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SEMI ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Other than it being a Chief's game night, everything else was perfect for our fall Semi-Annual Meeting on October 1. The Road Church members and Elders Dale Smith and Charles Ackman were gracious hosts in their newly constructed church. It really is a beautiful facility, and we appreciate them being so hospitable. Several ministries were present during the mission's fair portion of the evening. Peculiar First Baptist, Grain Valley First Baptist, and Abiding Love women made delicious soups and desserts and no one went away hungry.

Around 110 messengers gathered in the sanctuary for the business and program portion of the evening. We welcomed a new church plant, The Overflow Church lead by Alan Findley, into BR-KC membership, voted on our new slate of committee members, passed a trimmed down 2024 budget, and affirmed Gregg Boll as the new Director of Mission. [Here is a link to the Book of Reports](#) if you couldn't make it and would like to see all of the reports of our various BR-KC supported ministries.

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CELEBRATING 42 YEARS OF BRKC!

As we celebrate the 42nd year of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association, we are reminded of God's faithfulness over the last several decades. In 1981 the Blue River Baptist Association and the Kansas City Baptist Association merged to create what is now BRKC. The first annual meeting of the merged Association was held in 1982, and as you can see from the article below, had an incredible turn out.

Why form an Association? We believe that an Association is one way we can partner together to further advance the Kingdom of God. Church partnerships are an admission that ministry is about building God's Kingdom, not our own, and that we are a stronger force for His glory when we work together, rather than apart.

Being part of the Association reminds us that we are all part of the universal Body of Christ, and we need one another.

We thank you for your continued partnership and support of BRKC! To God be the glory.

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1400 Attend Annual Meeting!



Close attention was paid by the large crowd that attended the first annual Blue River-Kansas City Association meeting.

Total attendance for the two nights of the Annual Associational Meeting was approximately 1,400. It was a great response to the first annual meeting of our Blue River-Kansas City Association! The audio-visual, "Our Association on Mission," was a thrilling presentation of many of the ministries of our churches and our association. Members of the associational staff worked diligently to put together this graphic picture of missions in our association.

Dr. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas, and well-known Baptist Hour preacher, blessed our hearts with his message on Tuesday evening. The music was outstanding. Murray Buschert and Doug Webb were in charge of congregational singing and arranging special music.

Moderator Bob Easton and assistants Paul Armes and Harvey Neal presided and handled the business of the association well. It was an annual meeting that will be long remembered!

Missouri Baptists Launch Project to Establish Western Missouri Children's Home

Missouri Baptists have been in the important business of caring and providing help for children in need for many years. In 1886, the Missouri Baptist Children's Home was founded in St. Louis for this purpose. The home, now located in Bridgeton, has been continuously available as a placement facility for children who for various reasons cannot live in their own homes.

At the Children's Home, children experience genuine love, some for the first time in their lives. They learn to trust others. They learn responsibility. They find hope for a better life. Many return to their own homes after a period of treatment and adjustment.

Those who work professionally with children recognize the importance of each child being placed in a home in the geographic location of their own homes, such as the Baptist Children's Home. Thus, Missouri Baptists, in an effort to most efficiently aid the children who need help in the State of Missouri have launched a project of establishing homes in various locales across the state. The first of these campuses will be in the Kansas City area where the need for such a home is "pressing," according to a spokesman for the Children's Home in Bridgeton.

Citing a recent report released by the Missouri Division of Family Services, he said for each of the 1406 spaces in non-

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IMB MISSIONARY TO SOUTH ASIA

Thirteen years ago, I had the pleasure of serving as the first People Team Coordinator with the Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association. Although our time in this role was sweet, it was brief. In 2011, the Lord sent us to serve among the Muslims of South Asia with the International Mission Board. My wife and I are continuing in that work until today. However, from November to February, we will be in Kansas City, connecting with the churches and looking for more missionaries to call to work alongside us. Thank you for all that you do in supporting the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Your generous support holds the rope for us to continue our work.

Did you know that South Asia is home to 600 million Muslims? There are more Muslims in South Asia than any part of the world. Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh have the world's second, third, and fourth-largest Muslim populations respectively. In the midst of this, our God is doing an amazing work! Muslims are coming to Christ. Churches are starting. Muslim-background leaders are being developed. More Muslims are coming to Christ now than at any other time. Some estimate that more than 10 million former Muslims now follow Jesus worldwide. If this is true, about half a percent of Muslims worldwide have repented and believed in Jesus.

You can become more involved in engaging with the Muslims of South Asia. A great next step is to take our new E-Course, Engaging the Muslims of South Asia. Just click on this link (<https://tinyurl.com/mr3zd6yn>). In just an hour or two, you can learn about the Muslims of South Asia and the part you can take to reach them. If you want to meet with me, please contact the BRKC office; I would love to connect!

Your Fellow Servant
David E
IMB Missionary

Terri Boll, wife of Director Gregg Boll, is working to compile a contact list of ministry wives in our Association for future events/opportunities for fellowship and encouragement.

To be added to our contact list, please email the office at amyc@kcbaptist.org

