

Blue River-Kansas City
Baptist Association
Semi-Annual Meeting



April 19, 2026
New City Church,
Raytown

**Spring Semi-Annual Meeting
April 19, 2026
New City Church**

Welcome and Prayer	Price Wright, Pastor New City Church
Praise and Worship	New City Church
Business Session	Athol Barnes, Moderator
Finance Committee	Nicolas Wilson, Chairman
Associate DOM Report	Brian Grout
Executive DOM Report	Gregg Boll
Ministry Reporting and Celebration	
Rehope and World Cup Response	Jason Alvis, Rehope CEO
World Cup Report	Nicolas Wilson, Peculiar First
Message	Matt Miller, New City Church
Closing	Brian Grout

Report of the Finance Committee

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Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
Balance Sheet
March 2026

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Accounts

Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
101000 - Commerce Checking Account	\$19,765.67	
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		\$19,765.67
Investments		
Charles Schwab		
140000 - Charles Schwab	\$395,826.00	
140002 - Change in Value of Investments	\$81,925.48	
Total Charles Schwab	\$477,751.48	
MO Baptist Foundation		
130000 - MO Baptist Foundation	\$105,000.00	
130001 - Earnings on Investments	\$9,233.70	
Total MO Baptist Foundation	\$114,233.70	
Total Investments		\$591,985.18
Total Assets		\$611,750.85
Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities		
Tax & Liabilities		
201000 - Federal & FICA Tax Withholding	\$1,436.30	
201500 - State Tax Withholding	\$535.00	
Total Tax & Liabilities		\$1,971.30
Total Liabilities		\$1,971.30
Fund Principal		
270000 - Unrealized Losses & Earnings on Inv	\$81,925.48	
299999 - BRKC Fund Principal	\$456,688.79	
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	(\$41,436.80)	
Total Fund Principal and Receipts Over (Under) Expenses		\$497,177.47
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$112,602.08	
Total Restricted Funds		\$112,602.08
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		\$611,750.85

Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - YTD Budget Info
 March 2026

Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	MTD Budget Remaining	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Remaining
Revenues						
301000 - Member Contributions	\$25,917.03	\$38,657.63	\$12,740.60	\$80,897.87	\$115,972.89	\$35,075.02
308000 - Interest & Dividends	\$1,200.18	\$0.00	(\$1,200.18)	\$3,191.81	\$0.00	(\$3,191.81)
309000 - Miscellaneous Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.50	\$0.00	(\$10.50)
Total Revenues	\$27,117.21	\$38,657.63	\$11,540.42	\$84,100.18	\$115,972.89	\$31,872.71
Expenses						
Gospel Outreach						
414100 - Refugee & Immigrant Ministrie	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
417000 - People Teams Leader	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
418000 - Montana Partnership	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$500.01	\$500.01
College Ministry						
405100 - Impact Student Min. UMKC - 1	\$3,083.33	\$3,083.33	\$0.00	\$9,249.99	\$9,249.99	\$0.00
Total College Ministry	\$3,083.33	\$3,083.33	\$0.00	\$9,249.99	\$9,249.99	\$0.00
Total Gospel Outreach	\$3,083.33	\$3,650.00	\$566.67	\$9,249.99	\$10,950.00	\$1,700.01
Resource Churches						
421400 - Discipleship Resources	\$229.99	\$250.00	\$20.01	\$588.47	\$750.00	\$161.53
421600 - Media Center	\$87.00	\$79.17	(\$7.83)	\$261.00	\$237.51	(\$23.49)
422200 - Minister - Church Relations	\$1,151.74	\$500.00	(\$651.74)	\$4,122.48	\$1,500.00	(\$2,622.48)
435000 - Auto - Executive Director	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
435200 - Auto - Associational Director	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$600.60	\$750.00	\$149.40
435900 - Auto - Administrative Assistant	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$24.99	\$24.99
436110 - Church Revitalization Ministrie	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$291.67	\$893.92	\$875.01	(\$18.91)
436121 - Ministry Residency-Forest Ave	\$0.00	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$0.00	\$624.99	\$624.99
436122 - Planter/Pastor Res-LifeConne	\$583.33	\$583.33	\$0.00	\$1,749.99	\$1,749.99	\$0.00
436123 - Hispanic Residency	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Woman's Missionary Union						
408000 - Age Level Development	\$100.00	\$83.33	(\$16.67)	\$100.00	\$249.99	\$149.99
409400 - Literature/Supplies	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$249.99	\$249.99
409600 - Postage	\$0.00	\$33.33	\$33.33	\$0.00	\$99.99	\$99.99
Total Woman's Missionary Union	\$100.00	\$199.99	\$99.99	\$100.00	\$599.97	\$499.97
Total Resource Churches	\$2,402.06	\$2,645.82	\$243.76	\$9,066.46	\$7,937.46	(\$1,129.00)
Assist Comm. Transformation						
401100 - Eleos Urban Ministries	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
401200 - Disaster Relief	\$6.00	\$41.67	\$35.67	\$12.00	\$125.01	\$113.01
401300 - World Cup Outreach	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$250.00
401500 - Human Trafficking	\$583.33	\$2,083.33	\$1,500.00	\$4,249.99	\$6,249.99	\$2,000.00
Total Assist Comm. Transformation	\$689.33	\$2,475.00	\$1,785.67	\$5,061.99	\$7,425.00	\$2,363.01
Church Planting						
411100 - Multi-Ethnic CPC	\$1,833.33	\$1,833.33	\$0.00	\$5,499.99	\$5,499.99	\$0.00
414520 - Future Church Plant	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,400.00	\$250.00
414521 - Kaluba-Fellowship Greenwood	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
414522 - Sovereign Joy	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
414810 - 2819 Life Church - Emmanuel	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,200.00	(\$400.00)
414820 - Overflow Church - Alan Findle	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Total Church Planting	\$4,083.33	\$4,083.33	\$0.00	\$12,399.99	\$12,249.99	(\$150.00)
Equipping Leaders/ Pastor Care						
421000 - Leadership Training	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
421510 - Pastor Care & Wellness	\$0.00	\$208.33	\$208.33	\$100.00	\$624.99	\$524.99
421530 - Pastor's Collective Quarterly	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
421540 - Pastor's Revitalization Huddle	\$114.33	\$375.00	\$260.67	\$315.82	\$1,125.00	\$809.18
421550 - Pastor's Appreciation Banquet	\$3,912.75	\$375.00	(\$3,537.75)	\$6,412.75	\$1,125.00	(\$5,287.75)
421560 - Urban Church Renewal	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$500.01	\$500.01
421570 - Bi-vocational Training	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
421580 - Sabbatical Preacher / Supply	\$0.00	\$116.67	\$116.67	\$0.00	\$350.01	\$350.01
422400 - Conferences & Special Events	\$0.00	\$416.67	\$416.67	\$0.00	\$1,250.01	\$1,250.01
Total Equipping Leaders/ Pastor Care	\$4,027.08	\$2,258.34	(\$1,768.74)	\$6,828.57	\$6,775.02	(\$53.55)
Administration						
401450 - Digital Media	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$0.00	\$187.50	\$187.50
401800 - Semi - Annual Meetings	(\$261.04)	\$166.67	\$427.71	(\$261.04)	\$500.01	\$761.05
436000 - Conv/Training - Executive Dire	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$291.67	\$6.61	\$875.01	\$868.40
436200 - Conv/Training - Assoc Director	\$0.00	\$291.67	\$291.67	\$0.00	\$875.01	\$875.01
436600 - Conv/Training - Admin Assista	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$20.83	\$0.00	\$62.49	\$62.49

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451000 - Office Supplies	\$93.05	\$83.33	(\$9.72)	\$201.53	\$249.99	\$48.46
451500 - Postage - Administrative	\$0.00	\$70.83	\$70.83	\$156.00	\$212.49	\$56.49
452500 - Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$0.00	\$500.01	\$500.01
452600 - ACS Accounting	\$399.00	\$366.67	(\$32.33)	\$1,197.00	\$1,100.01	(\$96.99)
452650 - Subscriptions	\$136.99	\$145.83	\$8.84	\$719.13	\$437.49	(\$281.64)
452800 - On-line Giving Fees	\$18.71	\$62.50	\$43.79	\$92.40	\$187.50	\$95.10
455000 - Miscellaneous Administrative	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$41.67	\$132.21	\$125.01	(\$7.20)
Total Administration	\$386.71	\$1,770.84	\$1,384.13	\$2,243.84	\$5,312.52	\$3,068.68
Operations						
441500 - Janitorial Supplies	\$35.74	\$16.67	(\$19.07)	\$35.74	\$50.01	\$14.27
442500 - Maintenance & Repair	\$106.58	\$166.67	\$60.09	\$204.19	\$500.01	\$295.82
443500 - Vehicle Maintenance	\$34.12	\$166.67	\$132.55	\$137.14	\$500.01	\$362.87
444000 - Insurance - Combined	\$1,435.40	\$916.67	(\$518.73)	\$3,174.80	\$2,750.01	(\$424.79)
444500 - Equipment	\$162.85	\$208.33	\$45.48	\$529.59	\$624.99	\$95.40
445000 - Electricity	\$246.14	\$183.33	(\$62.81)	\$592.49	\$549.99	(\$42.50)
445500 - Telephone/Internet	\$372.94	\$250.00	(\$122.94)	\$1,108.82	\$750.00	(\$358.82)
446000 - Water	\$17.72	\$16.67	(\$1.05)	\$49.96	\$50.01	\$0.05
446200 - Trash Pick Up	\$76.50	\$80.00	\$3.50	\$229.50	\$240.00	\$10.50
Total Operations	\$2,487.99	\$2,005.01	(\$482.98)	\$6,062.23	\$6,015.03	(\$47.20)
Personnel						
431000 - Executive Director	\$7,333.34	\$7,333.33	(\$0.01)	\$22,000.02	\$21,999.99	(\$0.03)
431200 - Associate Director	\$5,210.00	\$5,210.00	\$0.00	\$15,630.00	\$15,630.00	\$0.00
431300 - Assoc Director Housing	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
431800 - Administrative Assistant	\$2,127.47	\$2,048.67	(\$78.80)	\$6,067.22	\$6,146.01	\$78.79
431900 - Office Assistant	\$1,495.56	\$1,178.32	(\$317.24)	\$3,670.92	\$3,534.96	(\$135.96)
432000 - Financial Secretary	\$361.32	\$361.31	(\$0.01)	\$1,083.96	\$1,083.93	(\$0.03)
433200 - Annuity - Exec Director	\$734.00	\$733.33	(\$0.67)	\$2,178.00	\$2,199.99	\$21.99
433400 - Annuity - Assoc Director	\$521.00	\$521.00	\$0.00	\$1,542.00	\$1,563.00	\$21.00
434200 - Payroll Tax Expense (FICA)	\$304.81	\$250.00	(\$54.81)	\$827.91	\$750.00	(\$77.91)
434400 - Christmas Bonus	\$0.00	\$133.33	\$133.33	\$0.00	\$399.99	\$399.99
Total Personnel	\$20,087.50	\$19,769.29	(\$318.21)	\$59,000.03	\$59,307.87	\$307.84
Total Expenses	\$37,247.33	\$38,657.63	\$1,410.30	\$109,913.10	\$115,972.89	\$6,059.79
Net Total	(\$10,130.12)	\$0.00	\$10,130.12	(\$25,812.92)	\$0.00	\$25,812.92
Other Expenses - Unbudgeted						
601000 - Investment Account Mgmt Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$623.88	\$0.00	(\$623.88)
603000 - Endowment Interest Disburse	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	(\$15,000.00)
Total Other Expenses - Unbudgeted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,623.88	\$0.00	(\$15,623.88)
Net Operating Total	(\$10,130.12)	\$0.00	\$10,130.12	(\$41,436.80)	\$0.00	\$41,436.80

Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association
 Summary of Restricted Accounts
 March 2026

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
Temporary Restricted				
Miscellaneous Designated Funds				
230503 - Director Ministries	\$1,715.77	\$200.00	\$332.02	\$1,583.75
231000 - Mission/Ministry Support Club	\$328.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.33
235600 - Church Funeral Assistance	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
235700 - Human Trafficking Home	\$1,979.95	\$496.32	\$1,500.00	\$976.27
Total Miscellaneous Designated Funds	\$4,046.05	\$696.32	\$1,832.02	\$2,910.35
Administrative Grants				
241100 - Robert D. Meade Memorial Fund	\$831.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$831.47
241300 - Robert Lee Rosell Memorial Fund	\$546.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$546.01
241500 - Tierney Endowment Fund	\$1,485.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,485.88
242400 - Disaster Relief	\$15,354.59	\$2,500.00	\$165.77	\$17,688.82
Total Administrative Grants	\$18,217.95	\$2,500.00	\$165.77	\$20,552.18
Church & Community Grants				
245100 - Rheubin L. South Missions Offering	\$5,241.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,241.08
246100 - Refugee/Immigrant	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$740.00
246300 - People Team Support	\$1,402.50	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,102.50
Total Church & Community Grants	\$7,383.58	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$7,083.58
Temporary In & Out Funds				
247000 - Miscellaneous Designated	\$2,353.87	\$0.00	\$78.76	\$2,275.11
247300 - Horn of Africa Missions	\$561.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$561.34
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	\$2,011.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	(\$489.00)
247307 - Children's Project of Ethiopia	\$5,683.28	\$3,155.00	\$0.00	\$8,838.28
Total Temporary In & Out Funds	\$10,765.64	\$3,155.00	\$2,578.76	\$11,341.88
WMU In & Out Funds				
247400 - WMU Training Event	\$71.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.39
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	\$5,482.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,482.39
Board Restricted Funds				
242600 - Housing Grant - Executive Director	\$25,549.65	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$24,299.65
243000 - Capital Improvements(Rockwood Sale)	\$158.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$158.27
247200 - Block Party Trailer Rental	\$7,238.33	\$475.00	\$3,960.00	\$3,753.33
247700 - Portable Baptistry Rental	\$582.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$69,841.70	\$475.00	\$5,210.00	\$65,106.70
Total Temporary Restricted	\$115,737.31	\$6,826.32	\$10,086.55	\$112,477.08

Written Reports

Director of Missions Report - Gregg Boll

I always want to communicate my gratitude for all of the churches of BR-KC who faithfully partner together to allow us to (1) encourage and equip pastors, (2) strengthen churches, (3) catalyze new church plants, and (4) resource our churches for effective ministry. Here is an update on how we've been serving our network of churches:

- The newly established Endowment produced nearly \$50,000 in income for 2025, and we began disbursing those funds to our church plants and replants according to the percentage formula adopted by the BR-KC messengers.
- We have held the pastor's huddle event monthly with an emphasis on helping pastors lead their church in assessing their current ministry, revising and redefining the dream, and establishing a short and mid-range strategy that moves their church towards spiritual health, missional engagement in their community, and establishing cultures of evangelism and disciple-making within the church.
- Amy Cox, our administrative assistant, recently designed new graphics for our party trailers and had them rewrapped. They are ready for another great summer of ministry.
- Sought to reach and resource urban pastors and churches both within and outside our own association. We hosted an Urban Pastor's Workshop led by NAMB Replant Specialist Colin Pugh, who is replanting a church in the Washington D.C. area. Attended urban pastor meetings and am working on establishing relationships with urban pastors.
- We continue to build our Resound Revitalization Team to respond to churches in our zone who request to be led through the Resound process of assessments and recommendations.
- Our team led five of our churches through the Resound Process over the last year.
- We oversaw two church mergers and the passage of a church building from one of our churches, which disbanded, to another one of our churches. We also worked informally with several other churches, helping them assess their situations and develop strategies and plans.
- We assisted several of our churches with technical support and information to renew their applications for tax-exempt status with Jackson County.
- Nicolas Wilson has taken the lead to coordinate mission opportunities for our churches connected to the World Cup Soccer Tournament coming to KC.
- BR-KC helped sponsor several of our pastors to attend various training events such as the Replant Lab at NAMB headquarters, the MBC Bi-vocational Pastors Conference, the New Pastor Orientation Conference, and the MBC Annual Meeting.



- I did a short interim at Coventry Estates and worked with their pastor search committee in calling their next pastor.
- Brian worked to connect our churches with the smaller churches and church plants in Montana for potential future partnerships.
- We continue to encourage pastors/churches to participate in the Disciple Making Cohort led by pastor Jason Allen and to contract with him to work individually with churches who request help with developing a disciple-making culture in their church.
- Brian and I continue to preach and speak in churches when invited.
- Ministered to several of our pastors who experienced death, loss, and personal crisis.
- BR-KC continues to pay for our pastors and/or their immediate family members to receive counseling at greatly reduced cost from Diakonos Counseling.

Associate Director of Missions Report - Brian Grout

As I reflect on the past 15 months of service to our BRKC churches, one thing has become abundantly clear: **cooperation is not simply a strategy—it is a strength given to the Church by God for the advancement of the Gospel.**

Across the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association, we are seeing renewed evidence that when churches labor together, we can accomplish far more than any one congregation could alone.

Our association continues to benefit from a growing spirit of unity and partnership. Pastors and churches are increasingly recognizing that we are not competitors, but co-laborers in Christ's mission. This shared commitment has opened doors for deeper relationships, shared resources, and more effective ministry across our region.

One of the most significant developments this season has been the beginning of a **Church Renewal Team**. This team is being prayerfully developed and trained to serve alongside our churches in seasons of revitalization and renewed mission focus.

Their purpose is not to direct from a distance, but to **walk alongside pastors and congregations**, offering encouragement, guidance, and practical support through the renewal process. As this team grows, it will strengthen the overall health of our association's ministry and help churches rediscover vitality in their Gospel witness.

We are also grateful to report that we successfully held our **second Urban Pastors Collective**. This gathering continues to be a meaningful space for encouragement, collaboration, and shared learning among pastors serving in urban contexts.



These brothers are faithfully engaging complex and often challenging mission fields. Through intentional cooperation, we are seeking to strengthen and sustain them in their calling. Our desire is to see this collective continue to grow—both in participation and impact—as we invest in those laboring on the front lines of urban ministry.

Finally, we must continue to emphasize the critical importance of **planting new churches across Jackson and Cass County**. The population growth and shifting demographics in our communities present both a challenge and a tremendous Gospel opportunity.

We believe that together, we can significantly increase the number of healthy, Gospel-centered churches being planted. One practical vision moving forward is this: **What if every new church plant had ten supporting churches standing with them?**

Through prayer, financial partnership, coaching, and relational support, we can create a culture where new works are not isolated, but fully resourced and encouraged from the very beginning. This kind of cooperative commitment has the potential to multiply our impact for generations to come.

As we look ahead, let us continue to lean into the strength God has given us through one another. Cooperation is not always easy—it requires humility, trust, and shared vision—but it is always worth it for the sake of the Gospel.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your partnership, and your commitment to the mission. Together, we are stronger. Together, we are more effective. And together, by God's grace, we will continue to see lives transformed through the power of Jesus Christ.

Collegiate Impact - Travis and Britney Hamm

Another school year is almost under wrap with just a few weeks left in the school year. This year has been full of fruitful numbers, powerful stories, and challenging obstacles.

Fruitful Numbers

From the beginning of the school year to the end of March, we have:

- Engaged 668 students in some way
- Had nearly 500 gospel conversations (conversations in which the gospel is presented)
- Seen 13 students profess faith in Christ for the first time
- Had 222 students attend Bible study at least once
- Seen 32 students begin going to church regularly and 11 become church members
- Raised up 28 new student leaders and launched 22 new student-led initiatives on campus



We praise God for every interaction we've been able to have with every student, because behind every number is a name, a face, a story, and an image-bearer.

Powerful Stories

In preparation for our annual fundraiser on April 11th, we asked our staff and key volunteers to share their favorite stories that relate to each of our four ministry objectives. We've chosen just two stories to share with you here:

- At Park University: One of our student leaders stepped out in faith by intentionally sharing the Gospel with her coworker. She did so by building a relationship marked by care, consistency, and truth. Last fall, her coworker gave her life to Christ. Since that decision, the two have been meeting regularly for discipleship.

- At Blue River Community College: A student heard the gospel during our weekly Bible study and learned that salvation comes through faith in Jesus alone. He got connected and started to be discipled. He gave his life to Christ while being discipled and is still in that same discipleship relationship!

Challenging Obstacles

While ministry has been fruitful this year, it has also had its challenges. We have continued to navigate tricky relationships with campus administrators as some campuses are less-than-enthused to have a Christian ministry present on campus. We are seeking to faithfully reach students on the campus, build relationships with inroads, and pray for God’s favor. Join us in praying toward that end!

Our staff has also dealt with more car issues—we have developed a joke that Collegiate Impact staff can practically expect their car to break down when they come on staff! Without fail, it seems that our staff are continually dealing with car issues, which can be costly financially and inhibit ministry efforts. Pray that God will supernaturally protect the vehicles of our staff and provide financially if and when things go wrong.

Ethiopian Widow’s Ministry - Jim and Nicole Brown

The Lord is moving and providing for the widow ministry in Ethiopia. The most current war has made the prices of everything much higher. Sadly, this means less food for more money in an already struggling area.

Each month, team members go two by two to visit and deliver flour, spices, and oil to the women in their homes. Currently, there are 30 women in Shire receiving this service. Recently, 15 women have been added to Adi Daiero. How exciting that we are now in two towns.

Can you imagine being so hungry and uncared for, and suddenly hope arrives at your door? In James 1:27, it clearly states we should care for vulnerable people, specifically orphans and widows, in their distress. It is not a common practice for any religion in that region to step up and take care of these women. We pray they will come to know Jesus through this ministry.

Please continue to pray for the war-torn areas in Ethiopia and for all who are suffering the aftermath. God is good, he is in control, and we walk in faith to honor and follow his perfect plan.



WMU - Linda Graham

Woman’s Missionary Union is passionate about the lost; compelled by love; generous in sharing and serving others with joy! We held our annual meeting on March 7 at Six Mile Baptist Church, located in Sibley, MO. With fresh flowers on the tables and a delicious cake to eat, we gathered around to hear IMB missionaries Brian and Camilla Swain tell about their service in Israel.

The ladies also heard encouragement from age-level consultants, and prayers were issued for missionaries who had birthdays that day. We took up an offering (\$300.00) for Madge and Gilpin.

ReHope - Jennifer Hutton

Jeans & Jewels: A Night That Raised \$305,000 in Hope

When winter weather postponed the 2026 ReHope Gala, the community didn't lose momentum—it showed up stronger. Rescheduled to February 12, the evening became a powerful reminder of the commitment behind ReHope's mission.

Hosted at Fiorella's Event Space, guests arrived in denim and diamonds for "Jeans & Jewels: Dressed in Hope, Shining with Purpose." By the end of the night, \$305,000 had been raised to support survivors of human trafficking. More importantly, the evening reflected the heart of ReHope: a community standing together for those rebuilding their lives.

Survivors were present and experienced firsthand the encouragement of people who believe in their healing, dignity, and future. Through meaningful conversations and powerful stories, guests were reminded that real transformation happens when people choose to act.



Funds raised from the gala directly support ReHope's work, including:

- Safe housing and crisis response
- Trauma-informed clinical care
- Life-skills and job readiness training
- Long-term restoration and stability

Every seat filled and every story shared represented a step forward for survivors seeking a new beginning. The most powerful moments came not just from the stage, but from the visible generosity and compassion in the room—reminding us that hope is something we build together.

A Goal Worth Defending: Preparing for the 2026 World Cup

As Kansas City prepares to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the region anticipates increased tourism—and with it, increased risk of human trafficking. ReHope is working proactively with community partners to ensure the city is ready to respond with awareness, coordination, and care.

Through the World Cup Aftercare Resources & Services (WARS) Council, a coalition of nonprofits and partners is aligning efforts to support survivors before, during, and after the event.

This collaboration ensures individuals can be quickly connected to critical services, including:

- Immediate outreach and assessment
- Safety planning and housing placement
- Access to aftercare and recovery services
- Long-term support for rebuilding lives

By working together, these organizations are strengthening Kansas City's ability to respond with compassion and effectiveness—ensuring no survivor has to walk the path to recovery alone.

Because of the generosity of donors, partners, and volunteers, ReHope continues to make a lasting impact—proving that when a community unites with purpose, transformation is possible.

Multi-Ethnic Church Planting Center - Luis Mendoza

Building Strong Relationships with International Pastors

One of the main objectives of this ministry is to help pastors of Hispanic and international churches address some of the challenges they face daily in carrying out their ministry.

To achieve this goal, we have reached out to pastors and invited them to participate in monthly prayer meetings via Zoom. During these meetings, we briefly study the Word of God together, pray according to God's will as described in the Bible, and present before God the specific situations that each participant is facing.

Our objectives are very clear: to seek God's blessing and guidance, to support one another, and to explore the possibility of developing specific projects by working together. The first project we will develop together will be a Hispanic youth camp. At the same time, we have decided to hold a general, in-person, bilingual meeting every three months.

Equipping Pastors and Leaders for Ministry

With the assistance of the Spanish Department of the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, we have continued training pastors and leaders in the areas of hermeneutics, Christian doctrine, and evangelism. All Hispanic churches may send individuals whom pastors and leaders consider to have ministry potential to participate in this ongoing training program.

These are intensive courses in which each subject is taught over eight weeks. Students who participate in this program have the opportunity to graduate within one year. Upon completing their studies, they receive a certificate.

In addition, due to the need to see new churches planted in the Kansas City area, we are also training and developing leaders in church planting.



New Hispanic Church

In recent months, we have been working diligently to conduct a demographic study in several areas of Kansas City in order to determine more precisely where we would like to plant the next Hispanic church in the city. We have formed a team, and together we have visited different areas. In addition, we have sought to assess the on-site presence of the Hispanic population in each area. At the same time, we have been identifying specific churches that could assist us as host churches for any church planting efforts in the area that is ultimately selected.

We are currently considering the southwest part of the city. Additionally, we have already begun training the potential planter for the new church.

Serving and Reaching the International Community

With the help of other ministries in the city, we open the doors of the Multiethnic Ministry each week with the purpose of blessing the international population living near our building.

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are offered every Saturday, as well as informational workshops on current immigration matters as needed. We also provide specific services aimed at meeting the real needs of the international community in the Kansas City area.

With the help of an American church, in the coming days (the event will be held on Saturday, April 18), we will host an evangelistic outreach event in which we will offer vision screenings and free eyeglasses, oil changes, haircuts, and a basic health clinic.

At the same time, this will provide us with the opportunity and privilege to share the message of the gospel with everyone who attends.

As always, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the churches that are part of the Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association, as well as to the leadership of our association for giving us the opportunity to minister to and bless the international population living in Kansas City.

Disciple-Making Cohort- Jason Allen

What if your church had too many leaders? It sounds almost too good to be true. Most of us are stretched thin—meeting needs, caring for people, and preparing for the next gathering. But imagine what ministry could look like if you had people co-laboring alongside you; sharing the load, extending your reach, and multiplying your impact.

This is not wishful thinking. It is the vision of Ephesians 4:12—that the church would be equipped for the work of ministry. And it is more attainable than you might believe.

"Any church can cultivate a personal disciple-making culture; equipping people to walk closely with Jesus, training them to disciple others, and raising up leaders the local church needs."

This is not a church growth strategy. It is a way of life, and it is already happening among us.

Over the past year, 10 churches across our association have been doing this work together—collaborating, learning, and building personal disciple-making cultures from the inside out. The fruit is real: average believers stepping into ministry, aspiring leaders being developed, and churches growing in health and depth.

WHAT THIS MAKES POSSIBLE

- God's people cared for with greater depth and consistency
- Those far from Christ reached through the witness of multiplied disciples
- Leaders developed and ready for the mission Christ has given his church

In the months ahead, new cohort opportunities will open for local church leaders to join this movement. Whether your church is large or small, established or emerging, there is a place for you in this work.

More leaders are possible. More ministry is possible. And it starts with us, doing this together.

Disaster Relief- Chris Houghtaling

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” – Isaiah 43:2

Over the past year, communities across the globe and within the United States have faced significant natural disasters. In late October 2025, Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica and Cuba as one of the most intense Atlantic hurricanes on record. Shortly after, severe winter storms impacted much of the U.S., including regions like northern Louisiana and Tennessee. Despite these challenges, Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief (MoDR) remained actively engaged in response and recovery efforts.

MoDR teams provided critical support in multiple locations, including ongoing work in North Carolina, where volunteers helped rebuild a home for a family displaced by Hurricane Helene. From laying the foundation to completing construction, volunteers—many from Blue River-Kansas City (BRKC)—made repeated trips to ensure the project’s success, demonstrating long-term commitment to those in need.

Internationally, MoDR extended its reach to Jamaica, where Hurricane Melissa caused widespread devastation. With winds reaching 185 mph and heavy rainfall, entire communities were left without power and with extensive structural damage. MoDR partnered with other disaster relief teams to assist in rebuilding efforts, particularly focusing on damaged churches.



One key project involved Elderslie Baptist Church, established in 1872, where the hurricane destroyed the preschool roof. Volunteers helped restore the structure, enabling children to return to a safe learning environment after months of uncertainty. Beyond construction, teams were able to minister directly to children, offering encouragement and sharing Bible lessons. These interactions revealed both the trauma experienced by families and the remarkable resilience and faith within the community.

Additional efforts included repairs at Townhead Baptist Church, where a smaller team completed essential work despite travel delays and limited time. Across all sites, volunteers were deeply impacted by the gratitude and strong faith of the local believers, who consistently praised God even in the midst of hardship.

Notably, volunteers Ben and Rebecca Kramer participated in their first international disaster relief trip to Jamaica. Despite the challenges of work and family responsibilities, they stepped out in faith when the opportunity arose—highlighting the importance of being prepared and willing to serve when called.

Through every response—whether rebuilding homes, repairing churches, or ministering to individuals—Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief continues to embody its mission of delivering Help, Hope, and Healing. These efforts not only restore physical structures but also strengthen communities spiritually and emotionally in the aftermath of disaster.

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