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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."



Men's Discipleship and Leadership Training Seminar

Do you have an abundance of spiritually mature men to lead in your church? You could! Yet I hear all the time from pastors that they lack male leaders in the church.

"Scott Patty and David
Atchison lead a biblical men's
discipleship and leadership
development process that
has resulted in over 150 men
being discipled, trained,
serving and reproducing in
their church. You're going to
want to prioritize attending
this seminar. I bet it will be
the most significant game
changing equipping you've
received in the last decade."



Tuesday, September 8 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wornall Road Baptist Church Register at http://discipling-men.eventbrite.com

The family, the church, and the world need men who walk humbly with Christ and serve the good of others. But these men are not born this way, they are reborn by Christ and developed by others. This is what the Apostle Paul meant when he gave Timothy the method for discipleship and leadership training.

"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. What you have heard from me in the presence of many witness entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:1-2

This seminar will build on Paul's words to Timothy to present the relationships, content, context, method, men, and outcome of discipleship and leadership training.

Pastors, men's ministry leaders, and others who desire to disciple men and train leaders will benefit from this seminar.

Scott Patty is the founding pastor of Grace Community Church in Nashville. He graduated from Belmont University in 1985 and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1989. Scott's primary

calling in the church is to lead the congregation by casting a biblical vision for all of life through the preaching of God's word.

David Atchison is a business and ministry leader who lives in Franklin, Tennessee. As a veteran of commercial real estate development, and a co-founder of The Riverstone Group, David provides consulting, expertise and wisdom for business leaders and organizations. In addition, David has been serving LifeWay Christian Stores as a consultant. A longtime mentor and speaker on discipleship and leadership, he has challenged thousands of business professionals for over two decades.





BR-KC Welcomes New Churches

At the July 23rd Executive Board Meeting, members voted unamiously to accept two new churches into our association.

Journey the Way Church is a new church plant in Lee's Summit. They will be launching their services on Sunday, September 13th at the Gamber Center, 4 SE Independence Avenue in Lee's Summit. Dave Gass is their pastor.



Pastor Dave with his wife, Dana, and daughters Willow and Bethany

Manna Fellowship Church, under the leadership of Pastor Rick Friesen, is a new church plant. They meet on Sunday mornings at 17235 BelRay Place in Belton.



Pastor Rick preaching the word

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Vancouver Partnership at Work

Recently, The Point Church in Vancouver, had the privilege of baptizing a Chinese student named



"J". They first met "J" about a year ago,

when some of their summer interns connected with him on campus. It has been a joy for them to be part of his faith journey and they are excited to see him growing and sharing with others. In fact, he even brought a friend to his baptism who then announced that he, too,

has decided to follow the Lord! Praise God for all He is doing through Pastor Victor Thomas and The Point Church. Please pray that all would be encouraged

and that The Point would continue to be a blessing to many.

The Point Church is only one of the many churches that BR-KC partners with. If you or your church would like more information on the work that continues in Vancouver, including current needs, contact Chane Hutton at 816-550-0513.



Pastor Victor Thomas celebrating the baptism of their new brothers in Christ "A" (above) and "J" (top)

LifeWay Pastor Roundtable



People Teams Prayer Spotlight



Iraqi Arabs in Kansas City

Please pray that God would open the spiritual eyes of Iraqi people to see the truth of the Gospel of Christ. Pray that the situation in Iraq would lead to good discussions and relationships between Christians and Muslims here rather than misunderstandings and hate. Also,

Iraqi Arabs	Data
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.5%
Believers in KC	Some
Evangelical Witness	Some
Population in KC	4,000
Access Overseas	Dangerous

pray that an Arabic speaking church would be planted in the Northland.



From your Executive Director

Meet Steven Robinson, Director of Development.

Please join me in welcoming Steven to BR-KC as our first ever Director of Development! You're going to love getting to know Steven and appreciate his heart for the Lord, sense of calling to serve in this position, and his abilities and experience in seeking funding for great causes and the mission of God.

Steven will focus on bringing in new sources of revenue to expand our capacity to launch and maintain strategic mission projects, ministries, and programs in accordance with our God-given vision.

Some of Steven's Career Highlights...

- ... Twenty-five years of expertise providing pipeline development, securing major gifts, funding capital campaigns/scholarships, and obtaining corporate sponsorships for non-profit organizations and university foundations
- ... Coordinated major special events that included golf tournaments, walk events, black tie galas, honor dinners and roast events that secured corporate sponsors, corporate teams, and the recruitment of CEO's as chairs
- ... Executive Director of Lawrence Community Shelter, Lawrence, KS
- ... Vice President of Saint Francis Community Services, Salina, KS
- ... Vice President of Development and Marketing, Saint Paul School of Theology, Overland Park, KS
- ... Director of Development and Major Gifts Officer, Kansas State University Foundation, Manhattan, KS
- ... Executive Director of American Diabetes Association, Des Moines, IA

WELCOME TO BR-KC, STEVEN!



Church Planting Spotlight educational classes, restrooms, the Nelson

by Anthony Baker, CrossRoads Bible



Pastor Anthony Baker and family

In April of 2013, Pastor Anthony Baker was introduced to Deacon Bert Nelson of First Baptist Church of Riverside. After several meetings with Deacon Bert Nelson an alliance for the Cause of Christ was formed. With five committed Christians, the missional and intentional work of planting a church in Riverside began. In August of 2013 CrossRoads Bible Baptist Church held their first evangelistic worship service.

The fall of 2014 saw CrossRoads Bible complete the remodel of their downstairs

educational classes, restrooms, the Nelson Café, and the CrossRoads Kidz Zone and launched CrossRoads Counseling Center, where 120 community pro bono hours were delivered. In the winter of 2014/2015 CrossRoads Bible partnered with Toys for Tots; Harvesters and Restoration House. This fall, CrossRoads Bible plans to launch CrossRoads Kidz, a ministry where children can receive tutoring and mentoring.

I believe the greatest victory for our church is that we are still in the fight. Our core group is still small and frontline missional work of church planting is not attractive for many but we move forward with the belief that God called us, that He is with us and that He is sovereignly in control of the outcomes.

Please pray that our church will have a clear vision. Pray that physical and financial partnerships will be established and that our core group will continue to be committed and dedicated.

Legacy Cohort Spotlight

-New Salem Baptist

Stephen Andrews Pastor

1. Tell us about your ministry context.

New Salem is located in northeastern Jackson County just on the edge of Independence. Our rural and suburban ministry makes for a unique blended context. New Salem has served this part of Missouri since 1826. Next year we will celebrate our 190th anniversary. Our congregation is older, but we are seeking to reach the younger families surrounding our ministry location.

2. What ministry initiatives is New Salem Baptist Church involved in?

God is leading us to grow people into mature disciples of Jesus Christ. We see the Scriptures telling us that the primary role of the Church is to share the Gospel, make disciples, gather those disciples into the local church, and then train them to make more disciples, all for God's glory.

We have started to do this in several ways. Two of the more unique ways are by opening the Fort Osage Christian Counseling Center and the Fort Osage Legacy Church RePlanting Center, both of which are helping us to begin to reach our community and also help our sister churches.

3. What is happening and where are you seeing God at work?

We are stabilized and have added some new members by letter and baptism. We are seeing new spiritual vitality and excitement because of recent changes-some of which were caused by an accidental flood in our basement from the baptismal pool! God has used an apparent "disaster" to bring about some needed modifications to our building and our focus.

4. What is your most important prayer request?

That we would be disciples who make disciples and fill the earth with God's glory.



New Salem Youth Group

News from the churches

Forest Avenue Family Shelter recently lost a boiler. With winter approaching, they are seeking funds to replace and repair their heating system. To donate, please send funds to BR-KC and indicate Forest Avenue in the memo line

Maywood Baptist Church in

Independence has items they would like to give away such as children's chairs, room dividers, pulpit and more. Contact Joan Williamson at 816-461-7094.

Discovery Church in Grain Valley is looking for a pianist for a fairly traditional service on Sunday mornings. They will pay a small stipend. Please call Pastor Dale Smith at 816-588-0098.

Longview Baptist Church in Lee's Summit is looking for a part-time Youth/ Children's Minister. Email resume to longviewbaptist@att.net.

Oakwood Baptist in Lee's Summit is looking for a part-time ministry assistant. Email resumes to office@obckc.com.



Awareness and Volunteer **Training Event** September 17th -6 to 8 p.m. **Heart of Life Church** 800 SW 150 Hwy, LSMO

Current Donation needs:

Arts and Crafts kits (call office for specific items)

Quik Trip Gas Cards

Grocery Gift Cards

For more information on RHGKC, visit www.restorationhousekc.com or call 816-795-1822

To set up a volunteer profile and start the registration process,

https://rhogk.z2systems.com/np/ clients/rhogk/account.jsp

The Annual BR-KC B.J. Ferguson Pastor/Laity Golf Tournament is Friday, September 11th at Shamrock Hills Golf Course. The \$50 per person fee includes green fees, cart, snacks, prizes and lunch. Call Dr. Curtis Porter

at 525-5277 or 678-5408 by September 7th to register. The MBC is hosting a National Sunday School Director Seminar on September 12th at **FBC of Raytown**. For more

information and to register visit www.

mobaptist.org/sunday school.

The 2015 Midwest Regional Church Administration Conference is October 15 and 16 in Overland Park, KS. The conference will feature keynote speaker Steve Dighton, former pastor of Lenexa Baptist Church. Register at www.3EConference.com.

4th Quarter Grant Schedule

October 2nd **Application Deadline** October 21st Application Review October 28th Grant Checks Written

The Rotary Club of South Platte at Briarcliff is hosting a golf tournament on September 14th at Tiffany Springs Golf Course. Proceeds from this event will go to the Horn of Africa Ministry. For more information, visit www. southplatterotary.com.

July Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$27,168.85	\$245,463.00
Other Income	38.12	312.79
Total	\$27,206.97	\$245,775.79
Less Expenses	(38,565.93)	(264,843.37)
Balance as of July 31, 2015	(\$11,358.96)	(\$19,067.58)
Budget \$467,750.00 Annual \$3 Budget Receipts + other income Receipts compared to budget 90%	8,979.17 Monthly	\$272,854.19 <u>245,775.79</u> (\$ 27,078.40)

Calendar

September

Office Closed for Holiday 8 Discipling Men, Wornall Road 10 Ministry Teams

- 11 Fall Golf Tournament 17 E3, 2nd Missionary, Grandview 24
 - E3, Oak Tree, Lee's Summit

October

- E3, Blue Ridge, Independence 2 Grant Requests Due
- 4 Annual Meeting, Noland Road
- 8 Ministry Teams
- Legacy Cohort, Wornall Road 13
- 14 Admin & Finance Committee
- 21 **Grant Checks Written**