

Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association

Semi-Annual Meeting



April 6, 2025
River's Edge Fellowship

**Spring Semi-Annual Meeting
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River's Edge Fellowship**

Welcome and Prayer	Travis Yeargans, Pastor of River's Edge Fellowship
Praise and Worship	River's Edge Fellowship
Business Session	Jim Vest, Moderator
Finance Committee	Greg Guthrie, Chairman
Associate Director's Report	Brian Grout, Associate Director of Missions
Ministry Reporting and Celebration	
Multi-Ethnic Church Planting Center and International Welcome Center	Luis Mendoza
Rehope	Jason Alvis
Collegiate Impact	Travis Hamm
Discipleship Panel	Jason Allen and Brian Grout
Director Message	Gregg Boll
Closing	Gregg Boll

Report of the Finance Committee

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**Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
Balance Sheet
February 2025**

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Accounts

Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
101000 - Commerce Checking Account	\$84,856.37	
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		\$84,856.37
Investments		
Charles Schwab		
140000 - Charles Schwab	\$398,210.22	
140002 - Change in Value of Investments	\$48,098.57	
Total Charles Schwab	\$446,308.79	
MO Baptist Foundation		
130000 - MO Baptist Foundation	\$110,000.00	
130001 - Earnings on Investments	\$4,222.86	
Total MO Baptist Foundation	\$114,222.86	
Total Investments		\$560,531.65
Total Assets		\$645,388.02
Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities		
Tax & Liabilities		
201000 - Federal & FICA Tax Withholding	\$1,221.26	
201500 - State Tax Withholding	\$358.00	
Total Tax & Liabilities		\$1,579.26
Total Liabilities		\$1,579.26
Fund Principal		
270000 - Unrealized Losses & Earnings on Inv	\$48,098.57	
299999 - BRKC Fund Principal	\$491,327.26	
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	(\$3,846.95)	
Total Fund Principal and Receipts Over (Under) Expenses		\$535,578.88
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$108,229.88	
Total Restricted Funds		\$108,229.88
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		\$645,388.02

Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses -Annual Budget Info
February 2025

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	MTD Budget Remaining (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)	Annual Budget Remaining (This Year)
Revenues						
301000 - Member Contributions	\$29,431.45	\$40,020.87	\$10,589.42	\$65,190.07	\$480,250.44	\$415,060.37
308000 - Interest & Dividends	\$656.43	\$0.00	(\$656.43)	\$1,412.14	\$0.00	(\$1,412.14)
309000 - Miscellaneous Other Income	\$4.50	\$0.00	(\$4.50)	\$4.50	\$0.00	(\$4.50)
Total Revenues	\$30,092.38	\$40,020.87	\$9,928.49	\$66,606.71	\$480,250.44	\$413,643.73
Expenses						
Gospel Outreach						
412200 - Vancouver Partnership	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
414100 - Refugee & Immigrant Ministrie	\$0.00	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
417000 - People Teams Leader	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
College Ministry						
405100 - Impact Student Min. UMKC - 1	\$3,333.34	\$3,333.33	(\$0.01)	\$6,666.68	\$40,000.00	\$33,333.32
Total College Ministry	\$3,333.34	\$3,333.33	(\$0.01)	\$6,666.68	\$40,000.00	\$33,333.32
Total Gospel Outreach	\$3,333.34	\$4,691.66	\$1,358.32	\$6,666.68	\$56,300.00	\$49,633.32
Resource Churches						
421400 - Discipleship Resources	\$109.99	\$291.67	\$181.68	\$452.97	\$3,500.00	\$3,047.03
421600 - Media Center	\$0.00	\$79.17	\$79.17	\$77.00	\$950.00	\$873.00
422200 - Minister - Church Relations	\$782.10	\$500.00	(\$282.10)	\$887.97	\$6,000.00	\$5,112.03
435000 - Auto - Executive Director	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
435200 - Auto - Associational Director	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
435900 - Auto - Administrative Assistan	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
436110 - Church Revitalization Ministrie	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$291.67	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
436121 - Ministry Residency-Forest Ave	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
436122 - Planter/Pastor Res-LifeConne	\$583.34	\$583.33	(\$0.01)	\$1,166.68	\$7,000.00	\$5,833.32
436123 - Hispanic Residency	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
Woman's Missionary Union						
408000 - Age Level Development	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
409400 - Literature/Supplies	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
409600 - Postage	\$19.71	\$33.33	\$13.62	\$19.71	\$400.00	\$380.29
Total Woman's Missionary Union	\$19.71	\$199.99	\$180.28	\$19.71	\$2,400.00	\$2,380.29
Total Resource Churches	\$1,745.14	\$2,779.16	\$1,034.02	\$3,104.33	\$33,350.00	\$30,245.67
Assist Comm. Transformation						
401100 - Eleos Urban Ministries	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
401200 - Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$41.67	\$5.80	\$500.00	\$494.20
401500 - Human Trafficking	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00
Total Assist Comm. Transformation	\$2,600.00	\$2,641.67	\$41.67	\$5,205.80	\$31,700.00	\$26,494.20
Church Planting						
411100 - Multi-Ethnic CPC	\$1,833.34	\$1,833.33	(\$0.01)	\$3,666.68	\$22,000.00	\$18,333.32
414520 - Future Church Plant	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
414521 - Kaluba-Fellowship Greenwood	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,000.00
414522 - Sovereign Joy-Charles Ackma	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
414523 - The Fount-Jim Hays	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,000.00
414810 - 2819 Life Church - Emmanuel	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,000.00
414820 - Overflow Church - Alan Findle	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,000.00
415000 - Other New Works (Luis Sanch	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00
Total Church Planting	\$3,883.34	\$4,683.33	\$799.99	\$7,766.68	\$56,200.00	\$48,433.32
Equipping Leaders						
421000 - Leadership Training	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$333.33	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
421510 - Pastor Care & Wellness	\$0.00	\$266.67	\$266.67	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
421520 - Theological Cohort	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
421530 - Pastor's Collective Quarterly	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
421540 - Pastor's Revivalization Huddle	\$697.46	\$625.00	(\$72.46)	\$1,304.98	\$7,500.00	\$6,195.02
422400 - Conferences & Special Events	\$0.00	\$416.67	\$416.67	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Equipping Leaders	\$697.46	\$2,141.67	\$1,444.21	\$1,304.98	\$25,700.00	\$24,395.02
Administration						
401450 - Digital Media	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
401800 - Association Emphasis	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
436000 - Conv/Training - Executive Dire	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$291.67	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
436200 - Conv/Training - Assoc Director	\$25.00	\$291.67	\$266.67	\$397.96	\$3,500.00	\$3,102.04
436600 - Conv/Training - Admin Assista	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00

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451000 - Office Supplies	\$46.01	\$83.33	\$37.32	\$46.01	\$1,000.00	\$953.99
451500 - Postage - Administrative	\$53.29	\$70.83	\$17.54	\$53.29	\$850.00	\$796.71
452500 - Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
452600 - ACS Accounting	\$380.00	\$366.67	(\$13.33)	\$760.00	\$4,400.00	\$3,640.00
452650 - Subscriptions	\$459.98	\$145.83	(\$314.15)	\$721.10	\$1,750.00	\$1,028.90
452800 - On-line Giving Fees	\$33.49	\$62.50	\$29.01	\$100.01	\$750.00	\$649.99
455000 - Miscellaneous Administrative	\$175.51	\$41.67	(\$133.84)	\$240.51	\$500.00	\$259.49
Total Administration	\$1,173.28	\$1,770.84	\$597.56	\$2,318.88	\$21,250.00	\$18,931.12
Operations						
441500 - Janitorial Supplies	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$16.67	\$44.64	\$200.00	\$155.36
442500 - Maintenance & Repair	\$54.47	\$166.67	\$112.20	\$488.77	\$2,000.00	\$1,511.23
443500 - Vehicle Maintenance	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$31.73	\$2,000.00	\$1,968.27
444000 - Insurance - Property	\$0.00	\$458.33	\$458.33	\$910.20	\$5,500.00	\$4,589.80
444200 - Insurance - Vehicle	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$430.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,570.00
444300 - Insurance - Workman's Comp	\$0.00	\$183.33	\$183.33	\$300.60	\$2,200.00	\$1,899.40
444500 - Equipment	\$206.86	\$208.33	\$1.47	\$2,313.70	\$2,500.00	\$186.30
445000 - Electricity	\$244.01	\$183.33	(\$60.68)	\$399.15	\$2,200.00	\$1,800.85
445500 - Telephone/Internet	\$369.90	\$391.67	\$21.77	\$806.75	\$4,700.00	\$3,893.25
446000 - Water	\$31.18	\$15.42	(\$15.76)	\$46.39	\$185.00	\$138.61
446200 - Trash Pick Up	\$76.50	\$71.67	(\$4.83)	\$153.00	\$860.00	\$707.00
Total Operations	\$982.92	\$2,112.09	\$1,129.17	\$5,924.93	\$25,345.00	\$19,420.07
Personnel						
431000 - Executive Director	\$7,083.34	\$7,083.33	(\$0.01)	\$14,166.68	\$85,000.00	\$70,833.32
431200 - Associate Director	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$50,000.00
431300 - Assoc Director Housing	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$20,000.00
431800 - Administrative Assistant	\$2,364.00	\$1,989.00	(\$375.00)	\$4,429.50	\$23,868.00	\$19,438.50
431900 - Office Assistant	\$528.00	\$1,144.00	\$616.00	\$1,716.00	\$13,728.00	\$12,012.00
432000 - Financial Secretary	\$350.80	\$350.79	(\$0.01)	\$701.60	\$4,209.44	\$3,507.84
433200 - Annuity - Exec Director	\$850.00	\$708.33	(\$141.67)	\$1,558.32	\$8,500.00	\$6,941.68
433400 - Annuity - Assoc Director	\$600.00	\$575.00	(\$25.00)	\$600.00	\$6,900.00	\$6,300.00
434200 - Payroll Tax Expense (FICA)	\$248.08	\$250.00	\$1.92	\$523.80	\$3,000.00	\$2,476.20
434400 - Christmas Bonus	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Total Personnel	\$19,024.22	\$19,200.45	\$176.23	\$37,695.90	\$230,405.44	\$192,709.54
Total Expenses	\$33,439.70	\$40,020.87	\$6,581.17	\$69,988.18	\$480,250.44	\$410,262.26
Net Total	(\$3,347.32)	\$0.00	\$3,347.32	(\$3,381.47)	\$0.00	\$3,381.47
Other Expenses - Unbudgeted						
601000 - Investment Account Managem	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$465.48	\$0.00	(\$465.48)
Total Other Expenses - Unbudgeted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$465.48	\$0.00	(\$465.48)
Net Operating Total	(\$3,347.32)	\$0.00	\$3,347.32	(\$3,846.95)	\$0.00	\$3,846.95

Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
Summary of Restricted Accounts
 February 2025

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
Temporary Restricted				
Miscellaneous Designated Funds				
230503 - Director Ministries	\$1,326.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,326.17
231000 - Mission/Ministry Support Club	\$278.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$278.33
235600 - Church Funeral Assistance	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
235700 - Human Trafficking Home	\$1,399.06	\$712.78	\$1,500.00	\$611.84
Total Miscellaneous Designated Funds	\$3,025.56	\$712.78	\$1,500.00	\$2,238.34
Administrative Grants				
241100 - Robert D. Meade Memorial Fund	\$370.87	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$129.13)
241300 - Robert Lee Rosell Memorial Fund	\$1,345.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,345.32
241500 - Tierney Endowment Fund	\$1,497.22	\$0.00	\$427.85	\$1,069.37
242400 - Disaster Relief	\$5,601.02	\$2,500.00	\$183.12	\$7,917.90
Total Administrative Grants	\$8,814.43	\$2,500.00	\$1,110.97	\$10,203.46
Church & Community Grants				
245100 - Rheubin L. South Missions Offering	\$5,387.27	\$4,301.86	\$0.00	\$9,689.13
246100 - Refugee/Immigrant	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$740.00
246300 - People Team Support	\$1,902.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,902.50
Total Church & Community Grants	\$8,029.77	\$4,301.86	\$0.00	\$12,331.63
Temporary In & Out Funds				
247000 - Miscellaneous Designated	\$5,360.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,360.81
247300 - Horn of Africa Missions	\$61.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61.34
247301 - Vancouver Partnership Mission	\$1.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.15
247304 - Ethiopian Child Sponsorship	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.00
247305 - Shire Church Child Sponsorship	\$1,390.00	\$3,441.00	\$1,890.00	\$2,941.00
247307 - Children's Project of Ethiopia	\$3,383.28	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$3,623.28
Total Temporary In & Out Funds	\$10,351.58	\$3,681.00	\$1,890.00	\$12,142.58
WMU In & Out Funds				
247400 - WMU Training Event	\$19.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.28
247600 - WMU Mission Fund	\$475.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.93
247800 - WMU Girl's Camp	\$1,694.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,694.67
248000 - Misty Ernst Memorial Fund/WMU	\$3,171.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,171.49
248100 - WMU Job Corp	\$68.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68.91
Total WMU In & Out Funds	\$5,430.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,430.28
Board Restricted Funds				
242600 - Housing Grant - Executive Director	\$23,895.57	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$22,645.57
243000 - Capital Improvements(Rockwood Sale)	\$692.13	\$0.00	\$379.99	\$312.14
247200 - Block Party Trailer Rental	\$5,855.43	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$6,030.43
247700 - Portable Baptistry Rental	\$612.42	\$0.00	\$29.45	\$582.97
249100 - New Works	\$8.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.46
VISION 2020				
280000 - VISION 2020	\$36,304.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,304.02
Total VISION 2020	\$36,304.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,304.02
Total Board Restricted Funds	\$67,368.03	\$175.00	\$1,659.44	\$65,883.59
Total Temporary Restricted	\$103,019.65	\$11,370.64	\$6,160.41	\$108,229.88

Written Reports

Director of Missions Report—Gregg Boll

There is a phrase that has caught my attention lately and keeps coming to my attention. When that happens, I am inclined to believe that the Holy Spirit is nudging me to take notice and that He has a message for me. That phrase is "this present future" or "your present future." It simply means that the future can best be predicted from what we know in the present. I would just add that it means that the future is coming towards us so fast that what is future will soon impact our present ministry. Or as I Chronicles 12:32 puts it, we ought to be like the sons of Issachar who were "men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do." In the rapidly changing world we live in, how do we, who have the "faith once delivered to the saints" and who serve the God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, discern what the church should do? Your biblical role as a pastor may not change but the world in which you're pastoring is morphing at a break-neck speed.

The Association serves to help equip and encourage you to minister in our rapidly evolving culture. Our mission is to help you accomplish your mission. As we work with churches and pastors, we have prioritized providing help and equipping in the following areas:

- Developing a Disciple-Making Culture in your church.
- Developing leaders to allow expansion of the church's ministry and ability to multiply/plant.
- Helping pastors be proactive about developing a leadership succession plan.
- Helping churches and pastors adapt to a changing ministry landscape which includes but is not limited to:
 - (1) Pastoring smaller congregations in an increasingly "none" culture regarding church attendance and/or religious affiliation. This includes bringing training and resources to a growing number of co-vocational pastors.
 - (2) Funding your church's ministry in an inflationary economy with continually rising costs of operation.
 - (3) Developing the necessary leadership abilities to lead your church out of declining attendance, giving, and baptisms through the Resound Revitalization Process.
- Providing support and encouragement for pastors. Coaching pastors to develop healthy rhythms in ministry, family and personally to ensure joy and longevity in ministry. We want to help pastors start well, minister well, and finish well.
- We are working to network our churches into a 'coalition of the willing' in order to plant new churches of all kinds and among all ethnicities within BR-KC and beyond.

Every day, Brian and I are committed to serving you and your church. We believe we're better together and that no pastor should be ministering alone. Please reach out to us.

Associate Director of Missions Report—Brian Grout

In my first three months, I have had the privilege of working alongside several churches and Pastors in our Association. It has been a blessing to encourage, serve, and support the great work going on here in the greater Kansas City area.

A few key highlights of my work include:

- I have preached in 4 of our churches and look forward to providing more support as needed.
- I have met with various churches in coaching and creating a Discipleship pathway for their church.
- I am continuing to learn the Resound process as the increase in interest from churches continues to grow. We are currently engaging with 3 churches.
- I meet with Pastors to encourage and hear what God is doing in their lives and ministry. We want no one to serve alone.
- We are working on developing teams of Pastors who will help the Association in carrying out the tasks of Church Planting, Church Renewal and People group engagement.

Through this experience, I have had the opportunity to see all the ways the Lord is working in our churches and around KC. I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of faith in action. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute and look forward to continuing my service in ways that bring glory to God and strengthen our collective mission. Together we accomplish more.

Student Ministry Report—Britney Hamm, Collegiate Impact

Another fruitful year of college ministry is about to come to a close. By God's grace, with on-campus ministries on seven campuses and 26 church partners across the city, we've been able to:

- Present the gospel over 425 times to college students and have over 900 other spiritual conversations with students
- See 9 students come to faith in Christ and 4 follow Jesus in baptism
- Conduct Bible studies with 99 participants
- Hold 385 one-on-one discipleship meetings
- Connect 12 students to a church who weren't previously attending
- Celebrate 7 students becoming members of a church
- Pair 19 students with local church members through our Befriend-a-Student program
- Raise up 10 new student leaders and 7 new student-led Bible studies

These numbers just scratch the surface of the impact God is allowing us to have on college campuses. These numbers don't capture the students who have come to faith in Christ and proceeded to lead their siblings to



Christ. They don't capture the students who have taken steps to serve and lead in their local churches. They don't capture the students who have shared the gospel for the first time, experienced a vocational call to ministry, or taken a noteworthy step of obedience in their walk with Christ.



We have been incredibly excited and thankful for the church partnerships that continue to grow around the city. Churches are engaging with our ministry by providing meals for weekly dinners at UMKC as well as monthly dinners in the Southland and Northland, sending volunteers to do on-campus evangelism with our staff, providing people to invest in students through our Befriend-a-Student program, opening their homes and buildings to host dinners and events, discipling and shepherding students, and so much more. This church partnership piece is absolutely critical to our vision and mission, and we are stoked to see students engaging in the local church and local churches working with us to reach students!

Our partnership with Spurgeon College/Midwestern Seminary has continued with our Evangelism Club through which we mobilize undergraduate and graduate students to assist us with on-campus evangelism on our other campuses. Last fall, we collaborated with Dr. Joe Allen to send his Discipleship & Evangelism students to do spiritual surveys at UMKC. Twenty-four students conducted 40 spiritual surveys at UMKC and were able to present the gospel to 27 UMKC students. In debrief conversations with the Spurgeon and Midwestern students, many of them commented on how surprisingly easy it was to have spiritual and gospel conversations with UMKC students. One Evangelism Club student is pursuing an internship with us for next year.

One of the most exciting ministry developments this year is our expansion to Johnson County Community College. For a couple years now we have been working with Lenexa Baptist to see a Collegiate Impact student organization launched on that campus. This year, those efforts came to fruition with Collegiate Impact becoming a Registered Student Organization this spring. While outside the BRKC association, Johnson County is the largest community college in the metro areas, and we undoubtedly have students from BRKC churches who are or will attend JCCC.

Thank you, BRKC, for your continued support, prayers, and funding for us to bring the hope and peace of Jesus to Kansas City area college students. We will never know the full measure impact of the seeds planted and sown, but we know that investing in college students is investing in the future of the Church!

Student & Staff Testimonies

One week, I asked one of our Park students who had been consistently attending Bible study, to grab coffee. The more questions I asked her, the more she realized she had never given her life to Jesus. I asked her, "Would you like to repent of your sin and trust in Jesus today?" She said yes! Since then she has been reading the Bible I gave her daily. Together we are reading the Gospel according to John."

—SJ Gottschamer, Campus Missionary, Park & Maple Woods

“Collegiate Impact has been such an amazing blessing! Collegiate Impact gave me a community of Christ loving people who have helped me grow in my faith and furthered my love of the lord! Through this ministry I have been able to share this joy and love of Christ with other college students!”

—A Longview student preparing to transfer to a university in Kansas

WMU—Linda Graham, Director

We held our annual associational WMU meeting on March 15th at First Baptist Blue Springs with 32 in attendance. We heard Jesus Delgado tell about work with Spanish-speaking people and we heard Ken Smith; pastor at Forest Avenue tell about what the Lord is doing there. Both men are servants of God; doing what they can to tell others that Jesus loves them! We collected \$335.00 for the Madge and Gilpin Funds.

We are looking forward to our state-wide meeting in Kirksville April 4 and 5.

We will have training for adults on July 19 at Connection Point Raytown, from 9 to 11:30 am.

Our watchword for 24-25 is found in I Thessalonians 2:8 which says “Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”



Multi-Ethnic Church Planting Center—Luis Mendoza, Director

Blessing and encouraging international pastors and leaders during uncertain times.

As some of you know, part of the work we do as the Multiethnic/Multicultural Ministries is to assist immigrants with their immigration issues. As of January 2025, there have been significant changes in immigration law in the US. Immigrants are not only dealing with the real changes but also with speculation and misinformation, as well. Due to all of these circumstances, some of the international church’s members, pastors and leaders are anxious or troubled about the whole situation.

For that reason, at the beginning of this year, we felt compelled to have two informational meetings regarding immigration issues. In the first meeting, we invited an immigration attorney, Bill Niffen, to help people know, understand, and clarify what is true



and false about the recent changes in immigration law. The shared information was unbelievably valuable to the attendees; at least that helped them to know what to expect and at the same time, to be aware of how they could be better prepared to deal with the changes.

Because the international pastors and leaders were very discouraged and concerned about

this situation, we had a second informational meeting for pastors and leaders. We invited our associational leaders to share their approach to the situation, and their understanding of the changes in immigration law through decades. Nonetheless, the takeaway after the meeting was that the pastors and leaders of our international churches were encouraged and blessed.

We continue developing pastors and leaders.

Last December we graduated fifty-three students through the Contextualized Leadership Development program (CLD Spanish Track) of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. This program focuses on training international leaders to become better teachers and preachers of the Bible.



This program also helps us to identify those people with potential pastoral, leadership, and church planting abilities. In fact, one of the graduates and his family is doing a residency through the North American Mission Board in one of our local churches, another student is planting a church in Saint Joseph and one more is ready to start the process of doing ground work to plant another Hispanic church in the Kansas City area.

This year we have continued, and will continue, this effort of training and developing international pastors and leaders. With that purpose in mind, we are planning to graduate twenty more students in May of 2026. The churches of the Kansas City area have been blessed with this program.

Opportunity to bless the churches of Puebla, Mexico

Last year I had the privilege of participating, along with two other leaders of the Missouri Baptist Convention, on a mission trip to Puebla, Mexico. We spent a great deal of time talking with the leaders in Puebla and learned about the specific ways that our associational churches might be able to partner with them.

Sergio Rebollar, who serves as the liaison between Puebla and the Missouri Baptist Convention partnership, will be in the Kansas City area in May. On Monday, May 5, 2025 at 10:00 Am, Palabra Viva Church will be hosting a meeting in which Sergio will be sharing details regarding the diverse ways willing churches of our association can become involved.

As always, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the churches of our association for allowing us the possibility of ministering to the international community residing in the Kansas City area.

Equip Residency – Jason Allen, Pastor, LifeConnection

Over the next two years, we aim to partner with BRKC churches to train and equip men and women for ministry in and through their local congregations. This initiative began this winter with our first Disciple-Making Culture Workshop. This workshop provides collaborative learning to develop a culture of personal disciple-making within the local church. With 14 churches represented, we were able to invest in nearly 40 leaders from BRKC churches.

We intend to host a second Disciple-Making Culture Workshop in the coming months and a number of training environments in the future.

Disciple-Making Culture Workshop aims to provide church leaders with the principles and framework to develop a disciple-making culture within their local congregation. Through this culture of personal



disciple-making, the local church will activate ordinary disciples for the work of ministry and begin cultivating a pipeline for developing leaders (Summer 2025).

The Teaching Lab aims to train and equip leaders to teach in the context of their local churches (Begins in May 2025). Participants will gain skills to effectively teach in various settings within the local church, including large groups, small groups, men's and women's, student ministry, and more. This opportunity is open to both men and women.

The Equip Lab aims to train and equip men and women as disciple-making leaders for their local churches (9 months, begins September 2025). These disciple-making leaders will be equipped to serve in various capacities within their local churches. This opportunity is available for men and women.

The Preaching Lab aims to train and equip aspiring pastor/elders for preaching in their local churches (coming 2026). This is available for biblically qualified men (as observed by their local church).

REHOPE— Jason Alvis, CEO



ReHope 2024 Impact Report

CRISIS STABILIZATION HOME (OPENED APRIL 2024)

Requests for Services	279
Women served	28 (w/ 3 children)
Women referred to long-term programs	13 (w/ 1 child)
Women connected to a safer environment to continue their healing	4
Volunteer hours	2629

REHOPE FARMS

Requests for Services	379
Women served Residential	31 (w/ 2 children)
Non-residential	8
Graduates from ReHope's multi-month program	9
Women in school <i>HS, college, certificate program</i>	5
Graduates Associate's Degree	1
Peer Support Certifications	3
Women presently working for ReHope	6 (hired over 3 years)
Volunteer hours	5200

Disaster Relief—Sheriann Kessinger, BRKC DR Admin

I will list some callouts that our Blue River Kansas City Disaster Relief volunteers have participated in since the last semiannual meeting. Our teams have been busy.

BRKCDR Volunteers helped with the rebuilding of homes that were destroyed by storms in Missouri. MODR has added rebuild to their ministries.

We ended 2024 with the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Helene's damage gave our teams many chances to bring hope, help, and healing to those affected. Chaplains went to Brunsville, North Carolina, and a team went to Spruce Pine and Brunsville, NC, for

chain saw work. Another team went to Brunsville, NC, for rebuilding efforts. A nursing home has been purchased with plans to turn it into a bunkhouse for volunteers. A couple from Missouri is serving as liaisons between North Carolina rebuild and Missouri rebuild volunteers. The situation there is still bad with roads and highways washed out and towns washed away. Although there has been a lot of cleaning and repairing, much work remains.

Some of our team responded to Augusta, GA, for chain saw, shower, chaplain, and logistic duties, as Helene also caused damage in GA. Our CDL driver has delivered equipment to several sites in various storm areas. We also responded to Perryville, MO, following an ice storm and snowstorm.

In California, disaster relief had a deep impact on many people, including a firefighter who lost his home while fighting fires, a single mom with a disabled daughter, an actress looking for her mother's items, a mother and son who prayed for her house not to burn but it did, and a neighbor dealing with survivor's guilt. Many expressed gratitude, noting how our team helped ease their overwhelming feelings and restored their hope.

Please pray for those affected by this and other disasters and for them to build a personal relationship with "the God who is out there. "

As we finish up the totals vary, but approximately:

- 2,323 Volunteer days
- 6,829 Ministry/Chaplain contacts
- 11,251 Meals prepared
- 400+ Bibles distributed
- 399 PPR jobs completed (23 more scheduled in the next two days)
- 9 Professions of Faith so far

Currently, we are serving in Missouri due to tornado damage.

2025 Trainings Remaining:

- September 5-6 Calvary Baptist, Hannibal, MO
- October 3-4 FBC Mountain View, MO

We had a record number of volunteers training at Fellowship Raymore on March 7-8. For registration and more information, visit <https://modr.org/dr-training/>.

Disaster Relief Appreciation Day is held in May each year to raise awareness of our work. Now is a good time to add a note to your calendar to highlight this ministry next month, and volunteers may be available to speak or share how to get involved with our BRKC Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief team.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Houghtaling at 816-510-2592



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THURSDAY, MAY 1, 5:00 PM - SATURDAY, MAY 3, 11 AM | JEFF CITY, MO

NEW PASTORS:
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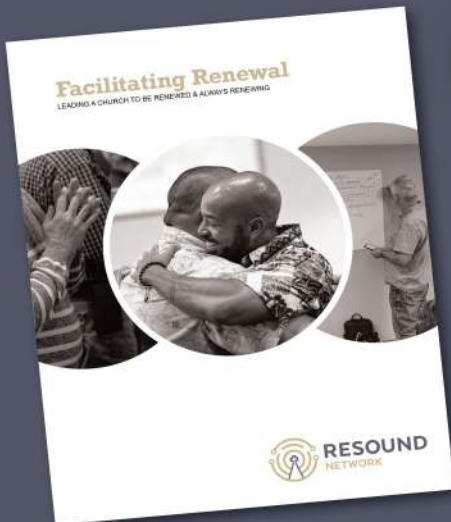
MINISTRY WIVES:
receive encouragement
and equipping

ASSOCIATIONAL LEADERS:
receive equipping for
coaching

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FALL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 6TH, 2025
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED