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'Tie a Bow on It' Gift of Down Syndrome sends pastor down path of unexpected ministry *by Karla Rinker of The Pathway*

LEE'S SUMMIT – Jesus probably would have looked dapper in a bow tie, but then, He didn't need help standing out from the crowd.

"Every day someone stops me and talks to me about the tie," said Nathan Begnaud, owner of Madison Street Leather and pastor of **Redemption Church** here. "It turns into a gospel presentation as I share about the idea, about Maxwell, and about my faith in Christ. This week I had three such opportunities in the same day."

Begnaud handcrafts leather bow ties that he sells online, as well as in twelve stores (and counting) across the Midwest. He was inspired to make the leather bow ties after seeing an episode of Shark Tank that featured wooden bow ties. Begnaud's father is a talented leather craftsman who owns a leather business in Minnesota,

though Begnaud was only familiar and not an expert in the craft. But God kept the idea in the corner of his mind as he continued his pastoral work planting Redemption Church along with his wife, Emily, and their two children.



Max Begnaud

"Then the unexpected came into our lives in the fall of 2015 and we knew I needed to shift gears," Begnaud said. "My third child, Max, came to us with the gift of Down Syndrome, which continues to be a massive learning curve for us."

Max has already been through open-heart surgery, as well as several other procedures; he has in-home occupational therapy and he regularly sees nine different specialists. The so-called "normal rhythms" of life were gone and Begnaud saw the desperate need to be present with his family and to connect with people as a church planter in a more flexible way.

"So with the hope that I can not only be more available to my family, but also incorporate my family into helping produce and ship these handcrafted bow ties, Madison Street Leather was born," Begnaud said. "It's been an ethereal experience because since we started crafting them I've felt a certain joy, like making them with the ability God's given me is another way to express my joy in Him."

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"It's amazing... there's no other way to describe it."
— Senior Financial Resources

"The sound of laughter almost brought the roof down!"
— Sandra

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Tie a Bow on It

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Meanwhile, Begnaud also felt a shift in his heart and mind regarding his pastorate ministry. He had been part of churches in the past that tended to focus on average attendance and programs and Begnaud got burnt out.

“When I started looking at how Jesus and the apostles did ministry and how it was far more relationally-based, I became deeply convicted,” he said. “I found myself aching for more and more opportunities with people.”

The first time Begnaud went to one of his many café “offices” wearing his new prototype, he discovered his leather bow ties were also the answer to his desire to meet people. It seemed the joy he felt in making them matched the joy people felt when they saw them.

“People notice me,” he said. “Even if they don’t say anything, they at least look and smile. But often people ask me what my bow tie is made of. Is it cardboard? Where did I get it? I get in conversations with people and we swap stories.”

And no two conversations are alike. God uses these divine appointments in a variety of ways. Sometimes Begnaud’s able to share his testimony about his son and clinging to Jesus during his weakest moments and other times his pastorate comes up and it becomes more of a spontaneous counseling session.

“It’s a mixed bag of opportunities that has so many possibilities,” Begnaud said. “It’s the ongoing narrative of my life and it’s still being written. The old methodology is to get to Jesus and the power of the

gospel. Don’t get me wrong, the gospel is important and sometimes I get to share it. But as I’m depending on the spirit sometimes I realize it’s a flight of stairs and I only have five minutes. Sometimes I share about how I trust God for provision or how I know God has a plan and



Nathan Begnaud with son, Levi

purpose for me and my family and well, these bow ties.”

God’s using leather bow ties in Begnaud’s

ministry, but the opportunity to the impact the world with the gospel looks different for everybody.

“Flip over stones, bark up trees, try things that are uncharted like making a bow tie,” Begnaud said. “A buddy of mine owns a gym and ministers specifically to young student athletes. Whatever it is, get the story of the gospel and God’s work in your life out there and out of all the structured stuff. But most importantly, whatever you do, it needs to be done in faith. I still don’t know the whole scope of what God is going to do through the bow ties, but even my glimpses into his plan are rewarding and fulfilling and I know are delighting to God. If you have the faith piece, venture out, because with God all things are redeemed when they are surrendered to Him.”

For more information or to see the variety of handmade leather bow ties available visit madisonstreetleather.com or search MadisonStreetLeather on Etsy.

BR-KCers serving MBC

- Larry Heenan, **Spring Valley** - Executive Board
- Doug Schildknecht, **FBC Buckner** - Executive Board
- Welby Jones, **Sterling Acres** - Executive Board (Retiring 2016)
- Larry Thomas, **FBC Raytown** - Executive Board (Retiring 2016)
- Gary Jones, **The U Church** - Executive Board
- Stephen Andrews, **New Salem** - Executive Board
- Debbie Englebrake, **FBC Raytown** - Committee on Enrollment
- James Freeman, **Country Meadows** - Hannibal-LaGrange University
- Carey Casey, **FBC Raytown** - Hannibal-LaGrange University
- Jim Evans, **FBC Blue Springs** - Southwest Baptist University
- Mark Rains, **FBC Blue Springs**-Southwest Baptist University
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- Alan Cobb, **Roanoke** - Missouri Baptist University
- Jean Land, **Spring Valley** - Children’s Home



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Executive Director's Report

Dear Partners in Mission,

There are three ministries God has given us collectively that I'd like to encourage your prayerful additional support.

ETHIOPIA - In Ethiopia we partner with local ministry leaders for a Bible School, planting new churches, and assisting and reaching Eritrean refugees. Baptisms, new churches, and equipping of leaders is expanding and so are opportunities! A team from BR-KC will again trek to northern Ethiopia January 15-27, 2017. Would you consider giving extra that the team might take it with them to help refugees, reach new people, expand church planting and train more leaders? Our team leaders are Jim and Nicole Brown from **Noland Road Baptist Church**, and our lead pastor is Randy Messer of **FBC Oak Grove**. Please let us know if God lays this on your heart.



RESTORATION HOUSE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY - BR-KC catalyzed this growing ministry to victims of human trafficking. We want to invite you to help support and learn more about this critical ministry in our local community by joining us at the 3rd Annual Hope Now Freedom Gala. Please pray about your church sponsoring a table at the Gala and then bring 8 representatives from your congregation to learn more, be inspired and participate in rescuing these who are perishing. Contact Jennifer or Steven in our office to find out more about how to sponsor a table.

PEOPLE TEAMS - As you read this our People Teams ministry will have already piloted its first ever "Refugee Simulation Experience". People Teams is led by Andrew Huesing and they are daily engaging people from all over the world who are resettling



here as immigrants. God is giving amazing opportunities to touch unreached people groups right here in Kansas City. The holidays are an excellent time for families, individuals and small groups to learn how to connect with immigrants, meet needs, and be the hands and feet of Christ. You can also get a prayer guide to the Nations in Kansas City. Contact

Andrew Huesing or Jennifer in our office for how to get involved!

Campus Ministry Update

Travis Hamm, UMKC/Rockhurst

There is nothing quite like the joy of seeing someone surrender their life to Christ and then grow in this new relationship. Our desire is for such life transformation to take place in every unbelieving student we encounter. We are faithful to sow gospel seeds, but God is the one who produces fruit. With ministering to college students, we often don't get to see this fruit. We have just a few short years with most students, and many times they graduate and move on without believing the gospel. We pray that God will use others in their lives to water the seeds and lead them to Jesus.

This past week, Britney and I were given the rare treat of learning that such a prayer was answered. Dan was a pharmacy student at UMKC not long ago, and an active participant in Impact who attended weekly Worship Gatherings, men's groups, and social events. He and I would occasionally meet for coffee and I'd ask questions about his faith. I sensed that he "knew the right answers", but I wondered if he truly believed what he intellectually knew. Over time, he graduated and we lost contact.

Just a few months ago, I ran into Dan at a going away party for an Impact alum. I learned that Dan had started attending a church that my good friend, Peter, planted. Last week Britney and I spent an evening with Peter and his wife, catching up on life and praying for each other. Peter shared that just a few days before, Dan shared that he did not have a personal relationship with Jesus. He had grown up in church and knew what his parents believed, but had never come to believe for himself. Peter responded by asking him if that is something that he desires now, and Dan said yes. The two of them then prayed and Dan asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior! Dan was baptized on October 30th!

What a joy to hear this story. It is an encouragement to us to continue sowing gospel seeds even when we don't get to see the fruit. We never know what God is doing beneath the surface in the hearts of those we minister to. Praise God for His work in Dan's life!

You are invited to attend the
HOPE NOW FREEDOM GALA
BENEFITTING



January 14, 2017

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. VIP Social

5:45 p.m. Registration & Silent Auction Opens

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Gala Dinner

InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza

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\$100 per person, includes Dinner and Entertainment
\$25 per person for Optional VIP Social in the Rooftop Ballroom
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For more information, contact Jennifer Hutton (816) 623-5260

News from the churches

FBC Lee's Summit will be hosting Celebrate Christmas with Christian recording artists Phil & Pam Morgan on Friday, December 9th at 7 p.m. Admission is free with a love offering received.

Oakwood Baptist is looking for a part-time Worship Pastor. Send resumes to Pastor Russ Taylor at russ@obckc.com.

Oak Grove FBC is looking for a full or part-time worship leader. Email resumes to dianna@firstbaptistog.org or mail to PO Box 129, Oak Grove, MO 64075.

SonShine Preschool and Daycare and Club K4 at **FBC Buckner** is accepting resumes for teachers and childcare workers. For more information or to apply, visit www.fbcuckner.org.

South Haven in Belton is looking for a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator. For more information, visit southhavenchurch.org. Email resumes to PastorRichard@southhavenchurch.org.

Belvidere Heights in Grandview is looking for a part-time Music Director. Email resumes to bhbcmo@aol.com.

2017 GRANT CHANGES

- Grants will be given out on a semi-annual basis – February and August
 - The approximate amount for each semi-annual period will be \$21,391.83
 - 15% of the amount will be allocated for Restoration House
 - 15% of the amount will be designated for emergency capital needs of churches
 - 70% will be flexible within the five existing ministry objective categories
 - Churches/ministries will have a maximum number of two semi-annual requests with only one request being granted each time
 - Churches can only be funded in any given category once per year
 - Only one emergency capital needs request per year is allowed per church. If no emergency capital needs are requested in a grant period, the remainder of the funds become flexible and can be used in other categories
- For more information, or to apply for a grant, visit blueriver-kansascity.org/grant.

4th Quarter Grant Report

Gospel	United Believers	\$ 1,539.81
Outreach	Grace Point	\$ 500.00
	Impact Ministries	\$ 850.00
	LifeConnection	\$ 1,539.82
	Mosaic Bible Fellowship	\$ 1,539.82
	Fellowship Baptist	\$ 1,100.00
Flex Funds	Fellowship Baptist	\$ 1,100.00
	LifeQuest	\$ 2,169.45
	Coleman	\$ 1,600.00
Resourcing Churches	Coleman	\$ 1,200.00
	Coleman	\$ 1,000.00
	Coleman	\$ 1,000.00
Assisting Comm. Transformation	Impact Ministries	\$ 200.00
	The U Church	\$ 1,392.36
	Tree of Life	\$ 1,392.37
	Restoration House	\$ 2,984.73
Church Planting	United Believers	\$ 1,200.00
	Grace Church	\$ 2,500.00
	Manna Fellowship	\$ 2,269.45
Equipping Leaders	The U Church	\$ 2,500.00
	Plaza Heights	\$ 1,600.00

October Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$32,225.45	\$368,724.75
Other Income	15.18	122.02
Total	\$32,240.63	\$368,846.77
Less Expenses	(37,017.57)	(372,596.68)
Balance as of October 31, 2016	(\$4,776.94)	(\$3,749.91)
Budget \$467,420.19 Annual	\$38,951.68 Monthly	\$389,516.80
Budget Receipts + other income		368,846.77
Receipts compared to budget 95%		(\$ 20,670.03)

Calendar

December		January	
1	E3, Calvary Blue Springs	2	Office Closed for Holiday
8	Ministry Teams	10	Legacy Cohort, Country Meadows , Indep.
13	Legacy Cohort, BR-KC office	12	Ministry Teams
15	E3, Sycamore Hills , Indep.	16	Office Closed for MLK Holiday
26-31	Office Closed for Holiday		