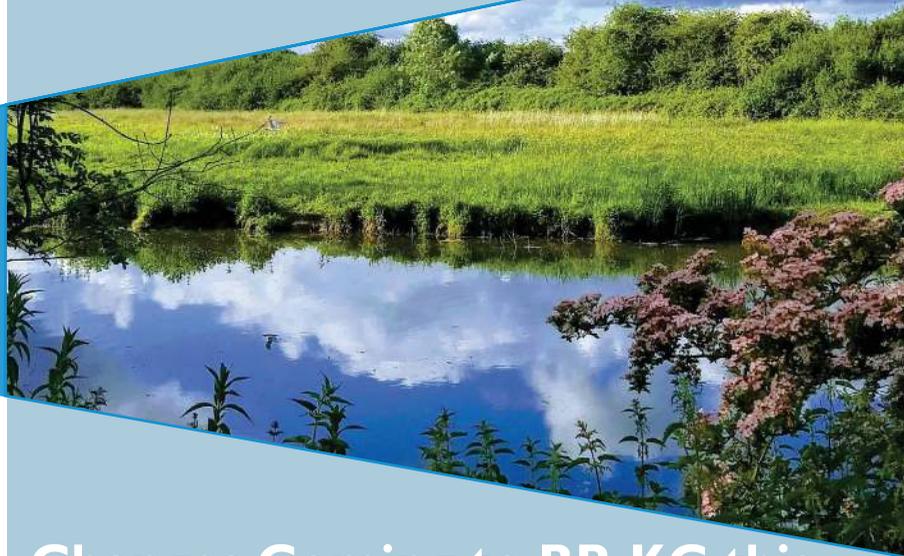




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## Changes Coming to BR-KC this Fall by Gregg Boll

**T**hrough conversations with our churches and pastors and because of recent opportunities which have presented themselves, BR-KC will be reshaping our ministry to churches and pastors this fall. In the past we have offered a quarterly pastor's/staff prayer luncheon at the geographical corners of the Association. This has been attended poorly in some areas and better in others. This fall, we will not offer the pastor's prayer luncheons, but instead plan to do one lunch and learn in September and one leadership seminar in November. We have also been holding a monthly Revitalization meeting for pastors to equip them to turn around declining and dying churches. The Revitalization group will continue to meet and it is open to all pastors and staff. This group often has guest speakers addressing the areas of revitalization and replanting. This event has been immensely helpful to those who participate.



Pastors meet for mutual encouragement

We have recently become aware of the ministry of Dr. Richard Marks. Dr. Marks is a PhD trained counselor who does leadership seminars for both corporate world and the church, couples marriage retreats,

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counselor training and personal counseling. Dr. Marks is a master at synthesizing the complex field of psychology and human behavior with the Scriptures. He has a unique grasp of the social and cultural factors that are driving the personality disorders, anxiety, depression and loneliness that you confront daily in your ministry. We plan to invite Dr. Marks to lead a lunch and learn from 11am to 1pm with lunch served on Thursday, September 19th. Dr. Marks will be available to speak in your church on Sunday morning, September 22 on a love offering basis. We are also making him available to personally consult with you, your church staff or lay leadership during the week. You must request this ahead of time and it will be on a first-come basis.



Dr. Marks speaking at the Spring Semi-Annual Meeting

We will invite Dr. Marks back for a Leadership Seminar on November

5th. He will be discussing what healthy, mature leadership looks like in the local church setting.



Pastor Training provided by BR-KC

This is a discipleship issue at its core. We as believers/pastors are attempting to disciple people into fully mature disciples who not only know biblical truth but who also model mature, biblical behavior towards those inside and outside the church. We are all aware that there is big difference between knowing Bible truth and "being" a disciple. This seminar will run from 9-noon with lunch served. Again, Dr. Marks will be available for personal consultation for a limited number of requests. He will be available to preach in your church on November 3rd on a love offering basis.

We are excited about this fall and the ministries we will offer to equip and encourage our churches and pastors.

## Connection Point Church Takes Gospel to Alaska by Ben Hawkins, reprinted with permission from The Pathway

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – A youth mission team from **Connection Point Church**, Raytown, shared the love of Christ here, June 9-16.

The youth mission team partnered with Grace Works, a ministry in Anchorage that organizes Bible camps at dozens of parks in and around Anchorage.

"In Alaska, it is very diverse and under-churched," Student Pastor Tyler Jordan of Connection Point Church told The Pathway. As such, the Missouri mission team worked alongside Grace Works ministry to "take church" to parks in and around Anchorage. "We learned a lot working alongside (Grace Works ministry)," Jordan said, adding that he hopes they can use what they learned during the trip to reach people in



Missouri.

"The things they did (in Anchorage), we can do here (in Raytown)," Jordan said.

Throughout the trip, students were assigned various responsibilities and were encouraged to build relationships and share the gospel with as many people as possible.

"I have loved this trip so much, and I'm sad to see it end," Abby Kujath, one of the mission

team members, wrote on Connection Point's blog. "I heard some tough stories from a lot of these kids, and I am so grateful to have hung out and made crafts with them. Hopefully they understood something we told them about Jesus, but I also hope they felt loved by us, and that they can understand how Christ loves them even when they may not feel loved or cared for by their families."

Emma Bulson of Connection Point Church wrote, "This week has been so fun and I have loved spending time with all the kids. Even though we are on our missions trip these kids are teaching us too. I have also loved spending time with our youth group and making great friends!"

To read more about the trip visit <http://connectionpoint.tv/blog/alaska-mission-trip>

# Vancouver Partnership - Meet The Common Place

Conrad Au is the Community Development Pastor who was raised in Coquitlam since he was 8 years old. He dreamed of a career in broadcasting, but God had other ideas. He now strives to bring Christian love to those who do not yet know Jesus, while supporting himself through employment with the Government of Canada.

(DNow) retreat this past summer. Called GROW, the retreat challenged local new believers in high school and young adults to lift our sins to the cross, embrace the importance of the gospel in our lives, and equip them to share the gospel to their neighbours. We are excited to see how the Lord will use these lives for His glory!

This Fall, we seek to regather these new believers together for regular bible study and prayer time. We'll be seeking to call out the called so we may strive to grow further in Jesus, be fruitful and multiply. We continue to pray and seek a long-term co-labourer who is committed to Jesus and His mission, and continue to covet your prayer for this worker that we trust He is preparing for us.

I'm excited that **South Haven** will partner with us this fall to serve our community and encourage our new believers to keep growing in Jesus. We're thankful for our partnership with BRKC!

Finally, on a personal note, thank you to the family of churches at the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association for covering me in prayer as I journeyed through the medical challenges in my family through the past year. I am able to rejoice today to know that my father is in heaven with Jesus after receiving Christ only 3 weeks before he passed away because of your prayer for him since our partnership began. I pray that my father's story gives hope to the hopeless in Kansas City just as it may in Vancouver.



Canada Day Outreach

Our family we call church is made up of every day people who unite because of God's love for us first, with the sole purpose of giving this love away to those who do not know it yet!

In addition to our regular consistent outreach to love our neighbours, The Common Place was blessed to receive a summer missionary who helped us initiate our first DiscipleNow



GROW casting our sins on the cross

Learn more at <https://thecommonplace.ca>

## news & events

### AUGUST

August 2 - Grant Requests Due [blueriver-kansascity.org/grants/](http://blueriver-kansascity.org/grants/)

August 8 - Revitalization Cohort Church at Three Trails

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

### SEPTEMBER

September 2 - Office Closed Labor Day Holiday

September 12 - Revitalization Cohort Church at Three Trails

### JOB LISTINGS

**Martin City Baptist** is looking for a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to [nromitti@aol.com](mailto:nromitti@aol.com)

**Six Mile Baptist** in Sibley is looking for a full-time pastor. Email resumes to [sixmilebc@embarqmail.com](mailto:sixmilebc@embarqmail.com)

**Little Blue Baptist** is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to [rdoyle1@swbell.net](mailto:rdoyle1@swbell.net)

**Lee's Summit First** is looking for a part-time worship leader and a full-time facilities manager. Send resumes to [staffsearch@firstls.church](mailto:staffsearch@firstls.church)



Our GROW team

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# Sexual Abuse Prevention Training

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.

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).

## Save the Date

### Fall Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:30 p.m.

Abundant Life Baptist Church

414 SW Persels Rd, Lee's Summit  
(original building to the west)

Not only will we be taking care of the business of the Association, hearing ministry updates and enjoying the missions fair, but we will also be joining Abundant Life for their Night of Worship.

Dinner will be provided.

## FIRST ANNUAL BLUE RIVER BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 21, 2019  
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Antioch Southern Baptist Church  
2601 E. Mechanic Street  
Harrisonville, MO 64701

Festival Food ● Quilt Show ● Inflatables  
Horse Rides ● Tractor Show ● Live Music

This is a **FREE** Concert but donations will be accepted with all proceeds benefitting Restoration House of Greater Kansas City



Featuring Grammy Nominated Kenny and Amanda Smith



The High 48's

Get tickets now at [blueriverfestival.com](http://blueriverfestival.com)