Welcome to Kansas City, the Kansas City Convention Center, and LIFE 2016!

This will be my last welcome letter to students, group leaders, sponsors, and to the many workers who are on site this week. My wife, Edna, and I will be retiring following LIFE 2016 after many years as staff workers, a planning team member, and executive director of six LIFE events. What a ride these last 16 years have been for us, welcoming over 40,000 delegates to LIFE!

When LIFE delegates meet in three years, the new director of Life Impact Ministries, Scott Wakeley, will head up LIFE 2019. Scott and his wife, June, have served at several LIFE events in different capacities. We are excited that Scott will be giving new leadership to future LIFE events. If you see Scott this week, stop him and welcome him to his new role.

The LIFE 2016 executive team has been working through some difficult situations over the last two years as we have been planning for this week here in Kansas City (KC). We believe that God is planning something special for us as we gather here in KC. Our prayer is that the Lord will meet you in ways above and beyond your expectations. So dream big and let God do big things in your life this week.

May I make a few suggestions for you to get the most out of LIFE 2016? Here we go:

- Make some new friends
- Attend all main-stage sessions
- Hit the Activity Hall and show your friends how good you are at conquering the “Big Toys”
- Check out the amazing lineup of seminars
- Get involved with the community service projects and make an impact on KC. You already paid for the experience!
- Put together a basketball or volleyball team and show the girls/guys how hot you are on the court
- Send your parents a thank-you e-mail this week telling them what a great experience you are having at LIFE 2016
- Stop me and say “hi.” I would really like to meet you!

The LIFE 2016 team is here to help you make this week special, so if you have any questions or concerns or if you’re lost, stop us and let us help you.

This is your week—enjoy it!

Jerry Mapstone, Executive Director, LIFE 2016
SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

1:00 p.m.      Registration Opens at the Kansas City Convention Center

1:00 p.m.      Activity Hall (Hall C) and Plaza Open

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Main Session—Moments that Create Momentum
                      Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
                      Pre-Session at 6:45 p.m.
                      • Worship: Jordan Howerton Band (see below)
                      • Special Guest: Micah Bournes
                      • Speaker: Francis Chan

9:00 p.m.      Small Group Time

9:30 p.m.      Evening Concert: Corban (Plaza)

Worship Leaders

The Jordan Howerton Band is emerging as one of this generation’s most energetic and authentic worship bands. They are a tight-knit group from the Midwest with an infectious spirit for the Kingdom of Jesus. Their authentic leadership is seen on and off the stage. They know the value in relationships and not just moments. The Jordan Howerton Band is all about encouraging and equipping the church with worship songs that point people directly to Jesus.

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

7:45 a.m.      Daily Adult Leader Meeting (2501A)

8:45 a.m.      Main Session—Moment of Origin
               Doors open at 8:15 a.m.
               Pre-Session at 8:30 a.m.
               • Allianc College: Crown College
               • Speaker: Francis Chan

10:15 a.m.     Seminars (see pg. 14)

11:30 a.m.     Lunch (Hall A)

11:30 a.m.     Renew the City—Service Projects*
               Orange meets for lunch in 2103.

11:30 a.m.     Activity Hall Open (Hall C)

12:00 p.m.     Project Experience 3.0 Open

1:00 p.m.      Seminars (see pg. 14)

3:00 p.m.      Afternoon Concert: Corban (2501A)

5:00 p.m.      Dinner (Hall A)

7:00 p.m.      Main Session—Moment of Origin
               Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
               Pre-Session at 6:45 p.m.
               • Special Guest: Justin Flom
               • Speaker: Francis Chan

9:00 p.m.      Small Group Time

9:30 p.m.      Evening Activities
               • Concert: Scenic (Plaza)
               • Special Performance: Justin Flom (2501A)

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**Notes:**
- **Alliance College:** Nyack College
- **Special Guests:** Justin Flom, Micah Bournes
- **Speaker:** Jefferson Bethke
- **Special Guests:** Harmony Dust, Trace Bundy
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- **Speaker:** John Stumbo
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- **Speaker:** Tim Meier
- **Bring your offering for Syrian refugees (see pg. 12).**
- **Special Guest:** Trace Bundy
- **Speaker:** Tim Meier
Saturday, July 9, 2016

6:30 a.m.  Momentum 5K Warm Up
-7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m.  Momentum 5K Race Begins

10:45 a.m.  Main Session–Moment of Truth
-12:00 p.m.  Doors open at 10:15 a.m.
Pre-Session at 10:30 a.m.
- Alliance College: Simpson University
- Special Guest: Micah Bournes
- Speaker: Cheryl Phenicie

12:00 p.m.  Lunch (Hall A)
-1:45 p.m.

12:00 p.m.  Activity Hall Open (Hall C)
-6:30 p.m.

12:00 p.m.  Project Experience 3.0 Open
-6:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m.  Seminars (see pg. 17)
-2:45 p.m.

5:00 p.m.  Dinner (Hall A)
-6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.  Closing Main Session–Moment of Truth
-8:45 p.m.  Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Pre-Session at 6:45 p.m.
- Special Guest: Sojourner
- Speaker: Tim Meier

9:30 p.m.  Evening Activity (Plaza)
-11:00 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Daily Adult Leader Meeting

Each morning Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:45 a.m. in room 2501A we will host a meeting to provide information, encouragement, and vision to make the leadership of your group easier and more effective. We will describe the offering process, make you aware of the intentional response times during services, explain the service project process, and much more.

Attendance at these meetings is required for at least one adult leader from each group.

Wristbands

Each person will be given a wristband at registration. This is your meal pass and entry pass to the convention center. If someone is not wearing his wristband or loses it, he will not be fed or given access to the convention center. This is a safety measure for us.

The replacement cost is $4 and can be purchased in the LIFE Office, room 2206.

Prayer Team | Prayer Room, 2202

There is a prayer team/room to serve you in your personal journey through the power of prayer. It is to (1) foster an environment for you to encounter Jesus, (2) provide space for you to experience healing and restoration, (3) help you work through strongholds, and (4) connect you with someone to pray specifically and intentionally about certain issues. There will be room for you to be alone with God. Come by yourself or as a group.

Student Care Counseling | Counseling Room, 2207

If students or adults attending LIFE might need individual attention, guidance, and help to deal with personal issues, please encourage them to connect with our Student Care Counseling team. Experienced counselors will be available to help. These trained Student Care Counselors will be available each day in the counseling room, or you can call to set up an appointment at (816) 349-9878.
First Aid

In the event that one of your students or leaders is injured, we have professional staff available. The First Aid Station is in the Activity Hall (Hall C) except during main sessions when the medical staff will be in Hall D. If someone gets injured while not in the convention center, please call 911 and proceed appropriately.

Barney Allis Plaza

The Barney Allis Plaza is a great place to build community with your groups and new friends from across the United States. Throughout the day you will find activities. After the evening service you can enjoy a live band, great conversation, and several food trucks.

Activity Hall

Need a high energy space to hang out with your friends and meet new people? Check out the Momentum Activity Hall located in Hall C. We have tons of great games and big toys to keep you moving through the week: mini sports tournaments (dodgeball, soccer, volleyball, basketball), awesome inflatables, archery tag, and so much more!

Not that into sports? We still have you covered! Check out the Momentum Lounge for a place to do arts and crafts and play table games in a more relaxed setting. Meet people from other youth groups! Take fun Instagram photos at the photo booth. Enjoy special meet and greets with some of LIFE’s guest artists. Play fun youth group games with new friends. LIFE interns Chris Hui and Tiffany Xu will host this area and can’t wait to hang out with you!

Project Experience

Project Experience 3.0 will be a 20-minute experiential video exploring the narrative of brokenness and redemption, split into several parts. You will first look at creation and how brokenness entered the world, followed by stories of brokenness experienced in the world. Next, discover where your own brokenness lies and finish with how God’s desire is to restore all brokenness back to Himself. After some time of reflection, participants will move into “The Village” where they will be met by our Site Leaders from all over the world and have practical conversations. Our desire is that participants will walk away with the understanding that brokenness is not the end, and God is calling us to engage in His mission.

2016 Guidelines

The LIFE conference attempts to keep its rules to a minimum. Each group in attendance must abide by the same rules in order for the LIFE conference to maintain proper discipline. If one adult leader allows students to break rules, other students will observe the infraction and pressure their adult leaders for similar privileges.

Thank you for assisting us by observing the following guidelines:

- Boys are not permitted in girls’ hotel rooms or vice versa.
- Possession of weapons, fireworks, alcohol, tobacco, or narcotics is prohibited. The adult leader will report prohibited behavior to the LIFE security team.
- Students are responsible to obey their assigned group leaders and adult leaders.
- Students are required to attend all nine main sessions in the convention center.
- Clothing and swimwear should be modest. An adult leader is permitted to request a student to change into more modest attire.
- No one is permitted to leave his or her hotel room after 12:00 a.m. midnight. Lights should be off and students quiet from 12:00 a.m. midnight until 6 a.m. (Quiet does not mean complete silence. A person walking down the hall outside hotel rooms should not hear any noise other than quiet conversation). Each hotel will have their own security member to monitor curfew issues. Each hotel may also maintain its own separate policies regarding curfew and quiet hours. It is expected that adult leaders will settle their students down early enough so that by curfew, things are calm and quiet.
- The adult leader will remind his/her students of the importance of being a witness to the people of Kansas City. We want to model Christ to those who work at the convention center and each of the hotels where students are housed.
- Adult leaders are encouraged to:
  - Set an example of spiritual maturity and leadership for your students to follow. Pray with your students daily.
  - Maintain appropriate physical discretion with all students. Counsel your student in a semi-public place that is well-lit and where you may be seen by others.
  - Observe your students’ daily habits of hydration, nutrition, rest, and exposure to the sun. Make sure they are getting the proper amounts of water, food, sleep, and sunscreen. The group leader is encouraged to review these guidelines with their group prior to the start of the conference.
Where does the Alliance family go to demonstrate God’s love? What is The Alliance doing to proclaim the gospel in dark places—in places of difficulty? What new adventures are Alliance workers launching? Who is The Alliance reaching with God’s love and the power of the gospel?

The Alliance family is responding to Syrian refugees with compassion and love. We are initiating ministry in places that refugees are often kept at arm’s length and ignored. We are providing education, training, and prayer support and clearly presenting Jesus.

As you hear more about the great need, join the Alliance family in bringing transformation. Consider how you might give generously and sacrificially.

We will partner with the Park Department to bring much needed upgrades and improvements to parks that have been neglected or that the city simply cannot maintain. We will work on walking trails, clear brush and debris to open new areas, and clean up basketball courts for the neighborhood. We will also partner with a ministry called Jerusalem Farms, a community of people who purposefully live in neighborhoods of the Kansas City area and focus on sustainable living and home repair to bring positive impact and renewal for those who live around them. Everyone has an opportunity to serve.

On your assigned day, please show up at 11:30 a.m. in room 2103 for lunch and a short orientation.

Orange wristband: Wednesday
Blue wristband: Thursday
Green wristband: Friday

The Alliance family is responding to lost people in the Kansas City area through planting a church, and we have the opportunity to be a part.

This Saturday we will run through the streets of Kansas City with the purpose of raising funds to launch an Alliance church. So whether you run, walk, or jog, sign up. Be a part of the moments when the gospel builds momentum.

Sign up in the Activity Hall: Wednesday and Thursday, 3–6 p.m.

Cost: $40, includes race shirt

Race with thousands of others in one of the biggest 5K races around. We can make a huge impact on this city.

Long after LIFE is over, this church will bring Christ’s love and hope to Kansas City.
### SEMINARS

**Wednesday, July 6, 2016**  
10:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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**Leader Seminars**

- Youth Leaders (10:15 a.m. only)  
  - Francis Chan  
  - Nate San  
- Full Calendar, Empty Soul  
  - Mark Lynch  
- Leader Lounge: A Place for Connection, Conversation, and Coaching  
  - Dan Boal

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**Leader Seminars**

- Soul Care for the Leader  
  - Ken Castor  
- Developing Next-Generation Leaders and Learning the Core Competencies for Being One  
  - Larry Acosta  
- Leader Lounge: A Place for Connection, Conversation, and Coaching  
  - Melissa MacDonald
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  - Room 3501 AB
- Ministering to Gay Teenagers (leaders only)
  - Shawn Harrison
  - Room 2502
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  - Dan Boal, Klint Bitter
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  - Ron Belsterling
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- Leader Coaching
  - Ken Castor
  - Room 3501 D
DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City Convention Center
1. Bartle Hall
2. Conference Center
3. Grand Ballroom
4. Barney Allis Plaza
5. Underground Parking

Hotels & Lodging
5. Crowne Plaza
6. Kansas City Marriott Downtown
7. Aladdin Hotel & Spa
8. Westin at Crown Center
9. Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center