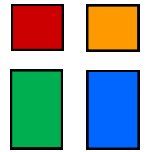


# Concord Covenant

## March 2019



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### Important Dates

#### **March**

- 3-10 Week of Prayer  
AAEO & NAMB
- 4 Int. Student Assn. Dinner
- 10 Daylight Saving Time  
begins
- 11 CBA Staff Prayer Journey
- 26 Pastor Round Table

#### **April**

- 5-7 WMU Missions  
Celebration
- 8 CBA Staff Prayer Journey
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 15 Assn. Bible Drill
- 19 Good Friday-office closed
- 19-20 RA Congress
- 21 Easter
- 23 Pastor Round Table
- 24 Admin. Professionals Day
- 28 Executive Council Mtg.
- 30 Church Secretaries  
Fellowship

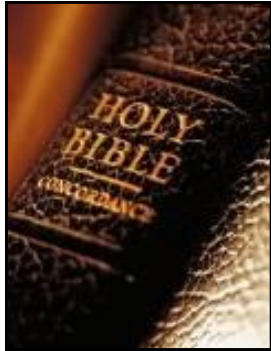


## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**

**MARCH 3-10, 2019**

Free promotional resources are available in multiple languages. Check to see if your church has received the DVD Planning Guide.

To order free offering envelopes, prayer guides and posters, order online at [www.mobaptist.org/wmu/annie](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu/annie) or call Laura Wells at 636-209-0027.



**“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.”**

Eph. 5:1-3a (NASB)

## Calvin's Corner:

Recently, national news outlets have reported that for the last 20 years a number of Southern Baptist pastors and leaders have been accused of sexual crimes against minors. Such news should sicken us. After all, we would rather not talk about these issues. However, for the sake of the Gospel and for the sake of the witness of the church, we must respond.

1. We must admit that there is a problem. David learned that hiding sin is futile. “O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You” (Ps 69:5, NKJV). While we know we can hide nothing from God, it also is not wise or ethical to attempt to hide it from the world. Paul in 1 Cor. 5 rebukes the church for not dealing with sexual sin within the congregation. Ignoring sin the public knows about weakens our witness. We do not need to publicly scorn a sinner, but we must be seen as practicing what we preach.

2. We must present consistent biblical doctrinal teaching on sexual issues. Sex is not evil or sinful when honored as created by God in a loving, caring relationship between a husband and wife. Satan has taken our natural desires and twisted them so that sex is only about the pleasure and not the relationship. Such a twist leads to a slippery slope of sin and perversion. It may start by using sexual attraction as a seemingly innocent marketing tool. It can progress to pornography and the lie that it is a victimless obsession. The desire of pleasure often leads to fornication and adultery that can lead to unwanted pregnancies, to abandoned, forgotten children, or to abortion. This slippery slope also produces mistrust between couples, broken marriages, and confused, conflicted children. Even worse this perversion can lead to rape, human trafficking, and child abuse. I could continue with examples but I think you get the idea. Some would argue that the church is not the place to teach about such matters because it should be taught at home. I agree, but it is not taught in most homes or even in the best homes. The church should support parents with good teaching. The alternative is that such teaching is left to the school, which often is not Christian based, and/or to the street where pleasure is the rule.

3. We must not forget the victims of these sexual crimes. All too often the victims of sexual abuse are left to feel guilty and dirty for most of their lives. The church must reach out to assure them: “It is not your fault.” We need to comfort, accept and, when necessary, help them seek good Christian counseling.

4. We must provide a safe environment while still ministering to sinners like ourselves. Think of this challenge like a hospital. Hospitals exist to care for the sick. With so many sick people who may be contagious, hospitals do everything in their power to create a clean environment so diseases are not passed to others. Likewise, the church must do everything it can to create a safe place for all while ministering to sinners. Some things you can do are:

Do background checks on all staff and everyone who works with children. This is so easy to do nowadays. Many insurance plans will help you. We at the association office can help you as well. These checks are a must, but don't think they are enough because they will only show those who have already been convicted.

Develop and follow good policies. Policies that hold people accountable are a must. Policies like no one, including the pastor, being alone behind closed doors with a member of the opposite sex or with youth and children. Again, many insurance companies will help you write good policies, and the association office can help you with this area as well.

I realize that this is a heavy article but one I believe important for every church to consider. Please do not fall for the line that it can never happen in our church. Sexual abuse happens in churches of every size, those in the city and those in the country; no one is exempt. For the sake of our children, let us not be guilty of ignoring the problem. The witness of the church and the cause of Christ demand it.

*Calvin*

## Baptist Collegiate Ministry

"Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." Psalm 71:18

In recent years this scripture has remained stuck in my mind. The work that we do on the campus of Lincoln University is extremely important because it is passing the torch of the Gospel to the generation that is coming up. For instance, I have a group of a few guys that are going with me through the study of "Survival Kit for New Christians." To these guys, and many students with whom I talk and interact, I challenge them to take up this torch and run with it. Just this past week I have received notes from alumni and it is heartening to see that they are living strong Christian lives. Some of them are married and it brings me joy to see pictures of their kids that I know will be brought up in the ways of the Lord.

A couple of weeks ago I was invited to share about the Baptist College Ministry with River Oaks Christian School. These little guys are teaming up with the Lincoln University social work department for an upcoming food drive that will provide a food bank on Lincoln's campus.


On March 4 we will host a dinner for International students. Thank you David Ford and your life group from Freshwater Church! We want to do the same again for the football team and track team but WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SPONSOR THIS VERY EFFECTIVE OUTREACH. Please let me know soon if God is tapping your missions group or church to team up with us.

Thank you for your continued prayers!

Your Missionary on Campus,  
Pastor Dave, BCM Director

### CBA STAFF PRAYER JOURNEY Monday, March 11

The staff will travel to Jefferson City Baptist, Russellville, Cole Spring, Corticelli, and High Point. The office will close at 1:00 p.m.



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### SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

If your church is having special Easter services that you would like published in the April newsletter, please send that information to [juanitag@cbamo.org](mailto:juanitag@cbamo.org) no later than March 15.

## JOB OPENING

### Now taking applications for Summer Mission Intern for Concord Baptist Association

- ⇒ 10 weeks, June 2 - August 10, 2019      Hours will vary according to need
- ⇒ Duties include working with CBA churches in outreach events including VBS and Backyard Bible Clubs, Children's Camp, mission projects, LU College Ministry, and other duties as assigned.
- ⇒ Application is online at [cbamo.org](http://cbamo.org). Deadline for submitting applications is April 5, 2019.
- ⇒ You may call the CBA office (573-635-4832) if you have questions.





Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Centertown  
Cole Spring  
Elston FBC-(Int. Les Cassil)  
Jefferson City Baptist  
Prairie Home FBC  
Southridge (Int. Jim Misloski)

**Welcome:** Memorial has called David Newton as Lead Pastor and Adam Moss as Discipleship Pastor

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### Spring Revival

March 17-20, 7 PM nightly  
High Point Baptist Church  
40314 Church Road  
just West of High Point off  
of Hwy C

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### 3MT Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

Saturday, April 27, 2019  
Beginning at 5 PM

Main St. Baptist Church  
303 West Main  
California, MO

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Like CBA on  
Facebook to keep  
up with upcoming  
events!



## Pastor Round Table Tuesday, March 26

Noon at the Association Office, lunch provided

6:30 p.m. at FBC California, dinner provided

Give us a call and let us know you plan to attend  
so we can have enough food for everyone.



## FREE Weekly Series Tuesdays, March 5 - April 23 2-4 pm / First Baptist Parlor

*A free program specifically designed for those suffering grief or loss of a loved one through death or divorce.*

**Facilitator:** EthelMae Champ  
Refreshments Served  
Registration required.

Call First Baptist Church,  
634.3603 or email [mary@fbcjc.org](mailto:mary@fbcjc.org)

### TOPICS COVERED:

- The Normality of Grief
- Identify Source of Grief & Loss
- Understanding Grief
- Coping with Grief or Loss

*Helping you cope with  
your grief experience.*





**CBA Kids Camp**  
**July 15-18, 2019**  
**New Location @ Camp P82**  
**Rocky Mount, MO**

**1 Corinthians 12:27**

For kids entering grades 4-7 next year. Save the dates and watch for coming details in future newsletters.

**You don't want to miss this!**

**Central Region Equip**  
**Missions Discipleship Training**

**March 2, 2019**  
**9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**FBC Eldon**  
**209 South Aurora St.**  
**Eldon, MO**

Lunch provided, Bookstore available, Cost \$15

For more information, contact Sharon Paris (573-220-6885) or email [paris.sharon@gmail.com](mailto:paris.sharon@gmail.com).

Sponsored by MO-WMU and the MBC.



**VBS Team Training Institutes 2019**

**Monday, March 4, 2019**  
First Baptist Church of Chillicothe  
1601 Bryan Street  
Chillicothe, Missouri 64601

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**  
First Baptist Church of Dexter  
11 W Caster St  
Dexter, Missouri 63841

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**  
First Baptist Church of Ozark  
1400 W Jackson St  
Ozark, Missouri 65721



Register online at [www.mobaptist.org/vbs](http://www.mobaptist.org/vbs) or contact Christy Nance, 314-795-0676 or email [cdnance@swbell.net](mailto:cdnance@swbell.net).




**HELP NEEDED**

With warmer weather on the horizon, there are a number of "Spring Cleaning" projects around the grounds of the CBA Building that are needing attention (cleaning out the front flower bed, parking lot maintenance, etc.) We also have a few indoor maintenance needs.

Would you or a group from your church be willing to volunteer? Call the association office (573-635-4832) to set a time to help us spruce up the facilities.



# March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
-----WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING AND NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD-----						
	International Student Dinner, 6 PM					
10 DST Begins 	11  CBA Staff Prayer Journey	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Spring Begins 	21	22	23
24	25	26  Pastor Round Table	27	28		
			<div> <b>March Birthdays:</b>  16 Pastor Shane Crum, Immanuel </div>			





### National Association of Ministry Assistants (formerly NASBS)

## Training Conference

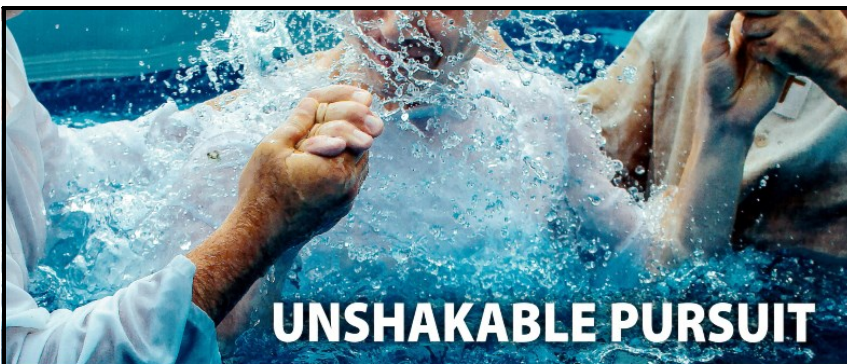
April 24-26, 2019

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.



### MWMU MISSIONS CELEBRATION and ANNUAL MEETING

April 5-6, 2019 | FBC Kearney, Missouri

Registration is \$35 until March 19, \$45 after. Students Grade 7-college \$10  
For more information, contact Laura Wells at 636-209-0027 or [dwells6779@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwells6779@sbcglobal.net). Childcare available upon request.  
You may register online at [www.mobaptist.org/wmu](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu).



## RA CONGRESS 2019

**April 19-20, 2019**  
**MO State Fairgrounds**  
**Sedalia MO**

All 1st-6th grade boys are invited to attend.  
You do not have to be an RA! Meet a missionary and take part in traditional RA events and activities!  
[mobaptist.org/racongress](http://mobaptist.org/racongress)




Find details and register online at [www.mobaptist.org/ra-congress](http://www.mobaptist.org/ra-congress). For more info or help in registering, call Teri Broeker at 217-779-3396.

## Budget Report

January 2019	Income	Expenses	Budget Requirement
General Fund	\$16,564.91	\$11,969.60	\$12,622.90
Baptist Collegiate Ministry	\$1,584.69	\$1,578.63	\$2,081.54

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