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## Restoration House Makes Plans for Home for Minors

Restoration House, a faith-based, long-term residential recovery program for sex trafficking survivors in Kansas City, has big dreams to reach a new sector of trafficking victims: minors. Currently, there is no residential facility dedicated to domestic minor sex trafficking victims in or near Kansas City. Restoration House aims to change that by opening a "Home for Minors."

Sadly, money for sex is a booming business – not just around the world, but right here in our community. Even more tragically, the victim's age is irrelevant to the buyers and sellers of sex. The statistics are horrifying. A 2013 study from Arizona State University showed that 14.5% of males over the age of 18 in Kansas City were searching online for sex. A 2009 KCPD sting operation using decoy ads selling young girls for sex received 500 calls in the first 24 hours! The abundance of demand fuels the dehumanization of girls who are trapped in the vicious cycle of sex trafficking.

The Home for Minors would break into this cycle by providing healing and restoration for these young women. Through the referrals of law enforcement, schools, government, and medical or social service agencies, the Home for Minors will offer holistic services and relational support to help trafficked youth victims forge a way forward for their lives.

The Home for Minors will house six girls at a time under the care of licensed professionals in a 24/7 facility. They will be surrounded by a safe community of caring, certified adults who are there to lead them through their recovery process.

“When children are in a safe place, they can begin to heal. With your help, we can make hope a reality for trafficked children.”

All victims who come to the home will be given medical care, mental health care, food, clothing, trauma therapy, and the opportunity to have their lives transformed by Christ. In addition to the child's mental, physical, and spiritual health, the program

will emphasize school attendance and educational achievement.

The Home for Minors will also include:

- A therapy and treatment room
- An education center
- Wireless technology infrastructure for staff and residents
- Office space for staff
- Common area with space for reading, watching TV, and relaxing with other residents.

In order for this incredible vision to become a reality, we need the prayers and support of each one of you. If you would like to get involved, consider participating in the Stepping Stones Brick Campaign. To find out more, call Steven Robinson, Director of Development, at 816-623-5260 or visit [www.restorationhousekc.com/fundraiser-brick/](http://www.restorationhousekc.com/fundraiser-brick/).



Our mission is to help minors recover and live fully restored lives through our holistic healing programs.



## Church Spotlight: FBC Raytown Enters a New Era

### Alyson Browning, Communications Director

**First Baptist Church of Raytown** has taken on a new name for a new era of ministry. As of Sunday, August 6, FBC Raytown began operating as **Connection Point Church** in preparation for becoming a multisite church this fall.

The church has held services in Raytown for 175 years, worshipping at their current campus since 1999. With the advance of technology, the church added an online campus a few years ago including live streamed services and interactive community and resources. On September 10, Connection Point will add a Lee's Summit campus to better meet the needs and serve the people of the greater Kansas City area.

The idea of taking on a new name came in the early stages of preparing to add a second physical campus. Being FBC Raytown in Lee's Summit could cause confusion.

In order to make the church buildings easy to identify and locate, the church chose a new name that conveys the mission of the church: to point others to a connection with Jesus, one another, and God's purpose for our lives.

Throughout its 175-year history, the church has maintained an unwavering legacy. It has stood firm on God's Word while helping believers grow, serving the hurting in the community, and telling the lost about Jesus. The church existed under the leadership of 44 pastors in 6 different buildings under 4 different names. Each of those eras brought change that increased the impact of the church.

This fall, Connection Point steps into an exciting new era that will continue that legacy and expand the impact of church's ministry as they become one church in multiple locations.

Learn more at [connectionpoint.tv](http://connectionpoint.tv)



Lee's Summit Campus  
501 NE Missouri Road  
Sunday services at  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
(Beginning September 10)



Raytown Campus  
10500 E 350 Highway  
Sunday services at 9:15 a.m.,  
11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

# Partner Ministry Update

## Blue Summit Baptist & Night to Shine

We are so excited about what God is doing through [Night to Shine](#). Last year, here in Kansas City, we hosted 300 VIPs with special needs at Arrowhead Stadium. Because of great partnerships with other churches we saw nearly 500 volunteers help make this day an amazing Kingdom event.



We anticipate this event to grow to 400 or more VIPs in the future. As a result, for this next year, BR-KC is joining [Blue Summit Baptist Church](#) in planning for the Night To Shine event to be held on Friday, February 9th, 2018 in the south tower of Arrowhead.

We have taken the feedback from our volunteers as well as our guests to make 2018 even better for our VIPs. Our goal is to create a partnership of churches that can help us to make this annual event a special opportunity to share God's love and grace.

Our new planning process will include an organizational committee assigned with different aspects such as fundraising, media, volunteers, registration and other needs. We are looking for energetic people to help us with this committee.

If you feel the Lord leading you to assist with this year's event, please contact Pastor Charles or Tammy Beeghley at [n2skc18@gmail.com](mailto:n2skc18@gmail.com).

We published a feature article on our BR-KC blog about last year's event. Read it [here](#).

View more pictures from last year's event at [www.facebook.com/N2SKC](http://www.facebook.com/N2SKC)

"My biggest hope is that each person who came here feels loved."  
- Tammy Beeghley

## SEPTEMBER

September 4 - Office Closed

September 7 - [E3 Meeting](#)  
Noon @ Abiding Love, Harrisonville

September 12 - [Legacy Cohort](#)  
10a @ Church at Three Trails, Independence

September 14 - [Ministry Team Meeting](#) @ BR-KC Greenwood Office

September 21 - [E3 Meeting](#)  
Noon @ Pathway Church, Raymore

September 21 - [Restoration House Monthly Education & Awareness](#)  
6-8p @ Heart of Life Lee's Summit

September 28- [E3 Meeting](#)  
Noon @ Harvest Baptist Church, Blue Springs

## Announcements

BR-KC Online News Board  
Submit and view events, news, classifieds, and job listings online!  
<http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org/online-news/>

## Classifieds & Job Listings

Mt. Nebo is in need of dehumidifiers.  
Contact 816-363-5278 or [mtnebo@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnebo@yahoo.com).

Cheryl Melvin, area coordinator for Operation Christmas Child, is available to speak about her recent trip to Rwanda. Email her at [cjmelvin1@yahoo.com](mailto:cjmelvin1@yahoo.com).

Lone Jack Baptist has 5 working ceiling fans to donate. Contact Pastor Jerry Tharp at 816-529-9203.

Grace Point is hiring a full-time custodian. Contact 816-761-4342 or [office@gpchurch.com](mailto:office@gpchurch.com).

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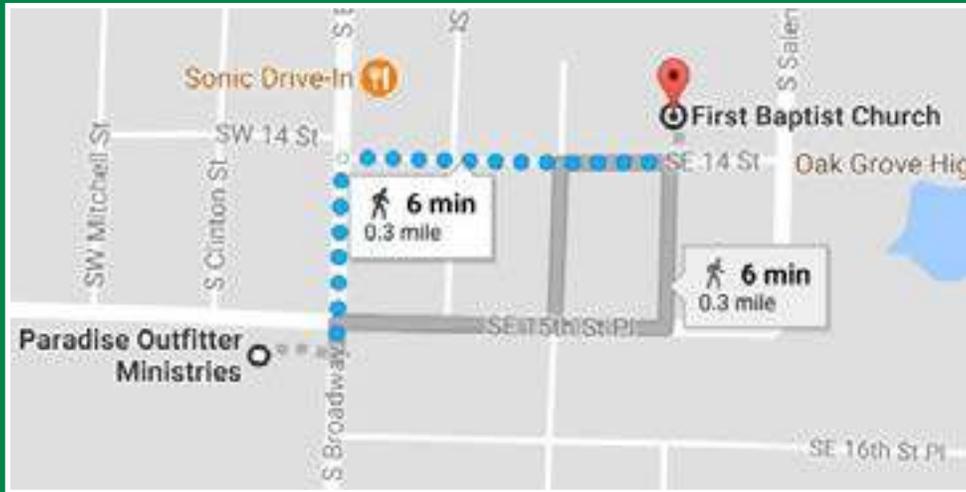
“Come celebrate our beautiful diversity united in the gospel!

Food, fellowship, resources, worship, updates, music and testimonies!”

- Dr. Rodney Hammer

BBQ Contest, Chili Cookoff, & Potluck  
4:00-5:15p

FBC Oak Grove  
400 SE 14th Street  
Oak Grove, MO



Business Session & Worship Celebration  
5:30-8:00p

Paradise Outfitter  
1500 Broadway  
Oak Grove, MO

## Fall Semi-Annual Meeting by Jennifer Hutton

On Sunday, October 1st, messengers from around the Association will gather in Oak Grove for the [Fall Semi-Annual Meeting](#). At last year’s annual meeting, messengers voted to change the format of our quarterly meetings to two semi-annual meetings.

The day’s activities will begin with a BBQ contest and Chili Cookoff at [First Baptist Church of Oak Grove](#), 400 SE 14th Street. Anyone interested in participating in either contest should contact the Association office at 816-623-5260 to sign-up and get more details. The food festivities will go from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. If you don’t BBQ or make chili, then we

encourage you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If your church name begins with A-H, bring a dessert. If your church name begins with I-W, bring a side dish.

After dinner, we will move to [Paradise Outfitter Ministries](#), 1500 Broadway (don’t worry... it’s just down the road). We will have our business session from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. followed by the joint worship celebration from 6:15 to 8:00 featuring great worship music and compelling testimonies.

We will also have several missions, ministry and church resource materials on display. You will find that we have some exciting new resources coming this winter for our churches.

Information on all business recommendations that will be voted on will be available on our website by September 15th.

This is a family-friendly event. We will have a nursery available during the business meeting and worship celebration for children 7 years and under. We hope that every church in the Association will come together that evening to learn about local missions and the work of the Association, and to join together in the worship of our Lord.

View event details and updates at [www.blueriverkansascity.org/calendar](http://www.blueriverkansascity.org/calendar)