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Great Plains Conference of the Free Methodist Church

**“EVERY CHURCH, A HEALTHY CHURCH,
REDEMPTIVELY ENTANGLED IN THE COMMUNITY”**

September 2016

Our Strategies:

- Embrace All
- Disciple Deeply
- Cultivate Health
- Develop Leaders
- Multiply Ministries
- Go Global
- Honor Fruitfulness
- Engage Urban
- Partner Strong

EMBRACE ALL

Wichita Rivercrest welcomed a new family— refugees from Tanzania—into their fellowship.

Bucklin FMC anticipates the kick-off of the *AWANAS* program this month, at which they will minister to 50-60 mostly un-churched children. This will be their 11th year of offering this successful ministry.

Pastor Bruce Leisy (Leoti) was the guest speaker at *Annual Biker Sunday* in cooperation with the Pence Community Church.

Macksville FMC offers *Movie Night*—one week it was John Wayne and ice cream—to draw in neighbors and guests. They also provide a *Sunday Morning Breakfast*. Both of these are done on a monthly basis. During harvest, church members

distributed bottled water and cookies to semi drivers at nearby grain elevators.

Pastor Lewis Smith reports reaching out to K-State students as they begin their fall semester.



PARTNER STRONG

The Topeka FMC helped to serve 113 families (471 individuals) in July. Twenty-five people—including three non-members— distributed a total of 7,058 pounds of food as a part of the *Harvester* program.

Macksville congregants have spent time and money painting buildings in their downtown

area. As a result, other citizens have joined the effort to spruce up their community.

GO GLOBAL

The Manhattan FMC participated in a *Beef Study* and a *Lamb Panel* from the KSU agricultural department. They received \$520 and \$625, respectively, which was donated to missions.



Dates to Remember!

- 09/29-10/01 *Pastor/Spouse Retreat*
 10/18 *Wesleyan Holiness Day*
 12/2 *Christmas Banquet*
 02/07 *Pastor’s Resource Day*
 03/10-11 *E3*

“...even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these...” Matthew 6:29



HONOR FRUITFULNESS

(from April thru August)

	Conversions	Baptisms
Lawrence FMC	5	3
McPherson FMC		3
Myanmar Christian	5	7

Pastor David Run Tho (KC,KS) held evangelistic services in Midland, TX and Indianapolis, IN and a total of 15 people accepted the Lord!



MULTIPLY MINISTRIES/DISCIPLE DEEPLY

We have received positive feedback from the pastors involved in the *Preparation for Growth* training. **Bruce Leisy (Leoti)**, **David Morris (Salina)**, and **Terry Stafford (Pratt)** along with their church leadership, have revised vision statements, developed preaching plans, and determined how to make their churches more “visible” in the community.

McPherson FMC instigated a change throughout the summer months. Sunday School was suspended in lieu of Wednesday evening *Discipleship Experiment*. This has generated so much interest that it has been extended through the fall months. The current emphasis is on “obedience.” Pastor Dave Kessler reports increased attendance.

Golden Plains FMC (Newton) has received favorable feedback from participants in the *Inter-Generational Dinner & Bible Study* which is held monthly.



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