



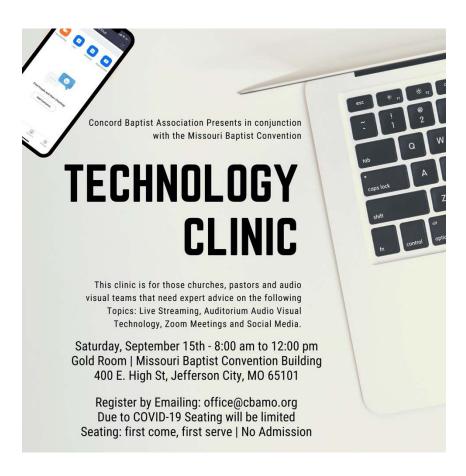
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CURRENT CBA OFFICE HOURS:

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,

Summer came upon us quickly and left just as fast. Our experiences in 2020 has been unique. Some have experienced confusion, or frustration, or anger, or even fear. The world has reacted like a world without Christ reacts. But as a Christian, we are Holy. When we repent of our sin and accept Jesus as Lord, we are no longer a creature of the world, we are separated, set apart and called out by and for the Lord. As a Christian we must no longer live, think and act like the world we once lived. We have been transformed through Christ. We now live in the love of God which drives out fear. Aren't you thankful for this truth?

A few days ago, one of my daily devotions focused on a passage in I John, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." I John 4:18 Have you been struggling with fear? Some have been afraid of illnesses, still others afraid of losing a job, fear of financial strains...But through the power of God and His love, our fear can be overcome. Aren't you thankful that as a Believer, we have received God's perfect love? God's perfect love drives out fear.

As a united association of churches, God has given us an opportunity to be His witness. We are a witness of His Love, Forgiveness, and Salvation. The sinful world is living in fear because they don't know, nor have they experienced, the perfect love of God. So, CBA churches, what can we do to temper the fear? How can we live the perfect love of God?

In the past few months we have been able to celebrate some very special missionary work that God has creates through the Concord Baptist Association. The Moss family is sharing God's perfect love through "The Abundant Journey". Other missions in the association that also shares God's perfect love is Concord Builders, Vision 3:16 and as you read this month a partnership with El Salvador. Isn't it wonderful to see God's desire to use us as His children to share His love?

As we reflect on the truth of scripture may we pray and seek God's power to be His witnesses and to make disciples of all nations. Perhaps we can ask this question. "How can I and my church share God's perfect love to drive out the fear that is caused by the sin of this world?"

May God's blessings be with you and your church as you seek to teach, preach, share and live the Good News of Jesus!

In Christ, Bro. Alan

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CBA MISSIONS CORNER

GOD PLACES YOU IN MISSION OPPORTUNITIES, PART 1



In 1999, a strong storm hit the country of Nicaragua in Central America, destroying many agricultural fields, homes and rural communities. The whole country was hurting and the call for help was heard by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tennessee and Missouri responded by asking churches and associations to send volunteer teams to assist the Baptist Churches of Nicaragua.

From Concord Baptist Association, Bob Bell (JC, FBC) and I (MBC) traveled to Nicaragua where we met a team from Tennessee and other states. During that week we assisted in building homes for many families and cleaned some of the fields.

The following year, El Salvador suffered damages from a strong earthquake that destroyed homes, churches and businesses. A Midwestern Seminary student received a video from a local congregation that lost their sanctuary and Sunday school classrooms, at First Baptist Church, Ozatlan. Our Volunteer friends began to call...what are we going to do? When are we traveling to El Salvador? Tennessee and Missouri Baptists responded to the call and we organized our first trip to Ozatlan. Concord Baptist Association was ready for our first trip to El Salvador, and other associations joined in this trip. The sanctuary of Ozatlan FBC was rebuilt as well as their Sunday school classrooms and their pastor's house. God is good.

On one of those trips to Ozatlan, our transportation driver and ABES leader, Fito Cantarely, asked me to go with him to see another community that needed assistance, Santa Catarina Mazaguat. May I say that when I was growing up in Sonsonate, El Salvador, our church, FBC, sponsored a mission there and my pastor and mission team led by my mother walked there to visit and have services. When I was a teenager, God sent me to spend my summer doing missions, teaching Bible and playing my accordion. This was my first experience on being a missionary.

We returned to Santa Catarina to help them build their sanctuary. Teams from the Missouri Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Convention and South Carolina Baptist Convention wanted to be a part of this blessing. The church members and the City Mayor traveled to the airport to receive us. One day, after several months, brother Calvin Brown, David Phelps and some other Concord Baptist Association church members traveled to Santa Catarina to dedicate El Monte Sinai Baptist Church for the glory of God.

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.

This month's article is Part One of a series written by Rev. Mauricio Vargas, pastor of Enon Baptist Church in Russellville, MO, about the Concord Baptist Association's involvement with relief work in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

FROM THE NOMINATING TEAM

Pastors, Church Leaders and Members:

Please be in prayer and thought about the current needs of our association. In order that our association function well in their roles to help equip the churches, it is important that our teams and councils have the right members. As of right now, we have several teams and councils in need of more members. That is especially true of the Nominating Team.

Other teams and councils with positions to fill include: The Directors of Corporation, the Finance Team, The Baptist Collegiate Ministry and Finance Team.

As you pray and think, please be mindful of those whom you feel have interests and skills for serving in these roles, and please relay that information to the association office. You know the people of your congregations and know those who may be uniquely fitted to serve in these positions.

Thank you for your help!

Luanne Yarnell, Elaine Foster, & Lucy Englebrecht

CHURCH HISTORIES NEEDED

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. <u>Please notify Roy Dameron by October 1, 2020</u>, 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.

Please contact Roy Dameron by email at <u>roy.dameron@yahoo.com</u>, by phone at 573-893-5280 (leave a message) or mail at 103 Homeland Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Pastor's Roundtables – have resumed meeting at the CBA office. The next Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, September 15th 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 September 12th, 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.

Newsletter Deadline – If you have an item you wish to have in the September issue, please send it to <u>office@cbamo.org</u> no later than September 21st.

Revival Services at Mt. Pleasant, Clarksburg – Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Clarksburg will be holding revival services Sunday, September 13th through Wednesday, September 16th. Sunday morning service will begin at 11:00 am, with Jonathan Shinkle and Jubilee Rising providing music. Evening services will begin at 7:00 pm. Dr. Monte Shinkle from Concord Baptist Church, Jefferson City, MO will bring the message from God's Word with Jonahthan Shinkle bringing special music each night. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Clarksburg is located at the intersection of Highway H and Highway O, Clarksburg, MO 65025.

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.



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
MT. OLIVE

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME WORSHIP PASTOR

Summit Community Church in Holts Summit, MO is searching for a part time worship pastor who desires to build a strong contemporary worship team with a heart to connect with their community. Responsibilities would include leading on Sunday mornings, building and investing in the worship team, working with the Sound and Tech Leader on sound, lighting and stage design, as well as being an active member of the church. Total time should not normally exceed 10 hours per week, and compensations starts at \$150 per week. Please explore their website to find out more about their vision ministry. If you're interested in joining their team or have questions, please contact Pastor Dave Percival at thesummitcommunitychurch@gmail.com

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Calvary Baptist Church, 1436 Hough Street, Jefferson City is looking to hire two paid nursery (infant to 2 years) workers for our Sunday School hour. This would be a weekly commitment, from 9:15 to 10:45 each Sunday. Pay will be \$20 per week. Must be at least 16 to apply; however, one of the workers we hire must be over 21. If you are interested, please reply directly to Cynthia Hawcroft at cynthia.hawcroft@juno.com or call (573) 644-4311.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE



BLOCK PARTY TRAILER

If you are planning an 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