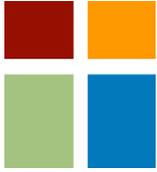


SEPTEMBER 2021



# CONCORD COVENANT

INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES UNITED IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION.



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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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## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

September is Missouri Missions  
Offering (MMO) Month!

Join us September 12-19 for a week of prayer for state missions and consider how your church can participate through giving. We'll be sharing prayer guides on Facebook every morning.

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CBA Men's Conference:  
"Success That Matters"

September 24<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm-9:30pm)  
and September 25<sup>th</sup> (8:00am-noon)

Cost: \$20 (until September 13<sup>th</sup>); \$25 after that  
Register at: [cbamo.org/mens-conference](http://cbamo.org/mens-conference)

# A WORD FROM OUR DOM



Dear CBA Churches,

It is always great to see God at work. I don't know if you are like me but sometimes when I see God working I don't always realize what He is exactly doing or if I understand. But it is always a joy to see Him working and I have realized that it is always an invitation to join Him in the work. God was getting ready to reveal something special... *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me..."* Matthew 25:35-36a

On Monday August 9, 2021 I received a telephone call from Salem, North Carolina. It was someone I had never met nor have spoken to. The pleasant lady shared that she and her husband had traveled to Liberia several times for short term mission trips and she was in desperate need. She proceeded to share that a very special young man whom she and her husband met on the mission field was flying into Columbia airport from Liberia on Thursday August 12 to register for Lincoln University on the next day. She stated that he had no one to pick him up from the airport nor did he have a place to stay on Thursday night. She was searching for a Christian connection and was given the CBA contact information.

As I wrote down the information I prayed to the Lord as to what we should do. I immediately felt a peace and told her I would pick him up and I would make arrangements to have a safe place to stay on Thursday and get him to Lincoln the next day.

I met Joseph at 9:00 pm on Thursday. We had a great visit. He is a devoted Christian man that served the Lord in his home country. He left behind a beautiful Christian wife of three months to travel to Lincoln University to start the graduate program in Agriculture. Talking about sacrifice, Joseph understood.

The next morning Joseph and I started a journey to get him registered for school. Our first stop didn't pan out. As we traveled to Young Hall we stopped by the CBA office. Clint Mahan the BCM minister who had every bit of two days experience on the job, was in the office. We invited him to walk with us, so off we went. What we expected to last an hour or two, finally ended around 6:00pm. I bailed on them after 10:00 am thinking all they had to do was get Joseph's housing. But after two trips to Cole County Health Department, an email to get his shot records and walking through about every building on campus, Clint made sure Joseph had a dorm and settled for the night and all by 6:00 pm. God gave Joseph two new Christian friends and Clint received a full year's orientation in a day. God had uniquely qualified Clint with 18 years of international mission's experience. Clint was able to capitalize on this experience and use it to help Joseph and to bring honor and glory to God. Clint is probably the only person in Jefferson City that had the experience to help walk a brand-new student from another country, who knew no one. Isn't God's ways, incredible? I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to continue to do through the months ahead, but if Thursday and Friday is any indication, it will be exciting to see opportunities all around us. Has God brought a Joseph into your life? Is God revealing opportunities to you? Pray, seek and do...

God Bless,

*Bro. Alan*

# BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE:



Hello from my new desk and office. My name is Clint Mahan. Thinking I was headed overseas to East Asia earlier last year, I quickly realized that God had another adventure in store. Like many of you, Covid changed plenty of our plans, but not our direction. Recently moving from Ohio and Colorado, I am honored to officially join hands with the CBA and BCM family to serve the staff and students here at Lincoln University.

Having served with the global sports ministry of Athletes in Action the previous 18 years, I am excited and humbled to steward that continued role in global missions along with the opportunity to love, train and serve the Lincoln students through Baptist Campus Ministries. With both organizations focused on discipleship, evangelism and missions, these pillars will prayerfully marry well to multiply our efforts on campus. God has already shown Himself faithful in various ways by partnering with Soma Church and Rooted college ministry along with my years of past African experience as we served an international graduate student from Liberia.

Hoping to grow myself as well, I am finding that many opportunities are available as we choose to show up and be available each new day. I am also excited to bring many of you on the journey and partner together as we wholly develop the student and athlete: physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Opening many doors around the world, sport is already being used on campus to connect and develop relationships.

Thank you so much for your continued and faithful prayers and partnership. I am excited to participate and share all that God has in store as we trust Him in the details and advancement beyond what we could ask, think or imagine.

Won't you join us?

## SEPTEMBER IS MMO MONTH!

Imagine providing rape survivors with clothes, hygiene kits and teddy bears. Or creating a "farm system" for bivocational ministers and spouses to serve as licensed practical nurses (LPNs). Or connecting local churches with partnering congregations in the Americas and Europe.

You can engage in these ministries – and many more – as you give to the Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering. Our annual state missions offering supports 24 ministries. These include Christian foster care, rescue from human trafficking, ministries to senior adults, summer missions, disaster relief, church revitalization and other projects that help transform lives and communities with the gospel.

The theme of this year's offering is taken from 2 Corinthians 8:5. Paul praises the churches of Macedonia for begging to be included in a collection for suffering saints in Jerusalem. And he appeals to believers in Corinth to follow through on their commitment to do the same. Concerning the Macedonians, Paul writes, "They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will."

What a privilege Missouri Baptists have to contribute to God's work of grace in the hearts of people across our state. Last year, 733 Missouri Baptist churches supported MMO, and we are praying that number increases substantially this year. If your church hasn't been receiving an MMO offering, please review the resources available at [mobaptist.org/mmo](http://mobaptist.org/mmo) and bless your people with an opportunity to give willingly to the Lord's work across our state. Our goal this year is \$725,000. You can make a difference. We are trusting God to provide – and to receive the glory as a result of your church's gift of support through MMO.

Dr. John Yeats,  
MBC Executive Director

# THE EARLS' FRONT PORCH:



Hello, I am Paula, wife of your Director of Missions, Alan Earls. I enjoy sharing a little about us, so welcome to our porch.

Growing up my family did two things each summer – camping and visiting my Aunt Pauline (mama’s sister) and Uncle David in Tennessee. We camped Memorial Day weekend and didn’t get to go to Tennessee until all the gardening and canning was done in late August.

My Mama’s oldest sister Pauline is who I was named after, so she always was very special to me. She also had a daughter close to my age who was like a sister. One of my favorite memories of visiting my aunt’s family in the mountains was drinking from their cold spring with a metal dipper. It was like drinking water straight out of the icebox on a hot summer’s day. I can’t remember anything tasting better!

One summer I remember my Daddy sharing Jesus with my Uncle David while drinking at the spring. He shared one of my favorite verses from Isaiah 55:1 *“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money come and eat without money and without cost.”* He was telling him about the free gift of Jesus and how we all needed to accept him as our Savior. He explained it was as free as the water flowing from the spring but far better!

On the way back home to Kentucky Daddy shared with us he had planted the seed. He said that was all he could do. He told our family it was our job to pray for Uncle David to ask Jesus into his heart.

No one had ever really shared Jesus with him or his family. They were good ole Tennessee mountain folk that didn’t bother anyone and minded their own business. However, their goodness wasn’t going to get them to heaven.

Who in your family needs to drink from the cool spring and accept Jesus this summer? Who do you need to faithfully pray for after a seed has been planted? You know the only way to heaven is to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Don’t be shy when you are on vacation, whether with family or strangers. Plus, remember to pray for opportunities to plant and for those seeds planted. Be willing to offer a cool drink and explain how Jesus died for you. Plant the seed and pray just like we did for Uncle David.

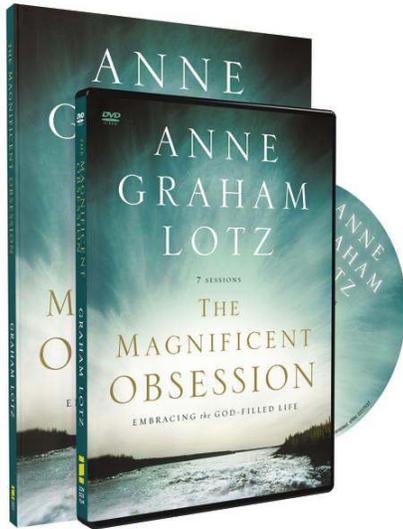
Until next time, be on the lookout for opportunities during these hot summer days to share a cool drink, a kind word and a whole lot of Jesus!

Blessings,

*Paula*

*“Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion – it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.” Rev. Billy Graham*

# THE MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION: EMBRACING THE GOD-FILLED LIFE BY ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ



In this book, Anne Graham Lotz takes a close look at the life of Abraham and his journey of faith. I have always enjoyed studying and reading about the people of the Bible and this book does not disappoint. Beginning in Genesis chapter 12 with God's call to Abraham to leave his home and go to a place God will reveal to him, Lotz follows Abraham as he packs up his household and leaves everything familiar behind him. As we move through this chapter-by-chapter examination of Abraham's life, Lotz includes challenges to us in our walk as well, "I do know that if you and I ever truly know God, it will not be an accident. It will be because we have pursued with focused intentionality. It will happen when like Abraham, we abandon every other goal, every other priority, and embrace the God-filled life until He becomes our magnificent obsession," (Lotz 2009, p. 22). As we learn more about Abraham, we also learn more about Lotz. She transparently includes her struggles in her personal walk. There is much to admire and emulate in Abraham's life, but there were also some monumental failures, Egypt, Abimelech, and Hagar to name a few. Lotz does a good job of showing us what Abraham had to 'let go of' as he learned to trust everything completely to God.

Lotz also looks at the people in Abraham's life. She gives us a very honest and frank look at Lot and his selfishness, Abraham's wife Sarah in her ups and downs alongside Abraham, Isaac and what his thoughts must have been as he journeyed with his father to Mt. Moriah, and the obedience and respect Isaac must have felt as he allowed his father to tie him to the altar.

There are far too many quotes from the book that stood out to me to include them all, but I will leave you with two that deal with the theme of the book. One is when Lotz points out that "...you are His [God's] magnificent obsession," (Lotz 2009, p. 209), and "The magnificent obsession should be contagious simply by the way others see me embrace it for myself," (Lotz 2009, p. 249).

There is a study guide and a DVD available if you wish to make this a small group study. The study guide is different from what you may be accustomed to as it is arranged not in a question format but allows the participants to engage in a personal verse by verse look at Scripture then meet together to watch the DVD and share insights.

I always enjoy reading Lotz's books and appreciate her insights and her transparency. This book is definitely worth your time, and I recommend it wholeheartedly.



This book review was submitted by Sarah Kennedy. Sarah is a member at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. If you have a book or study you are interested in having reviewed for your ladies' group, please contact the CBA office ([office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org)).

# MISSIONS & PARTNERSHIPS FOR CBA CHURCHES

## *Opportunities in Montana:*

Bro. Alan will be leading a CBA Vision Trip to Montana. If you or your church is interested in joining us for this partnership exploration, please notify Bro. Alan at [alaneails@cbamo.org](mailto:alaneails@cbamo.org)

## *Missouri Baptist Children's Home:*

Is your church looking for a mission project or developing an on-going ministry that will make a huge difference in the Kingdom of God and in the lives of children and hurting people? Please consider exploring a partnership, mission or ministry with the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. For more information on the Missouri Baptist Children's Home or how you can become involved, please visit: <https://www.mbch.org/common/downloads/public/pub00307.pdf>  
<https://www.mbch.org/index> The Missouri Baptist Children's Home and its affiliates are making a lasting difference in the lives of children, youth and families. If you are interested in hosting an official representative to speak at your church, please contact Kenny Vawter, Regional Representative at (573) 241-1113 or [Kenny.Vawter@MBCH.org](mailto:Kenny.Vawter@MBCH.org)

## KEY BIBLE VERSES FROM ROMANS: "THE ROMAN ROAD"

*To be an effective witness for Jesus we must be a disciple that is prepared to make disciples. As God draws people to Himself are you prepared to share the hope of Jesus with someone that is seeking Him as Lord? May God use the following resource to encourage and equip you to be His witness (Acts 1:8) and to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). May the power of the Holy Spirit be with you as you share these verses and invite the lost to accept Jesus as the Holy Spirit leads! God Bless, Bro. Alan*

**Roman 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile"

**Romans 3:10-12** "as it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one. There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become worthless. There is no one who does what is good, not even one."

**Romans 3:22** "The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe, since there is no distinction."

**Romans 3:23-24** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

**Romans 3:28** "For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law."

**Romans 5:8** "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us."

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

**Romans 8:28** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

**Romans 10:9-10** If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

**Romans 10:13** For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Additional Scriptures to Read and Know:** *John 1:12, I John 1:9; Matthew 10:32-33, and I 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.

## PARTNER IN PRAYER

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS, THE MINISTER LEADING IN THE INTERIM, & THE MINISTER GOD IS PREPARING TO LEAD THEIR CONGREGATIONS:

CENTERTOWN (Interim Shawn Higgins)

CORTICELLI

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ELSTON

FIRST BAPTIST JEFFERSON CITY

LUPUS (Interim Billy Bolden)

MT. OLIVE (Interim Alex Earls)

PRAY FOR CLINT, OUR NEW BCM MINISTER, AS HE HEALS FROM HIS ACCIDENT AND BEGINS MINISTERING TO THE STUDENTS OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY



# UPCOMING DATES

## SEPTEMBER 2021

Rheubin L South Missions Offering Emphasis Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 CBA Office Closed, Labor Day	7 Revelation Bible Study @ 10 am	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Revelation Bible Study @ 10 am	15	16	17	18
MMO WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS, SEPTEMBER 12-19 <sup>TH</sup>						
19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Revelation Bible Study @ 10 am Pastor's RT @ noon	22	23	24	25
					CBA MEN'S CONFERENCE	
26	27	28 Revelation Bible Study @ 10 am	29	30	1 Book of Reports Deadline	

**Office Closed** – the CBA office will be closed September 6<sup>th</sup> in observation of Independence Day.

**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 Roundtable** – The September Pastor's Roundtable is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. A light lunch will be served, so please RSVP if you are able to help us plan.

**Newsletter Deadline** – If you have an item you wish to have in the October issue, please send it to [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org) no later than Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CBA Men's Conference** – The Discipleship Council is holding a Men's Conference at Southridge Baptist on September 24<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm-9:30 pm) and September 25<sup>th</sup> (8:00am-noon). Registration now open at <http://www.cbamo.org/mens-conference>. Cost: \$20 (until September 13<sup>th</sup>); \$25 (September 14<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>). If your church plans to pay for a group, please contact Alicia ([office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org))

**Fall Annual Meeting** – The Fall Annual Meeting will be held at 2:00pm on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Freshwater. Please make plans to attend and send voting members. Each church is allowed a minimum of 6 voting members at the

annual meeting– (1) Pastor, (1) Executive Board Member, (4) Messengers PLUS one additional messenger for every additional 100 resident members.

**Revival Services** – Pisgah Baptist Church is holding revival services October 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00pm each night. Services will kick off on Friday evening with the Just As I Am Puppets. Reverend Steve Miller will be the speaker Saturday and Sunday. They will have a fish fry at 5 pm on Saturday night.

**SWBTS Alumni of Missouri** – You are invited to attend the Alumni Meeting at the Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting (October 25-26) in Branson, MO. A luncheon will be served at 12 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 26. Staff from SWBTS Seminary will be with us to provide updates on current happenings and future plans. Be sure to stop by the SWBTS Alumni booth at the Convention.

If you have any questions, please email: [swbtsalumnimo@gmail.com](mailto:swbtsalumnimo@gmail.com)

## MINISTRY POSITIONS:

### BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR

FBC of Elston, MO is a vibrant small church just outside of Jefferson City is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resume to [churchinfo@fbcelston.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbcelston.org) or mail to FBC Elston, 1204 Rt. T Jefferson City, MO 65109. Visit us at [www.fbcelston.org](http://www.fbcelston.org).

### FULL-TIME OR BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR

Community church in growing Mid-Missouri town, seeking full-time or Bi-Vocational Pastor. Mt. Olive Baptist Church, congregation of 100+, outside of Russellville, Missouri is searching for a leader who will grow with them. BFM 2000 and prior experience desired. More information about our church can be found at [mtolivebaptistrussellville.org](http://mtolivebaptistrussellville.org). Send resume to Pastor Search Committee at [mtolive-russellville@outlook.com](mailto:mtolive-russellville@outlook.com).

### PART-TIME YOUTH AND FAMILY PASTOR

Memorial Baptist Church is pursuing a Youth and Family Pastor! This role will start part-time with great hopes to develop this position into a more full-time Shepherding/Pastoral role in the future. The Youth and Family Pastor, along with volunteers, staff, and fellow pastors, will strive to ensure the church is taking an intentional and active role in families within our church growing to be clear examples of loving and following Jesus faithfully through creating and growing a disciple-making, gospel-centered, atmosphere within their own family that would then naturally extend to future generations and those outside of their own family. You can see the full job description and submit your resume here: <https://memorialchurch.net/youthandfamily/>

### BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR

The First Baptist Church of Lesterville, Missouri, is presently seeking a bi-vocational Pastor. I am reaching out to the associations hoping that you may know of a Pastor who would be interested and who may feel led to our church. We are seeking a Pastor who preaches and teaches the Word of God, makes prayer a priority, is involved with ministries of pastoral care, young adults-children, and involved with church outreach programs. Must be aligned with the SBC and in agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Interested Pastors may send their resume with references and link to video sermons to [Montereyfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:Montereyfarm@yahoo.com). CDs and DVDs can be sent to FBC Pastor Search Team, 12763 Highway MM, Middle Brook, MO 63656.

# AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

## Free Items

Memorial Baptist Church has a number of items in great condition that they would like to donate – a piano, drum enclosure, several podiums, a black table, etc...If you or your church is interested in any of these items, please contact them to arrange pickup.

## Block Party Trailer

If you are planning a summer outreach event, VBS celebration, etc...the CBA Block Party Trailer is available for churches! 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](mailto:office@cbamo.org) for more information.

## *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. You do not receive seminary credit, however, upon completion of the course you do receive a certificate and are eligible for Continuing Education Credit. 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](mailto:stillwaterscounselingmo@gmail.com)