

2026 ANNUAL GATHERING

THIS HOPE IS A STRONG AND
TRUSTWORTHY ANCHOR FOR OUR
SOULS. IT LEADS US THROUGH
THE CURTAIN INTO GOD'S INNER
SANCTUARY.

HEBREWS 6:19 (NLT)



SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2026
PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

ABCCR 167th Annual Gathering
Prairie Baptist Church
Kansas City, KS
September 25-26, 2026

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula serves as the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska, where he helps congregations strengthen their shared life through collaboration, courageous leadership, and faithful imagination. He is deeply committed to the conviction that churches helping churches is not merely a strategy, but a spiritual calling rooted in the gospel.

As a preacher and teacher, Greg is shaped by biblical theology and a deep love for the local church. His scholarship focuses on the Jewish context of the New Testament, and his preaching consistently invites communities to live faithfully between the promises of God and the challenges of the present moment.

Those who hear him speak often describe his voice as both grounded and hopeful—honest about the realities facing the church, yet confident in the Spirit's ongoing work among God's people.

As an author, he explores how ordinary practices—especially shared meals—become sacred spaces where disciples are formed, and community is renewed.

Beyond his professional roles, Greg is a pastor at heart. He cares deeply about congregations of all sizes, especially those seeking renewal, courage, and clarity for ministry in changing times. He believes the church's future is not found in fear or retreat, but in deeper discipleship, shared leadership, and a renewed trust in God's presence among us.

Greg and his wife, Lisa, live in Nebraska with their two teenage children. He loves stories, history, baseball, and the quiet ways God forms people around tables and in community.



Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula
Executive Minister
ABC of Nebraska

2026 ANNUAL GATHERING SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 24

3:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
5:30 PM	Ministers Council Dinner & Program

Friday, September 25

8:30 AM	Registration Begins at First Baptist
9:30 AM	Session # 1
11:00 AM	Lunch
11:45 AM	ABW Meeting– Kristy Engel
	ABMen’s Meeting– Jon Good
1:15 PM	Session #2
2:45 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Workshop Session 1
	#1 – Del Rae McCoullough, Church Safety and Security
	#2 – Kristy Engel, IM Global Servant
	#3 – Fun with Bible Baseball, Lois Chiles
4:15 PM	Workshop Session #2
	#1 – Ministry with Senior Adults, Rev. Janet Crawl
	#2 – Church Revitalization, Rev. Chris Prater
	#3 – Paul Wood, Head Hunters Transformed
5:45 PM	Dinner
6:45 PM	Session #3
8:00 PM	Ice Cream Social & CBTS Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 26

8:00 AM	Registration Continues at KLBC
8:30 AM	Devotion– Rev. Daphne Braswell
9:00 AM	Recap of Business Meeting
	Installation of Officers
9:30 AM	Session #4
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Worship & Communion
11:30 AM	Journey home

Please note that the ABCCR Annual Business meeting will be held via Zoom on September 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM.



Lodging and Hotels

Please make lodging arrangements for the gathering as soon as possible, as it is race weekend in Kansas City and hotels are filling up fast! This is just for your information, there are no hotel blocks.

Hilton Garden Inn Kansas City/Kansas

520 Minnesota Ave,
Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 342-7900
10 minutes from KLBC

Holiday Inn Kansas City - Downtown, an IHG Hotel

770 Admiral Blvd,
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 492-7565
15 minutes from KLBC

Home2 Suites Kansas City Downtown

2001 Main St.
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 987-7300
15 minutes from KLBC

Holiday Inn Express Kansas City - at the Legends by IHG

1931 Prairie Crossing,
Kansas City, KS 66113
(913) 328-1024
15 minutes from KLBC

Best Western Plus KC Speedway Inn & Suites

10401 France Family Dr,
Kansas City, KS 66111
(913) 334-4440
15 minutes from KLBC

Hampton Inn Kansas City The Legends

1400 Village West Pkwy,
Kansas City, KS 66111
(913) 328-1400
15 minutes from KLBC

Courtyard by Marriott Kansas City Shawnee

17250 Midland Dr,
Shawnee, KS 66217
(913) 631-8800
20 minutes from KLBC

Comfort Inn & Suites Shawnee - Kansas City

16510 Midland Dr,
Shawnee, KS 66217
(913) 951-0988
20 minutes from KLBC

Holiday Inn & Suites Overland Park-West by IHG

8787 Reeder St,
Overland Park, KS 66214
(913) 888-8440
20 minutes from KLBC

Hilton Kansas City Airport

8801 NW 112th St,
Kansas City, MO 64153
(816) 891-8900
20 minutes from KLBC

Holiday Inn Kansas City Airport by IHG

11728 N Ambassador Dr,
Kansas City, MO 64153
(816) 801-8400
20 minutes from KLBC

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Kansas City Airport

8303 N Stoddard Ave,
Kansas City, MO 64152
(816) 321-1200
20 minutes from KLBC

WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP SESSION #1

DEL RAE
MCCOULLOUGH

Church Safety and Security

Del Rae McCullough is the Regional Director for Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company in Kansas, specializing in ministry-focused risk management and church safety. She travels throughout the state helping churches build secure, customized liability and property policies

KRISTY
ENGEL

International Ministries, Global Servant

Kristy, a global consultant with a healthcare focus, is a trained pediatric nurse practitioner who served for 12 years in the Dominican Republic, leading teams and working with public health issues.

LOIS
CHILES

Batter Up! Fun With Bible Baseball

Join in the fun of a baseball challenge using Bible trivia to score points.

WORKSHOP SESSION #2

JANET
CROWL

Ministry with Senior Adults

Explore meaningful ways to engage, support, and empower older adults through compassionate and purposeful ministry.

CHRIS
PRATER

Church Revitalization

A brief introduction to Church Revitalization. We will discuss what the goal of Church Revitalization should be, along with a brief discussion on misconceptions about the process. A time of Q & A about the process.

PAUL
WOOD

Headhunters Transformed: The Story of God at Work in the Garo Hills of NE India

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, two Garo men were transformed and were used by God to begin the mission of bringing the Garo people to the saving knowledge of Christ. American Baptist missionaries to the Garo Hills followed in the footsteps of these men, and were used by God to spread the Word throughout the hills.