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MEN AND BOYS
Wild Game Supper

FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - CALIFORNIA
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
DINNER AT 6:30PM
SPEAKER AT 7:00 PM

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
Brad Clay
FINAL DESCENT OUTDOORS

PLEASE BRING A LARGE COVERED DISH (GAME OR TAME!)

Calling all Men and Boys! Join us for our annual Wild Game Supper on March 12th, 2021 at First Baptist Church - California. The doors will open at 6:00 pm, dinner will be at 6:30 pm, and the speaker will go on at 7:00 pm. Please bring a large, labeled covered dish to share (game or tame!)

This year's featured speaker is Brad Clay from Final Descent Outdoors, which started in 2009 with a goal to not only produce great outdoor television, but to represent the Creator of it all, God. Brad grew up in a tiny town in western Oklahoma where hunting and fishing was a way of life. However, Brad didn't give his life to Christ until he was a sophomore in high school. The Lord called Brad into youth ministry and for the last 12 years Brad served in Oklahoma as a youth pastor as a licensed and ordained minister. Brad used his love for the outdoors to minister to students as well as others. Brad founded Final Descent Outdoors as an outreach in his church. It grew from that into a national TV show that is in 40 million homes in North America. Brad and his wife April and four children Matthias, Ava, Josiah, and Sterling have taken a step of faith and have decided to follow the Lord and pursue Final Descent Outdoors and outdoor ministry full time. Brad also authors bible studies and other material for outdoorsmen.

The Men and Boys Wild Game Supper planning team is requesting volunteers to assist with the setup/cleanup of this event as well as the donation of a few items. CBA Churches will be receiving a link with a more detailed list and way for churches and/or individuals to commit to help.



A WORD FROM OUR DOM



The month of February has often been associated with Love. I am sure Valentine's Day falling on February 14, would stand to reason. Of course, as Christians, every month and every day should be a day to focus on love. In fact, Jesus reminds us of the two greatest commandments. I am confident that you can recollect them, immediately. **He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."** ³⁸ **This is the greatest and most important command.** ³⁹ **The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.** (Matthew 22:37-38, CSB)

Love for God and others is not always understood by the sinful world. The sinful world will allow man's emotions, biases, frustrations, anger, etc. to boil over and wipe out everything that Christian love represents. As Children of God, we are transformed creatures that strive to live in the Character of God. The truth of scripture reveals that God's very character is love. **"And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him."** (I John 4:16, CSB). Since God's character is love, wouldn't it be wonderful for the world to see us as Christians living God's character.

I Corinthians provides us a clarity for how we can live the character of God's love: **"Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, ⁵ is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶ Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."** (I Corinthians 13:4-7, CSB)

What an incredibly beautiful passage. I Corinthians 13 is nicknamed "The Love Chapter". God has provided us the opportunity to be His representative to share His love. May we all be committed to love like Jesus and to exemplify God's love by being patient, being kind, not being envious, not being a boastful person, not being arrogant, rude and selfish. We cannot be a people that keeps or holds grudges nor keeps a list of everyone's mistakes or missteps. Love stands against unrighteousness and always hold to truth. Love gives us the ability to bear all things and to believe, hope and endure.

Christian, thank you for choosing Jesus over sin. Thank you for loving God with all your heart, soul and mind and then loving your neighbor as yourself. While the world tries to encourage us to hate, God's character always propels us to LOVE!

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

THE EARLS' FRONT PORCH:

Hello, I am Paula Earls, wife of your Director of Missions, Alan Earls. I will be sharing a little about us over the next several months. So welcome back to our porch. February is a month of love for many of us. I remember mine and Alan's first Valentine's together – we made a snowman, Fridgy! He was so cool. We had spent the day at his Mom and Dad's enjoying the snow.



Unfortunately, the next day my entire face was wind chapped. Alan pulled out his miracle medicine – Campho-Phenique. Me being young and dumb allowed him to apply it to my face. Oh gracious!!! That was not good!! He set my face on fire. I couldn't believe the pain. I also couldn't believe if he loved me, he would hurt me like this. He explained he thought it would help not hurt. In the long run it did promote healing. Just as Alan showed his love for me, God shows his love to all of us. We are all human and we make mistakes and sin every day. God has to show us his love by applying the "Campho-Phenique" so to speak. He must doctor us to heal us and keep us on track as shared in Jeremiah 10:24 *"Discipline me, Lord, but only in due measure—not in your anger, or you will reduce me to nothing."*

About six years later Alan and I spent Valentine's Day at St. Mary's hospital. It was late that evening into the early morning of February 15th we met our oldest son, Drew, for the very first time. Oh, the love that filled our hearts. It was then I knew how Mary must have felt bringing Jesus into the world. There is no love like a mother's love for her child. Nothing could have been more perfect. However, unbeknownst to us our son would have some issues, as did I. It was in those moments of uncertainty I heard my husband cry out to the Lord to protect us. God heard Alan's prayers for us. He spared both of our lives and made us a family. Which made for a very memorable Valentine's Day.

It was through those days and ones to come, we realized how true it is that God is the **GIVER** and **SUSTAINER** of life. After all, He willingly gave his one and only son for each of us. There is no greater love possible for us to receive. Even in the times when He must doctor us with His medicine, He only does it because He loves us so very much. As you celebrate love this Valentine's season – please remember the love the Father has for you. Reach out and share it with the hurting and lonely in our communities.

Until next time, may your Love of Jesus abound in everything you say and do.

Blessings,

Paula



MISSIONS CORNER:



Hello churches of the Concord Baptist Association! My name is Adam Moss, and I am currently the Associate Pastor at Memorial Baptist Church in Jefferson City. March 1st, my family and I will be leaving to become traveling missionaries, and I wanted to introduce you to the ministry God has laid upon our hearts. We are calling it The Abundant Journey. The Abundant Journey is named for the journey we are all on, seeking Christ and His Kingdom and the eternal life we have through him. This ministry is focused on creating a Gospel-centered, Mission-focused, and Adventure-driven community for full-time traveling families across the country.

Currently, there are more than 1 million families that live full time in their RV's. We would focus on reaching and building relationships in this people group and help keep them connected to the body of Christ as they pursue a traveling lifestyle. Even though this would primarily be a media-based ministry, we will be connecting via in-person events. We are calling these Abundant Adventures.

The vision for Abundant Adventures is to create a 4-5 day Christian event that is relevant to the RV-ing lifestyle and these families. We don't want to approach them with generic materials, but yet pointed teaching topics, arts and crafts for the traveling kids, and great fellowship for these families.

This is where we hope the churches of the Concord Baptist Association can help. Along with prayer, we want to set up a way for you to be directly involved in these events. Using Memorial as a potential training hub, we could begin to train and send local missionaries to help staff these events all over the country. The best way to think of these events is a VBS and family retreat all wrapped up into one event.

These missionaries would either directly lead or support activities like:

- Kids activity table with focused, Gospel-centered RV-ing material.
- Nature walks and sightseeing with a focus on Creation teachings.
- Morning and evening devotion and worship time.
- Meal prep and serving.

These are just a few things with which we could potentially call upon CBA churches to help. We would love to see this level of local involvement starting sometime in 2022. My family and I will be leaving March 1st to start our first trek into the Southeast. Currently, we plan on having four of these events in 2021 and once we have been able to dive in, we will know more about how they can work best. We would love the opportunity to share our hearts in person and speak with your congregation about this new mission launching from Central Missouri.

The CBA Missions Corner is a newer addition to our CBA Newsletter. It is an opportunity for CBA churches to share special missions and ministries for which they are a part. Please forward any special mission/ministry in which your church is involved to Alicia Amos at office@cbamo.org so we can include your mission and ministry to *Make Disciples of All Nations*.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can partner with or come to a better understanding of what the Abundant Journey ministry offers, Adam and Sara are willing to come to your church and share. They have available dates to come to your church from now through the end of February. If you are interested in having them speak at your church, they are willing to come on a love gift. You may contact the Adam Moss to schedule a time by email adam@theabundantjourney.com or phone (573) 434-4350.

LOVE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH SALVATION

No greater love was demonstrated throughout history than when Jesus who is God the Son, came from heaven to earth to die on the cross and pay the penalty for the sins of mankind. The road to salvation and understanding the love of God is found in God's word:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." (Romans 10:9-10)

"for, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12)

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33)

"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God." (1 John 4:15)

If God has drawn you to Himself and you are ready to accept Jesus as Lord and the love He offers; say and mean the following prayer:

Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. I turn from sin and turn to Jesus. I believe that Jesus is God the Son who died and shed His blood on the cross for the payment of my sins, was buried and that He rose from the grave three days later. Father, I want Jesus to come into my life. I want Jesus to be my boss and Lord. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus name, Amen.

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 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>

Opportunities in Montana:

Bro. Alan will be heading to Montana from March 3-8 with a group from the MBC. There, he will explore the opportunities for the Concord Baptist Association to partner with MBC connections within the state to aid in the advancement of the gospel.

Bro. Alan will share his findings after his return.

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. **A workday is being scheduled, details to follow via email.**

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 resumé to rwseaton@embarqmail.com

FULL-TIME PASTOR

High Point Baptist, a rural, mission-minded church in Central Missouri, is seeking a FULL-TIME PASTOR who must align with the SBC and is in agreement with the BFM 2000. High Point has an average weekly attendance of 75. We are seeking a pastor to provide Biblically-sound teaching and preaching, godly leadership for our congregation, and a willingness to make disciples. Parsonage available. Please submit your resume to: N. Ashley, 519A Breanna Boulevard, California, MO 65018 or nbashley@yahoo.com by February 26, 2021.



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. *Note: There will be no study on February 23rd, 2021.*

Pastor's Roundtables – have resumed meeting once a month at the CBA office. The next Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, February 26th 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, February 15th in observation of President's Day. It will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, February 16th.

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 Friday, February 19th.

Men and Boys Wild Game Supper –

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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 (Interim Shawn Higgins)
COLE SPRING (Interim Mark Donnell)
HIGH POINT (Interim Heber Mena)
LUPUS (Interim Billy Bolden)
MT. OLIVE
MT. PLEASANT

OUR COUNCILS AND TEAMS AS THEY BEGIN MAKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS REGARDING SUMMER EVENTS.

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.

Ministry Book/Video/Audio Resources

The Association has received a number of materials that can be of great assistance to our churches and especially young ministers coming up. If you are mentoring a leader or minister, please consider these free resources that may help your continued discipleship investment. These resources will be available during the Pastor Round Table and I will make them accessible to our pastors and churches for a month. After this month, I will need to rehome them. However, I want our churches to benefit from them first if at all possible.

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