



CONCORD COVENANT

INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES UNITED IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION.

*He has told you, O man what is good:
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

MICAH 6:8

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

DOM SEARCH TEAM | 1
INTERIM DOM | 2
BCM UPDATE | 3
TECHNOLOGY | 3
MISSIONS | 4-5
CALENDAR | 6
PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES | 7
HOW MAY WE HELP? | 7
SUMMER MISSIONARY | 7
RESOURCES | 8

CURRENT CBA OFFICE HOURS:

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

*ADDITIONAL AVAILABILITY BY APPOINTMENT

AN UPDATE FROM THE DOM SEARCH TEAM:

We reviewed over 50 resumes from several states and countries. Our process was to narrow the group down multiple times through discernment and prayer until there were three candidates to interview through Zoom video conferences. We considered many excellent and qualified candidates before voting to recommend our final candidate.

The Director of Missions Search Committee would like to present Alan Earls in view of a call and for an association vote in a special meeting as part of the Executive Council meeting, which will be held at the First Baptist Church of California on July 12th, 2020 at 2:00 pm. There will be a meet and greet with the candidate from 1:00-1:45 pm.

Thank you for your prayers and support during the search process!

-The DOM Search Committee

A WORD FROM OUR INTERIM DOM:

Dear Concord Baptist Association,

Three months ago, I believe we all would have said that we were living in a moment of history like none we have ever seen. COVID-19 has certainly changed the face of our nation and our churches, I have been incredibly impressed by the leadership of our pastors and churches, in finding ways to continue to worship the Lord during the pandemic. We continue to pray for Godly wisdom and direction on serving our churches, community, nation and world.

This past week we have been faced with another challenge of historical proportions. But this challenge is far different than COVID-19. This challenge has been with us for centuries. Racism. Our hearts are broken at the scene of the death of George Floyd while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. This tragic event captured on video has become a catalyst for change. There have been a number of protests that have developed over the nation and even world. Many have been peaceful, some unfortunately violent resulting in additional death, injury and property damage. When we see these events, how is a Christian to respond? We would all agree that the purpose of our life is to have a personal relationship with God, to serve Him in obedience and to seek a life that Honors and Glorifies the Lord.

Ronnie Floyd, the President of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, shared a two-page letter to Southern Baptists. If you have not read the letter, I highly encourage that you do. It can be found as follows:
<http://www.bpnews.net/54890/firstperson-we-must-not-be-silent-on-racism>.

In the letter, Ronnie Floyd gives reference to Micah 6:8. That passage shares, ***He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*** What does God require of us as Christians in a divided nation over COVID-19? What does God require of us in a nation divided over racism? I believe this verse reveals the answer to all the issues that seem to divide us. God has shown us what good is. We must incorporate in our life and live the goodness, holiness, righteousness, justice, honesty and truth that God Himself lives and shows. And when we do, God reveals three requirements of us: 1) To Act Justly, 2) To Love Mercy and 3) To Walk Humbly with God.

Can you imagine the impact on this nation and world if all Christians stand united in Jesus and His love, justices, righteousness, forgiveness and salvation? Satan is the master manipulator and sets traps for Christians to get emotionally upset over issues and often tricks us to react like the world. But we are different from the world. We must always remember the truth of Ephesians 6:12, ***For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.***

Brothers and sisters, thank you for your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. For when we repent and turn from sin and turn to Jesus, when we accept His life, death and resurrection; and when we choose to believe and make Jesus the Lord of our life, we become a new creation. We also have the power source of the Holy Spirit in our life. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that indwells in us that we are able to be a witness to those who are living in sin. It is also through the power of the Holy Spirit that allows us to love like Jesus: unconditional and without prejudice. May God bless you and direct you as you enter the mission field every day you walk out the doors of your home.

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

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE:

It is with mixed emotions that the Concord Baptist Association announces the retirement of David Phelps, Baptist Collegiate Minister. Pastor Dave, as the Lincoln University students and faculty call him, has served multiple decades in the Lord's ministry of which the last 13 years has been with the Concord Baptist Association.

We are certainly thankful for Pastor Dave and his commitment to the Lord and to student ministry. We are also grateful that he and his beautiful wife, Ginger will be able to retire as they have planned and will be able to move to be closer to family. Our hearts are saddened not to have his continuous positive attitude and impressive relational ministry at Concord Baptist Association.

Thank you, David and Ginger, for your continual investment into God's Kingdom. We will miss you. Enjoy your retirement!

We will be sending out information soon regarding plans for a retirement celebration.

TECH SUPPORT

"Things you need to know about online services: Licenses for Lyrics, Music and Video"

In the age of COVID-19, many of us have begun streaming our services online (if we weren't already doing so). But what we may not have thought of is whether or not we had the proper licensing to cover what we were including in our live streams and recordings. Chris Brizendine, who serves at the Missouri Baptist Convention as the Group Leader of Media, Technology and Events has compiled some information that clarifies what each type of licensing covers. We hope you find this information helpful.

CCLI: Covers print and projection in the live environment of the songs that you are singing as long as they are listed in the CCLI songs.

CCLI-Streaming: This is fairly new but it covers the right to stream the printed or projected lyrics on your stream. It only covers the songs that are listed in the CCLI library of songs.

WorshipCast: Covers all songs that are performed live and streamed but does not cover the projecting/text of the lyrics.

CCVI: Covers films from producers in the CCVI library. Below is a link to the producers covered. Note that there is a group of films not covered listed at the bottom of the page and many of the Christian films would fit under those producers. In this case you would have to go to their site to purchase the right to show the film which usually has a group rate depending on how many are going to watch it.

<https://us.cvli.com/producers/total-package/>

PerformMusic: Covers worship music played inside your place of worship during pre or post service. Not covered in a stream but inside your worship facility.

Additionally, the Outreach Council is working to put together a technology clinic to help churches with technology-related questions, not limited to but including topics like: livestreaming, navigating social media, Zoom, Projection & Audio, and Professional (Permanent) Streaming Setups. Additional information will be sent out once a date has been set. If you have specific questions/topics, please email Tony Amos at rbcyouthleader@gmail.com, so they can ensure this clinic is as helpful as possible for you and your church.

CBA MISSIONS CORNER:

The CBA Missions Corner is a new addition to our CBA Newsletter. It will be an opportunity for CBA churches to share special missions and ministries for which they are a part. Please forward any special mission/ministry that your church is involved in to Alicia Amos at office@cbamo.org so we can include your mission and ministry to *Make Disciples of All Nations*. The inaugural article for CBA Missions Corner comes from Memorial Baptist Associate Pastor, Adam Moss. God has revealed to Adam and his wife, Sara, a new and exciting domestic mission called The Abundant Journey. We hope you enjoy this article and will commit to praying for the Moss family and supporting them as God reveals to you.



We thought it started simply as recreation. We thought it was a pastime that fit our personalities. But God knew it was much more than that and he grew in us a desire to reach out and it was a calling we just couldn't ignore. We tried for sure. At first, we thought it sounded a bit crazy, but over time it became obvious this was something God was calling us to pursue.

My wife and I are answering a call to domestic missions by starting a ministry called The Abundant Journey. The mission is to connect with full-time traveling families and individuals across North America and cultivate a Gospel-centered community, through mission and service in the name of Christ.

Over 1 million families are now living and traveling full-time in RVs. Some are seasonal, staying in one place for months, while some move every couple of weeks to a new location. The struggle is how does a people group in a constant state of travel remain connected to the body of Christ? How does the church continue to reach these families as they pursue this lifestyle? This is where we come in. This will be fresh soil and we don't have all the answers, but we want to be obedient and answer the upward call of Christ (Matthew 28:16-20; Philippians 3:14).

We learned of this lifestyle during our first summer owning our RV. Almost immediately it was intriguing. Sara loves the idea of a simple life, and I am a big fan of travel. The lifestyle just seemed to make sense for us. The problem was, we didn't like the idea of being discounted from our church family and fellow believers. We are convicted that you need three major things in your walk: a good prayer life, the Word of God, and the church. This was a major hurdle and it eventually made us walk away from the idea.

But the Lord kept laying it on our hearts that this was the direction we were to take. We started asking ourselves, "if the Lord has laid this lifestyle and these families on our hearts, and there seemed to be no other ministry reaching out to these families directly, who's responsibility is it to bring a Gospel message to this people group?" The answer we came to, "well...I guess it is ours."

As we said yes to this life of simplicity and mission, the Lord truly started showing us the potential of this group of people. In this ministry, we want to ask: "what if?" What if there were a group of people that decided material possessions were not the most important thing? What if this group focused more energy on experiences and precious time with family rather than the hustle-and-bustle of 9-5 office work? What if this group decided to act on that mindset, sell most of their belongings, and live a simple life pursuing meaningful experiences? These characteristics seem familiar? What if...this passion was directed to Kingdom work?

This group would have the ability to do great things for their family and the Kingdom. They would have the freedom to pursue meaningful experiences and make lasting memories with their loved ones. But greater than this is a potential for meaningful service and a purposeful life devoted to Christ and not weighed down by earthly possessions that can easily entangle us. Full-time RVers are not limited by geographical location or a constraining, traditional life, monetizing all of their time. This is the potential of full-time travel. This is the potential we hope to encourage.

Every step of the way we have seen confirmations from the Lord. Everything from the purchase of our first camper to the connections we have made has been a blessing. We are excited to take part in this adventure with these families and look forward to making new relationships and connections by bringing the hope and joy of the Gospel to this community.

1 Timothy 6:6-7 tells us, *"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it."*

An interesting notion. The joy of this alternative lifestyle hits at the heart of this scripture. We believe God wants us to trust Him fully. Become content in knowing Him and realize he is sufficient and enough for us.



If God is leading you to support Adam and Sarah as they reach out to travelling families, you can give through Memorial Baptist Church at www.memorialchurch.net/give. Just choose Abundant Journey in the drop-down menu. Or feel free to mail a check to: Memorial Baptist Church 1120 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101

You can follow Adam and Sarah's ministry at:

www.theabundantjourney.com

<https://www.facebook.com/TheAbundantJourneyMission>



UPCOMING DATES

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many events within our association have been either cancelled, modified, or are tentative, pending how the situation continues to unfold. We will continue to communicate additional information and changes as we learn more.

Pastor's Roundtables – will continue to be held via ZOOM for the foreseeable future. The next Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, June 16th at 2:00 p.m. and are held every two weeks. Please contact Bro. Alan for login information.

Associational & State Bible Drill – the current, statewide plan is that churches will not be joining other churches for Associational or State Drills. Churches are to hold drills for their own students at a time when it is deemed safe to do so. This plan is subject to change, but we will keep you updated of those changes as we learn of them.

July Executive Council Meeting – scheduled for July 12th at 2 p.m. **but will now take place at the First Baptist Church of California.** Please make plans to attend as there will be special meeting to vote on the Director of Missions candidate. For anyone interested, there will be a meet and greet with the candidate from 1:00-1:45 p.m. with the meeting starting at 2:00 p.m.

Concord Builders – is scheduled for July 5th-10th at Freshwater Church. Projects will include hanging doors, installing sinks, hanging cabinets. Childcare will be available, but please notify us if you plan on bringing your children. If you are interested in being a part of this project, or have more questions, please contact Mel Callahan (573-291-4637) or Lucy Engelbrecht (660-281-4346). **Registration forms and fees (\$40 registration + \$8 T-Shirt) are to be delivered to the Association office by June 15th. Forms are available at cbamo.org.**

3MT – The 3MT Board made the difficult decision to cancel the 3MT mission week for 2020. Based on the current and future COVID-19 situation in Mid-Missouri, the board felt that it was wise to protect the individuals most vulnerable to the virus, especially those that this project serves. Please begin praying for the 2021 3MT Project.

Children's Camp – is **cancelled**, due to the closure of the Lake of the Ozarks State Park Group Camps for the remainder of 2020. The Children's Camp team is already in preparation for the 2021 Children's Camp and will be looking forward to seeing them next year.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR...

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

OUR INTERIM DOM, BRO. ALAN EARLS

OUR SUMMER MISSIONARY, MADELYN HANSEN

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 (Interim Mark Donnell)
HIGH POINT (Interim Heber Mena)
LUPUS (Interim Billy Bolden)
PRAIRIE HOME FBC
RUSSELLVILLE BAPTIST (Interim David Ford)

HOW CAN THE CBA COME ALONGSIDE YOU?

As the restrictions on gatherings and activities are beginning to be lifted, you are likely beginning to discuss what your churches will be doing in terms of your summer ministries and activities. We understand that this summer is going to be a lot different than any we have had before. We have made the decision to bring on Madelyn Hansen as our summer missionary again this summer, and we would love to send her out to come alongside your church in ministry.

This could be for your VBS, Backyard Bible Club, or another special project or ministry. You may even be choosing to spread your activity out over the course of a month instead of every day for a week. Ministry might look a little different this year, but we would love to hear about your vision and needs, so that we can make a plan to come alongside your church as you minister during this time. **Please submit your requests to office@cbamo.org.**

Thank you,
Alicia Amos
Ministry Assistant

MEET MADELYN HANSEN, CBA SUMMER MISSIONARY



We are pleased to have Madelyn Hansen on board with us again this summer as the CBA Summer Missionary.

Madelyn has been a member of Corticelli Baptist Church for about 10 years. She has experience working with children as a Sunday School Teacher, Camp Counselor, AWANA leader, and Vacation Bible School Volunteer. She is also gifted in music, playing the piano and singing with the worship team at her home church.

She is excited to come alongside you and be a part of how the Lord is working through your church and ministries. Please be in prayer for her as she goes out into the churches of the association this summer, for the work that the Lord has for her, and the ministries that she will be involved in.

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 office@cbamo.org 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 office@cbamo.org for more information.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

The Concord Baptist Association is proud to announce a new partnership with Still Waters Counseling, LLC. Still Waters Counseling provides Christian counseling through a Licensed Professional Counselor in the Jefferson City area.

Rhonda Myers, MA, LPC is now available to pastors and churches throughout our association. She currently offers Christian Counseling at the Concord Baptist Association office on Friday mornings. If you are aware of anyone in need of Christian counseling, please contact Rhonda Myers by cell phone at (573) 680-3718 or email for an appointment at stillwaterscounselingmo@gmail.com