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## A New City on a Hill

by Daniel Smith

**Y**ou are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. -Matthew 5:14

What an amazing picture of truth that Jesus paints for his disciples found in this passage of Matthew. This is a truth that energizes the people of **New City-Loma Vista**, once known as Loma Vista Baptist Church.

New City-Loma Vista is the newest campus of New City that has been planted by the multi-campus church here in the Kansas City area. It is the fourth campus launched through New City Church that had its first campus roots planted in Shawnee, Kansas. Founded by Pastor Matt Miller and his wife Jenn, New City-Loma Vista now occupies a location that has a long history.



The church building at 8622 Blue Ridge Blvd in Raytown had once been home to a thriving congregation. The first church that called this location home originally launched in 1959 but is now a new home for a new generation along with a few of its original members. Sixty years from the original opening this old building is now seeing new leadership, new vision, new people, new baptisms, and new life.

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NCLV is a church body that has the heart to love and obey Jesus by engaging with the community and making disciples that make disciples.

The new introduction to the community there in Raytown has brought new leadership starting with Pastor Price Wright (pictured left with his family) being named as the campus pastor, joined by



his wife Arrica; husband and wife duo Tim and Magen Collier have been named as the Worship Leaders; along with Nia Hill as the Children's Ministry Director. This new campus has been blessed with the servant's heart of members from the other campuses that all have answered the call to help serve in any area where there is a need to serve. There has been a collective effort from painting, to installing flooring, from changing light bulbs, to installing a sound system.

When I spoke with NCLV campus Pastor Price Wright he said, "My heart is that we know the names of the people in our community and that they know they are known". He continued to say that he's excited to be a part of what God is doing and going to do in this community. So far, they've been able to engage with the community, and begin a mission to be a church that lives as an example of what it looks like to be the salt that affects everyone and everything that it touches. It is not uncommon to hear the leadership of NCLV speaking about trusting in, and living like Jesus, which is evident in their strong discipleship culture. NCLV is a true example of what it looks like when the light of Jesus is held high up on a hill.



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## Revival Brings New Enthusiasm to Blue Springs Church by Vicki Stamps, reprinted with permission from The Pathway

A recent revival generated a new spirit in **Calvary Baptist Church, Blue Springs**. "We have a new anticipation of what can happen," Lindy Reed, senior pastor, said. "There is a new enthusiasm and spirit."

The revival was a one-day event with Clyde Chiles, staff evangelist and senior adult minister for Calvary Heritage Baptist Church in Columbia.

"Clyde sent us a packet," Reed continued. "The packet prepared us for attendance and to have a Spirit-filled revival. We wanted to follow the ideas, and a priority was prayer. We prayed on Wednesday nights in the weeks prior to the revival. The last Wednesday night before the revival, our people were on their knees praying for the services."



Chiles agreed that prayer was the key. "They bathed the revival in prayer," he said. "All of the meetings had a greater attendance than expected. We encouraged the congregation to bring guests and they did."

Chiles reported that the church was expecting 80 for the Sunday morning service, and the count was 190. "I marvel at what God did in answer to prayer," he said. "We had 15 decisions at that service."

Reed said the church trained counselors in advance to work with those making decisions. "When Clyde gave the invitation," he said, "we had several counselors walk the aisle like they do with Billy Graham crusades. It is just more comfortable for those going forward to go with other people."

The morning service was not the first event of the day. "We invited the men to a prayer breakfast before the service began," Reed reported. "The ladies spoiled us and made some casseroles. Clyde challenged us with the need for evangelism in our society."

The afternoon was for the ladies. "We planned a tea party," Reed said. "The ladies poured into the building for the tea. We had about 40 ladies attend. Clyde talked to them about the virtuous woman in

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# MBC Disaster Relief Volunteers Hard at Work in Missouri

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief workers have spent the spring responding to flooding and tornado damage that have been wreaking



Leighton and Kaye Clemons from Country Meadows Baptist meet with Governor Mike Parsons to discuss the recent flooding

havoc in Missouri and surrounding states.

Below is a recent Facebook post that is a great summation of their tireless efforts in recent months.

Since our initial response in 2019 to the flooding in Nebraska and NW Missouri, we have been in near constant response mode.

During the tornado response in Jefferson City, our southwest region was responding to the tornado that hit Carls Junction, Webb City, and the surrounding area. In addition to the Jefferson City and southwest tornado response, we had an Arkansas team help South Central Region with response to Pulaski County. It was affected by a tornado on the same night as the Jefferson City event.

Shortly after, the West Central Region responded to a tornado in Excelsior Springs, and we are thankful for those that wrapped that event up in just a few days. While we were in tornado response we had a few calls for hot meals to feed sandbagging crews in mid and east Missouri. A big thanks to the feeding team for

preparing meals in Jefferson City and then delivering and serving them in the respective areas. This proved to be a better solution than mobilizing a team to those locations on such short notice and small meal counts.

We are monitoring the flooding and in contact with local church, associational, and government leadership. It may take a few more weeks for the water to go down and for the local population to decide how they want to proceed. Thank you for your support of Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief by praying, giving, and going!

2019 by the numbers:  
 23 salvations  
 28,000 volunteer hours -  
 3,629 volunteer days  
 45,000 hot meals  
 155 mudouts  
 125 chainsaw  
 1,814 showers  
 1,406 laundry loads  
 56 childcare

Here's how you can get involved in MBC Disaster Relief efforts:

- Pray for the victims, and for those ministering to them. Follow the Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Facebook page for up-to-date prayer needs.
- Give to the disaster relief efforts. Giving through Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief ensures that 100%



## news & events

### JULY

July 4 and 5 - Office Closed  
 Independence Day Holiday

### AUGUST

August 2 - Grant Requests Due  
 see details below

August 27 - Sexual Abuse Training  
 See ad back page for more info

### JOB LISTINGS

**Martin City Baptist** is looking for a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to nromitti@aol.com

**Six Mile Baptist** in Sibley is looking for a full-time pastor. Email resumes to sixmilebc@embarqmail.com

**Little Blue Baptist** is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to rldoyle1@swbell.net



Grant Application Now Available

Due August 2nd. Apply online at [blueriver-kansascity.org/grant/](http://blueriver-kansascity.org/grant/)

of the funds collected will go directly to Disaster Relief within the affected areas.

- Go. Becoming a Disaster Relief Volunteer provides an excellent opportunity for hands on service to people in need.

Members of **Manna Fellowship** in Pleasant Hill provide much needed help near Lawrence after recent tornadoes (left & right).



For more information, and to get involved visit [mobaptist.org/dr/](http://mobaptist.org/dr/)

#### Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association News

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Proverbs 31."

After the tea, a final service was held Sunday evening. "The tea helped build a crowd for Sunday night. We had 50 percent more attend than we usually have on Sunday night. We had three more decisions that night."

According to Reed, it was a packed day, but having it all on one day was a strategy. "I know that people work during the week and we were trying to be smart about attendance. This worked very well and God was in it."

Chiles agreed with Reed. "This congregation really caught on to the message," he said. "The message is to stop trying and to start trusting. I learned the lesson of Proverbs 3:5-6 sixty years ago and it changed my life. I tried to live and serve Him and I finally learned to 'lean not on my own understanding.'"



### Free Sexual Abuse Prevention Training Coming Soon!

BR-KC Baptist Association, in partnership with the Missouri Baptist Children's Home invite you to join us on August 27<sup>th</sup> for a very important and timely training.

Stewards of Children® is a prevention training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-informed program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors.



Please join us for a powerful training on how to recognize signs and take actions to prevent abuse. You will leave this training equipped with 5 actionable steps to know how to prevent sexual abuse, and how to respond responsibly if abuse is suspected or discovered. This is a two-hour training, provided by staff from MBCH, and includes compelling video from abuse survivors and professionals trained in preventing and responding to abuse. Each participant will receive a workbook for further reference and a certificate of completion.

Two sessions are being offered for your convenience and childcare will be provided at both. 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Register now at [www.blueriver-kansascity.org](http://www.blueriver-kansascity.org).

