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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."

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Blue Springs Church Partners with London

By Tim Howe as published in *The Pathway* August 25, 2015, edited for length

An email led to an opportunity, and an opportunity grew into a global partnership. Such is the story of **First Baptist Church, Blue Springs**, and the connection they now share with Stanmore Baptist Church, a London congregation located in the heart of one of the most ethnically and religiously diverse areas in the world.

Matt Sprink, FBC's pastor of disciple-making, received a message from a then-unknown sender asking if he were the Matt Sprink married to Holly Sprink, the author. As the correspondence continued, the Sprinks developed a close relationship with their digital friend and found out that he pastored a church in the London Borough of Harrow, one of the most religiously and ethnically diverse boroughs in all of Europe. His church, Stanmore Baptist Church, consists of about 170 people from more

than 30 countries. The more the Sprinks learned, the more they saw a unique opportunity for cross-cultural discipleship in one of the world's most influential cities. Pursuing the possibility of future ministry, FBC Blue Springs sent the Sprinks to London in October of 2014.



During the trip the Sprinks experienced firsthand the overwhelming diversity and recognized the potential for fruitful partnership with the London church. The Sprinks returned to London with a

small team in April 2015. Members prayer walked, made relationships with local religious leaders, and even dined in the homes of borough residents. After these initial trips, FBC Blue Springs sensed the Spirit moving and sought to couple with Stanmore Baptist in a long-term ministry partnership.

This summer FBC Blue Springs sent two discipleship teams to London, one consisting of mainly youth and the other adults. These teams were able to connect with students in the local school, and were also able to reach out to locals as well as assist Stanmore Baptist with their 80th anniversary celebration.

Although the teams and the Sprinks have returned for now, the church will continue their global partnership, reaching the world through London.

SAVE the DATE! 1.23.16

for the 2nd Annual

HOPE NOW

Freedom Gala & Silent Auction

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RESTORATION HOUSE of GREATER KANSAS CITY



400 enthusiastic messengers attend Association Annual Meeting at Noland Road Baptist Church



SOUTH ASIAN SIKHS IN KANSAS CITY

Sikhs	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99%	10
Believers in KC	None	10
Evangelical Witness	None	10
Population in KC	1050	8
Access Overseas	Moderate	7
Total (Average)		9.0



KANSAS CITY HAS AN ESTIMATED 400 SIKH FAMILIES

living mostly in South Kansas City and Shawnee. 95% come from Punjab. They began settling in Kansas City in the 1960s and began worshipping together with five families. In 1989, the Gurdwara Sahib Kansas City (Sikh House of Worship) was built at 6834 Pflumm Road

in Shawnee where they continue to worship. There is a new Sikh temple moving into downtown Olathe.

Sikhism as a religion began in the 15th Century by Guru Nanak and has continued through ten Gurus. It blends Islam with Hinduism. Like Islam, it is strictly monotheistic and rejects the caste system in favor of human equality. With 30 million adherents, it is the fifth largest organized religion of the world. The men are easily recognized by wearing turbans. Many of the Indian restaurants in KC are owned by Sikhs. The religion emphasizes music because Guru

Nanak first preached his sermons through hymns accompanied by the Rabab (lute). In KC, Sikhs integrate easily with the Hindu community.

One KC church previously brought the Gospel to the Sikhs, but there is currently no known ministry among them. Pray in the Spirit for the Father to send out laborers to join Him in what He is already doing among the Sikhs.

Pray for a family who is ministering to their housekeeper who follows the Sikh religion. Also pray for Inder Pal Sachdera, a Sikh business owner in OPKS.

Associate Director's Report

Gregg Boll

Over the last few years we have chosen to provide training opportunities for our churches and pastors based on feedback from surveys and personal conversations with them in order to be truly helpful and good stewards of the resources you give us. I want to personally thank Jerry Tharp, pastor of **Lone Jack Baptist** and chairman of the personnel committee, for producing a survey to discern the greatest needs of our pastors and for catering the meals for this year's Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship and Leadership Training event.

Our pastors continue to express a desire

for training in four basic areas: church revitalization; preaching; leadership; and encouragement/fellowship. We have invited pastors to help us design these ministries and events and have offered the following exceptional opportunities:

- E3 Pastors Lunches
- Legacy Cohort Meetings
- Williams-Farmer Preaching Fellowship
- Leadership Training Events
- VBS Training

Additionally, through our conversations with pastors we have learned that there is still confusion and a desire for information about how the church can protect itself from litigation and harassment in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage. We have been working with churches individually and referring them to good resources for amending their constitution and bylaws to address this threat.

Finally, we consult individually with several of our churches and pastors each year providing requested information and guidance in areas such as:

- Conducting an effective pastor search process
- Helping pastorless churches find a quality interim pastor
- Advice on how to implement an

effective outreach or discipleship ministry

- Resolving church conflict
- Intervening to help pastors dealing with personal crisis to find healing, personal assessment and professional counseling to restore them to fruitful ministry when possible
- Helping churches self-assess and consulting to bring about a healthier church
- Helping struggling churches find stronger partner churches to come alongside them for support, encouragement and greater kingdom impact upon their community

We are here to serve you and your church and we are honored when you reach out to us for assistance. Please let us know how we can serve you.

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IN MEMORIAM

Nodell Dennis
December 22, 1942 -
October 14, 2015

Nodell was the DOM of
BR-KC from 1996 to 2007

Annual Meeting

BR-KC held its 34th Annual Meeting on October 4th at **Noland Road Baptist Church** with 400 in attendance. The international Missions Fair kicked the meeting into high gear. Messengers were able to learn more about various missions and ministries such as our partnerships with Vancouver, the Horn of Africa, MBCH, Restoration House and more.



Burmese Youth Choir

A number of our ethnic churches

provided food from their native countries, some wearing their traditional dress.

The Worship Celebration/Business Session was opened by the youth choir from the **Karen Burmese Church.**

Noland Road Baptist

Church's praise team along with the **Burundian Church** choir, combined gospel choir and combined Hispanic praise team provided times of praise and worship.

Dr. Hammer spoke, encouraging the messengers with



Outgoing Moderator Jeff Paul with incoming Moderator Gary Jones and Moderator-Elect Jerry Tharp

the words "We Will Fight!" We also had interviews with

Andrew Huesing and Luis Mendoza regarding People Teams and the International Welcome Center; Gary Jones regarding inner-city school partnerships; Scott Flippin on **Norfleet's** Unengaged Unreached People Group ministry; and September Tribble and Donna Ploeger for Restoration House.



Missions Fair with over 25 ministries and displays



Dr. Hammer encouraging the group

Campus Ministry

Travis Hamm, UMKC & Rockhurst

In September we launched Impact Intensives, our yearlong intense discipleship process for students who want to learn what it looks like to follow Jesus in every area of life. Each Sunday evening we begin the week with a teaching about a component of discipleship, and then the participants receive some supplemental reading. Throughout the week they gather in smaller groups to discuss the teaching and reading, and they each have a practical application to complete by the end of the week. Our first week began with understanding the story of God, the Bible, as we worked through the redemption narrative of Scripture together. The book that I provided for participants was The Jesus Storybook Bible. This children's Bible does a wonderful job of showing how all of Scripture points to the gospel of Jesus. I can only imagine what the college students thought when I handed them this picture-filled resource, but they all have grown to love it. In fact one of our students, Jessica, has found an opportunity to use this resource in ministering to her roommate. Her roommate, who is going through some personal hardships, has been reading it on her own, and the two have had some great discussions about the stories.



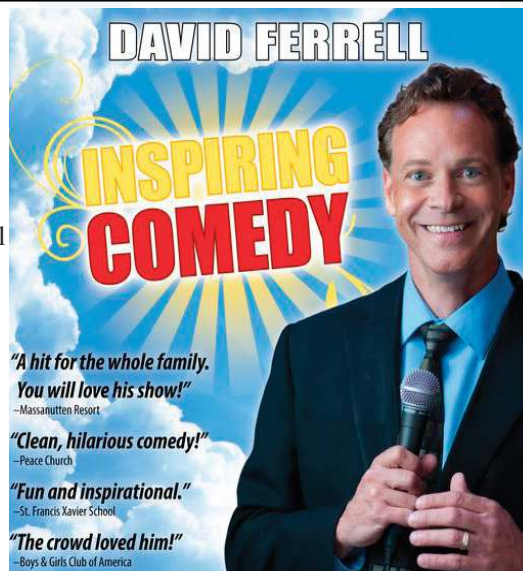
This school year Impact began a group for students who desire to raise awareness about human trafficking and give support to **Restoration House of Greater Kansas City.** This new group has had a few meetings so far, and we recently watched a documentary called *Nefarious*. This documentary impacted our group significantly and we now intend to host an event on campus where we show this film again. Our hope is to pack out the UMKC theatre with students and to invite a Restoration House speaker to share ways that we all can help bring an end to human slavery.

- PRAISE! We asked you recently to pray for God to raise up laborers to help in this gospel ministry. We have seen this take place from within our community.
- Pray for our group to host a successful Human Trafficking awareness event.
- Pray for boldness for our community to speak the truth about Jesus in love.

Annual Pastor/Staff/Spouse Appreciation Banquet

Please join us for our Annual Appreciation Banquet featuring David Ferrell. For over 20 years, comedian and motivational speaker David Ferrell has shown audiences that comedy can be clean and funny. In addition to his uproarious tales about everyday life, David delights audiences with hilarious impressions of famous celebrities, cartoon characters, farm animals and many more!

This year, the banquet is free and childcare will be available by reservation. To register, visit <http://2016appreciationbanquet.eventbrite.com>.



February 19th - 7 p.m.
FBC Raytown Atrium

News from the churches

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at **Immanuel Baptist Church** on November 2nd from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All women are invited.

The Men's Ministry of **South Haven Baptist Church** in Belton is sponsoring a Family Movie Night on Sunday, November 8 at 6 p.m. They will be hosting a screening of *Courageous*. In the weeks to follow, they will offer a small group men's Bible study based on the movie. Call 322-0409 for more info.

4-ByGrace will be in concert at **Calvary Baptist Church** in Blue Springs on November 29th at 6 p.m.

Red Bridge Baptist Church celebrated their 50th anniversary in October with special events all month long



Immanuel Baptist Church celebrated their 75th anniversary on October 4th with a special service and dinner.

Lone Jack Baptist is hosting a free conference on January 9-10 featuring sermons by Dr. Owen Strachan, Jared Wilson, Dr. Tom Johnston, and Ken Smith. Sessions available on multiple topics. Register at www.LiveFoundational.org.

Restoration House
OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

Awareness and Volunteer Training Event
November 19
6 - 8 p.m.
Heart of Life Church
LSMO
with guest speaker **Kris Wade**
from Justice Project of KC

YOUR IMPACT THROUGH THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



(The numbers above are taken from the 2014 Annual Statistical Report, a summary of Southern Baptist work overseas in 2013. For up-to-date statistics, go to public.imb.org/globalresearch.)

September Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$45,081.11	\$323,626.75
Other Income	22.88	359.30
Total	\$45,103.99	\$323,986.05
Less Expenses	(38,284.39)	(333,559.48)
Balance as of September 30, 2015	\$6,819.60	(\$9,573.43)
Budget \$467,750.00 Annual	\$38,979.17 Monthly	\$350,812.53
Budget Receipts + other income		323,986.05
Receipts compared to budget	92%	(\$ 26,823.48)

Calendar

November	December
5 E3, Antioch Southern, Harrisonville	3 E3, Oak Tree, Lee's Summit
10 Legacy Cohort, BRKC	10 Ministry Teams
12 Ministry Teams	16 Finance Committee
19 E3, 2nd Missionary, Grandview	24-31 Office Closed for Holiday
25-27 Office Closed for Holiday	