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KC Surgeon Stormed Normandy & Treated Truman

By Brian Koonce, *originally published in the MBC Pathway*

INDEPENDENCE – A little boy from Doniphan County, Kansas, is the last person one might expect to be responsible for the lives of the President and First Lady. But that became the case for Wallace Graham, who would storm the beaches of Normandy, earn three Purple Hearts, serve as the personal physicians for Harry and Bess Truman and ultimately join [Wornall Road Baptist Church](#) in Kansas City.

Graham and his family moved from Doniphan County to Kansas City when he was nine years old, just as his father, an Army surgeon returned from World War I.

“My father made a study of religious precepts,” Graham said as part of an extensive interview in the archives of the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence. “We went to several of the churches in Kansas City. He thought the Baptist Church had more to offer. ... When any young fellow, ten and twelve years of age, enjoys going to church rather than going to Sunday School, that speaks well of the minister. I went to Sunday School as long as I thought was necessary, but I wanted to get to church. The minister would always relate his sermon to everyday life.”

Graham would enter the Army ROTC while at the University of Missouri and became a First Lieutenant when he graduated from medical school in 1936. In 1941, he became the ward surgeon at Fort Leonard Wood. Later, after the United States entered World War II, he went to Europe. He landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-Day Plus 2 (June 8, 1944). There he helped set up a

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surgical hospital to treat the allied wounded.

"It was a miserable occurrence," Graham said.

Graham also parachuted into Holland as a part of Operation Market-Garden, where he was shot in the left thigh and left hand.

"I had a frightening experience when I was under constant, heavy fire, and I ran into a pillbox. There was a German forward observer standing on a parapet. Hearing the shells whine and the snap of bullets overhead, you could name every size and caliber."

Graham also treated German POWs. One German had been left for dead in a fox hole when "the Americans were coming through and a G.I. stuck his bayonet through his back, and it protruded through the chest. It was right over his heart, and came out the upper left chest. They couldn't get the bayonet out as it stuck on his ribs and scapula bone. So they left the bayonet in and they brought him in as we were moving forward to advance.

"I put him on the table, and laid him on his right side with the bayonet protruding. I was afraid that it was right in his heart. I pulled it out very slowly and didn't lose over a few drops of blood. It was amazing but true. He was evacuated back to the POW enclosure. I later heard he was sent to the U.S. and worked on a farm there in Iowa."

After the war ended, then-Col. Graham, was called to Potsdam, where Truman – now president – Winston Churchill, and Josef Stalin were carving up post-war Europe.

"I didn't know what my duties were to be at Potsdam," he said. "I didn't even know the President was over there, and so I thought I was being sent to another war zone (possibly to Japan)."

There, he was asked if he wanted to become the president's personal physician. He reluctantly agreed, but called himself "the country's 'most dis-employed doctor'" thanks to the Trumans' generally good health.

Promoted to Major General, Graham served the President and First Lady at the White House from 1945 to 1953 and then as the family doctor from 1945 until Bess Truman's death in 1982. In Washington, his office was on the ground level floor of the White House with windows looking over the south lawn. In motorcades, he rode one car behind the President and the Secret Service.

"I wanted to stay in active service as long as I believed it was my duty to do so," Graham told the Truman Library interviewer. "Not to be heroic or a martyr or anything of that type, but I felt compelled."

Graham passed away in 1996.

BR-KC Church Reboots with New Location and Name

by Chane Hutton



LEE'S SUMMIT, MO - After using the name Cedar Creek Community Church for several years, the Lee's Summit church has made the decision to relocate and revert to its original name, **South KC Baptist Church**. Effective June 3rd, SKCBC started meeting on Sunday mornings at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on the Northeast corner of 150 highway and Peterson about halfway between Ward Rd in Lee's Summit and 71 highway in Grandview.

The decision to move came after 18 months of praying, soul searching and sweeping changes led by the staff, elders and the church's coalition team. SKCBC has secured a one-year lease from the Kansas City Central Seventh-day Adventist church who meets on Saturdays for their services. Leasing from another denomination such as this may be somewhat unique among Southern Baptist Churches, but SKCBC plans to stay there until a permanent place is found in that same area.

Originally located on James A. Reed Road just off 470 highway, the church moved to the Cedar Creek Elementary School in 2013. The church still owns the original property, which is currently for sale. Once the property sells, the money will be used for missional causes as well as securing a permanent location.

The most significant event that led to this move was changing the question we were asking. Instead of asking "How can we grow the church?", we are now asking "How can we build the Kingdom?" This new location will allow the church the ability to reach into Lee's Summit, Raymore, Grandview, Belton and Kansas City.

A new website is under way which will give more details on the regional model and the process it entails as it unfolds. South KC Baptist Church is excited to see God move as we focus on building His Kingdom. Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.



Partner Ministry Update

Restoration House of Greater Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, MO – May marked the 3-year anniversary of opening our doors at [Restoration House of Greater Kansas City](#)!!!! What an amazing 3 years it has been! We've been contacted by 203 individuals needing assistance and have had 44 enter our services!! Out of those, we have seen 41 graduations from one or more stages of our program and 5 have completed the entire 9 to 24 month recovery program (all 3 stages = intensive, supportive, and transitional). We also launched our social enterprise, Rehope Market.

Additionally, here are some quick numbers:

- 7211 meals served
- 14 Baptisms
- Over 300 services provided
- Over 10,000 miles traveled transporting participants
- Over 4800 volunteer and intern hours donated
- 200,000 reached with awareness about human trafficking

As we look toward the future, we've recently opened new offices next to the BR-KC office in Greenwood, MO. We are preparing to open our residential home for youth, and we're expanding our adult services to be able to help more women, as well as women with children!

Hope is being restored and lives are healing! We can't do this all without you! THANK YOU for your ongoing support and prayers!! Please continue to pray, volunteer, donate, attend events, and share awareness! One of the best gifts you can give us for our birthday is to invite your friends to follow our page so they get involved too.

<https://www.facebook.com/restorationhousekc/>

events

JULY

July 4 - Office Closed

July 7 - [Hope Hangout 2018](#)
3p @ Kauffman Stadium

July 13 - [Revitalization Cohort with Dan Southerland](#)

July 28 - [Night to Shine KC Charity Golf Tournament](#)



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BIG NEWS

Faith & Family Day at the K is July 7th! Scott Dawson Ministries and Hobby Lobby are sponsoring an evening of baseball and worship with a concert after the game from Michael W. Smith! Before the game, join Restoration House for our inaugural "Hope Hangout"! Enjoy free hamburgers and hot dogs, games, face-painting for the kids, prizes, giveaways, fellowship and much more! Register at the link below for the tailgate and to order your "Hope Hangout 2018" t-shirt for just \$10! We want a sea of RHGKC blue inside the K to proudly say #NotInOurCity to human trafficking.

You will still need to buy tickets to the game for Faith & Family Day (not included in your registration). This is just the tailgate event prior to the game.

Get discounted tickets at royals.com/faith

For all information on the tailgate, visit: <http://restorationhousekc.com/hopehangout>

Night to Shine KC

1ST Annual Charity GOLF Tournament

Sponsored by Summit Point Church in Kansas City

Saturday July 28, 2018

SILENT AUCTION

4 person scramble
\$85/person

\$5000 PUTTING CONTEST

Shotgun Start
at 1:00 pm



3161 SW M291 Hwy, Lee's Summit, Missouri



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Player Registration: shgc-nighthinetimebyfoundationbeat.golfgeni.us.com or fb Night To Shine Golf Tournament

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