block would be 2–3 weeks, including travel time.); funding for the KBTC New Work/UPG Scholarship; and partnership funds to help subsidize KBTC expenses. If you are interested in being a part of the KBTC Partnership, contact Administrator and Outreach Pastor David Neely at david.neely@bluevalleybaptist.org. Derrick Lynch is senior pastor.

New City Church, Lenexa, and Church Planter Matt Miller recently had a baptism service even though they do not launch officially as a new work until January 8. This church plant meets in the old Trailridge Shopping Center at 75th and Neiman. The Trailridge theaters have been converted for their use as a church—one theater is now their worship center and one theater is the children's worship area. The ticket office area is now their foyer, and the restrooms have been upgraded. The projection room upstairs is being converted into a meeting area for youth.

Grace Baptist Church, Gardner, has given Gage Grimes an opportunity to serve as Youth Intern under the supervision of Pastor Joey Lang. Gage is a student at Midwestern College and, along with his fiance Ally Gomer, hopes to serve vocationally in a church ministry when they graduate.

Leavenworth Baptist Church, Leavenworth, held the Back to the Garden Relationship Enhancement Seminar on October 28–29. The seminar, presented by Dr. Rick Marks, is designed to help couples and individuals strengthen communication and conflict navigation skills, learn how to build respectful and appropriate relationships, restore and sustain connected relationships, develop problem solving skills, and aid in enhancement of current relationships. Other events recently held at LBC included a Community Sing on October 23 and an All Hallows Eve Party for the area children on October 31. Rich Arnold is pastor.

Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church, Lenexa, had their Christmas music worship service on Dec ll which included three choirs leading the service together. Jerry Jean is senior pastor.

First Southern Baptist Church, Kansas City, will have a Men's Hunting and Ministry Weekend January 13–16. In addition to hunting and fellowship, they will also attend worship at the new work in Smith Center, Kansas and partner with any projects they may have for them to do. Rick Rooks is pastor.

Vista Baptist Church ,Olathe, had a dinner in November when members came together and prepared boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The photo shows some of the people who participated in the event. Danny Payne is pastor.

Lenexa Baptist Church, Lenexa, and their Momentum Missions Ministry continues to minister to the Quivira Place Apartments. Each week they offer Bible study, ESL classes, and after school tutoring to the residents. In addition, they have a team that evangelizes the complex each week, and through their efforts they have built relationships with the people. Some of the residents have attended classes as well as services at LBC. One of LBC's members transports children to services each week.

Many LBC members traveled to Haiti, Sudan, Nicaragua, and twice to Hermosillo, Mexico as well as Romania for ministry this year. They did everything from the construction of homes, helping church plants get off the ground using various events, refurbished a university campus, trained pastors in Sudan to start churches in remote areas of Sudan. In 2012 their aim is to follow the Lord's leading in going to the 10/40 Window of unreached people groups.

The choir and orchestra presented *A Kansas City Christmas* on December 10 and 11. The musical presentation under the direction of Worship Pastor Bill Shiflett was followed by a complimentary dessert bar. Steve Dighton is pastor.

Fellowship Baptist Church, Olathe, will send volunteers on mission in December to Thailand to work with families and children impacted by prison incarceration, to Guatemala to do community development and humanitarian relief and to a closed country in January to plant churches among students in university settings. Tom Couric is pastor.

KCKBA Calendar
2012

January

2 New Year's Day Observed, KCKBA Office Closed

February

13-19 Focus on WMU Week

March

3 KNCSB VBS Jumpstart, WCC
4-11 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
9-10 Youth Worship Arts Camp, WCC
9-10 1440 Conference, Ponderosa, CO
16-17 Ignite Conference, Des Moines, IA
23-25 Eagle Retreat, WCC
30-31 Tapestry (Women in Mission), Topeka

April

3 Minister of Education Conference, Topeka
6 Good Friday observed, KCKBA Closed
13-14 GLOW, WCC
15 KCKBA Children/Youth Bible Drill and Youth Speaker's Tournament, 3:00 PM, Location TBA
17 KCKBA VBS Clinic, 7 PM, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Overland Park
21 KNCSB Children's Bible Drill/Youth Bible Drill/Youth Speakers Tournament, WCC
27-28 KNCSB Prayer Retreat "Come & Pray with Me", TBA

May

20 National day of Prayer for VBS
20-27 Week of Prayer for and Offering for Local Associations
28 Memorial Day observed, KCKBA closed
29-6/1 Summer Missionary Orientation, Wichita

June

1-2 Y.E.S. Retreat, WCC
2-3 iGo Global Base Camp, WCC
4-12 iGo Global Mission Trip in Amsterdam
16-27 College World Series Ministry, Omaha
17-18 SBC wMu Annual Missions Celebration, New Orleans, LA
18-22 Hispanic Super Summer, WCC
19-20 Southern Baptist Convention, New Orleans, LA
20-24 KNCSB Collegiate Staff Orientation, WCC
25-29 Super Summer Week 1, WCC

July

2-6 Super Summer Week 2, WCC
4 Independence Day, KCKBA Office Closed
9-13 Super Summer Week 3, WCC
16-20 Super Summer Week 4, WCC
19-29 KCKBA Mission Trip to Peru
23-27 Super Summer Week 5, WCC
30-8/3 Super Summer Week 6, WCC

August

30-8/3 Super Summer Week 6, WCC
18 Baptist Men's Softball Tournament & Family Weekend, Topeka
24-25 Missionary Parents Fellowship, KNCSB Topeka
25 LifeWay's Teaching to Transform, FBC, Raytown, MO

September

3 Labor Day, KCKBA office closed
8 Baptist Men's Golf Tournament, Topeka
14-15 Wonderful Weekend for Women, WCC
18 OASIS Conference, TBA
21-22 RA Congress, FSBC, Hutchinson
21-22 KNCSB Prayer Retreat "Come & Pray with Me", TBA
21-23 KNCSB Campus Ministry Fall Conference, WCC
24-30 Viola Webb Missions Offering & Week of Prayer for KNCSB state missions
26 "See You at the Pole" (Local Schools)
27-29 Sentralized Conference
28-29 Church Library Ministry Conference, WCC
30 Viola Webb Missions Offering Day

October

12-14 KNCSB Single Adult Missions Project, A Work of Love (AWOL), WCC
15 KNCSB WMU Annual Missions Celebration, WCC
15-16 KNCSB Annual Meeting, WCC
19-20 KNCSB Men's Retreat, WCC

November

1-12 KCKBA Mission Trip to Brazil
5 KCKBA Annual Celebration
9-10 SHINE, WCC
16-18 Collegiate Ministries Staff Retreat, WCC
TBA Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
22-23 Thanksgiving, KCKBA Office Closed

December

2-9 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
TBA KCKBA Ministers/Spouse Christmas Open House, 2–5 p.m.
24-1/2 Christmas Holidays, KCKBA closed
27-29 InDEPTH Conference, TBA

WCC = Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS
Bold = KCKBA sponsored or related events

Church Breaks Ground for Headquarters in Gardner, Kansas

Grace Baptist Church, under the current leadership of Pastor Joey Lang, had a ground breaking ceremony on Sunday, December 4, 2011 for a new building on their nearly 10 acres of land located on Madison Street in Gardner, Kansas. The building will be built by Strickland Construction and is anticipated to be ready for occupancy in July or August of 2012.

In addition to those with the golden shovels, many members brought their own shovels and enthusiastically broke ground for the new building.

After a brief message and prayer at the building site, Pastor Lang dug the first shovel of broken ground in the name of Jesus Christ. After that, members of the building planning team, contractors, architects, and founding pastor and wife Don and Linda Flack joined in the breaking of ground. Many members and guests brought their own shovels and broke ground, also.

The new construction for Grace Baptist Church will be a 12,500 square foot building patterned after another church in the metropolitan area. In a recent newspaper article, Pastor Lang commented about the building, "This is a new design, different from the conceptual drawing that was done several years ago. It will have a modern look with an open foyer, coffee bar, and a sanctuary with a stage." The permanent building has been 13 years in the making. Pastor Lang stated, "Constructing a building shows stability, that we are serious, and that we are here to meet people's needs. We are referring to the new building as our 'church headquarters' because we go out to the community. We are choosing not to refer to it as a church home because that tends to imply that we stay put in the building."

Left to right: Founding Pastor Don Flack, Linda Flack, Melissa Lang, and Pastor Joey Lang.

People braved the cold wind in order to be a part of this historic ministry event.

The Church has a "Grace in Action" ministry that provides service to the community. In the past, they have worked on various projects including a clean-up of the Gardner Aquatic Center and the very popular Trunk or Treat event and Easter Eggstavaganza for the city on the Madison Street property.

Grace Baptist Church currently meets Sundays at Nike Elementary School and hosts several mid-week Bible studies in homes. The church has an average Sunday attendance of about 120.

Website Hosts Links to Various Children's Camps for 2012

For many years, KCKBA has offered a week of Bible camp for children who have completed grades 3–6. This year, KCKBA will not host a such a camp. Instead, the association is partnering with other associations and encouraging you to take your children to the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists (KNCSB) children's camp at Webster Conference Center in Salina. If you wish to remain closer to home, the Clay-Platte Baptist Association (CPBA) has extended an invitation to KCKBA churches to attend their children's camp in July at New Hope Conference Center in Holt, Missouri. There are other camps in the Kansas City metropolitan area sponsored by individual KCKBA churches and other denominations. Information about the KNCSB children's camp, CPBA children's camp and other camps are posted at www.kckba.org. For future planning of children's events, churches are asked to please let us know which camp you will be attending. You may send that information via the children's camp page on the KCKBA website.

Coming in January: SBC Call to Prayer

In January 2012 Southern Baptists are once again being called to a time of prayer and spiritual awakening. The Southern Baptist Convention Call to Prayer is an opportunity to focus on praying missionally. You can impact your community, your nation and the world this January by leading your church to join with thousands of others across the Southern Baptist Convention in united prayer for spiritual awakening. Here are some suggestions:

MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Select a friend or family member and pray that they would come to faith in Christ.
- Pray for a receptive heart to the gospel.
- Ask God to provide divine opportunities to tell that friend or family member about your own personal experience of coming to faith in Christ and how God is working in your life today.
- Pray for that friend or family member to respond to the gospel.

MY CHURCH

- Select a church staff member, volunteer or ministry, and pray for them in their efforts to penetrate lostness.
- Ask God to give a spirit of willingness to diligently plan and carry out His vision.
- Pray for leaders in your church to be filled with the compassion of Jesus so they can teach about the Savior who offers grace, peace and direction in a chaotic world.
- Pray for God to give your church a passion for making Christ's name known in your community and among the nations.

MY NATION

- Select a Send North America city and pray for the church planting efforts in that area.
- Pray for spiritual awakening in that city.
- Ask God to give the partnership coalition a spirit of unity and for discernment on where to plant new churches in the city.
- Pray for God to raise up individual church planters in that city.

MY WORLD

- Select an unreached people group and pray that the gospel would be advanced among these people.
- Ask God to send workers who will be accepted among these people groups.
- Pray that God would gather new believers into churches and that they would multiply rapidly.
- Pray for the discipleship of new believers and that they would carry the gospel to their people.

MY SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

- Select a national, state or local leader and pray for guidance in leading the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment of God's will for their lives and ministries.
- Pray for God's provision and protection.
- Pray for God's anointing of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to minister to those held captive by sin.

For information and resources, visit http://www.namb.net/sbccalltoprayer.

VBS Jumpstart Coming in March!

It is January—time to start preparation for Vacation Bible School! Reserve March 3, 2012, for the annual VBS Jumpstart to be held at Webster Conference Center, 9:45 AM-3:00 PM .

Amazing Wonders Aviation: Encountering God's Awesome Power™ will be the focus of Kansas-Nebraska's annual VBS Jumpstart. Training for leaders of all ages—preschool through adults—will be offered, plus two afternoon sessions for VBS rotations or enrichment conferences. A one-hour overview of ***Club VBS: Space Quest***™ will also be offered.

The cost is $12.50 per person if postmarked by February 20, or $15.00 per person for late registration. Find more information and the registration brochures by visiting www.kncsb.org/minstry/bible_study, or contact Barbara Spicer (bspicer@kncsb.org or 1.800.984.9092).

Sympathy is extended to Osawatomie Pastor Rick and Wendy McCarley on the November 27 homegoing of Wendy's mother, Sharon Schuler.

Sympathy is also extended to Sharon Baptist Church's pastor Russ Preston and family on the recent passing of their son-in-law who was killed in an automobile accident in October.

January Birthdays

01 David Neely, Blue Valley
04 Angie Moreno, Emmanuel
08 Mike McKinney, Leawood
09 Steve Tan, Emmanuel Chinese
09 Rick McCarley, Osawatomie
15 Wesley Vance, Lenexa
17 Rick Rooks, FSBC, KCK
21 Rich Arnold, Leavenworth
22 Bucky Hitchcock, FSBC, OP

January Ministry Anniversaries

01 Judy Dearwester, Westside Family, ’99
01 Dick Dearwester, Westside Family, ’99
01 Russ Preston, Sharon, ’90
01 Kenny Warren, Nall Avenue, ’07
01 Dale Baker, Calvary, ’09
01 Jason Gentry, Calvary, ’09
07 Ben McDaniel, Grace Fellowship, ’07
16 Wesley Vance, Lenexa, ’08
22 Edmond Thomas, Lenexa, ’07

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Dynamic Life Baptist Ministries is in need of two front doors . Any assistance in knowing where to look for some, which are inexpensive, or anyone who may know of any available, as well as any other assistance would be appreciated. The dimensions for the doors are 36x80. If you have any further questions, or can offer help, please call 913.233.1866 and ask for Sonya.

The KCKBA office will be closed on December 23, 2011 and will open again on January 3, 2012. If you have reserved media equipment, be sure to pick it up by noon on Thursday, December 22.

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