

KCKBA

Connections

March 2011



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
- **Children's Bible Study**
Harriet Bennett, Blue Valley Baptist
- **Preteen Bible Study**
Kelby Hutsler, Haven Baptist Church
- **Children's Missions**
Leslie Bryant, Westside Family Church
- **Children's Crafts**
Lisa Clark, Nall Avenue Baptist
- **Worship Rally Music**
Joy Richardson, Emmanuel Baptist

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.

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Transitioning from Traditional to Missional

Brad Brisco, Church Planter Strategist

This month, we will look at the seventh 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**

In a post-Christendom culture where more and more people are less and less interested in activities of the church, it is increasingly important to connect with people in places of neutrality, or common "hang outs." In the book **The Great Good Place** author Ray Oldenburg identifies these places of common ground as "third places."

According to Oldenburg, *third places* are those environments in which people meet to interact with others and develop friendships. In Oldenburg's thinking our first place is the home and the people with whom we live. The second place is where we work and the place we spend the majority of our waking hours. But the third place is an informal setting where people relax and have the opportunity to know and be known by others.

Third places might include the local coffee shop, hair salon, restaurant, mall, or fitness center. These places of common ground must take a position of greater importance in the overall ministry of the church as individuals begin to recognize themselves as missionaries sent into the local context to serve and share.

to be continued next month

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
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Peru Mission Trip Planned for July

International Commission offers, to those who accept the call from God to go, opportunities to participate in evangelistic mission trips. If you are interested in accepting one of those opportunities to share Jesus in another country, contact Scott Mayse at ScottM@IC-World.Org or 913.731.0539. The next trip in which KCKBA will partner with International Commission will be to Lima, Peru, July 22–August 1, 2011. A Peru planning meeting at KCKBA is scheduled for March 17 at 7:00 PM. A time for questions and answers concerning the trip will be answered at that time.



KCKBA will host Neil Cole for a one day conference on Wednesday, March 23 at the Westside Family Church campus in Lenexa. The conference will run from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost is \$29, which includes lunch. Cole is an experienced church planter and pastor. He is the founder of the Awakening Chapels, which are reaching young postmodern people

in urban settings, and founder and executive director of Church Multiplication Associates. He is the author of *Church 3.0*, *Organic Church*, *Search and Rescue*, as well as *Organic Leadership*, and *Cultivating a Life for God*. For registration information, contact Brad Brisco, brad.brisco@gmail.com or 913.599.4455.

Volunteers Needed for Raceway Ministry

The Kansas City Alliance Raceway Ministry (KCARM) and its volunteers have been serving Kansas Speedway since its first race in 2001. Most of the leadership team and many of those who volunteer have been on board since its inception. For those who are race fans, volunteering at Kansas Speedway is a fantastic ministry. But, even for those who are not race fans and know nothing about NASCAR, it is a great way to serve and minister to more than 80,000 fans on race weekends. Kansas Speedway has asked KCARM to increase its presence at the track. They want to provide ministry at two separate campgrounds, which means two tents providing activities as well as doubling the number of volunteers who serve each race weekend. For the coming race season and beyond, more people will be needed as ADA cart drivers, tram drivers, spotters and greeters. In general, more people will be needed to work additional information booths and more volunteers are needed to help with ministry activities at the tents. The track is going to have to fill these spots, and Christians who to serve are asked to volunteer. Individuals and churches in the Kansas City area are asked to become involved in this ministry to serve one day or more at the races which take place in June and Oct each year.

If you would like to know more about how you or your church can volunteer, or if you would like to schedule someone from KCARM to share with your church about this ministry and how you can be involved, please contact one of the following members of the KCARM leadership team:

Linda Kinder, 913.261.9300

Cole Cochran, 913.390.9298; or kscole24612@yahoo.com

Stu or Kristia Lantz, 913.788.2241 or lantzfamily88@yahoo.com

Children and Youth of KCKBA Churches Connect through Scripture Memorization

Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church (ECBC) incorporates Bible Drill for children into the first hour each Sunday morning. Children attend music and prayer time the first half of the hour and then go downstairs to play various games and sing songs that help them learn verses and the books of the Bible. Two youth coaches along with one adult lead the activities. The children are divided into two teams with team captains in charge of listening and recording memorized verses on a wall chart that marks the progress of each student in preparation for the annual Bible Drill. Under the direction of ECBC Bible Drill sponsor Daye Sims, the captains plan the Sunday morning review time. The teams have voted on a combined team name, team verse, and T-shirt design that they will get upon completion of their memory work.

The church continues to encourage younger children also eager to learn Scripture and the books of the Bible. They that are not actually old enough to participate in the KCKBA and KNCSB Bible Drill, but the church continues to encourage the younger children to memorize Bible verses by letting them participate in a special local church Bible Drill event.

As a result of a Bible Drill demonstration with ECBC children and youth at the annual Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association celebration last October, Dynamic Life Ministries (DLM) asked Associational Bible Drill Coordinator Delores Hanneman to present a Bible Drill workshop at their church in December. Since that time DLM and the young people from ECBC have met together for Bible Drill games and a pizza party. At that event, testimonies were shared by the ECBC children and youth as they told how having God's Word in them at critical times in their temptations and struggles of life had empowered, comforted and changed them. Joseph Tan, a 3rd grader, gave a testimony telling about being bullied and feeling helpless but God's Word came to Him and helped him and then later reminded him of what he needed to do—Forgive.

Phyllis Kopp of Dynamic Life Ministries wrote, "The testimonies of the ECBC young people touched our youth and our adults, and helped some of our parents see how important this can be for their kids. We have 2 who are not old enough to compete but will be practicing. Caleb is in 3rd grade and should be able to do all of the children's calls. Michael is just learning to read, so he may be limited to memory verses and books of the Bible."

The KCKBA Bible Drill will be in April again this year and hosted by Grace Gardens Manor. Children's leaders and pastors who are interested in learning more about the Bible Drill ministry are encouraged to attend and observe the Bible Drill or you may contact Delores Hanneman for more information, delores.hanneman@sbcglobal.net or 913.393.1983.

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Simulcast

Going Beyond: Life Interrupted

at

First Southern Baptist Church

Antioch and 91st Terrace
Overland Park, Kansas

\$25.00 (covers admission for both days)

Friday, April 1 7:00–9:30 PM

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 2 9:00 am–12:30 pm

Doors Open: 8:15AM

For more information, contact Marilyn Manifold,
m.manifold@att.net or 913.708.3252.

CROSSOVER KC Planned for October

Several pastors and staff met with Jon Sapp (KNCSB) and Donnie Simpson (KCKBA) to discuss coordinating an evangelistic movement prior to the state convention which meets at Lenexa Baptist Church on October 17–18, 2011. In an effort to provide assistance to KCKBA churches, a number of people from Kansas and Nebraska will arrive in Kansas City early to help local churches with block parties, prayer walks, etc., on Sunday afternoon or Monday morning before the meeting begins that evening. This event, similar to the one done prior to the Southern Baptist Convention each June, will be referred to as Crossover KC.

Last year, volunteers arriving a day early for the meeting assisted the church in Lexington Nebraska to prayer walk the community and provide a “Welcome to Lexington” gift to the Somali community living in apartments. Sapp writes, “The bottom line for me is how can we help you in KC? We want to come to serve the churches there and not just bring another program for us to do.”

If your church has a ministry opportunity and would like to utilize some of the Crossover volunteers, please contact Donnie Simpson as soon as possible, donnies@kcbaptist.org or 913.599.4455.

Johnson County Community College Student Ministry Organization May Soon be Available

Johnson County ministers working with collegiates recently met with Jon Sapp (KNCSB), Donnie Simpson (KCKBA), and Brad Brisco (KCKBA) to discuss the possibility of starting a college ministry at Johnson County Community College (JCCC). The purpose of this ministry would be to fellowship with other believers on campus, establish connectedness, and offer training to students for real world ministry.

Protocol for establishing campus organizations is being studied at this time. Churches are requested to send the names and cell phone numbers of their students attending JCCC to carolynb@kcbaptist.org. While a campus minister will conduct the meetings and be available to the students, each club on campus is required to have a JCCC instructor as the official campus sponsor. Please submit suggested names of JCCC instructors who might be willing to be listed as the sponsoring instructor to the above email address.



Blue Valley Baptist Church 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.

Around KCKBA...

Rutlader Cowboy Church, Louisburg, held a Valentine's dinner in conjunction with their Tuesday night service. Over 100 people are attending services each week. Carl Garrett is pastor.

Pearl Street Baptist Church, Paola, recently had their second "Church Has Left the Building" on the last Sunday in January. Over 80 people showed up and the congregation participated in several projects. Miami County newspaper went with a group and published an article. The church has also recently started Elevate Kidz Church and it is growing every week. Kevin Ross is the pastor.

Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, honored Carolyn Barnette with a goodbye reception on Sunday, February 13, ending nine years of service at the church as Minister to Single Adults and Collegiates. A retirement reception for Church Secretary Kristina Kriss was held on Sunday, February 27. She had served as membership and publications secretary for 10 years. Joe Funderburk is pastor.

Haven Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas will celebrate her 60th anniversary on March 6. Don Andrews is pastor.

Ken Ham from Answers in Genesis was a guest speaker at **Lenexa Baptist Church** in January. His topic was The Relevance of Genesis in Today's World. Steve Dighton is pastor.

Nall Avenue Baptist Church Shares Christ in Local Elementary School

God continues to bless Nall Avenue Baptist Church through her Good News Club ministry at Apache Elementary School in Overland Park. This year, 63 kids are enrolled and on most Friday's they have 55 or more kids participating. With this growth, they are inviting other churches in the area to partner with them in providing more classroom help. If your schedule allows and if you have a desire and leading from God to be a part of this ministry, the opportunity is available!



Currently the primary need is more physical bodies in the classroom. The small groups have a group leader/shepherd. The group leader will do the preparation. You will simply assist the leader—helping the kids with their snack, listening to Bible verses, and just being there to listen to them share prayer requests and concerns.

At Apache, the Good News Club meets on Friday from 3:00 PM–4:30 PM through mid-May. Club Leader Shana Rains writes, "We will take any time you can give us. If that is weekly—great. If that is once a month—great."

If interested in being a part of the Good News Club at Apache Elementary or for information concerning groups at other elementary schools in your community, please contact Shana Rains at 913.634.6283.



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.

Longview Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, Missouri is seeking a part-time Minister of Music to plan and lead the congregational singing and arrange for special music for Sunday morning services and to assist with the Easter and Christmas programs. Please forward your resume to Minister of Music Search Committee by email to jim-patty@att.net or 1300 SW Longview Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64081.

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, and other means by building upon current music and worship programs. Applicants must be a born-again, Bible-believing Christian whose lifestyle exemplifies Christ-like love and behavior. Must also be male and have training and experience specific to the job tasks. 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 job is for approximately 20 hours per week. Send resumes to: 14840 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas 66223, or office@valleyfellowshipkc.org.

March Prayer Calendar

Birthdays

- 01 Lois Zabel, KCKBA
- 01 Troy Kennedy, Westside Family
- 11 Kevin Gooden, New Light Bethel Baptist
- 21 Matt Adams, Westside Family
- 27 Shirley Umstead, retired
- 29 Russ Preston, Sharon Baptist
- 30 Tom Douglas, Parkway Baptist
- 31 John Huber, Westside Family Church

Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Kent Hackathorn, Lenexa Baptist, 2004
- 01 David Weldy, First Baptist of Shawnee, 2005
- 04 Larry White, Lenexa Baptist, 2002
- 15 Donnie Simpson, KCKBA, 1999
- 16 Chris Madsen, Edgerton Southern Baptist, 2008

March Calendar

- 6–13 North American Missions Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 7 KNCSB Disaster Relief Mitting, Topeka
- 12 The Case for Christianity, Washburn University, sponsored by KNCSB collegiate ministry, www.kncsb.org/casetopeka
- 17 KCKBA Mission Trip to Peru preparation meeting, KCKBA, 7:00 PM
- 23 Church 3.0 with Neil Cole, Westside Family Church (register through KCKBA)

SAVE THE DATES

KCKBA Children's Camp will be July 5–8, 2011 at New Hope Retreat Center in Holt, Missouri. Dale Phillips will be the featured speaker.

There will be a planning meeting on Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 AM . The meeting will be held at at First Southern Baptist Church in Lansing, Kansas. Vocational and lay leaders in children's ministries are encouraged to attend. Registration forms and information will be available at this meeting.



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