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Happy New Year!

Disciple-Making and Multiplying Disciple-Makers in Your Church Conference

Hosted by BR-KC

At Life Connection Church: 3883 Blue Ridge Blvd.,
Independence

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Lunch Served

RSVP to amyc@kcbaptist.org by 1/11/24

Doing the Missionary Task in Your Local Church
"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe
everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20
(CSB)

In my experience, pastors want to lead their churches
in fulfilling the Great Commission. At the same time,
many pastors struggle to know what practical steps
their churches need to take in fulfilling the Great
Commission.

Join us on January 16, 2024, for a workshop on how to
lead your church more effectively on
mission. An IMB missionary named
David will lead this workshop.

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JOIN US FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL REHOPE FREEDOM GALA (FORMERLY RESTORATION HOUSE) JANUARY 27, 2024 KANSAS CITY MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN

If you are new to BR-KC you may not know about a wonderful ministry that our network of churches started nearly 10 years ago. Dr. Hammer, our former Director of Missions, became aware of the growing menace that is human trafficking and led our churches to begin a faith-based, long-term, restorative care home for women and minor girls rescued from sex trafficking. The ministry is now located at two locations and can care for up to 17 adult women and 7 minor girl trafficking victims. It has been my honor to serve as one of the founding board members for Rehope. Many of the board members are members of our BR-KC Churches. Learn more about the ministry at rehope.org.

One of our main fund and awareness-raising events is our annual Freedom Gala. We would love for you to join us to support this ministry and to learn about the many ways your church could plug into this vital ministry; we have multiple volunteer opportunities and occasionally paid staff positions. It is a fun event and would be an excellent, classy night out on the town for you and your wife or significant other. Or invite your Sunday School Class or Small Group to come with you. Please click the link below to learn more and to register for the Gala.

<https://restorationhousekc.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/FreedomGala2024/tabid/1400329/Default.aspx>



Check out Job
Postings

Check out the
Classifieds

BAPTIST HOMES UPDATE

Over the Christmas holiday, I met up with Russell Marriott from the Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries. Russ serves as the Advancement Officer on the Community Engagement Team. He resides in the KC area and is interested in connecting with church leaders. Most recently he was serving at Criswell College in Dallas, but he also has served on staff at Midwestern Seminary and with the Billy Graham Evangelical Association.

Baptist Homes is a network of residential care campuses throughout Missouri with three locations in the KC area: Independence, Adrian, and Smithville. Baptist Homes campuses provide Christlike care, healthy food, compassionate staff, and a safe, peaceful environment, but first and foremost, home. It is with this understanding that they are purposely building a culture that puts the dignity, respect, and love of their residents first. The Baptist Homes are a ministry supported by your church through your Cooperative Program giving to the Missouri Baptist Convention. Trustees for this ministry are chosen and seated by you, the messengers of the Missouri Baptist Convention. So, this is your church's ministry to the aging.

If you're not familiar with the Baptist Homes please reach out to Russell at rdmarriott@bhhm.org or plan a visit to a nearby Baptist Homes campus to experience for yourself that same respect, love, and care. These homes are always welcome for your church or small group to make an appointment to come and minister to the residents of their homes. If you are interested in serving the residents you can contact Tyson Branizor at the Independence campus at 816-373-7795.

Gregg Boll, DOM



Our Pastors and Wives Appreciation Banquet is fast approaching, on Friday, February 16, at 6 p.m., in the Atrium of Connection Point Church in Raytown.

This is always a night of fun, food, and fellowship. Pastors, please RSVP to amyc@kcbaptist.org. If you have a need for child care, please inform us when you register, the number and age of your children.

