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INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES UNITED IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION.

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CURRENT CBA OFFICE HOURS:

ALAN EARLS, INTERIM DOM MONDAY | 8 AM – NOON WEDNESDAY | 8 AM – NOON FRIDAY | 8 AM – NOON

ALICIA AMOS, MINISTRY ASST. MONDAY – FRIDAY | 3-5 PM

*ADDITIONAL AVAILABILITY BY APPOINTMENT

DOM SEARCH TEAM REPORT

The team has been hard at work reviewing the many resumes we have received from people interested in being Concord's next Director of Missions. We are excited about the level of interest and the quality of individuals seeking the position. Please continue to pray for our team and for the man God is leading to lead our association. There is still time to submit resumes, so if you know anyone interested in applying for the job, let them know that now is the time.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

DOM Search Team

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A WORD FROM OUR INTERIM DOM:



Greetings Concord Baptist Association,

The photo to the right depicts my very first morning serving on staff Monday, January 27, 2020. It is such an honor to serve the Lord and CBA as the Interim Director of Missions. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Your continued love and support for the Lord and to the local churches of our association is what makes CBA so very special. I am excited to join the team with David Phelps, Collegiate Minister and Alicia Amos, Ministry Assistant to serve the churches of Concord Baptist Association. We are here to serve and encourage our churches in their endeavors to Glorify God and to build His Kingdom.

I was born and raised in North St. Louis City and am a true Cardinal fan. I received a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Missouri St. Louis. My beautiful wife Paula and I have been married for 33 years and moved to the Mid-Missouri area a little more than 30 years ago when I began a career in Criminal Justice. Paula and I have two grown sons with families of their own (Andrew & Sarah, Aiden, Maddox and Blair - Mahomet, III. and Alex & Denise – Jefferson City, Mo.).

I have been blessed to serve Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Russellville as Pastor for 20 years. It has been, and continues to be, amazing to shepherd a flock that is so loving, caring, kind and who has a desire to teach, preach, share and live the Good News of Jesus Christ. I served in a bi-vocational capacity for most of my pastorate. I retired from the Missouri Department of Corrections in March 2018 as Deputy Director of the Division of Adult Institutions, at which time I became a fulltime pastor. I continue to use the unique experiences as an administrator from my secular career and the experiences of the pastorate to continue to invest into God's ministry.

In the weeks ahead, as the DOM search committee seeks God's fulltime replacement, I look forward to walking beside each church in the Concord Baptist Association. The CBA Staff and I desire to serve and encourage our pastors, local churches, campus ministries, CBA Leadership Team and Councils. God has blessed our association for many years and I believe He desires to continue those blessings as He invites us to be involved in His Kingdom work. As I work with the CBA I am reminded that:

- 1. Every church in our association is *important*.
- 2. Every church in our association is *unique*.
- 3. Every church in our association must remain united through Jesus.

Thank you again for the confidence to allow me to serve you. If you would like to talk to me, please feel free to email or call.

In Christ, Bro. Alan Rev. Alan R. Earls, Interim DOM Concord Baptist Association Email: <u>alanearls@cbamo.org</u> Office Phone: 573-635-4832 Cell Phone: 573-338-8333

BCM UPDATE:

After a long Christmas break, classes at Lincoln resumed on January 21st. On February 2nd, my wife and I hosted a Super Bowl party where we watched an evangelism video at halftime. Among the students were several members of the women's basketball team—one is from Australia and another from Spain.

Previously, we have reached out to the sports teams and I was invited to lead in pre-game prayer/devotionals for women's basketball. Building on these friendships, I have enjoyed some theological/ biblical discussions with these players in the student cafeteria. We have also connected with the women's softball team. I enjoyed seeing them win both games of a double header last Friday! Since I cannot attend away games, I have been leading a devotional/prayer with these teams when they depart. Pastor Steve Hogard (Hickory Hill Baptist Church) and I met with the softball coach this week. Steve has agreed to be their chaplain!

On March 6th, we will host the track team for our annual goat roast. We have traditionally seen students come to the Lord at this event when we have shared the gospel through word or video.

The football team is officially into the spring season. As Chaplain, I have met with Coach Hoskins and he has agreed to have a Coach's Bible Study each week. We will also distribute surveys to all players which has allowed me to get closer, learn of their needs, etc.

Finally, we have started a noon bible study on Wednesdays. Several football players have attended, and I have discovered some committed Christians who want to get involved in reaching out to the campus. Thank you for your continued prayers!

Ways you can be involved in this ministry:

- 1. Adopt-a student(s). There are no pre-determined expectations, only what you arrange. This can be as simple as giving a gift or taking someone to lunch or all the way up to inviting them into your home for a short or longer period of time.
- 2. Sponsor a fellowship or meal for student(s).
- 3. Invite students to worship and/or be involved in your church's ministry.
- 4. Our pantry is always in need of snacks and small food items.

Please call me directly if you have questions and want to help. You can reach me at (573) 230-7872.

David Phelps BCM Coordinator



MARCH

17 I PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE @ CBA OFFICE, NOON @ FBC-CALI, 6:00 PM

19 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

APRIL

10 | OFFICE CLOSED Good Friday

15 I ASSOCIATION BIBLE DRILL @ 6:30 PM, RUSSELLVILLE BAPTIST

18 | 3MT SPAGHETTI DINNER AND AUCTION 5-7 PM @ MAIN STREET BAPTIST

19 I EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING @ 2 PM, CLARKSBURG

20 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

29 I STATE BIBLE DRILL @ 9:00 AM, RUSSELLVILLE BAPTIST

JUNE

18 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

12 | EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING @ 2 PM, ENON

11-18 | 3MT

JULY

20 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

20-24 | KID'S CAMP

MAY

20 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

25 | OFFICE CLOSED



20 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

ASSOCIATION BIBLE DRILL



The Concord Baptist Association Bible Drill will be held at Russellville Baptist Church on Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m.

To register your church's drillers, or for more information, please contact Becky Ratcliff by email: becky.ratcliff@hotmail.com or phone: (573) 690-3121

MISSOURI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING



Becoming a Disaster Relief Volunteer provides an excellent opportunity for hands on service to people in need. Training is open to any member of a Southern Baptist church who is at least 18 years of age. Attending training does not obligate you to serve, but it is necessary before serving.

2020 TRAINING DATES:

Raytown, MO | March 6-7, 2020 Chilicothe, MO | April 3-4, 2020 Springfield, MO | September 11-12, 2020 St. Louis, MO | October 2-3, 2020

COST:

First Time-\$40 | Recertifying-\$20 | Cross-Training-\$5

See MOBAPTIST.ORG/DR-TRAINING for a complete list of available trainings.

CONCERT TO BE HELD AT MEMORIAL BAPTIST



FEATURING:

7EVENTH TIME DOWN LOVE & THE OUTCOME RHETT WALKER SPECIAL GUEST—WE ARE VESSEL

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH @ 7PM JEFFERSON CITY, MO // MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH TICKETS - byhisgraceentertainment.com

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

If your church is having a special Easter services that you would like advertised in the April Newsletter, please send that information to <u>office@cbamo.org</u> no later than March 20th.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRISON CHAPLAINCY

Potential job opportunity for a bivocational pastor seeking full-time employment to serve in a prison chaplaincy role. Interested individuals should contact Dr. David Tolliver Email: <u>David.Tolliver@doc.mo.gov</u> or (573) 751-3224, ext. 1158

SUMMER MISSION INTERN

The Concord Baptist Association is now accepting applications for 1-2 Summer Mission Interns. You must be available for 10 weeks, June 1st- August 8th, 2020. Hours will vary according to need.

Duties will include working with CBA Churches in outreach events (VBS, Sports Crusaders, etc...), Children's Camp, missions projects, LU College Ministry, and other duties as assigned.

The application is available at cbamo.org. The deadline for submitting applications is April 3rd, 2020.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR...

OUR DOM SEARCH COMMITTEE & THE MAN GOD IS PREPARING TO LEAD US

OUR INTERIM DOM, BRO. ALAN EARLS

THE BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS, THE MEN LEADING IN THE INTERIM, & THE MEN GOD IS PREPARING TO LEAD THEIR CONGREGATIONS:

COLE SPRING HIGH POINT (INTERIM HEBER MENA) JEFFERSON CITY BAPTIST LUPUS PRAIRIE HOME FBC RUSSELLVILLE BAPTIST (INTERIM DAVID FORD) SOUTHRIDGE (INTERIM JIM MISLOSKI) TIPTON

RESOURCES AVAILABLE



VBS MATERIALS

The Association has purchased the Director's, Pre-K, Kids Starter Kits, and Worship Rally Pack for the 2020 Lifeway VBS: Concrete & Cranes. It is available for churches to borrow, at no cost.

Requests will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please email Alicia Amos at <u>office@cbamo.org</u> for questions or to request materials.



BLOCK PARTY TRAILER

If you are planning a summer outreach event, VBS celebration, etc...the CBA Block Party Trailer is available for churches to rent! It contains a bounce house, popcorn and snow cone machines, as well as a variety of games and evangelism tools.

Requests will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please email Alicia Amos at <u>office@cbamo.org</u> for more information.

NEW MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Hi! My name is Alicia Amos, and I am the new ministry assistant at Concord Baptist Association. I grew up near Effingham,
Illinois. I graduated in 2013 from Hannibal-LaGrange University with a degree in Music Education. In November of 2013, I married my husband, Tony. We live in Russellville with our three mischievous kittens: Calliope Jane, Thomas O'Malley, and Ollie. We lead the student ministry at Russellville Baptist,
where I am also involved in leading worship. In my spare time, I love to read, craft, and play my flute. I am excited for this opportunity to serve the Concord Baptist Association!

