



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas
from the
BR-KC Staff

"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."

VISION

2020

Church Plant Reaching Downtown Lee's Summit

Hello! My name is Dave Gass and along with my wife Dana and my daughters Willow (15) and Bethany(12) we are planting the gospel in the heart of Lee's Summit in obedience to the call of God that came to me in the fall of 2012. We are humbled to come alongside churches in Lee's Summit who love Jesus and are faithfully proclaiming his gospel to this community. I have been trained and am being sent by Journey The Way Church in Wichita, Kansas, an Acts29/SBC congregation.

Lee's Summit is the fastest growing city in Missouri and one of the top 50 fastest growing cities in the United States, with as few as 25% of the population represented at a local congregation on any given Sunday. Our prayer is that through us God will reach the lost and raise up leaders

that will continue to do the same gospel planting work in this region and outward. Due to the demographic of Lee's Summit being primarily families, and the increasingly global spread of education and the work force, there is potential to see the gospel go to the furthest reaches of the globe from right here in the midwest within one or two generations.



We are blessed with a strong core team and are excited as we began meeting this July and launched Sunday services

in September. We are grateful that God has saved two people this fall, and we have seen several local families join us. We have found a great meeting location at the Gamber Community Center just blocks from downtown Lee's Summit. This facility affordably meets our needs and gives us opportunities for growth, all while being in our target area.

Please pray for encouragement to be faithful in the gospel planting work. I was once told that "church planting is like making a gallon of rejection every morning and drinking it all day, then getting up the next morning to do it all over again." Please also pray for God to draw people to himself through the faithful proclamation of his gospel. May Jesus continue to build his church in Lee's Summit and around the world.

Special Called Business Meeting of the Executive Board

Friday, December 18th, 10 a.m.
Fellowship Greenwood
Event Center (bldg in front of church)
1501 W. Main Street, Greenwood

There will only be one agenda item. The Administrative and Finance Committees are bringing a joint recommendation to the Executive Board that the Association purchase office property at 806 Main Street in Greenwood. We are also hosting two Q&A sessions with the opportunity to tour the proposed office property on Thursday, December 3rd at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. at the above location. Please visit our website for rationale and background.

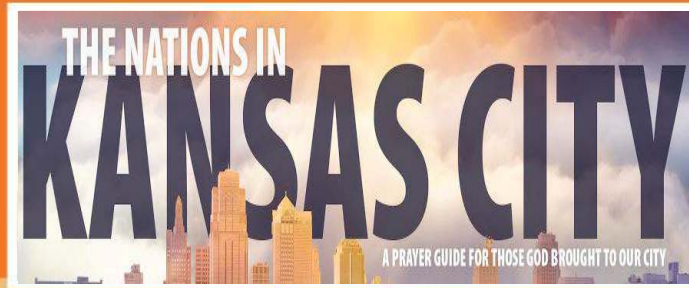
Restoration House Has a Busy Year

2015 has been a tremendous year for Restoration House of Greater Kansas City. Since October of 2014, we have hired our staff, held our first annual Hope NOW Freedom Gala, started our volunteer program, and opened our doors!

Our fabulous staff is made up of September Tribble, Executive Director; Christine McDonald, Program Manager; Wanda White, Trauma Therapist and Janine Montgomery, Case Manager. We are currently interviewing for the Residential Manager position and a Social Worker position.

On January 17th, BR-KC partnered with KC Street Hope to host the first annual Hope NOW Freedom Gala to raise support and awareness for Restoration House. The evening was a resounding success and featured local celebrities, elegant

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BARAWA & BAJUN PEOPLES IN KANSAS CITY



Somali Islanders	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99%	10
Believers in KC	0	10
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	850	7
Access Overseas	Dangerous	9
Total (Average)		8.8

The Bajuni Islands and the Barawa region are located in South-East Somalia. Their people speak their own dialect of the Somali language. Their culture has Arab influence and was colonized by the Italians. They tend to be more welcoming to outsiders and more laid back. One might call them the "Hawaiians of Somalia." Nevertheless, they hold strictly to their Muslim faith and welcome others in dialogs about it.

Kansas City has about 800 Barawa people and about ten families from Bajun island. Their communities intermix in Kansas City, and both are connected to the larger Somali community despite being slightly different from pure Somali culture. There are no known believers among this people group in Kansas City despite the efforts of some believers to engage them. These islands are extremely dangerous for missionaries to reach because of piracy and religious extremism, but we can reach the people right here.

Kansas City hosts about twenty individuals from the island of Zanzibar, a Muslim island nation off the Eastern coast of Africa.

Paul prayed Romans 10:1 for his own people. "My heart's desire and prayer for them is that they may be saved" (ESV).

A Prayer Guide for the Ethnic Groups in Our City - 11

BR-KC FUN-RAISER!

Horn of Africa Dinner and Silent Auction
Saturday, February 20

6 p.m.



Featuring Comedian David Ferrell

FBC Raytown Atrium
10500 E. 350 Hwy

Restoration House

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dinner, silent auction, comedy, live music and an inspirational message from Christine McDonald. We are so thankful to all who supported the gala, including BR-KC churches, local businesses and many individuals. Our second event is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2016 again at Arrowhead North Club. This year's event will be bigger than last year's.

Friday, May 8th was a day that saw the realization of a dream. Restoration House celebrated its opening with a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting ceremony held at the Beverly House of Hope.

RHGKC holds volunteer education and awareness meetings on the third Thursday of each month at **Heart of Life Church** in Lee's Summit. Volunteers are trained on important topics about sex trafficking. We have touched on topics such as Language Matters, the Deceptions curriculum, documentaries, stories from Restoration House and heard from experts in the field. We also offer break-out sessions for volunteer teams such as food/clothing drives, maintenance, speaker's bureau and gala fundraising. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, visit www.restorationhousekc.com.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Christine McDonald, Program Manager for Restoration House was featured in a Wall Street Journal article September 30, 2015.



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Executive Director Report

Since last October we have seen the Lord do amazing things in and through our churches, individually and collectively. Three of those collective accomplishments are opening Restoration House of Greater Kansas City, building the library for Eritrean refugee children in northern Ethiopia, and starting the first ever Bible School for Eritrean and Ethiopian pastors in Tigray, Ethiopia!

Some other firsts are hiring Steven Robinson as our first Director of Development for BR-KC, and our multiethnic church planting center and People Teams ministries collaborating to establish the International Welcome Center in northeast Kansas City.

There are many baptisms, earnest disciple making and much more to celebrate in the life of our churches, as well as the challenges God has seen His churches through.

Let's celebrate the greatness and goodness of our God!



Dr.'s Indrias and Hadaway teaching at the Shire Bible School



The new library for refugees in the Shimelba Camp



Roy Eutsler cuts the ribbon during the Grand Opening celebration of Restoration House

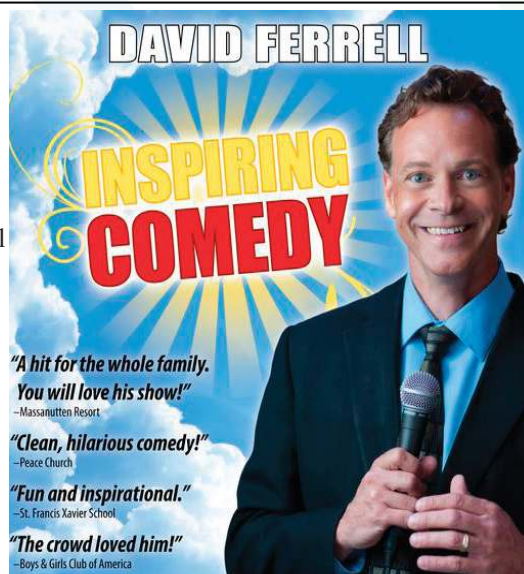


Grand Opening of the IWC at Palabra Viva in northeast Kansas City

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

Campus Ministry

Carson Conover, Longview/Blue River

I've been very encouraged this semester by how the Lord is at work in the lives of college students.

Since the semester began, I've been able to connect with dozens of students. The most encouraging connection has been with 7 students from Blue River Community College.



I met most of these students at the beginning of the semester doing some simple student surveys, gauging their interest in spiritual things. From that initial interaction I've been able to facilitate two new discussion groups on campus meeting bi-weekly. They're called Explore God Discussion Groups.



Most of these students involved are not Christians, but are willing to discuss the big questions of life—they're even willing to read and discuss a portion of Scripture each time we meet. We've already discussed these questions:

Does my life have a purpose? Is There a God? Why is There Pain and Suffering? Is the Bible Reliable?

Next, we'll discuss the question, "Is Jesus Really God?"

After our first discussion, I invited all the guys to join our church's "Man Day" to play paintball on a Saturday afternoon followed by a cookout with 30 other men from LifeConnection. Four guys joined us and had a great time. One of those guys joined us for the first time the following morning for our Sunday worship and has been coming regularly since, even bringing his girlfriend.

Our last on campus discussion was on the topic "Is the Bible Reliable?" One student who describes himself as spiritual, but admittedly has never read the Bible, asked many questions. This gave me the opportunity to explain much of the core content of the gospel message with him. I'm planning to follow up with the student to invite him to start reading the Bible with me one-on-one.

Please continue to pray for God to draw these students to faith in His Son Jesus.

News from the churches

Calvary Baptist Church in Blue Springs will be hosting Dr. Robert Collins on December 6th at 6 p.m. They will also host a New Year's Eve Gospel Sing on December 31st from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Belvidere Heights in Grandview is looking for a part-time music director. Send resumes to Music Search Committee, 15109 White Avenue, Grandview, MO 64030

First Baptist Church of Grain Valley is looking for a part-time music director. Send resumes to Tracy Barker at tabarker@sbcglobal.net.

Oakwood in Lee's Summit is looking for a part-time worship pastor. Send resumes to Russ Taylor at russ@obkc.com.

Red Bridge and South Haven Baptist Churches have offered to help returning missionaries with temporary housing. If your church would like to help with housing, transportation or any other needs, please contact the Association.

If your church is interested in hosting and using a mission group from out-of-state this summer, please let the Association office know. We get a number of calls from groups looking for mission opportunities.

Missouri Baptist Children's Home is looking for individuals or groups that can assist with construction, renovation and repair needs at their campuses around the state. For a detailed list, contact the Association office.

Missouri Baptist Children's Home Foundation is looking for a Development Officer in the KC area. Visit www.mbch.org for more information.



Awareness and Volunteer Training Event
December 17
6 - 8 p.m.
Heart of Life Church
LSMO
Join us for a time of learning and a Christmas Reception

SAVE the DATE! 1.23.16

for the *2nd Annual*

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Freedom Gala & Silent Auction

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RESTORATION HOUSE of GREATER KANSAS CITY



THE DETAILS

MORE DETAILS

WHO: RESTORATION HOUSE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

HONOREE: CHRISTINE LADNER, KANSAS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

WHAT: 2ND ANNUAL GALA EVENT & SILENT AUCTION

ENTERTAINMENT: 5 STAR JAZZ BAND

WHERE: ARROWHEAD STADIUM NORTH CLUB

EMCEE: MELONY MCKAYE, LIFE 88.5 MORNING HOST

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

PLUS: LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

For more information, contact Steven Robinson at (816) 795-1822 or stevenr@kcbaptist.org

October Financial Report

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts from churches	\$39,025.01	\$362,651.76
Other Income	19.40	378.70
Total	\$39,044.41	\$363,030.46
Less Expenses	(38,486.48)	(372,045.96)
Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$557.93	(\$9,015.50)
Budget \$467,750.00 Annual	\$38,979.17 Monthly	\$389,791.70
Budget Receipts + other income		<u>363,030.46</u>
Receipts compared to budget	93%	(\$ 26,761.24)

Calendar

December		January	
3	E3, Oak Tree , Lee's Summit	1	Office Closed for Holiday
3	Q&A Sessions re office property	12	Legacy Cohort, Blue Ridge
10	Ministry Teams	14	Ministry Teams
16	Finance Committee	18	Office Closed for Holiday
18	Special Called Business Meeting	23	Hope Now Freedom Gala
24-31	Office Closed for Holiday	28	Executive Board Meeting, Spring Valley