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INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES UNITED IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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CURRENT CBA OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
TUESDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
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A WORD FROM OUR DOM

Dear CBA Family,

We are fast approaching Thanksgiving. As we reflect on 2020, we may inappropriately fall into a trap thinking, "For what is there to be thankful?" We have dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic for practically the whole year that has impacted our life by choice or not by choice; we have seen racial tensions that have bubbled up to major insurrections rather than God focused peace and reconciliation; we have seen a substantially divided nation over practically all issues such as abortion, homosexuality, policing, sports events, justice, righteousness, economy, and let's not forget the elections. If we as believers would allow our carnal nature to consume our life we will become filled with bitterness, rage, contention and ungodly attitudes and actions. And fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ, that is NOT who we are called and commanded to be. But here comes the good part. As believers in Jesus and children of God, that is not who we are! The Apostle Paul shares this point with the Church of Corinth in his second letter:

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

²For he says,

***"In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."***

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

³We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will

not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses (2 Corinthians 6:1-4)

We must continue to humble ourselves before God and cry out to Him. He will hear us. The Apostle James goes on to remind us of this important Christ focused reaction: ² **Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds** (James 1:2). We as Children of God recognize that despite the circumstances of this life and world, we as men and women of Christ are filled and consumed with the Joy of the Lord. By knowing the Joy of the Lord, we experience a heart of Thanksgiving no matter the circumstances, because our joy is based on a relationship with Jesus that can never be taken away. There is no trouble or circumstance that can make us stumble if we, as co-workers of God, allow His power to sustain us. The troubles, challenges and so-called controversies come from sin. Aren't you thankful that as believers in Jesus, we know His word and live for His Word which is Truth? It is troubling to see those in sin feeding the frenzy of discontentment, but what a joy for us who live in the truth of Jesus and His contentment.

My friends, 2020 is not a thankless year. God has not abandoned His faithful children. For each challenge or trouble let us be thankful for a delivering God. We have a lot to be thankful for:

- Salvation for those lost in sin
- Deliverance for those that are struggling
- Forgiveness for the unforgiven
- Unadulterated truth of His Word for those caught up in lies
- Peace in the midst of chaos
- Joy in the midst of trouble
- Hope to those who are hopeless

My friends and fellow believers, we have a lot to be thankful for with the true living God that loves us, cares for us, and empowers us to preach, teach, share and live the Good News of Jesus Christ to bring salvation from the death of sin through the power of His redeeming blood!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. May our hearts be filled with love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control which will continue to move our heart to thanksgiving.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving,

Bro. Alan

MISSIONS CORNER:

Mission Partnerships with Minnesota/Wisconsin and Montana

The Missouri Baptist Convention has been in partnership with Minnesota and Wisconsin Baptist Convention for a few years now. In fact, I had an opportunity in 2018 to go on a vision trip and Mt. Olive Baptist, Russellville entered into a partnership with Cornerstone Community Fellowship in Marinette, Wisconsin. It was a joy and honor for our church to walk beside and assist in their endeavors to reach people for Jesus in an environment that was surrounded by "hard ground". There is still great opportunity to advance the message of Jesus throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

During this year's annual meeting, the Missouri Baptist Messengers voted to enter into a partnership with the Montana Baptist Convention. Just like Minnesota and Wisconsin, there is a great need to preach, teach, share and live the Good News of Jesus in these areas. There will be great opportunities to fuse partnerships to partner with a church, or to be

linked to a church to do a VBS, children's camp, etc. The opportunities to advance God's message of hope and salvation is great.

In 2021, I will schedule a vision trip to Minnesota and Wisconsin and a separate vision trip to Montana. A vision trip will be an invitation for a pastor or key missional leader from your church to prayerfully consider some type of partnership or missional commitment to these states. We will drive the distance, meet with pastors and leaders of churches, pray, discuss varied aspects of partnerships and seek God's confirmation as to how your church can be involved. Please be praying now for those who may be willing to sacrificially go for Jesus and participate in the vision trip. ***If you or someone in your church is interested in participating in a vision trip to Minnesota/Wisconsin or Montana, please email or call me.*** We will plan to go in late spring or early summer.

In Christ,
Bro. Alan

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 these missions partnerships, or you would like to be involved in a vision trip, please contact Bro. Alan at alanearls@cbamo.org

FROM THE MBC ANNUAL MEETING

MBC NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

Pastor Monte Shinkle, Concord Baptist Church nominated ***Pastor Jon Nelson, SOMA as the President of the Missouri Baptist Convention***. CBA is pleased to announce that Pastor Jon was unanimously elected to the position. Pastor Jon is one of us from the Concord Baptist Association. He serves the SOMA congregation and is a Godly husband and father and he is also a great pastor, friend and brother to many. Please join Concord Baptist Association and the Missouri Baptist Convention in congratulating Jon and pledging our prayer and support as he continues to shepherd his flock and to now serve the Missouri Baptist Convention as President.

VISION 2025

CBA Churches, if you have not already, you will soon be hearing about Vision 2025. I wanted to take a moment to introduce you to this new Southern Baptist Convention initiative, that we need to know as Missouri Baptists and churches within the Concord Baptist Association. Vision 2025 is a unified Great Commission Vision that unites us as Baptist Churches and Believers in Jesus.

According to Dr. Ronnie Floyd, Vision 2025 is, "***A call to reach every person for Jesus Christ in every town, every city, every state and every nation.***" He further proposes 5 strategic actions for which each pastor and church to consider for implementation:

Strategic Action 1: Increase our total number of full-time, fully funded missionaries by a net gain of 500, giving us 4,200 full-time, fully funded missionaries through the International Mission Board.

Strategic Action 2: Add 6,000 new churches to our Southern Baptist family, giving us more than 50,000 churches.

Strategic Action 3: Increase our total number of workers in the field through a new emphasis on “calling out the called,” and then preparing those who are called out by the Lord.

Strategic Action 4: Turn around our ongoing decline in reaching, baptizing, and discipling 12- to 17-year-olds in the prime of their teenage years.

Strategic Action 5: Increase our annual giving in successive years to reach and surpass \$500 million given through the Cooperative Program to achieve these Great Commission goals.

This vision and strategic action steps lend themselves to asking some hard questions that perhaps we are asking or should be asking within our churches:

1. Are we as churches reactively responding to challenges of the moment or are we casting God’s vision in our church and community?
2. We need church planters, are we seeking God’s anointed, equipping them and allowing God to grow them up from within our churches?
3. We need missionaries, will you challenge your church to seek and accept the call of God to Missions?
4. We need witnesses for Jesus in our communities, state, nation and world, will you raise up disciples that are committed to making disciples and to be His witnesses?
5. We need preachers, teachers, elders and deacons, will your church develop a process by which we can invest and equip them in these very important areas?

We are blessed that many of our churches are very effective at all the steps. The beauty of an association of churches is we get to share our strengths with one another to make us all stronger for the Kingdom of God. If you have questions or if your church is doing extraordinary kingdom building investment and preparation please contact the CBA office, I would love to learn and discuss more. Submitted: Alan R. Earls

“FOLLOWING THE CALLING OF GOD”

A message from Dr. Ronnie Floyd

Submitted by Alan R. Earls

I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Pastor’s conference during the session immediately before the Missouri Baptist Convention on October 26, 2020. Many of our CBA Pastors were in attendance. We heard some great and dynamic preaching. One of the messages really struck my heart that I wanted to share. While this article may be an old hat for those pastors that attended, it is a powerful message that I felt that everyone in the Association should hear.

Dr. Ronnie Floyd, President and CEO of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention shared a special message for those that God calls. We recognize that God does not simply call pastors to service. All believers need to consider God’s calling. As believers in Christ we must always be willing to do whatever God calls us to do. When God begins to reveal Himself, we must pay special attention to our life and calling. Our calling is always about God it is not about our desire. We as believers must be willing to go wherever God calls you to go. **We must always be willing to go anywhere, at any time, to any place God has called you!** It is not a personal preference or geographical location you desire. It is always about what God wants.

We must stop treating God’s calling as if it is ours. We must stop restricting the calling that God has given. The calling of God is not about you it is about always about Him.

Pay attention to Your Life and the Ministry that You Have Received

Scripture: ¹⁷ *Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."* (Colossians 4:17)

A. God is Calling You to the Unknown

1. ⁸ *By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.* (Hebrews 11:8)
2. *What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.* (Romans 4:3)
3. Buck up and believe God
4. The moment you receive your call it is a calling to the unknown

B. Your Calling is God's Purpose for Your Life

1. God chose you before you were formed in the womb.
2. You may not like where you are, but you are made for this moment that God has called you.
3. Be teachable.
4. You were made for this moment.
5. Take the good.
6. Take the worst and allow God to grow you through it.

C. Your Calling Is the Destiny God Has for Your Life

1. Your calling is your destiny.
2. Your calling means you may have to step away from the people you love.
3. Acts 20

a. ²² *"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. ²⁵ "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.* (Acts 20: 22-25)

b. ³⁶ *When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. ³⁷ They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. ³⁸ What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.* (Acts 20:36-38)

4. There is a tearing away moment in your life when you surrender to God's Calling.
5. You gave up control over your life and choices when you surrendered to the ministry.
6. Your calling will place you outside of your comfort zone.
7. It will call you to release everything you hold dear.
8. You are not in control, God is.
9. You belong to God – you have never been more safe and secure.
10. Wherever God sends you, He will stay with you as long as you are called to be there.
11. Loosen your hands from your calling because it's not our calling. It belongs to God.
12. When you are called by God you don't belong to yourself; you belong to God.
13. Sometimes it is easier to stay than to leave and sometimes it is easier to leave than to stay - Just make sure you listen to God as to whether you stay or leave.

"To know the will of God you need an open Bible and an open map." -William Kerry



UPCOMING DATES

Councils/Teams Organization & Transition Meeting – will be held on Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the CBA Office. This meeting will facilitate discussion between current council/team members and those who are coming on board. Soup and chili will be provided. If you have not already done so, please let Alicia (office@cbamo.org) know if you plan on attending.

Revelation Bible Study – Join us at the CBA office on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to noon as we study the book of Revelations. The cost of \$20 is to cover the printed materials.

Pastor’s Roundtables – have resumed meeting once a month at the CBA office. The next Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 12:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided, so please let us know in advance if you plan to attend.

Newsletter Deadline – If you have an item you wish to have in the December issue, please send it to office@cbamo.org no later than November 20th.

Thanksgiving Office Hours – The CBA office will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at noon on Wednesday, November 25th and will reopen on Monday, November 30th.



DRIVE-THRU “LIVING NATIVITY”

DECEMBER 6TH & 13TH
5:00-7:00 PM

CORTICELLI BAPTIST CHURCH
57731 ROUTE C
(6 miles west of Russellville)

CALL (573) 680-0192 FOR MORE INFORMATION
NO ADMISSION CHARGE

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:

- CENTERTOWN
- COLE SPRING (Interim Mark Donnell)
- HIGH POINT (Interim Heber Mena)
- LUPUS (Interim Billy Bolden)
- MT. OLIVE

HEALTHCARE WORKERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE
CARING FOR THOSE HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID

OPEN MINISTRY POSITIONS

PART-TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR

Corticelli Baptist Church, Russellville, MO, is seeking a part-time youth director.

Approximately 15-20 hours a week. \$15,000 per year.

Job description can be seen at corticelli.org or call the pastor at 573-680-0192.

Send resumé to rwseaton@embarqmail.com

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

CAMPUS MINISTER – BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) - Campus Minister – Job Summary

- The Concord Baptist Association is looking for a candidate to work in collegiate ministry at Lincoln University as the campus minister.
- The Concord Baptist Association serves a total of 44 Churches and serves as the ministry support for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at the Lincoln University.
- The Campus Minister will have an office located at the Concord Baptist Association Office.
- The Concord Baptist Association is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Missouri Baptist Convention.
- This position is responsible in evangelizing, discipling, preparing student leaders, organizing missional opportunities for Lincoln Students and providing Christian fellowship.
- This is a part-time position that will consist of up to 20 hours per week.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) - Campus Minister Duties and Responsibilities

- The BCM Campus Minister will be responsible to build Christ Centered professional-ministry relationships with students of Lincoln University.
- Day to day activities may include such activities as:
 - Regularly visit student congregation areas on campus to include but not limited to the cafeteria, student center and other areas normally accommodating students.
 - Develop, organize and teach weekly Bible Studies.
 - Recruit and develop Christian students to serve in BCM student leadership.
 - Maintain and foster a relationship with sport teams at Lincoln University to support an ongoing Chaplaincy by inviting and engaging qualified Associational churches to serve as a volunteer Chaplain.
 - To organize evangelistic outreach to the students on campus.
 - To develop and orchestrate a semester or summer missions project.
 - To organize and sustain an ongoing weekly Christian Student fellowship that is open to all students.
 - To assess and prayerfully consider an outreach to the international students of Lincoln University.
 - To remain in effective communication and professional relationship with the Lincoln Administration and faculty.

- The Campus Minister will also serve on the CBA Ministry team along with the Director of Missions and the CBA Leadership team.
- The Campus Minister will also be expected to participate in the BCM network offered through the Missouri Baptist Convention.

BCM-Campus Minister Skills and Qualifications

A Campus Minister role requires many skills. Some of these skills are:

- Communication skills both verbally and in writing to inform and comfort Students and LU Faculty; a minister's communication skills are also important to communicate with CBA staff, students, CBA Churches and the media if necessary.
- The ability to keep information private and confidential when conducting ministerial counseling.
- Be familiar with state statute requiring mandatory reporting.
- Knowledge of associational software to manage church administrative duties.
- Project management skills to work with the CBA administration, students and CBA Churches in a timely manner.
- Strong moral character to give a good Christ-centered example to the students.
- The ability to manage and maintain a budget.

BCM-Campus Minister Salary Expectations

- The starting range for this part-time position will range between \$22,000-\$24,000 per year. Compensation is dependent on education, experience and credentials.

BCM-Campus Minister Education and Training Requirements

- At a minimum, a Campus Minister should have a Bachelor's Degree, with a focus or accreditation in ministry or a major that is closely associated.
- A Master of Divinity from an accredited theological school or a seminary is recommended but not required.
- The candidate should have a license or ordination for the Gospel Ministry.

BCM-Campus Minister Experience Requirements

- The candidate should have a minimum of 3 years of ministry experience with Youth and/or College Students.
- The candidate should be a member in good standing of a Southern Baptist Church
- The candidate must be willing to share their personal testimony of conversion to Jesus Christ

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Any qualified candidate interested may submit their resume by November 30, 2020 to:

Concord Baptist Association
(Attention BCM-Campus Minister Position)
804 Fairmount Blvd
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101

Applications and scheduled interviews will be arranged at a later date.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

For the Church Institute through Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

The CBA office is excited to introduce you to a new initiative from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS). It is called For the Church Institute or FTC Institute. MBTS through FTC Institute is offering free online courses for who may be seeking theological education. These courses are ***offered free of charge to anyone within your church that is interested in theological education but is not necessarily after a degree or paying a lot of money.*** You are encouraged to click on the link below and see what you think. It is possible for you to offer these courses within your church. The 10-week lesson plans are all online and there is no additional requirement to purchase any additional resources. For the Church Institute is part of Midwestern's core value to serve the church. You do not receive seminary credit, however, upon completion of the course you do receive a certificate and are eligible for Continuing Education Credit, if any of your licensures would require CEU's. Some of you may have your seminary degree and want to have a refresher; some of you may not have had an opportunity to attend Seminary; some of you are mentoring those called to the ministry and could use these courses in organized mentorship; some of you are seeking to work on leadership development for your church lay leaders and will find this opportunity to greatly help them enhance their Biblical understanding. It is great for Sunday School teachers, small group leaders, pastoral staff, and anyone that desires and needs the training. Oh, and did I mention it is FREE, it is provided to the churches by Midwestern Seminary because their mission is to serve the CHURCH! For more information, please visit <https://ftcinstitute.squarespace.com/>

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