



# THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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## AROUND & ABOUT

2018

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### NICARAGUAN PUSH!

You may have heard that our planned Mission Trip to Nicaragua in January of 2019 has had to be postponed. Large-scale social unrest erupted throughout the country when the government imposed stiff new taxes without consultation. These have since been rescinded and the social unrest has largely stopped. However, it doesn't appear prudent to send a large delegation this January. AMOS has requested that a team of five come in January of 2019 and we are putting that delegation together.

There will likely be another group of our members going with our Great Rivers Region to Costa Rica on a mission trip to paint and update a camp owned by the Costa Rica Baptists sometime next Spring. The original larger delegation of almost twenty will hope to go to Nicaragua in January of 2020.

We work in Nicaragua through an American Baptist medical mission called AMOS led by two doctors, a husband and wife team, Drs. David and Laura Parajon. These remarkable doctors have over 20 community health workers in mountain villages around the country providing basic health care where before none existed. All of AMOS' national staff had their salaries paid by many volunteer teams, like those from our church, who come down for 10-14 days to provide hands-on help to these remote villages. Our own team was in San Onofre, Nicaragua two years ago providing an infant clinic and installing clean water filters in 35 homes in the village.

Because we cannot go to Nicaragua this year, and because this leaves AMOS ministry in dire financial straits, our Mission Board has decided to have a **NICARAUGAN PUSH from September 23 through October 21**. On September 21, we will have a congregational dinner after worship and will talk by Skype Phone with the Parajon's in Nicaragua. We will outline all that is needed to collect these two items:

Baby Layettes: supplies needed for young infants 6 diaper pins, 2 gowns, 2 t-shirts, 2 pair of socks, 1 receiving blanket, 1 infant hat

Healing Arts Kits: Children and youth Art Therapy Kits include:

10 adult size, good quality backpacks with one large compartment and one smaller pocket.

10 1/4 pound packages of #18 size rubber bands

10 1-hole hand held paper punches (easy to use)

10 packages of 25 colored balloons of different sizes

10 pads of multi-color construction pap

10 packages of 100 sheets of card stock 8 1/2 x 11 inch different colors 65 lb weight

10 balls or skeins of yarn

4 12 count packages of colored pencils

4 12 count packages of thin tip markers

6 12 count packages of #2 pencils

10 12-packs of colored chalk board chalk (not sidewalk chalk)

10 dispensers of 3/4 inch Scotch Tape

10 pair scissors (adult type, not children's)

10 musical triangles We can order these at a cost of about \$5 each if people want to give funds for them



Last year, our church gave \$3,000 to the World Mission Offering in October. This year, the Mission Board is challenging our church to give even more. The first \$3,000 will go to the World Mission Offering and anything over that amount will go to AMOS to support a young man named Jilmer, who served as the team coordinator when our church delegation was in Nicaragua. Jilmer is an extremely talented young man and right now, his salary is in jeopardy because no volunteer teams are coming from America. Jilmer earns \$115 a week in salary. Our members are being challenged to support Jilmer's work through AMOS for as many weeks in the coming year as possible. Right now, Jilmer's work is in mediation and conflict resolution in Nicaragua. Once mission teams can safely return, he will resume his former work in the remote villages in health care.

We will bring all our kits and layettes to church on Sunday, October 21 when Dr. Laura Parajon will be our guest in worship and at a congregational dinner following worship. That evening, there will be a rally of American Baptist Churches in the KC Metro Area with Dr. Parajon.

By the end of our Nicaraguan PUSH at the end of October we hope to have raised significant funds to support Jilmer's ministry through AMOS and many infant layettes and Healing Arts Kits for the ministry there. We thank you in advance for your spirit of generosity!

*FBC Mission Board: Diana Parker and Jan Jones, co-chairs; Paul Sienkiewicz and Margo Humenczuk*



## Sunday, September 9, 6 PM Millie Edwards & Band

Once Again, Millie Edwards launches our new season! Millie is always one of our most popular singers and we look forward to her leading off this year!

**We need:** ushers, greeters, persons to bring cookies, and persons to host the refreshment table.



## Concrete Repair

We lift up the Trustees for the excellent concrete work done around our church on August 13. The reason that the front handrails for the ramp have not yet been re-installed is because the concrete must first cure. It should be complete in a few weeks. The ramp itself is safe but it has no side rails.

## Aber Family Gift

We rejoice in a recent gift from the Aber family of \$25,000 to fund a new 45' aluminum-frame cloth canopy that will stretch from the north door to the end of the patio. It will include a hand rail on the west side of the canopy. This will provide a protected walk from the parking lot into the building. This will also clearly mark this "main entrance" to the church which is now largely hidden from the parking areas. We have contracted with a canopy company in Grandview to install the new canopy sometime within the next 6-8 weeks.

## ***ALL ABOUT FIRST BAPTIST PEOPLE***

### **We pray for...**

- † Martha Brown making progress on respiratory issues; still on oxygen
- † Brenda Brown, beginning chemo to treat liver cancer
- † The family of Lloyd Brown who passed on to eternal life on August 23 at KC Hospice House after an extended struggle with cancer. His memorial service was at the church on August 28
- † Flo Brown is making strong progress from multiple fractured ribs
- † Patty Van, at home
- † Tom Boden, diagnosed with lung cancer, undergoing chemo treatments
- † Jennifer Boden, Becky's daughter, diagnosed with breast cancer
- † Danny Smith, Glenda Huckabey's brother, returned home to Hutchinson, KS but now in a hospital there
- † Dixie Kelly making strong progress after being diagnosed with shingles
- † Joanna Thomas now walking on a cane and living at home after a broken leg
- † Valerie Caroll, daughter of Bill and Christine Rinck, in serious health situation in Ireland.
- † Family of Clint Kelly, brother of Jim Kelly, who passed on and a memorial service was held at our church on August 25. He had been a captain in the KC Police Department.
- † Debbie Ebright's brother, David, who has relocated to Raymore

### **We give thanks for....**

- † Sue Hansen had tests which revealed that she had not had a heart attack.
- † Sue Hansen and the women of the American Baptist Women for preparing a continental breakfast for the teachers at Red Bridge elementary School on August 10
- † Everyone who brought ice cream and dessert to the Annual Patio Concert. Thanks also to Ninkasi for an outstanding performance.

### **We rejoice with...**

- † John and Gay Barton who have relocated to Brookedale Retirement Community in Overland Park across from Sprint headquarters.
- † Ana Montoya who has been employed to be our Sound Technician for our worship services. She comes with lots of background in sound and in music from her church in New Mexico. She came to KC to study at Rockhurst.
- † Rachelle, principal of Red Bridge elementary, who joined us for worship on Sept. 2 as we lift up this school in our prayers as they begin a new year

### **We share our Long-term prayer for...**

David Freeman (Debbie's brother) - Eva Knootz (Brenda Brown's Friend) - Becky & Tom Boden - JoAnn Gardner  
Jan Carrigan - Brenda Brown - Susie Bolden - Bruce Carrigan - Pat Betteridge  
Richard Becker - Roberta Stevenson - Marv Combs - Jolene Everly - Jim & Pat Logan - Randal Palmer

### **We share our prayer for Those Far away...**

Thelma Sickles - Kathleen Brown - Marie Denton & Family - Maybelle Logan - Geraldine Raines - Bobbie Matson



**Join Us!**

**All Church Dinner**



The September congregational dinner is Sunday, **Sept. 23**, noon  
We launch our Fall Nicaraguan emphasis on that day

# Upcoming Worship Sundays at 10:50 am

**September 2: “Great Expectations”** Communion Sunday  
Dezo Desauguste preaching; youth-led worship Text: 1 Timothy 4:12-16  
Rachelle Hamrick, Principal of Red Bridge Elementary visiting

**September 9; Fall Launch Sunday,**  
Stephen Jones, preaching  
**“Stories of Jesus Learning”**  
Steve will tell first-person stories of Jesus as an active learner.  
And thus, as his followers, we are also calling to lives of active learning!

**Sept. 16: American Baptist Women’s Sunday**  
Rev. Stephanie Spears, preaching;  
Women of the church leading in worship

**Sept. 23: “The Bible’s Liberating Word”,**  
Stephen Jones, preaching  
The Bible offers a liberating word to us –  
a word that opens doors and opens hearts.  
Psalm 119:105f.

**Sept. 30: Dezo Desauguste, preaching**



## FINANCIAL UPDATE: for July



We received the financial report from July and the news continues to be encouraging. Pledges and givers of record and loose offering to date this year:  
2018: \$92,627    2017: \$87,526    2016: \$81,602    2015: \$79,709

However, in terms of pledges, we are running behind for the year by around \$10,000. This means that together we pledged \$10,000 more than we have actually given. Thankfully, expenses are under budget by \$2,400. Punkin Patch had revenues of \$80,957 and expenses of \$74,106 -- Kathy Manda is our Finance Chair.

### COLUMBARIUM?

Two years ago, I brought up the idea of our creating a columbarium on our church grounds which would offer niches for families to permanently hold cremains of loved ones. Many churches are now providing these beautiful, dignified memorials. The name and birth and death dates of each person is engraved on a wall. Behind the memorial plates, are the niches of cremains. I have recently heard of several more people who might be interested. Given the high cost of graves in cemeteries, a columbarium is much less expensive. It can be a beautiful way to remember a loved one on the grounds of our church. We haven't worked out the details, which in part depends upon how many people would purchase a future niche, but it likely would cost each family only around \$1,500. Jan and I are interested in purchasing two niches for ourselves. Are others interested? Would you speak with me if you are or if you want more information?

- Stephen Jones



– Join others in making a friendly call on one of our 13 confined members or upon members in the hospital. We will gather for prayer and organizing our visits on these Wednesday mornings at 9:30am: **Sept 12 and 26**. All are welcome. We go out in teams of two and make one or two calls before noon. It would help if you would contact Karen Foster or the church office if you plan to participate.



### Community Assistance Council

The *Caring About Community* Annual Gala

**Oct 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$50**

At More Hall , Saint Thomas More 11822 Holmes Rd. KCMO 64131, 816-763-3277 x 103

Rachel.Casey@cackc.org - CACKC.org

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

# FYI

## ABWM

Can you believe it's time for a new year for ABWM? Our first meeting will be Sept 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Carole Raines will have the program. Sue Hansen will have the devotion. We are always done by noon. A date to remember and plan to attend the Area 5 district meeting at Grace Baptist NKC on Sept 22 at 9:30 a.m. We will carpool. If you have any questions please call - *Sue Hansen President, 816-942-1334*

**Food Pantry Needs for September** *We are in NEED of youth or young volunteers for 3rd Fridays and Sat. to help with heavy lifting.* Items needed are Low sodium and Low sugar items, such as Canned vegetables, and Canned Fruit,. All donations are appreciated. Stock Day is Sept 4, 1:15 p.m.

### Red Bridge Food Pantry

**Sept 14 Friday, 1:30 – 3:30 pm** Sacking Day for the Red Bridge Food Pantry in our Fellowship Hall. We will fill the sacks for families in need in our wider community. Please speak with Sue Hansen if you can help.

**Sept 15 Saturday, 9:00 – 11:00 am** Pick Up day. If you know of a family in need of food assistance, contact our food pantry leaders. Dixie or Sue. Or have them call 913-313-0250

### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

**Beginning immediately,** here is the Sunday Morning Children's Schedule

**Nursery Care** – Infants through 3 year old's – 9:30 am – Noon (older children may be taken by their parents to the worship service through children's conversation)

**Children Aged 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 9:30 – 10:30 am Class in Lime Room, Jolie DiGiovanni

#### Using the Rotation Learning Model

10:50 am – Attend Worship Through children's Conversation

11:15 am – Children's Church in Lime Room

**Youth 5<sup>th</sup> Grade through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 9:30 – 10:30 am In Youth Classroom upstairs

### SUPPORT OUR SAVERS FUNDRAISER

***(for mission groups from our church to Central America) BRING BY MID-SEPTEMBER!!***

Please bring other goods you would like to donate to the Heritage Room. Items we'd love to collect: Clothing, linens, shoes, and purses. If your bag contains only these soft goods, please mark it "soft goods", otherwise we will sort it out for you. Clothes do not need to be in excellent condition as they can still sell torn or stained items to be used as rags.

For hard goods of kitchenware, nick knacks, small household items, toys, games, books etc., please mark the box "hard goods".

Mixed boxes and bags are fine, just leave them unmarked and we'll sort them later.

**No furniture, large electronics, computers, etc.**

Our goal is to collect 100 large garbage bags full of donated goods! Thanks for your support

# FYI



Board of Deacons would like to remind you the **first Sunday** of the month is Communion Sunday. Please consider the Deacon fund, when giving. This fund is used to help people in need.



Order Fair Trade Coffee, Chocolate & Cocoa!

Talk to **Ken Fast** to purchase and Help those who are trying to Help themselves!



**BIBLE STUDY – TUESDAY MORNINGS, 10 – 11 AM**

Dr. Jones is leading the group in studying the book of Hebrews

All are welcome to attend!

## Save the Date:

**Living Nativity Date: Saturday, Dec. 8, 5:30-7:30 pm!**

## Inform Line - Yes or No?

The Church Executive Council is inquiring of the congregation as to interest in continuing the INFORM PHONE LINE at the church. Please speak with Bill Betteridge or Jessie Carpenter if you use this service. Every week, the INFORM line is updated with prayer concerns.

## DINNERS OUT –

We use the church bus and travel to a family-owned restaurant somewhere in the wider KC area – preferably a short drive out of the city. LAST **DINNERS OUT DATE:**

- ◆ Thursday, **Sept. 6, 12 pm** Webster's House Downtown KCMO

## Up Coming Meetings

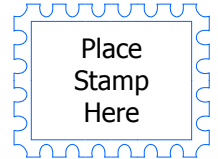
- + Sept 9, Sunday, at noon, Deacons Meeting, in Fireside Room
- + Sept 13. Thursday, 4:30 pm Punkin Patch Board
- + Sept 16, Sunday, noon Executive Council, meeting in Fireside Room



***This month, youth and children outing will be at Matt and Jill Clingan house! Watch for the exact date!***



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**TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION**



  
*Birthdays  
of the  
Month*

Al Hall	05
Krista Ramirez	07
Michelle Hopkins	09
Justin Prigel	24
Shelby Woodroof	25
Jisha Hall	30

**Annual Patio Concert**

Ice Cream Social and Concert featuring: "Ninkasi"



Art By, Bob Price Holloway