



# CONCORD COVENANT

INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES UNITED IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION.

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by every supporting ligament, grows and builds  
itself up in love, as each part does its work*

EPHESIANS 4: 7-16

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## CURRENT CBA OFFICE HOURS:

**BEGINNING AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>:**  
MONDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
TUESDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
THURSDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
FRIDAY | 8 AM – NOON

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Concord Baptist Association Presents in conjunction  
with the Missouri Baptist Convention

# TECHNOLOGY CLINIC

This clinic is for those churches, pastors and audio  
visual teams that need expert advice on the following  
Topics: Live Streaming, Auditorium Audio Visual  
Technology, Zoom Meetings and Social Media.

Saturday, August 15th - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Gold Room | Missouri Baptist Convention Building  
400 E. High St, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Register by Emailing: office@cbamo.org  
Due to COVID-19 Seating will be limited  
Seating: first come, first serve | No Admission

# A WORD FROM OUR DOM:

Dear CBA Churches,

As you will probably recall on July 12, 2020 I was elected to serve as the Director of Missions for Concord Baptist Association starting August 1. Thank you for your confidence and Prayer support. I am so excited to join this ministry full time. It is such an honor to serve the Lord, the pastors and to serve the churches of our association. In Ephesians 4, we are reminded how the body of Christ operates. ***From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*** Ephesians 4:7-16

When we think of the Body of Christ, we recognize that Jesus is the head and the body is connected to Him. I am fascinated with the illustration that the Apostle Paul provides to include: joined and held together; supporting connections (ligaments); growth and building itself up in love; as each part does the work for which they are intended. We certainly see the definition of the body of Christ – the church. However, we can also see the same truth that makes up our association. In fact, we can see it in the CBA-Motto – *Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission*. Aren't you thankful that we can work together as an association of churches that are united; joined together; supporting one another; growing and builders in Christ's love as we work together to Fulfill the Great Commission?

I am looking forward to the days ahead. God is great and mighty. He has been using our association to build His kingdom and to make disciples. I am looking forward to seeing His continual support and direction.

We are also blessed as an association to have a very committed and hard-working Ministry Assistant. Alicia Amos and I are both available to support your continued ministries and to assist in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to call, e-mail or stop by the office. We are both here to support, encourage and walk beside your church in any way we can to preach, teach, share and live the Good News of Jesus.

May God continue to bless you and your congregation as you grow and build yourself up in Christ's love and as we all do our part in obediently doing His work!

In Christ,  
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# CBA MISSIONS CORNER:



The story of Vision 3:16 really began the way mission work has always started, with a call to individuals to follow God's call to get the Gospel out. In July 2003, Bob Baysinger, Sonya Baysinger and Gayle Skaggs heard that call, stepped out in faith and purchased airlines ticket for Mexico. Prior to this time Bob had been involved with several mission trips within the US which did not directly involve him in evangelism, something to which Bob felt called. Bob felt God calling him to something bigger, to a country where the influence of the Gospel was minimal, to the country of Mexico.

With only the name of a translator and a pastor who agreed to work with them, they took a leap of faith and planned a trip to Mexico. They had no idea what to expect or how to go about sharing the Gospel in a foreign country. They simply went, relying on God to open doors to this new ministry. The group arrived in Manzanillo Colima late at night, rented a car, and even though they were not familiar with the city of 25,000, they set out to find their translator, Diego Gracia. The streets were dark. They didn't know where to go. Everything was closed for the night, so they couldn't ask for directions. They saw a white pickup truck alongside a street and pulled up beside it to ask for help. The driver rolled down his window and amazingly spoke to them in English. He offered to guide them Diego's house.

That first trip Bob shared the gospel door-to-door and preached in the evenings at Pastor Odimando Lopez's church. This experience introduced Bob to Mexico and with those contacts in place, he developed a strategy to return to Mexico. The follow-up trips were focused on sharing the gospel through any avenue God provided.

In 2009, Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City sent a mission team to Mexico. The objective was to conduct a medical clinic for the purpose of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bob Baysinger served as an evangelist, and along with a doctor and a dentist, the team operated a clinic which saw 175 people. Forty individuals accepted Christ as their Savior and 22 people enrolled in a Bible discipleship course. The church decided to plan another trip for 2010. The planning team observed an issue with the trip that since only one person on the team had any medical training, the rest of the team would have limited direct contact with those attending the clinic. To solve the problem, Larry Merry began to look for ways to connect non-medical personnel with clinic attendees and thereby increase the opportunities to serve them and to share the Gospel.

Merry began to look into work being done by First Baptist Arnold and the eyeglass ministry they had been operating for some time. The team from Concord was introduced to mission's director Jim Nicolls who introduced them to Holland Kendall in Louisville, Kentucky. Holland had developed a strategy to equip teams to distribute eyeglasses. His clinic design did not require the presence of an optometrist in order to do a screening on people and issue prescription and/or reader eyeglasses. This strategy appealed to Merry because it enabled team members with little or no background in the field to be trained to screen individuals and to issue the glasses.

In January 2010, three people from Concord attended Holland's training program on how to set up and operate his eyeglass clinic. In his own words, Merry explains his own call to the ministry:

"I was one of those people. After much thought and prayer, I felt that Concord should add eyeglasses as part of the services offered in their medical clinics. In February 2010, God spoke to my heart with the conviction that I should commit to starting an eyeglass ministry for mission teams going to Mexico to share the gospel. On a Sunday morning on the way home from church, I pointed out to God that I was an engineer and the only thing I knew about eyeglasses was how to put them on my face. Plus, inside Concord there were several other medically trained people who were much more qualified than I was. I pointed out that this was a risky endeavor because it would involve a significant investment of time and effort on the part of many people and in the end, it could be a big failure. God was persistent and finally I committed to this ministry. It is true that when God calls you it doesn't matter how poorly equipped you are for the task; God will provide all that is needed."

In June 2010, two medical clinics with eyeglasses were held in San Juan del Rio and Chilpancingo, Mexico. The turnout far exceeded expectations with 640 people attending; even more exciting was the fact that 160 people indicated their intent to give their life to Christ after hearing the gospel presented. Among those who gave their lives to Christ was a young man recently released from prison whose tattoos indicated he had taken someone's life. Another notable individual, an elderly man who was literally on his death bed, committed his life to Christ. Bob Baysinger visited local clinic attendees and stopped to visit and share the Gospel with the man who was hours away from leaving this life for eternity. These clinics confirmed the value of medical clinics, but gave the team valuable information concerning the eyeglass portion specifically as more people came to be measured for glasses than came for the doctors and dentists.

The "vision" to share the Gospel through eyeglass clinics continued to grow and in 2018, Vision 3:16 organized as an independent 501c-3 charity. While being birthed by Concord Baptist church, the ministry is now associated with many churches with plans to expand the ministry as other churches commit to the work. Vision 3:16 specializes in what they call "a mission-trip-in-a-box." They provide all of the logistics, contacts, arrangements, supplies etc. needed for a team to plan and equip teams for a successful eyeglass mission trip. Churches are asked to commit to putting a team together and work with Vision 3:16 to coordinate their clinic site and date. Training is provided for each of the tasks required during the clinic. Merry is quick to remind those considering making the commitment, "No one needs any special medical training of any kind. We will train you with everything you need to know."

Vision 3:16 has expanded the scope of their ministry for 2020, as they now conduct one-day clinics around Missouri and neighboring states typically held on a Saturday. They are hopeful to return to Mexico in 2021 and the typical three-day clinics. Vision 3:16 remains committed to the central tenant of their mission: to share Christ with as many people as possible. To date 70 eyeglass clinics have been held and over 50,000 people served with over 10,000 people indicating their intent to commit their life to Jesus Christ.



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](mailto:office@cbamo.org) so we can include your mission and ministry to *Make Disciples of All Nations*.

If you have more questions about Vision 3:16, or would like to get involved, you can find more information on their website, [eyeglassvision316.com](http://eyeglassvision316.com)!

# A PART OF WHAT HE IS DOING



Several months ago, as I was looking forward to this summer, I began praying that God would allow me to be a part of the work that He was doing. This was before COVID-19 happened and things like quarantine, social-distancing, and wearing masks became a "normal" part of life. Looking back at the past several months, this summer has definitely been different than I would have planned. In spite of this, I have had the incredible opportunity to witness a few of the ways that God has been working this summer. This past week I heard that "The best ability is availability." We can put no limits on what God can use us to do if we are simply willing to obey. I experienced the truth of this a couple of weeks ago while I was helping out with childcare for the Concord Builder's Team. I spent the week watching the kids while their parents and the rest of the team worked on Freshwater Baptist's new facility.

On Monday morning, I encouraged the kids to memorize a few Bible verses by telling them that there would be a prize for them at the end of the week. Tuesday morning at breakfast, the first thing 10-year old James Kuttenkuler did when he walked into the school where we were having meals was recite Ephesians 2:8-10 to me. He was so proud of himself and remarked that memorizing the verses wasn't nearly as hard as he had thought it would be. I encouraged him to pick out another verse or two, and at breakfast the next morning he immediately recited

John 3:14-17 to me. Long story short, on Friday afternoon James recited to me 13 verses he had chosen and memorized throughout the week! It was so rewarding to watch him get so excited about memorizing Scripture, and to hear him remark that when he woke up in the morning the verses he had been memorizing were running through his head. It reminded me of Psalm 119:9, 11 where it says: "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word...Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I might not sin against You." (NASB).

Another exciting thing that happened at Builder's Team was the salvation of a 4-year old girl named Lydia Kuttenkuler. We were working on her memory verse for the week, John 3:16, when she began asking me lots of questions about why Jesus died on the cross, how we talk with God, and how we go to heaven. To be honest, even though I wanted to teach her about the Lord, I wasn't looking for an opportunity to ask her if she wanted to be saved. I was simply answering her questions one after another when she looked at me and said, "I want to pray!" When I just sat there, she told me "We have to close our eyes!" Without any prompting from me, she prayed "Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me...and please be my Savior. Amen." It was incredible!!! Although Lydia is young, and may not fully understand the implications of what it means to have a relationship with the Lord, God reminded me of what Jesus said in Matthew 19:14: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (NIV).

In conclusion, God *has* allowed me to be a part of the work that He is doing this summer. It has not looked exactly like I planned, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. Above are just two examples of how I have seen God working this summer. One of my favorite verses is 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, which says: "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in



weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.'" (NASB) It has been humbling for me to realize that the fruit I have been able to see this summer hasn't been because of me, but because of the work of the Holy Spirit in people's hearts. He has simply allowed me to be a part of the work He is doing.

Madelyn Hansen served as the Concord Baptist Summer Missionary this year. She assisted us in the office and served a number of you in a variety of ways. We were so blessed to have Madelyn Hansen serving our association this summer! Please keep her in your prayers as she returns to school for the Fall Semester, where she will serve as a Resident Advisor!

# TO THE CHURCHES OF CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

In September 1823, the Concord Baptist Association was formed with eight churches. Therefore, in 2023, Concord Association will be celebrating 200 years!

Concord's history, covering these past 200 years, is filled with numerous events and experiences, that need to be documented and remembered. Countless numbers of people have struggled and sacrificed, to establish and maintain the various churches of the association.

Many of Concord's churches have unique and interesting backgrounds. Some began in homes, others in school buildings, and others in various locations. Many began very small, with only 15-20 members, or even less.

Some of the churches have already reached the age of 200 years. Pisgah began in 1819, and High Point in 1820. Others are getting close. Some of the early churches are no longer in existence, but their history still tells a story.

The Association's Leadership Team has asked Roy Dameron, and he has agreed, to write the history of Concord Baptist Association including a history of each church. He has already begun the task of researching and writing. With a history of the association plus a history of each of the churches, this is a big, but important project.

Each church is hereby asked to write and submit your own church's history to be a part of this History of Concord Baptist Association and member churches. Please notify Roy Dameron by **October 1, 2020**, of the name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will be writing your church's history for this publication. He will then provide parameters and suggestions for the local history.

The year 2023 may seem like a long time away, however, for a project like this, the time is short!! There are actually less than 30 months to accomplish this project.

Contact Roy Dameron by email at [roy.dameron@yahoo.com](mailto:roy.dameron@yahoo.com), by phone at 573-893-5280 (leave a message) or mail at 103 Homeland Dr., Jefferson City, MO 6519.



# UPCOMING DATES

**Pastor's Roundtables** – have resumed meeting at the CBA office. The next Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. and are held once a month. Zoom is available if needed, please contact Bro. Alan for login information.

**Technology Clinic** – A Technology Clinic will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8:00am to noon in the Gold Room at the Missouri Baptist Building. Topics will include livestreaming, Zoom, and social media. Please register with Alicia Amos at [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org) as seating will be limited.

**Newsletter Deadline** – If you have an item you wish to have in the September issue, please send it to [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org) no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**High Point Baptist Church 200 Year Anniversary** – High Point Baptist will be celebrating 200 years on Sunday, August 30, 2020. Their morning service will begin at 9:30 am, followed by a carry-in meal at noon, and a tree planting & balloon release at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

**Annual Church Profile** – It's time for the Annual Church Profile! These should be returned no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**Fall Annual Meeting** – will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 10, 2020! The meeting will be hosted by Main Street Baptist Church in California, MO.



**RIVER OAK**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## NOW ENROLLING!

River Oak Christian Academy is a Christian school located in Jefferson City, Missouri. The school is currently enrolling Kinder-Prep (Pre-K) through 5th grade. Please call 573-634-3983 or go to [www.riveroakjc.org](http://www.riveroakjc.org) to inquire or submit an application.

## PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR...

OUR NEW DOM, BRO. ALAN EARLS

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)  
MT. OLIVE  
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 [office@cbamo.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stillwaterscounselingmo@gmail.com)