



CONCORD COVENANT

INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES UNITED IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION.

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

GALATIANS 5:1

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CURRENT CBA OFFICE HOURS:

BEGINNING AUGUST 3RD:

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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A WORD FROM OUR DOM:

Dear Concord Baptist Association,

July is always a special time to remember our Country's Independence and the Freedom that God has allowed us to have in the United States. Recent events have forced our country to recognize that we are not, perhaps, as free as we thought we were. But the challenges that we see is not based on the politics of the moment, a movement among people or a virus. The challenge comes from a root cause of sin. Some of the sins have been with us for generations and some of the sins have manifested itself in a short period. As an association of churches who are recognized as Children of God, we have the distinct honor of sharing the solution for the challenges we face. Acts 1:8 reminds us that we are commanded to be witnesses for Jesus. We recognize as Christians that the solution that we represent is not for a moment in time. Jesus is the solution to the sin problem for all eternity. Jesus is the solution for all people. Jesus bring hope to the hopeless; help to the helpless; healing to the hurt; forgiveness to the unforgiven; and salvation to the lost.

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Galatia, scripture reminds us:
"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1.

I believe that the Holy Spirit's direction also inspired Paul to share another consistent thought about freedom in the letter he wrote to the church at Rome: ***"You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness."*** Romans 6:18.

Aren't you thankful as believers that we know the truth that has set us free? We are no longer controlled by the sinful world. We are free from sin and as a result we are free to choose to live for Jesus. As Christians we have chosen to turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. We have chosen to live right lives for God and to share the hope of salvation with the lost and to make disciples as Christ has commanded.

When we choose Jesus, we choose to live a life of integrity, peace, joy and love. It is remarkable to see this example in the lives of the churches within our association. During the week of July 6-10, the Concord Builders are encouraging our sister church *Freshwater* as they spend a week helping to build their church. A few weeks ago, another sister church experienced substantial water damage. When *One In Christ Baptist Church* experienced this overwhelming challenge, *Memorial Baptist* and other churches from the association joined in and worked beside them to prepare the building for worship.

Thank you, Concord Baptist Association, for understanding your freedom in Jesus, for sharing and living the hope that those in the sinful world need. Thank you for your heart of love, commitment to the Lord and your willingness to be God's faithful servants.

In Christ,
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TECH HELP:

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

COVID-19 has certainly changed the landscape of how our churches are ministering and conducting services. For some of you, you may just be delving into the world of livestreaming and social media in order to stay connected with your congregations, particularly those who still feel uncomfortable attending in person services.

The Outreach Council has partnered with Chris Brizendine at the Missouri Baptist Building to put together a clinic to help answer questions that you may have about livestream setups, whether you are just starting out or are looking for a more permanent, professional setup. They will be discussing how to optimize Zoom Meetings and Social Media to help connect with your congregants and community as well.

This clinic will be held on Saturday, August 15th from 8:00 am to noon in the Gold Room at the Missouri Baptist Convention Building. Please

register by emailing Alicia Amos at office@cbamo.org, as seating will be limited.

CBA MISSIONS CORNER:

THE CONCORD BUILDING TEAM

"NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY"



Have you ever wanted to go on a mission trip but felt you didn't have the necessary skills, or you have young children to find a place for them to stay, or it costs too much, also you never knew when the project would occur until the last minute?

Concord Building Team is a great opportunity to put those concerns aside.

The first full week following the 4th of July the team goes to a site usually to help with building a church project within the state of Missouri, however, new opportunities arise at times where the team engages in other ministry needs.

No skills are necessary as the co-ed team members mentor those who need help in developing new skills. If interested people know what a hammer, drill or broom are, they can soon learn how to do many interesting tasks. Drywalling, plumbing, electrical, painting, tiling, trim work, siding, framing, insulation...you name it, Concord Building Team is willing to try any challenge put before them. "We've never done that

before" doesn't faze the team, just encourages them to keep learning and doing.

Age 12 is minimum age for working on the construction project but there is no maximum age limit. Some people bring their friends from other churches. What if you say, "I don't want to use construction tools?" Do you enjoy working with children, cooking meals, cleaning floors, nursing duty, leading devotions, fellowshiping with other churches, then Concord Building Team welcomes you to join us in this ministry.

Small rural churches, large city churches, or medium sized churches are encouraged to send volunteers next year. Be careful, it is habit forming. Many team members come year after year. Information will be sent to all Concord Baptist Association churches throughout the year.

Yes, "No experience necessary" really is true. Concord Building Team's motto is, "...for the people worked with all their heart." Neh. 4:6. We also pray a lot, sing joyfully, and eat really good.





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*.

If you have more questions about the Concord Building Team, or would like to get involved in this ministry, please contact Lucy Englebrecht at lengel0625@gmail.com.



UPCOMING DATES

Pastor's Roundtables – have resumed meeting at the CBA office. The next Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, August 18th at 2:00 p.m. and are held every two weeks. Zoom is available if needed, please contact Bro. Alan for login information.

Technology Clinic – A Technology Clinic will be held on August 15th, 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 as seating will be limited.

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 31st, 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 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)
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 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