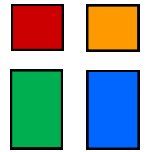


# Concord Covenant

## October 2019



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### Important Dates

#### **October**

28 MBC Annual Meeting

#### **November**

7 Joint Council  
27 Office closes at noon  
28-29 Thanksgiving - Office  
Closed

#### **December**

24 Office closes at noon  
25-31 Christmas - Office  
Closed

# *retirement party*

JOIN US AS WE HONOR THE 18 YEARS  
OF PASSION AND DEDICATION FROM OUR  
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

**DR. CALVIN BROWN**

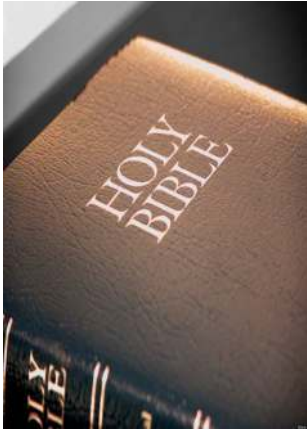
OCTOBER 27TH AT 2-4PM  
COME AND GO AS ABLE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
CALIFORNIA

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## Calvin's Corner:



**"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."**

**Philippians 1:3-6  
ESV**

Over the last few weeks I've contemplated what are the best words of encouragement and challenge that I could give to the churches of CBA. What has come to me is, "Continue to be a growing disciple in the Kingdom of God." But what is a disciple? The basic definition of the word disciple is a follower of a teacher. That definition only touches the surface of what it means to be a Christ follower. Going to the scriptures and using the words of Jesus himself, we find a more complete description of the characteristics that will be present in a growing disciple. I'm convinced that following these basic teachings of our Lord will produce stronger Christians and a stronger church.

1. "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master." Matthew 10:24-25a ESV

A disciple is one who follows the master not just in learning but striving to be like him. The question begs to be asked, are we becoming more like the master in our Christian walk or have we become comfortable with who we are? Since we will never equal the master as the passage teaches, there is always room to grow. Are you growing in your Christ walk?

2. Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 ESV.

Abiding in the word is not merely reading and learning the word, but taking what we learn and applying it to our life. God's word is powerful, but even Satan knows the word. Learning and obeying is how we come to know the heart of the master. Are you actively seeking to know and apply God's word to your life? A growing disciple will have a hunger for the Word and a deep desire to obey it's teachings.

3. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 ESV.

The love spoken of in this passage is not an emotional sappy love but one that is demonstrated by care, encouragement and forgiveness. In other words, this is an active love that can be easily seen by others. Certainly love within the local church is vital, but the love command of Jesus includes all believers. Jesus continues this theme when later, in the same evening, he prays for us his disciples saying, "that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:21 ESV. These verses show that the purpose of disciples loving one another is not just so we can get along, but for the sake of our witness to the world.

4. "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matt 28:18-20 ESV.

A growing disciple is one that is actively making other disciples. They are active in showing the love of Christ to the world. They are not ashamed to share the message of salvation with those who do not know. And, they seek to help other disciples to grow by teaching and serving as a positive example of a faithful follower of Christ.

In summary, my encouragement to you is to be a growing disciple of Christ, be faithful to obey his word, love one another, and be a witness to the world.

*Calvin*

## Baptist Collegiate Ministry

BCM had an info booth at the annual "Organizations Fair" at Lincoln University. 46 students filled out information sheets that allow me to contact them for bible studies and other events, but also help to discover students willing to help with the ministry.

We sponsored a meet and greet event for CBA church people and International students on September 17. About 60 people attended and several folks matched up with International students to foster friendships. Also about 40 more students filled out those very helpful information sheets.

I have met with Justin Rich, pastor of Calvary BC & discussed ways they will become involved in BCM ministry.

Freshwater BC will sponsor a welcome-back-BBQ following the home football game on Oct. 12.

Oakland BC will invite Lincoln students to their fall festival event.

A women's bible study group from FBC Jefferson City is collecting snack items for our pantry.

After speaking to the Athletic Director, we have permission to seek out additional chaplains and/or church sponsors for sports teams.

I will be traveling to Oklahoma with the football team this weekend which always allows me opportunity to dialog with players and coaches, and to conduct a chapel service on game day.

Please continue your prayers for this ministry and check out below how you can come alongside and help us!

- Serve as a chaplain for sports team
- Have your church sponsor/adopt a church team
- Provide ice cream and/or snacks for a fellowship night
- Invite sports teams or other groups to your church for worship or other events
- Host a barbecue or other type of meal for students at your church or at the Association
- Invite us to your church for worship or committee meetings so that we might share more in detail information about our work
- Please include Baptist College Ministry at this CHURCH BUDGET planning time of year.

**Your Missionary on Campus**  
**Pastor Dave**



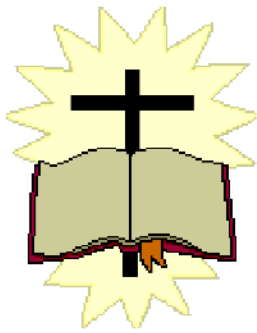
Oscar Vargas, of Familia Christiana International church, presents the "gospel cube" message at the international student event



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Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Cole Spring  
High Point (Int. Heber Mena)  
Jefferson City Baptist  
Lupus  
Prairie Home FBC  
Russellville Baptist Church  
Southridge (Int. Jim Misloski)

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### WELCOME

We would like to give a warm welcome to Verlyn Bergen as he takes the role of Pastor at FBC of Elston, and to Heber Mena as he steps into the role of Interim Pastor at High Point Baptist Church. We are blessed by your service!

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Like CBA on Facebook to keep up with upcoming events!

### BE A PINEAPPLE

I know how silly that sounds, and I am rather biased due to my extreme love for any and all things pineapple. However, there is a true lesson behind it. When pineapples were first brought to the European colonies from the Caribbean Islands, they were viewed as a rarity. So much so that individuals would rent them for house parties to show that their guests were worth any expense. Pineapples were beyond valuable. Also, through the years of house parties and rental agreements, pineapples became known as a symbol of hospitality and friendship.

So how does this history lesson apply to you becoming a pineapple?

**-KNOW YOUR WORTH:** You are the only you. I know it's cliché, but you are beyond unique. Consider yourself a rarity in this world and act upon it. Don't let the cruel words of others cut you down.

**-BE A PAL:** Invite others into your life, build community where you are planted, and grow. Don't build up walls due to your insecurities or past hurt, but rather, open up to show your sweetness to those closest to you.

*Kaysie*

### 150TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Friendship Baptist Church of California

October 27th

This church is planning an all day celebration in recognition of their church's 150th Anniversary!

The day will start off at 9:30am with Sunday School for all ages, then a traditional worship service at 10:30am. After worship, there will be a Potluck dinner. The afternoon will be filled with family fun activities, followed by a more contemporary worship service. Then, to end the day, we'll have a bonfire to roast hotdogs and marshmallows.

Please feel free to join this event at any point throughout the day as they celebrate the past while looking towards the future!



## PASTOR ROUND TABLE

Beginning new sessions

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

Meets monthly. Two times and locations - choose the one that best fits your schedule:

**-Noon at the CBA Office, Lunch provided**

**-6:30 p.m. at FBC California, Dinner provided**

This is an excellent opportunity to fellowship and build relationships with others in ministry. **Please call the association office to RSVP for this event and talk to Calvin if you have questions or email [kuhrig@cbamo.org](mailto:kuhrig@cbamo.org).** We simply cannot wait to see you there!

JOIN US FOR OUR

## PASTOR ROUNDTABLE

October 22nd

- Concord Baptist Association @ Noon

- First Baptist Church of California @ 6:30pm

Please RSVP as a meal will be provided. Email [kuhrig@cbamo.org](mailto:kuhrig@cbamo.org) or contact the Association office.



COME JOIN AS FBC OF ELSTON  
HOSTS

## THE NEW HORIZON GOSPEL GROUP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 6PM.  
THIS EVENT IS FREE AND EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME TO JOIN!

### LET US HELP!

Is your church hosting an event that needs to be advertised to a larger group of people? Let us know! If you have an event you would like us to help you publicize, call the association office at (573) 635-4832 or email [kuhrig@cbamo.org](mailto:kuhrig@cbamo.org). We would love to help in any way possible to make your event memorable!

## who's your **1**NE?

Every Christian has at least one person who influenced their decision for Christ. Who's your one that you will influence?

Check out Who's Your One online ([www.http://whosyourone.com/](http://whosyourone.com/)). Your association is ready to help every church develop a plan for reaching people for Christ.



# October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Ukraine Mission Trip			
20	21	22 Pastor Roundtable	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
MBC Annual Meeting, Branson						
			<b>October Birthdays:</b> 5 Rev. James Howard, One in Christ 28 Ruben Phelps, Southridge			

# BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Cole Spring Baptist Church of Russellville will be hosting the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on November 4th. This will be an amazing opportunity to not only build community with wonderful ladies of this association, but also grow in your active prayer life.

Here are the details for this event:

- November 4th @ 6:30pm
- Meal Provided
- Guest Speaker : April Melvin from Mt. Pleasant Church in Hartsburg
- Located at the Coles Springs Baptist Church of Russellville

**We can't wait to see you beautiful ladies at this wonderful event!**

*So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your  
God. I will strengthen you and  
help you; I will uphold you with  
my righteous right hand.*

*Isaiah 41:10*

## Budget Report

Jan-August 2019	Income	Expenses	YTD Budget Requirement
General Fund	\$91,758.55	\$96,433.33	\$101,277.97
Baptist Collegiate Ministry	\$16,134.38	\$14,907.64	\$16,584.81

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