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OCTOBER IS

*Pastor Appreciation Month*

THANK YOU, PASTORS, FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

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## *A Word from Bro. Alan:*



Dear CBA Churches,  
 The month of October is Pastor Appreciation month. Some of our churches really enjoy loving on their Pastor and their wife, while some churches just don't recognize the importance or significance of encouraging their Pastor. This article is not intended to make you feel guilty or to make you feel proud, I just want to take a moment to acknowledge these special men who are called by God to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I am reminded of Romans 10:14& 15 which states, ***14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"***<sup>14a</sup> Romans 10:14-15. Friends your Pastor is the one preaching to "them". Your pastor is the anointed one to equip the people of God "for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

Your Pastor is an anointed and called servant of God. He loves the Lord and sacrificially serves the Lord and his congregation. Your pastor is the one called away from family dinner to run to the hospital to sit with the dying. Your pastor is the one that sacrifices watching his son play basketball so he can take care of the wedding rehearsal. Your pastor is the one that has to miss the family bar-b-q because he has to officiate a funeral.

Your pastor is the one who sacrifices recreation and sleep to study the Word and to prepare the sermons on Sunday. He is often the brunt of complaints and frustration, not because he deserves it, but simply because he is visible and available. In all likelihood, you will never hear your pastor complain or be resistant when it comes to loving and serving his flock.

Have you ever noticed how beautiful your pastor's feet are? Just saying thank you is an incredible encouragement. Isn't encouragement something that we all as Christians should be doing? Paul reminds us, "***Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.***" 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Sometimes we forget to encourage our encourager, but October gives us a reminder to do just that.

God bless you Pastors and your family for all you do for the Lord, your family, your church and your community!

In Christ,  
Bro. Alan

## *The Earls' Front Porch:*



Hello, I am Paula, wife of your Director of Missions, Alan Earls.

Today I would like to share with you a little about our Missouri Missions Offering and how it advances the kingdom work at home. So welcome to our porch.

The Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering (MMO) is our state's annual missions offering, named after the late executive director who pioneered the annual giving emphasis that today supports projects in four areas of ministry:

**Making disciples** – sports evangelism; Vacation Bible School training and resource development; youth evangelism and missions; and the state fair ministry of the Missouri DOM Fellowship.

**Collegiate ministries** – collegiate summer missions mentoring initiative; international student ministry missions conference and regional gatherings; and a new technical school initiative. Remember Alan and I met when I was a summer missionary right here in Missouri!

**Multiplying churches** – next-step requests for church multipliers; partnership missions in Montana and Minnesota/Wisconsin; and strategic missionary development. I know many are encouraging Pastor's wives through this as well as praying about going on missions to one of these partner areas.

**Developing leaders** – disaster relief equipment and volunteer readiness; WMU; Missouri Baptist Resound Network; Baptist Builders and volunteer mobilization; and hunger relief. Many among us have served the DR and Baptist Builders. These are such important ministries that must continue.

In addition, 17 percent of MMO receipts go to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, which provides spiritual guidance, counseling, and a safe haven from abuse and neglect at five state campuses.

One thing I really want to point out is 10 percent of MMO gifts go back to the associations of the giving churches, where the funds support regional mission projects. We know many can't give a lot for the extra offerings; but this one really helps to advance the kingdom work right here at home!

Until next time may your days be full of blessings,

*Paula*

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."*

-Helen Keller

# Book Review:

## Praying Through the Names of God

by Tony Evans

In this book, Tony Evans explores the different names of God given in Scripture. We know from studying the Bible that different names are used for God in different situations. For example, in Genesis chapter 22, Abraham calls God Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide, when God provides a ram to use for the sacrifice rather than Isaac. Although, unless you are a student of Hebrew, the meaning of these names are lost. We also know that in Scripture a name carried a lot of meaning. A name was attached to a person's character, hence the occasional name changes in the Bible i.e. Abram to Abraham, Jacob to Israel. Therefore, in teaching us more about the different names of God, Tony Evans is teaching us more about God's character and how He interacts with His people.

Each name is presented in a prayer, and each prayer is arranged in the ACTS format: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. Each prayer is focused entirely on that particular name of God with a related scripture verse where that name is used.

I personally found reading one or two prayers a day more meaningful than reading multiple prayers at one sitting. Using this book as a devotional and focusing on one name at a time enables us to devote our thoughts and our prayers to that particular aspect of God's character. "The Bible includes more than 85 names of God. Each one gives us a description of who God is and how he relates to his creation. We can see God's relevance to our particular situation by appealing to him based on the revelation of his names," (Evans 2014, p.11).

For those wanting more of a teaching focus rather than a prayer focus, Tony Evans also has a book entitled "The Power of God's Names" which is more of a bible study and, even though I have not read it...yet it would be more appropriate for a group study while this book is more of a personal study and devotional. Both books are definitely worth your time if you are wanting to know more about the names of God.



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)).

# Men's Discipleship

## SUCCESS THAT MATTERS

2021 CBA Men's Conference

What is your idea of success? Making a lot of money? Owning a big house? Success means different things to different people. What should success look like for a Christian? Over 40 men from churches in our association and other nearby churches, gathered at Southridge Baptist Church on September 24<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> for the "Success That Matters," Men's Conference. These two days were devoted to seeking out what God's Word teaches about true success in life.

The conference included four teaching sessions from our speaker, Taylor Whitmore, Lead Pastor of Southridge Baptist, that offered biblical insight to how Christian men should view success. These sessions challenged the attendees to seek out Christ's leadership through His life and teaching, as a guide to be better husbands, fathers, friends, and disciples. Each session was followed by a time when men interacted with others at their table by reviewing the session material and discussing how to apply what they had learned to their lives.





One of the goals of the conference was to help Christian men connect and form friendships. In addition to the table groups meeting after each session, a group breakfast was held on Saturday morning that gave time for men to talk with one another and partake in almost every Baptist's favorite pastime – eating! At the end of the conference, each man was also given the opportunity to join one of several small groups that will continue to study biblical manhood this autumn. It isn't too late to be a part of one of these groups, even if you were unable to attend the conference. You can email the CBA office for more information related to the times and locations of the small groups.

A special thanks to all who were involved in putting together this conference and those who attended. It was a wonderful time of study and fellowship. May God be glorified through the lives of our men!

Jeremy Anderson – FBC California

## WE PREACH CHRIST CONFERENCE

Pastors – you have been invited to the We Preach Christ conference on October 15-16, 2021 at Canaan Baptist Church in St. Louis, MO. This year's conference will be focused on 'God's Grand Story' – the overall story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This conference is aimed toward all who care deeply about rightly dividing the sufficient and inerrant Word of God – so this would be a wonderful opportunity for you and any men in your church that you are raising up to preach. We Preach Christ is designed to equip men (pastors, preachers and interested lay leaders) with biblical practical resources in order to build up healthy pastors and healthy pulpits, for the glory of God and the good of His Church.

Speakers are to include:

- Dr. Tyler Scarlett (Pastor, Forest Baptist Church, Forest, VA – Preaching Professor, Liberty University)
- Dr. Adam Greenway (President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX)
- Daniel Carr (Pastor, Canaan Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO)

Breakouts will discuss topics such as: "How to Preach Narratives", "Pastoral Friendships in Ministry", "Bible Exposition 101", "The Missing Application in Your Sermon" and more, focused on equipping healthy pastors and focusing on healthy pulpits. Along with breakouts, attendees will receive a plethora of resources and plenary sessions focusing on God's Grand Story. They will be giving away plenty of books and there will be opportunities to win leather bibles and other prizes.

If this is something that you and/or the men in your church would like to attend, registration is open on Eventbrite.com. Search 'We Preach Christ Conference 2021'. If you have any questions. Feel free to contact Cheston Pickard, President, We Preach Christ at [pastorcheston@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcheston@gmail.com)



# Missions & Partnerships For Your Church

## **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)

## 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 (Interim Dr. Keith Herron)  
FRESHWATER  
LUPUS  
MT. OLIVE (Interim Alex Earls)  
MT. PLEASANT, CLARKSBURG

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

## 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.



# Upcoming Dates

## OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Book of Reports Deadline	2
3	4	5 Revelation Bible Study @ 10 am	6	7	8	9
10 FALL ANNUAL MEETING @ 2pm, Freshwater-JC	11	12 Revelation Bible Study @ 10 am	13	14	15	16
17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 Revelation Bible Study @ 10 am Pastor's RT @ noon	20	21	22	23
24	25 MBC Annual Meeting @ Branson, MO	26	27	28	29	30

**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 – this helps 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, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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:

## 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:

## 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. An information packet, which includes the reservation form, is available for download at <https://cbamo.org/concord-baptist-association-block-party-trailer/> when you input your contact information and the date you are hoping to reserve the trailer. You may also contact Alicia Amos directly at [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org)

## 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 Available

The Concord Baptist Association has an ongoing partnership with Still Waters Counseling, LLC. Still Waters Counseling provides Christian counseling in the Jefferson City area. Rhonda Myers, MA, LPC is 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)