



KCKBA

Connections

October 2011

KCKBA Annual Celebration To Be Hosted By Haven Baptist Church

The fifty-eighth annual meeting and celebration service of the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association will be held on Monday, October 24 at 7:00 PM. This year's celebration service will be hosted by Haven Baptist Church located at 3430 Hutton Road, Kansas City, Kansas (www.havenbaptistkc.org). The church is located just west of I-435 between Leavenworth Road and Donahoo Road. This celebration will provide an opportunity for attendees to experience testimonies of where God is at work in the five counties of the Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association and beyond; and, to catch the vision of opportunities to minister in the community and cities surrounding your church.



Highlights of this celebration include a time of fellowship and network opportunities among the churches, informative ministry and partnership updates, information about international mission trip opportunities, baptism awards, and a very short business meeting! The celebration will end with a worship and praise service followed by a challenging message from the Director of Missions.

Each church is entitled to 3 messengers for the first 50 resident members and one messenger for each additional 50 resident members, not to exceed 12 messengers. This celebratory service, however, is not restricted to messengers only. KCKBA pastors are asked to encourage members of your congregations to attend this celebration as more than 50 churches and new starts (missions) celebrate serving together in partnerships and cooperation to project the Light of Christ in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

More information about the Annual Celebration may be found at www.kckba.org.



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Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists

**Sixty-sixth
Annual Meeting
October 17–18, 2011**

Sharing Together

**Lenexa Baptist Church
15320 W. 87 Street Parkway
Lenexa, Kansas**

For schedule information,
refer to the KCKBA
Connections September issue
or visit www.kncsb.org.

Leading the Double-Digit Sunday School

Sunday School Directors,
Pastors, Age-group Teachers:
If your Sunday School attendance
is 99 or less, this is for you!

**Saturday, October 22
10:00 AM–2:30 PM
Covenant Baptist Church**

5440 S.W. 37th Street
Topeka, Kansas

General morning session
Age-group afternoon sessions
\$7.50 includes lunch/materials

Registration

Contact Barbara Spicer,
1.800.954.9092 or
bspicer@kncsb.org.

A flyer may be downloaded at
www.kckba.org

Around KCKBA

□ **Edgerton Baptist Celebrate Recovery Ministry** is changing their large group meeting to Tuesday nights (dinner @ 6:30 and meeting at 7:00 PM). They are also starting men's and women's step studies on Monday nights at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Pastor Chris Madsen at 913.522.2037.

□ **Westside Family Church** pastors are spending "100 Nights in a Shack" from September 9–December 18 to raise \$1 million for victims of poverty and injustice. This campaign is designed to inspire all to sacrifice on behalf of the world's most needy. In so doing, this event is designed to live out WFC's IMPACT mission: "To free people to follow Jesus by sharing the gospel, loving orphans, and breaking the chains of poverty, injustice, disease, and illiteracy."

□ **Leavenworth Baptist Church** resumed the AWANA's program under the leadership of Jenny Tanner. Kick-off night was September 7 with 44 participants and workers. They also had a neighborhood cookout on Saturday, September 24 with free food, games, and music. They handed out flyers and church brochures before the event. The church will host a seminar "Back to the Garden: Improving Relationships" under the direction of Dr. Rick Marks on October 28 & 29.

□ On September 14, two members of **Emmanuel Baptist Church** were commissioned as International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries at First Baptist Church, Orlando, joining 5000+ other IMB personnel around the world. They were at EBC September 25 for a sending service and farewell. They will receive training in Richmond, Virginia before leaving for their overseas assignment in January 2012. Learning a new language will be their first task in an area that is predominantly Muslim.

□ September was Missions Emphasis Month at **Pearl Street Baptist Church**. On September 11, they had guest speakers Jon and Priscilla Sapp (former missionaries to Africa). On September 18, they had a panel discussion of PSBC people who have participated in mission work. A Refugee Camp & Outdoor Worship Service September 24 and 25 concluded the special emphasis. The "Refugee Camp 2011" experience was an opportunity to spend a few hours living a life of simplicity and need that millions are living for entire lifetimes. Twelve million people live in camps in countries other than their own and 21 million people are living in camps within their own country with only the most basic of necessities available. PSBC's goal was to get a new perspective on necessity versus luxury and to take time to ask God how He would have PSBC minister to those in need.

□ August 25–27, **Haven Baptist Church** did a local mission trip called *Love Out Loud*. During those three days members did service projects in the local community such as cleaning around one of the local libraries and landscaping at one local elementary school. Members also participated in tutoring students—now an on-going ministry at the school. They also did home repair and landscaping at several local residents' homes. They provided snacks for teachers and staffs at five schools, one police substation, the emergency room at Providence Hospital, and provided hot meals for two local fire departments. This ministry included invites to the church, gospel tracts, and personal time of interacting with those served. One of the greatest efforts was a drive to provide supplies (clothes, toiletries and other needed items) for the homeless children of Kansas City, Kansas School District USD 500.

□ Over the past two years, members of **83rd Street Baptist Church** have delivered 200 hand-made quilts to children who pass through the Kaw Valley Center. They are increasing their presence with this organization in an effort to make a more lasting investment in the lives of the children and their families.

MALT Delivers a Training Treat

Marie Clark, KNCSB Bible Teaching and Discipling Team Leader

Church leaders from across the Kansas City metro area experienced the benefits of quality training during MALT 2011, held August 29–30 at First Baptist Church of Raytown. Hundreds of church leaders have been equipped over the last 20 years since the first MALT training event in 1991.

MALT 2011 drew over 250 people from 40-plus churches throughout the metro area. Deacons, Sunday School workers, and pastors responded to the opportunity for further training for their roles in these important functions of a church.

Church leaders filled the rooms of conferences such as *How Preschoolers Learn, Step Into the Word of a Teenager, Discipling New Believers, and Transformational Church Goes to Sunday School*. Again this year, personal spiritual enrichment sessions were also a popular choice. Special conferences were offered for senior adults during a Monday morning session.

The annual MALT (Metro Area Leadership Training) event is a wonderful example of partnerships between associations and state conventions. The three Southern Baptist Associations in the Kansas City area are Kansas City Kansas, Blue River-Kansas City, and Clay-Platte Baptist Associations.

The two Southern Baptist state conventions on either side of the state line—Kansas-Nebraska and Missouri—also partnered with financial and staff planning support.



KCKBA Bulletin Board

Churches or persons looking for a donated Baldwin C210 organ with full pedals and 2 keyboards may contact Amy at amycrouse@sbcglobal.net.



Congratulations to Mark and Jamie Scribner upon the September arrival of Samuel Levi, weighing 9 pounds and 3 ounces. At birth, he measured 21 inches long. Mark is the associate pastor at West Haven Baptist Church in Tonganoxie, Kansas.

You are Invited to be a Messenger on Mission!

Jon Sapp, KNCSB Evangelism and Collegiate Ministry

Because of your location and the proximity that your church is to the KS-NE Convention of Southern Baptists Annual Meeting, October 17–18, at Lenexa Baptist Church, I would like to personally invite you and your church to participate in the Messengers on Mission events. Not only will you find an opportunity to be used, but I believe this will be a great chance to expose your members and leadership to some unique ways to reach out to your own communities.

Beginning on October 16, 2:00 PM, at Lenexa Baptist Church, there will be a brief orientation before going out to minister together among the harvest fields of Kansas City. Your opportunities for ministry are as follows:

- ☐ Prayerwalking at JCCC (If you have folks attending JCCC, we would especially enjoy having them participate in this.)
- ☐ Fall Festival at Vista Baptist
- ☐ Block Party at Quivira Place

We do so much inside our church buildings, so come join us to take our faith into the neighborhoods and streets of the Kansas City area.

Then on October 17, we will meet at 8:45 AM at Lenexa Baptist Church. Opportunities will include:

- ☐ Handing out welcome packets at JCCC and talking to college students (Again, it would be great to have those attending to participate with us.)
- ☐ Prayerwalking the neighborhood of Vista Baptist
- ☐ Prayerwalking the Quivira Place neighborhood.

We will meet back at Lenexa Baptist for lunch and a time to debrief these outreach opportunities. Please come along with your church members and leadership to take your faith to the harvest fields of metro Kansas City.

Bible Drill Ministry Offers Something New

Delores Hanneman, KCKBA Bible Drill Coordinator

The beginning of the school year is a good time to implement a scripture memorization program for children and youth. Children's and Youth Bible Drills have been around for many years and are an excellent tool for getting children and youth familiar with and grounded in the Word of God. Children's Bible Drill is for children in grades 4–6 and Youth Bible Drill is for youth in grades 7–12. This year, because a number of churches asked for it, something new has been added—Younger Children's Bible Drill for children in grades 1–3.

The Younger Children's Bible Drill is very similar to Children's Bible Drill but on a simpler level. Instead of twenty-five scriptures to learn, younger children have sixteen shorter verses to learn. Although they will be working on learning all the books of the Bible, they will only be drilled on twenty-five books marked in red on the memory cards. Instead of ten key passages, they will have eight Bible stories to which they will learn the reference. Actual drilling will be the same, except they will be given twelve seconds instead of ten for older children and eight for youth in which to respond.

Several years ago, KNCSB expanded Youth Bible Drill to include grades 7–12. Three new cycles have been added and this will be the first year for Cycle 4. In addition to finding any book or scripture in the Bible, the youth have ten identifying verses to be able to recognize from any phrase in the verse, ten doctrinal verses supporting one of the doctrines in our Baptist Faith and Message and ten Bible answers verses that answer a key question listed on the memory card.

For youth in grades 9–12 interested in speaking, Speaker's Tournament is available. Guidelines and a topic bookmark for this year's 4–6 minute inspirational or informative speeches are available upon request. A student may not compete in both the Speaker Tournament and Bible Drill.

Bible Drill is an inexpensive, but effective way, to prepare young people for life. To add incentive to the learning process, qualifying children and youth may compete at the church, association and state levels. The next State Bible Drill/Speaker's Tournament will be held Saturday, April 21, 2012, at Webster Conference Center in Salina. The Kansas City Kansas Baptist Association's drill will be April 15 at 3:00 PM. The place will be announced later.

For more information or assistance regarding Bible Drill or Speaker Tournament, contact Delores Hanneman, KCKBA Bible Drill/Speaker Tournament Coordinator (delores.hanneman@sbcglobal.net).



Blue Valley Baptist Church Minister of Music John Hollan posts: "Travis Boyd, composer and lyricist, visited BVBC today (September 25) to

conduct our choir and orchestra in the premiere of his new choral anthem, *Greater*, which is dedicated to his good friend and our Pastor of Administration and Outreach David Neely." (A video of this premiere is posted on YouTube.)

First Baptist Church (Shawnee) Minister of Youth John Craighead wrote: "200 reservations for Judgement House...210...!"

Media Corner

Do you take God at His Word, believing what He has told us, or do you just believe in His existence and the salvation He offers?

Beth Moore came face-to-face with this question well into adulthood. At first, her response to God was, "Lord, of course I believe in You. I've believed in You all my life." Over time, the Holy Spirit led her to understand He was saying, "I didn't ask you to believe in Me. I asked you to believe Me."

Beth's study of the issue led her to write ***Believing God***, first published as an Internet-only study. The groundbreaking Internet study proved so popular that people requested it in a print/video format. Based on Isaiah 43:10, ***Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith*** explores what it means to believe God. This study explores the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of persons who believed God. Beth encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him. Join Beth for 10 life-changing weeks and learn to believe God!

KCKBA has a media library of these and other teaching/training studies that are available for use by KCKBA churches. Examine the list of available studies at www.kckba.org and reserve your study today by contacting carolynb@kcbaptist.org or 913.599.4455.

Also, please help KCKBA to increase the media library by donating used DVD series that your church may have purchased and used and would be willing to share with other KCKBA churches.

KNCSB Disaster Relief Ministry Offers Training Event

A training event of the KNCSB Disaster Relief Ministry will be held at Pearl Street Baptist Church in Paola, Kansas on November 12. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude with lunch. Participants will become qualified to deploy and serve with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (DR) teams in non-specialized roles such as working with the rebuild teams, an area of DR ministry that yields many opportunities as a result of tornadic and flooding devastation near here. Although there is no fee for the training event, registration is requested. To register, please contact KCKBA's Disaster Relief Coordinator Rick McCarley at oz-rick@cebridge.net.

Editor's Note: At the time of this writing, volunteers are urgently needed for the KNCSB disaster-relief feeding unit in Minot, North Dakota. DR Volunteers are serving residents of flood-stricken Minot and other volunteers working there. The KNCSB feeding unit is scheduled to be in Minot until early October. New volunteers are encouraged to sign up, and training will be provided. Please contact John or Patty Lucas, 785.762.2468, 785.554.6234, 785.554.9511 or jlucas@kncsb.org if you can assist.

Upcoming events:

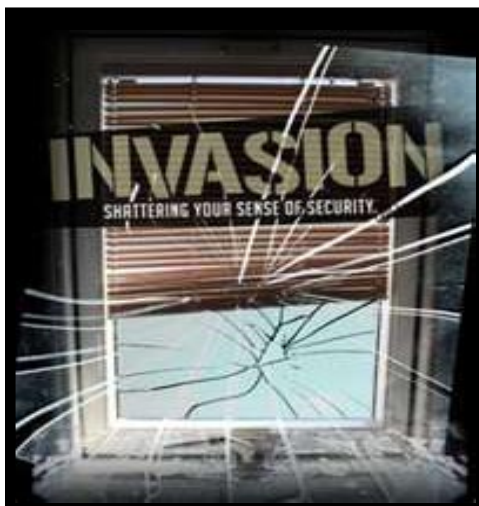
Festival of Marriage, October 7–9, Glorieta, NM. www.lifeway.com/events

KNCSB Men's Retreat, October 21–22, Webster Conference Center (WCC). Registration deadline is October 12. For more information on Baptist Men's ministry or registration, contact John Lucas, 800.984.9092 or jlucas@kncsb.org.

Oct. 14–16, 2011 Single Adult Missions Project and Worship (AWOL), WCC. Registration deadline is October 4. Contact Jana Gifford at KNCSB, jgifford@kncsb.org or 800.984.9092.

Senior Adults: Ridgecrest (Oct.), Glorieta (Sept.), and Branson (Nov.). www.lifeway.com/event

Coming in 2012: *Living Proof Live* with Beth Moore, April 13–14, 2012, Kansas City Municipal Auditorium



First Baptist Church of Shawnee
11400 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS
www.fbcshawnee.com
913.268.6500

October 23, 29, and 30
4 pm-8 pm
October 26
6pm-9 pm

Tour lasts one hour.
Tours start every 12 minutes.

Reservations are recommended.
Walk-ins are welcome



KCKBA Offers Volunteer Mission Trip Opportunities

Once again a request from Concepcion, Chile has been sent to International Commission to send laborers to share the Gospel in their country. Will you be willing to allow God to take your personal testimony and the Scripture to lead the lost of Chile to the saving grace of Jesus Christ? The trip to Chile is scheduled for November 10–21, 2011. There are still a few places left for volunteers to participate in this trip, but time is running short to get your passports and plane tickets!

If you cannot make the trip to Chile, perhaps you can start planning for a trip to Piura, Peru in July 2012. Churches might want to consider this as their church sponsored overseas trip. All of the logistics and planning will be done for you by International Commission. Participants have the opportunity to see an average of 50 people accept Christ for each volunteer participant.

If you are willing to allow God to use you on a short term mission trip to either Chile or Peru, please contact the KCKBA Volunteer Missions Coordinator Scott Mayse, 913.731.0539 or ScottM@IC-World.org.



Sympathy is extended to Tresa Motte and family at the recent homegoing of her father,

Rev. Thomas L. Smith, in Joplin, Missouri. Tresa is the Tuesday evening Worship Leader at Rutlader Cowboy Church in Louisburg, Kansas and also the Sunday pianist at Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, Kansas.

KCKBA Prayer Calendar

October Birthdays

- 01 Rose White, retired
- 07 Dick Dearwester, Westside Family Church, Lenexa, Kansas
- 11 Don Flack, retired
- 14 Golden Davis, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas
- 20 Mike Bronson, West Haven Baptist Church, Tonganoxie, Kansas
- 25 Ron McInay, retired
- 27 Bill Means, retired
- 30 Rich Murrell, Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, Kansas

October Ministry Anniversaries

- 01 Mike McKinney, Leawood Baptist Church, 1988
- 01 Troy Kennedy, Westside Family Church, 2005
- 01 Bob Hartmann, First Baptist Church of Shawnee, 2007
- 05 Bucky Hitchcock, First Southern Baptist Church of Overland Park, 2003
- 15 Darrin Ray, Blue Valley Baptist Church, Overland Park, 2007
- 15 J Wes Crockett, Blue Valley Baptist Church, Overland Park, 2007

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.

Calendar of Events

October

- 1 Sentralized, Olathe
- 14–15 AWOL, Single Adults Ministry Project, WCC
- 16 Messengers on Mission
- 17 KNCSB WMU Missions Celebration; Messengers on Mission, Pastors Conference; Pastors Wives Coffee and Gathering
- 17–18 KNCSB Annual Meeting, Lenexa, Kansas
- 21–22 Men's Retreat, WCC
- 22 Double Digit Sunday School, Topeka
- 24 KCKBA Annual Celebration, Haven Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas, 7:00 PM

*WCC=Webster Conference Center, Salina

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