



CONCORD COVENANT

INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES UNITED IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Happy New Year!

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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

TUESDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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MEN AND BOYS WILD GAME SUPPER POSTPONED

We are saddened to announce that we are making the decision to postpone the Men and Boy's Wild Game Supper on February 8th, 2021. The current COVID-19 case numbers in Moniteau and Cole County meet a State Recommended guidance that suggests we limit social gatherings to 25 people or less.

We are looking to move our Wild Game Supper to a time later in the Spring of 2021. This later date would allow us to potentially have the event outside and also allow the higher attendance numbers, which would better accommodate the number of attendees that we traditionally have at the Wild Game Supper.

Thank You

Tony Amos

Outreach Council Chair

Nathan Strobel

Men and Boy's Wild Game Supper Chair

A WORD FROM OUR DOM

Dear CBA Family,

As we look forward to January 2021, we do so with the joy of the Lord. We know that 2020 was filled with challenging and unexpected things. But it was also filled with the Power of God to direct and protect us. As we look in the context of scripture, we recognize that joy is not based on circumstances, instead joy, we discover as Christians, is based on a relationship with Jesus. While circumstances change in that some days are great and some days not so great, with Jesus, we have a joy based on a relationship with Him that can never be taken away. When we have a relationship with Jesus we are blessed to be exposed to the Word of God. It is God's word that keeps our life on the right path and for us to go the right direction. It is through our faith in God and His word that allows us to trust Him. In Proverbs we see the following two very beautiful verses:

**5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;**

**6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.**

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

As we look around us, we see those that have and those who do not have a relationship with Christ. Those in a relationship trust Him and their paths are straight. Those without a relationship with Christ are struggling.

When people struggle, sometimes they fail to see God's revelation or His vision. In Proverbs 29:18 we see that the secret to a joyful and happy life is one that knows and keeps His word.

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

Do you know and recognize God's vision? When we do, we see the Joy of Jesus and our hearts are happy in His word. With a new year many people seek to make a resolution. Perhaps we can look to 2021 to seek God's vision and to be happy in His law and word.

God's vision is for us is to love God and others (Matthew 22: 37-39), to pray for workers in the harvest field (Luke 10:2), to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20), to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8) and forgive one another (Colossians 3:13). Are you ready to stand resolute with God's vision as we enter 2021?

God Bless and Happy New Year,

Bro. Alan



MISSIONS CORNER:

"THE EARLS' FRONT PORCH"

Hello, I am Paula Earls, wife of your Director of Missions, Alan Earls. I will continue to share a little about us, welcome back to our porch. We sure hope you had a wonderful Christmas!

January is a month of hope for many of us. We all hope the negativity of life will go away.

When I was a little girl in Kentucky going to the Ben Franklin was a huge treat. For you youngsters – Ben Franklin was a mini-Walmart, most often located in downtowns. We always saved up our chore money for when we went to town. I remember looking at everything in the store and usually deciding on penny candy because I didn't have enough money for anything else.

One day I noticed a beautiful snow globe on the shelf. It was the nativity with Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. I really wanted it but the price tag of \$9.99 told me I would never have it.

The next month when we went to town the snow globe was still there. I played it and got mean looks from Miss Rita the owner of the store. She said, "Pretties are for eyes only, not dirty little hands." So, I quickly ran to Mom.

A couple of weeks later in GA's our leader had us make a list of things we would send our pen pals in Zambia. I listed candy, my favorite foods to include beets and my granny's famous candied apples and of course the delightful snow globe.

As I shared my list with our group my leader asked why would they need a snow globe in Zambia? I had to defend my list. However, I did so with confidence. I remembered what Miss Rita had said to me at the store. "Pretties are for eyes only" – I explained how the people in Zambia needed Jesus because he is for everyone's eyes and hearts. If they could see him in the manger it would help them understand. It wouldn't matter if they had dirty hands. It doesn't matter if anyone has dirty hands. Jesus was sent as the greatest gift for all of us! Having something beautiful reminds us all of the love God has for us.

The following month, on my birthday, my Granny Ruth took me to the Ben Franklin to purchase the snow globe. Miss Rita packed it in its box, and we took it to the post office and mailed it to my pen pal in Zambia with other treats but most importantly a note telling her how much God loves her.

My husband, your DOM, gives me lovely unique snow globes as gifts for special occasions. Each one always has a special meaning.

As we begin 2021, I pray you have something that reminds you of the Love God has for you. Something that brings to your mind the lost who needs Jesus.

Until next time, may God bring you the passion to share your testimony with someone you meet every day of 2021.

Blessings from the porch,
Paula

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*.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR CBA CHURCHES

Mission Opportunities in North America:

The Concord Baptist Association is prayerfully considering possible Missions partnerships between CBA churches with churches in Minnesota/Wisconsin and Montana. If you or your church is interested in traveling to these states and participating in a Vision trip to explore a church partnership, please contact Alicia at office@cbamo.org or Bro. Alan at alaneails@cbamo.org

Mission Trip to El Salvador:

The Concord Baptist Association is exploring another mission trip to El Salvador. The specific date, time and specific mission is still being considered. If you feel God calling you to a short term inter-national mission trip, please pray and seek God's guidance to determine if this trip is for you. We will be sharing more information as it becomes available. In addition to your calling and spiritual preparation, one of the additional first steps is to check your passport to ensure that it has not expired. If you have never received a passport please follow the following link: <https://www.usa.gov/passport>

ATTENTION CBA CHURCHES:

One of our own needs help! A few months ago, one of our sister churches, **One in Christ Baptist Church** (Pastor James Howard) experienced a major roof leak that damaged a substantial part of their church. This damage included the flooring that had to be removed, classrooms that had to remove sheetrock, the downstairs fellowship area, etc. Unfortunately, the insurance company was not able to provide funding for the repairs. One in Christ was able to come up with \$16,000 to repair the roof, however they do not have funds to repair the damage to the floors, replace damaged walls, electric, etc. As an association of churches, we have the opportunity to love, encourage, support and help One in Christ Baptist Church.

We have discovered some of the immediate needs include:

1. 30 Sheets of Tongue and Groove Sub-floor. Specifically: 23/32 CAT PS2-10 Tongue and Groove OSB Subfloor, Application as 4 x 8 ([Lowe's Item #12218/Model #637367](#))
2. \$100 for glue and screws.
3. Other funds to provide electrical carpentry, nails, tile, etc. Any funds or donation of materials would be much appreciated
4. Electrical expertise and support for second floor (anyone in your church able to offer some wisdom for the electrical work needed?) This will involve tracing and removing old wiring and rewiring what is needed.

If you or your church feels led to help One in Christ to address this matter, you may provide funds to purchase the needed product to the Concord Baptist Association. Currently, Memorial Baptist Church is working closely with One in Christ Baptist Church to assist with the construction. If you are interested in assisting with the labor or support of any kind, please contact Pastor James Howard at 573-690-7583 or Pastor David Newton at 417-849-6049. You can also email getconnected@memorialchurch.net.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

You may send checks to:

Concord Baptist Association – ATTENTION One in Christ Baptist Church Repair

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.

Please send resumés to rwseaton@embarqmail.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 January 31st, 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.



UPCOMING DATES

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. *Due to vacation/the holidays, there will be no study on December 1st or 29th.*

Pastor's Roundtables – have resumed meeting once a month at the CBA office. The next Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 12:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided, so please let us know in advance if you plan to attend.

Office Closed – The CBA office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observation of Martin Luther King Day. It will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 19th.

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

Executive Council Meeting – The first Executive Council meeting is scheduled to take place at Salem Baptist Church on Sunday, January 24th at 2:00 pm. As a reminder, each CBA church is entitled to sending their pastor and an additional elected messenger to each of the quarterly council meetings to represent their church in associational business. We will be practicing social distancing and masks/sanitizer will be made available.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

MBC Disaster Relief – Hand Sanitizer

Missouri Disaster Relief has graciously donated several cases of hand sanitizers to support our churches during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each case contains twelve 500mL bottles of hand sanitizer. Many of our churches have already received a case, however, if you have not received a case please contact Alicia at the CBA Office to make arrangements to receive one.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR...

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

PLEASANT HILL AND SUE KOHLER AS THEY MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR PASTOR/HUSBAND, KEVIN KOHLER

RUSSELLVILLE AND DIANE WEBB AS THEY MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR RETIRED PASTOR/HUSBAND, DINZEL WEBB

AWANA Materials Available

Salem Baptist Church has AWANA materials available, see list below. Please contact Salem Baptist Church at (573) 796-3534 or salembaptistcalmo@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these resources.

Awana Council Time Lessons Volume 2

The Awana Encyclopedia of Ideas

Commander Director Guide

Cubbies

Director Guide

Hopper Celebrations—2

Bear Hug Brochure—9

Adult polo shirt—M

Vest—large—1; XL—3

Bag—1

Weekly progress cards—12

Attendance charts—7

Sparks Vests – 3X & 5X

Truth and Training Club

Basic and Beyond Director Guide

Blue Book – 2

Red Book – 3

T-shirt – M

Handbook bag – 4

Shirt – size 12

Pioneer shirts – 2 (S&M)

Blue Awana Shirts – 2-XL

Awana Bucks – 1s & 5s

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