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## THE BEST IDEA ON EVANGELISM YOU'LL HEAR THIS YEAR, MAYBE EVER

*By Gregg Boll, Executive Director of Missions*

Early in my ministry, I attended the annual Missouri Baptist Evangelism Conference. One of the featured speakers was a pastor from South County, St. Louis named Phillip Hunter. Phillip's church had experienced more than 200 baptisms in the prior year, and the majority of those baptisms were new believers from outside the church. Of course, everyone wanted to know how he accomplished that. He humbly explained that he didn't do it, but the Spirit of God working through the people who took the gospel seriously and shared it did it.

"But, what did he do?", you ask. A couple of things. First, he preached on salvation and the power of the gospel. You know, stuff like the Great Commission and that the greatest need every human being has is forgiveness of sins and a relationship with the Lord, "as the Father has sent Me, so send I you". Yes, and even preaching the Great Commandment to love your neighbor as yourself has evangelistic implications. After all, the most loving thing you can do for another person is to share the life-giving gospel with them.....



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# HEALTHY, RENEWED CHURCHES

By Brian Grout, Associate Director of Missions

Every church goes through different seasons. Some seasons bring growth, energy, and fresh vision; others bring challenges such as plateau, decline, or fatigue in ministry. In those times, church leaders often ask: *How do we renew our congregation's health and vitality?*

We recently relaunched our Pastor's Huddles, and we will be walking through the Facilitating Renewal guide from the Missouri Baptist Convention. This resource is designed to allow the Pastor to walk your congregation through a biblical and practical process of rediscovering your mission, refreshing your ministry, and impacting your community for the future.

We desire to see every one of our BRKC Churches to be a healthy, biblically faithful, and community-focused multiplying church. Church health is not necessarily about numbers or church size, but rather obedience and faithfulness. This time together will help pastors and leaders take a clear, honest look at the current state of their church.

The process is not a quick fix, nor does it give you the silver bullet for church renewal. It is a spiritual work because God is the one who builds His church. However, this will help our churches assess themselves to identify strengths as well as areas of needed growth. It will allow churches to develop strategic plans and action steps that are gospel centered and mission-focused. Leaders and the church will be equipped to pursue healthy identities and renewal together.

Partnership is one of the best benefits of this time together. What would our association, city, and surrounding area look like if every church were a healthy and multiplying church? Imagine the kingdom impact, the lives changed through Christ, and the effectiveness of a healthy, obedient church.

Church renewal is ultimately God's work, but He calls us to be faithful stewards of the congregations he has entrusted to us. By joining us every month, pastors and churches can take the intentional steps toward health, growth, and gospel impact in their communities. If your church is ready to be renewed and always renewing, then join us for our monthly Pastor's Huddle as we work toward a healthier and more vibrant future for our churches.

**As we prayerfully plan for the future, we want to know how we can better serve the pastors and churches of BRKC. Pastors, please take the time to fill out our survey by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Only one submission per church, please. Take our survey [HERE](#).**



**Fall  
Semi-Annual  
Meeting  
and**

**Chili  
COOK  
OFF**

**OCTOBER 5  
5:00PM - CALVARY  
900 NW 22<sup>ND</sup> ST  
BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64015**

We will start by enjoying some friendly competition and a mission fair, with the business portion beginning at 6pm.

**[Sign up for the chili competition here!](#)**

**Financial Update - July Overview**

**MTD Budget - \$40,020.87**

**MTD Actual Income - \$35,754.15**

**MTD Actual Expenses - \$37,055.62**

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