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"We envision a network of healthy Baptist churches partnering together to transform lives and communities through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home, in North America and around the world."



Maywood Baptist Reaches Down and Out

by Vicki Stamps Reprinted from April 12, 2016 The Pathway

INDEPENDENCE – The congregation of **Maywood Baptist Church** here understands forgiveness and members have made it the center of their ministry.

“Maywood’s leaders chose to relate to our changing community on its own terms,” Bob Spradling, pastor, said. “We asked our community how we could partner with them in what was their own ‘felt’ needs.”

New programs were initiated to reach the changing needs. According to Spradling, the residential neighborhoods saw an increase in rental properties, declining incomes and crime.

An entry Sunday School class was started in 2009 by Josh Monk who had a significant



criminal and drug background prior to meeting Jesus. “The class was comprised of men and women with backgrounds similar to his,” Spradling said.

“The Gospels were always the focal point of the lessons.”

The entry class quickly grew to 85. Spradling reported that each quarter, the men and women of the class were invited to attend new classes that were intended to take them deeper and further in their discipleship. “Josh’s class always took a dip in attendance, but was quickly filled to approximately 85,” Spradling said.

In 2012, Monk began meeting with 10 to 20 men on the lawn of the church. The men were coming straight from work to the class, so they decided to bring pizza, hamburgers to grill and other meals. Spradling reported that this group, that began with 10 to



20, now is 100 who meet in small groups on Wednesday.

Sadly, Spradling said that Monk died in Nov. 2015 after a nine-month-long battle with cancer. Monk left a legacy of an Invite Team. His team served to invite people to Jesus and to church to become followers.

Maywood believes in indigenous leadership. “We believe that God has sent men and women from lives of addiction and brokenness,” Spradling said, “to reach our broken community.”

Maywood calls the pastors of the church “coaches,” out of a conviction that the real superstars of the church are the men and women who can reach the community

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Former BR-KC Pastor Honored by MBTS

A former Blue River-Kansas City pastor was honored as the 2015/16 Alumnus of the Year for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. On June 20th, Dr. Jason Allen, president of MBTS, honored Mark Clifton, senior director of church replanting at the North American Mission Board, as this year’s honoree and recipient of the award. Clifton received a Master of Divinity degree from Midwestern in 1985. Before undertaking his role at

NAMB, he served as pastor of **Wornall Road Baptist Church** in Kansas City for 10 years, revitalizing the once dwindling and dying neighborhood church. But Clifton’s history with BR-KC goes back much further than his pastorate. Mark is the son of the late Harry Clifton who formerly pastored **Immanuel Baptist Church** in Independence for 25 years. Clifton works full time with NAMB now, but he and his wife Jill reside in the Kansas

City Metro area. Though Mark travels extensively across the nation each year speaking on the subject of church revitalization, he still

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Mark Clifton with Johnny Hunt and John Bisango

OUR STEWARDSHIP**YTD CHURCH GIVING**

Church	2016 Assn. Mission Giving	Church	2016 Assn. Mission Giving	Church	2016 Assn. Mission Giving
Abiding Love	\$876.00	Friendship*	\$0.00	New Salem	\$649.44
Antioch	\$234.21	Full Faith Christian Center	\$0.00	New Wave Ministries	\$50.00
Antioch Southern	\$1,506.85	Grace & Truth	\$800.00	New Zion Missionary	\$0.00
Armour Heights	\$0.00	Grace Baptist, Oak Grove	\$1,622.91	Noland Road	\$16,241.87
Avenue Family Church	\$0.00	Grace Church of Independence	\$150.00	Norfleet	\$1,118.74
AZ-U-R	\$0.00	Grace Family Fellowship	\$1,800.00	Oak Grove First	\$18,028.23
Bales Avenue	\$500.00	Grace Heartland	\$600.00	Oak Tree	\$300.00
Beaumont	\$0.00	Grace Point	\$0.00	Oakwood	\$1,250.00
Belvidere Heights	\$1,500.00	Grain Valley First	\$7,055.00	Olive Branch Missionary	\$125.00
Bethany	\$0.00	Grand River	\$404.96	Paradise Outfitter Ministries	\$4,236.80
Bethel	\$1,005.58	Grandview First	\$3,691.67	Paseo	\$250.00
Beverly Hills	\$500.00	Greater Bethel Missionary	\$0.00	Pathway*	\$140.00
Big Creek	\$6,701.00	Greenwood Missionary	\$0.00	Peculiar First	\$1,584.96
Blue Ridge	\$3,435.48	Haitian American	\$400.00	Plaza Heights	\$250.00
Blue Springs First	\$22,292.49	Harvest*	\$0.00	Primera Iglesia Bautista	\$173.21
Blue Summit	\$1,221.81	Heart of Life	\$4,999.98	Principe de Paz	\$200.00
Buckner First	\$1,417.90	Hickory Grove	\$0.00	Raymore First	\$1,750.00
Calvary, Blue Springs	\$404.80	Hispanic, Rockwood	\$0.00	Raytown First	\$13,333.35
Calvary, Independence	\$1,615.63	Holy Hill	\$0.00	Red Bridge	\$600.00
Calvary Temple	\$50.00	Iglesia Cristiana Palabra Viva	\$500.00	Redeemed Ministries Bible*	\$0.00
Carlisle	\$558.02	Iglesia Jesucristo Verdad Y Vi	\$476.22	Redeemer Fellowship	\$100.00
Cedar Creek Comm.	\$900.00	Iglesia Pan De Vida	\$608.17	Redemption Church	\$0.00
Celebration Community	\$50.00	Immanuel	\$3,503.04	River Boulevard	\$1,008.15
Central	\$1,386.07	In God's Hands Ministry	\$0.00	Roanoke	\$1,578.48
Church at Pleasant Ridge	\$75.00	Independence First	\$499.98	Rockwood	\$932.89
Church of Faith	\$25.00	International Comm Church (Russian)	\$0.00	Second Missionary	\$100.00
Cleveland First	\$20.00	Kansas City Korean	\$0.00	Six Mile	\$695.80
Coleman	\$300.00	Lee's Summit First	\$18,665.16	South Haven	\$17,091.24
Corinthian Missionary	\$200.00	LifeConnection	\$11,388.57	Southview	\$2,433.76
Country Meadows	\$1,534.83	LifeConnection Grain Valley*	\$256.00	Sovereign Grace	\$0.00
Covenant Memorial	\$100.00	LifeConnection Northeast*	\$0.00	Spring Valley	\$4,139.49
Coventry Estates	\$375.00	LifeQuest	\$0.00	Spruce St. Matthew	\$600.00
Creighton First	\$2,476.49	Little Blue	\$150.00	Sterling Acres	\$2,277.62
Cross Creek	\$1,192.50	Living Stones	\$100.00	Strasburg	\$618.00
Crossroads, Grain Valley	\$350.00	Logos	\$0.00	Susquehanna	\$100.00
Crossroads Bible*	\$0.00	Loma Vista	\$0.00	Sycamore Hills	\$3,172.15
Discovery	\$50.00	Lone Jack	\$600.00	The Church in Waldo*	\$745.68
East Lynne First	\$826.00	Longview	\$500.00	The U Church	\$150.00
Ebenezer Missionary	\$300.00	Manna Fellowship*	\$0.00	Tree of Life	\$20.00
Faith	\$3,381.19	Martin City	\$678.17	True Light of Jesus Christ	\$0.00
Fellowship Greenwood (Lenexa)	\$3,000.00	Maywood	\$1,050.00	True Vine	\$0.00
First Haitian	\$500.00	Mosaic Bible Fellowship	\$300.00	United Believers	\$135.00
First Westside	\$200.00	Mt. Nebo	\$250.00	Vietnamese	\$0.00
Fleming	\$236.10	Mt. Washington	\$0.00	Word of Life	\$0.00
Forest Avenue	\$0.00	New Birth Christian Ministries	\$0.00	Wornall Road	\$1,300.00
Freeman	\$861.57	New Life Cambodian	\$0.00	Total	\$220,689.21

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(Ephesians 4:11-13). The job of the coaches is to maximize the effectiveness of the entire team. "When someone from the community enters a Sunday School class or a small group," Spradling said, "they meet someone who looks like them and who speaks a similar language."

"God has a trophy case filled with pictures of men and women who have been transformed by the love and grace of Jesus Christ," Spradling said. "I am blessed to witness new persons being added to His trophy case nearly every week."

2016 Annual Meeting

*Sunday, October 2nd
FBC Blue Springs, I-70 & Little Blue Parkway
5 p.m. Missions Fair
6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Annual Celebration*

**Blue River-Kansas City
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Executive Director's Report

I am writing to ask you for your assistance and support at a critical time in our young ministry to human trafficking victims. It is estimated by the Renewal Forum, a non-profit agency which participates in policy, research, and advocacy related to human trafficking, that 1,650 kids in the greater Kansas City area are victimized each year. The Department of Justice study on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) found that Kansas City ranked number two nationally in terms of risk for DMST. Through our partnership with AwareKC to prevent minors from being victimized, our staff participated in identifying 103 youth that were being groomed by sexual predators online and connected them with appropriate law enforcement and/or counseling resources.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri launched the Human Trafficking Rescue Project (HTRP) in 2006. The victim services arm of the task force is the Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CAHT). CAHT consists of numerous non-government organizations which collaborate with HTRP to provide necessary services for the victims of trafficking. Restoration House of Greater Kansas City is a member of the Coalition. We learned from these sources that residential recovery services is the biggest gap and the need for programs and services for victims is in high demand.

Thus, the mission of Restoration House of Greater Kansas City is to help minors and adult victims live fully restored lives through its holistic healing programs. Since opening our doors for residential services in June of 2015, fifteen women have received residential wrap around services and a total of fifty women subject to commercial sexual exploitation have been provided non residential assistance and services.

Christine McDonald, sex trafficking survivor and Program Director of Restoration House, states that "Restoration House of Greater Kansas City is the safe haven, the hope we (victims) dreamed of. Restoration House has compassionate staff who take care of victims unconditionally and work individually with each woman that comes into the program. The hope we never knew exists today. The women and girls have a chance at hope, and a safe place so that they do not need to die at the hands of a buyer, or trafficker, or at their own hands due to hopelessness and despair."

There is no doubt that sex trafficking is happening in Kansas City and this is not what we want to be known for! We believe the only viable solution to this huge injustice is our community working together in partnership with organizations like Restoration House to say "Not In Our City!"

I would like to encourage you to pray and choose one of the following options that best fit your church's participation in the mission of Restoration House:

- 1) Select a Sunday between August and October for a special **Restoration House Offering**. We will provide you with envelopes and a link for online giving.
- 2) Conduct a "**Red House Campaign**". We will provide your church with the requested number of 3x5 inch plastic red house "piggy banks." You would have families in the church fill those houses with donations and return by a designated date.
- 3) Include Restoration House in your autumn **Mission Conference** as a participating ministry.
- 4) Include Restoration House in your new church fiscal year **Budget**.

Campus Ministry Update

Carson Conover, Blue River/Longview

The summer is an ideal time to plan and strategize for a new year of campus ministry. I've been spending these past couple months prayerfully planning for



the fall semester beginning in the middle of August at MCC Blue River and Longview.

Students

reach students. So, I'm in the process of solidifying a core team of student ministers who'll take ownership of ministry and mission to their fellow students. One of my goals is to invest a significant amount of time and energy training this team of students to reach their campus.

One of those students is named Dillon. He came to faith this past fall and we had the privilege of baptizing him on Easter Sunday at **LifeConnection Church**. Since then, I've been discipling him in the foundations of the faith. He's currently at scout camp for the summer, but we've been meeting online every Monday afternoon to grow in God's Word. So, it will be very exciting to see him hit the ground running this fall to get hands on ministry experience at an early stage in his faith.

Additionally, I've been planning to make the most of the first month of the new semester. We'll have a table on campus every day of the week for the first two weeks, raffling off an iPad, and collecting contact information from as many students as possible. The hope is to follow up with each and every student to set up Gospel appointments and invite them to social gatherings on campus we'll be planning for the first several weeks of the new semester. From there, our prayerful hope is to see a segment of those students get connected to student led Bible studies.

Will you pray for me, for this core team of students, and for significant impact in the first month of the new semester? Thanks in advance!

News from the churches

FBC Blue Springs will host a certified NAMB ESL (English as a Second Language) training on August 11th, 12th and 13th at their Little Blue Parkway campus. The \$20 fee covers everything. Class size is limited. Call the church at 816-229-9335 with questions or to reserve your spot before August 5th.

Belvidere Heights has VBS material to share with any church that could use them. Email bhbcemo@aol.com for a list of available materials.

River's Edge Fellowship has 18-12 foot pews to give away. If interested, call 816-709-3531. They also need help with building renovations. If you can donate time or resources, call Pastor Travis at 816-739-9848.

Vision 2020 Grant Schedule

3rd Quarter

August 5 - Grant Requests Due
August 24 - Grant Checks Written

4th Quarter

October 7 - Grant Requests Due
Oct. 26- Grant Checks Written

info and applications available at
<http://blueriver-kansascity.org/grant/>

Executive Director Report

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We will provide video, print and other resources to support your promotion of the option you choose and collection of the funds. If desired, we will also set up displays and/or provide speakers for your church as part of the campaign or promotion as well. In addition, any individual donor that invests \$100 or more will receive a copy of Christine McDonald's book, Cry Purple.

Please let our Development Director, Steven Robinson, or Jennifer Hutton in our office know of your intention to participate, which option is best for your church, and what promotional support and involvement you desire. You can reach Steven at stevenr@kcbaptist.org or Jennifer at jenniferh@kcbaptist.org or call (816) 623-5260.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and your kind consideration!

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makes time to consult with and mentor our BR-KC pastors, helping them learn how to bring life and vitality back to their churches. Clifton helps BR-KC host a monthly fellowship that is open to any pastor or staff person called the Legacy Cohort for the purpose of encouraging and equipping pastors of declining and revitalizing churches. The next Legacy Cohort will meet on August 9th from 10 a.m. to noon at **Coventry Estates Baptist** in Independence.

How would Clifton encourage a pastor who is frustrated by the indifferent mission field he encounters and entrenched opposition within the church to the kind of change that is necessary to lead the church to reach its community? "Don't give up! Don't lose hope! You are not alone and we would love to consult with you. God gains no glory when a

church is declining and dying. The Lord desperately needs your church to bring the gospel to that neighborhood in a way that they will embrace and believe. There are steps you can take to begin the process of revitalizing your church and seeing people come to Christ again.

Love the remaining members and seek to warm their hearts and stir their affections toward the gospel. Preach the word consistently. Pray without ceasing and pray with radical dependence on the power of God to revive His church. And stay. Paul encouraged Timothy to remain at Ephesus. Replanting is a long process with a very long on-ramp. Lastly you must be called to this work. If you are not called by God to replant this church then work to prepare the way for the replanter. Our team at NAMB stands ready to help. Email us replant@namb.net and visit churchreplanters.com.

June Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$43,217.06	\$220,689.21
Other Income	10.57	61.82
Total	\$43,227.63	\$220,751.03
Less Expenses	(36,736.74)	(225,115.53)
Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$6,490.89	(\$4,364.50)
Budget	\$467,420.19	\$38,951.68
Annual	Monthly	\$233,710.08
Budget Receipts + other income		220,751.03
Receipts compared to budget	95%	(\$ 12,959.05)

Calendar

August

- 5 Grant Requests Due
- 9 Legacy Cohort, **Coventry Est.**
- 11 Ministry Team Meeting

September

- 1 E3, **Faith**, Harrisonville
- 5 Office Closed for Holiday
- 8 Ministry Teams
- 13 Legacy Cohort, **Coventry Est.**
- 15 E3, **South Haven** Belton
- 22 E3, **Calvary** Blue Springs
- 29 E3, **Sycamore Hills** Independ.