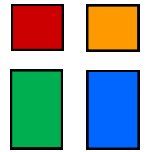


# Concord Covenant

## December 2018



*"And when they  
saw the star, they  
rejoiced exceedingly with  
great joy."*

*Matthew 2:10 NASB*



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### Important Dates

#### **December**

- 3 CBA Staff Prayer Journey
- 2-9 Week of Prayer-IMB
- 24-Jan. 1 Office closed for Christmas holiday
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day

#### **January**

- 2 CBA Office Reopens
- 20 Executive Council Mtg.
- 21 MLK Day, Office closed
- 25-26 Preaching Conference
- 28 Wild Game Supper

### **Special Christmas Worship Opportunities in December:**

- 2 Jefferson City FBC, Choir & Orchestra Concert, 8:15 & 10:45 AM
- 9 Jefferson City FBC Children's Program, 8:15 & 10:45 AM  
California FBC, "The First Christmas" 6 PM  
Concord, Festival of Light, 7 PM  
Mt. Olive Adult Christmas Program, 10:30 AM  
Southridge Choir Cantata, 10 AM
- 16 Concord, Bathrobe Nativity, 6 PM  
Cornerstone, "Memories of a Merry Christmas" 10:30 AM  
Corticelli Children's Program, 6:30 PM  
Elston Christmas Program, 6 PM  
Mt. Olive Children's Program, 6:30 PM  
Russellville Children's Program, 10:30 a.m.
- 23 High Point Baptist Dinner Theater, meal 5 PM, play 6:30 PM  
There is no cost, but advance reservations are needed.  
Call 573-301-3716 by December 14

### **Christmas Eve Services:**

California FBC, 7 PM	Freshwater 5 PM	Mt. Olive, 8 PM
Cornerstone, 6 PM	High Point, 6 PM	Russellville, 6 PM
Corticelli, 5:30 PM	Jefferson City FBC, 6 PM	Soma, 6 PM
Elston, 6:30 PM	Memorial, 5:30 PM	

## Calvin's Corner:



“...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Romans 5:5  
NASB

**Hope!** Over the last two months I have come to a greater understanding of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. First Corinthians 13:13 reminds us, “*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*” As Christians we talk about the love of Christ, knowing: “*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life*” (John 3:16). We understand about faith: “*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast*” (Eph 2:8-9). Hope, however, is often misunderstood because we equate it to a wish. The hope that Christ brings us is not a wish but an assurance of the promise that God gave the world long ago.

The Bible calls it a “living hope.” “*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time*” (1 Peter 1:3-6).

This is the hope I heard from a Ukrainian teacher and mother who, though she had lost everything she owned and dreamed, her faith in Christ allowed her to move her entire family to a new country. There, her family shares the hope of Christ with others. This is also the hope that I heard from families struggling to support and protect their children in El Salvador. With a little help, in the form of a scholarship for their children to attend a safe Christian school, they heard and received the hope of salvation in Christ.

We live in a world that is looking for hope. But the only true, lasting hope is found in the gift of salvation through Jesus, our Lord. It is this hope that we celebrate at Christmas. People were hopelessly separated from God. This is the reason Jesus was born. The angel of the Lord assured Joseph of this fact, saying, “*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “*The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel*” — which means, “*God with us*” (Matt 1:20-23).

As you celebrate the birth of our Savior this year do so by sharing Christ with others so they, too, will know the hope you have. I pray you will have a blessed Christmas filled with the Hope of Christ.



*Calvin*

## Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Many thanks to the dear folks at Main Street Baptist Church - On November 3rd about 15 of them descended upon McClung Park like a well-oiled machine. They provided a full pork steak dinner with delicious desserts for around 60-70 football players and staff. After viewing a Billy Graham video, 17 young men indicated receiving Christ as Savior!

Thanks are also due to four of our churches who provided food for a track team Thanksgiving dinner on November 19, (Russellville, High Point, Tipton and FBC California). Again, after another Billy Graham video, 3 students indicated receiving Christ, 2 made re-dedications and 5 more would like spiritual counseling. And, thanks to the good folks at High Point Baptist Church, we gave out sock hats afterwards.

I enjoyed being part of the El Salvador mission team Nov 9-17, preaching, teaching and working with children.



The Babe in the manger came to seek and to save. Those who are lost still find him today.

Merry CHRIST-mas,

Your Missionary on Campus,  
Pastor Dave, BCM Director



### Job Opening at River Oak Christian Academy (formerly Concord Christian School)

River Oak Christian Academy is looking for a Christ-centered teacher for our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. River Oak Christian Academy is a private Christian elementary school that serves children from Pre-K through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Jefferson City, Missouri. This position would fill an open classroom teaching position in our current 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. At River Oak, our teachers put their full faith and trust in Jesus Christ and live by the example that He has set for all to follow. Our primary goal for our students is to bring them up knowing Christ and all that He has done for us while receiving the best education possible. We have a strong, loving environment with support from teachers, administration, families, and the school board. Hours would be from 7:45 a.m.– 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, with holidays and breaks built-in throughout the year. We are looking for teachers that have a current teaching certificate, but would consider teachers that have finished their current student teaching rotation and are preparing to graduate. If you are interested in this position or have questions, please feel free to contact Board President Jenni Cecil at (573) 230-2601 or apply through our website at [www.riveroakjc.org](http://www.riveroakjc.org).





Please pray for our churches  
without pastors:

Cole Spring  
Elston FBC-(Interim  
Rev. Les Cassil)  
Jefferson City Baptist  
Memorial (Interim David  
Newton)  
Prairie Home FBC  
Southridge

Congratulations to Main  
Street upon calling Rev.  
Steve Webb as their pastor.

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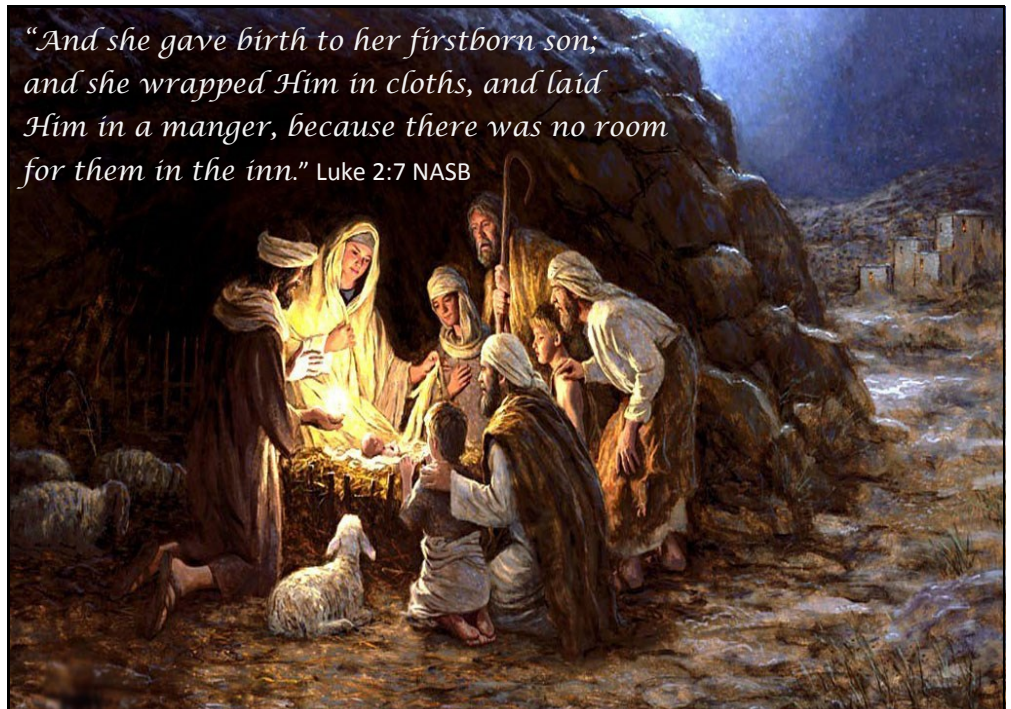
We still have openings on  
the College Ministry,  
Discipleship and Outreach  
Councils.

If you would be willing to  
serve, please contact  
Sharon Coonce  
(slblank@iland.net) or  
Elaine Foster  
(jefoster2@embarqmail.  
com) for information on  
how you can help.

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Facebook to keep  
up with upcoming  
events!



*"And she gave birth to her firstborn son;  
and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid  
Him in a manger, because there was no room  
for them in the inn." Luke 2:7 NASB*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS from your CBA Staff!**

**Calvin, David, and Juanita**



**CBA STAFF  
PRAYER JOURNEY  
Monday, December 3, 2018**

The staff will travel to  
FBC-Jefferson City, Calvary,  
One in Christ, Immanuel, and  
Memorial Baptist Churches.

The CBA office will be closed after  
1:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**Sunday, January 20, 2019  
2:00 p.m.**

**Clarksburg Baptist Church  
Clarksburg, MO**

There is still time for your church to elect  
an Executive Council Member to represent  
your congregation at this meeting along  
with your pastor if you have not already  
done so.



**2019 Mid-Missouri  
Biblical Preaching Conference**

**“EXALT!”**

**January 25-26, 2019**  
**Concord Baptist Church**  
Friday, 6-9 p.m. ~ Dinner included  
Saturday, 7:30-noon ~ Breakfast included

“Proclaim the LORD’s greatness with me;  
let us exalt his name together.”  
Psalm 34:3 CSB

Mark your calendar now and watch for coming details regarding  
conference leaders, cost, and registration.

Sponsored by Concord Baptist Association and Concord Baptist Church.



**2019 Men & Boys  
Wild Game Supper**

**Monday, January 28**  
First Baptist Church-California  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
And watch for further details  
on our website [cbamo.org](http://cbamo.org).

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Outreach Council

Bring a large covered dish, game or tame  
(please be sure to label dish).

**DOOR PRIZES!!!**



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This resource is password protected. Log in and password information have been sent to each pastor. Contact Concord Baptist Association if you need help using this resource.





**DEMENTIA  
CAREGIVERS  
Resource Group**  
*Help for your journey.*

**December 5, 2018**  
**Do You Need Help For Your Journey? (A Caregivers Blessing)**  
Rod Maples, Pastor of Worship, First Baptist Church, will lead a caregivers Sharing Time and Blessing with Scripture and songs. The work of caregivers is of vital importance in our society, and they need to know they are loved and appreciated by their families, friends and neighbors. Light lunch provided

Meetings are FREE. No reservation necessary.  
TIME: 11:30am-1:00pm  
LOCATION: First Baptist Church, Room 101  
301 E Capitol  
(Park in lower lot, use Door #4)



# December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 CBA Staff Prayer Journey	4	5	6	7	8
-----Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and International Mission Board-----						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
-----CBA Office closed until January 2, 2019 for Christmas Break-----						
30	New Year's Eve  CBA Office closed until January 2, 2019 for Christmas break	New Year's Day Jan 1, 2019			<b>December Birthdays:</b> 16 Pastor Noah Angel, FCI 28 Pastor Wayne Merrill, Wooldridge 31 Pastor Doyle Sager, FBC-JC	





## National Association of Ministry Assistants (formerly NASBS)

### Training Conference

April 24-26, 2019

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Louisville, KY

Go to [www.nama-sbc.org](http://www.nama-sbc.org) for all the latest updates and information regarding lodging, pricing, workshops, etc.

This training is for ANY church secretary - volunteer, part-time, or full-time. There is a group from Missouri planning to attend. Contact Juanita Golden at [juanitag@cbamo.org](mailto:juanitag@cbamo.org) or call 573-635-4832 if you are interested in joining us.



## 2018 Week of Prayer Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & International Mission Board December 2-9

Promotional resources can be ordered online at [www.mobaptist.org/lottie](http://www.mobaptist.org/lottie). Videos and additional resources available to be downloaded from [www.imb.org./lmco](http://www.imb.org./lmco)



## Budget Report

Year to Date (1/1/2018-10/31/2018)	Income	Expenses	Budget Requirement
General Fund	\$117,622.08	\$118,696.11	\$124,401.68
Baptist Collegiate Ministry	\$16,629.09	\$16,310.56	\$20,815.04
Multicultural	\$8,092.46	\$6,496.52	\$12,777.50

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