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RESOUND EMBER AWARD RECOGNIZES BR-KC LEADERS

Gregg Boll and Brian Grout of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association (BRKC) received the "Resound Ember Award" at the Resound Late Nite, held alongside the Missouri Baptist Convention's annual meeting in October. Each received an Ember mug, named for the award. Embers are a sign of hope, and the gift honors the embers of renewal BRKC has stirred to life in its churches.

Since 2023, Boll and Grout have trained 20 pastors in church renewal, built a four-pastor renewal team, and led 12 churches through the Resound process. They continue to walk with churches as they implement their plans and have helped connect two churches with healthy congregations through adoption.

"Embers can start a fire," said Dr. Buddy Funk, Team Leader for Church Renewal. "What BRKC is doing in church renewal is an ember we hope to see blaze across the state of Missouri and beyond."

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EQUIPPING YOUR CONGREGATION THROUGH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP TRAINING

By Gregg Boll, Executive Director of Missions

A pastor friend of mine once said he never preaches about financial giving without also showing people how to get out of debt. The average member of your church is likely living above their means, carrying some level of debt and bemoaning that they can't be more generous in their giving. Because of the financial situation of many of your members, they are giving grudgingly, sparingly, or not at all. And, yet, talking about giving is one of the hardest things for pastors to do; it seems self-serving, it seems carnal, or that we are greedy. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We want people to give, not just because our church needs more money (which it does); we want them to learn generous giving because it is one of the marks of a growing, mature believer. Paul says in Philippians 4: "15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone; 16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek the profit which increases to your account." That's Paul's way of expressing Jesus' statement that "it is more blessed to give than to receive". People are blessed when they are practicing generosity. Someone has pointed out that believers are never more like God than when they are giving ("For God so loved the world that He gave", and "God loves a cheerful giver"...).

I have put together a **personal financial seminar** which I would gladly lead at your church **free of charge**.....

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Financial Update - October Overview

MTD Budget - $38,657.63

MTD Actual Income - $39,946.93

MTD Actual Expenses - $31,511.04

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