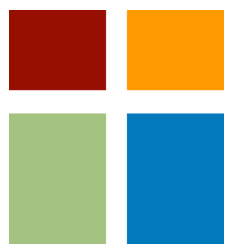


April 2022



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual churches united in fulfilling the Great Commission

He will swallow up death in
victory; and the Lord GOD
will wipe away tears from
off all faces.

Isaiah 25:8



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pastor's Roundtable – The April Pastor's Roundtable is scheduled for April 19th at noon. A light lunch will be served, so please RSVP if you are able.

Executive Council Meeting – The April Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for April 10th at 2:00 p.m. We will be hosted by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Jefferson City).

Office Closed – The CBA Office will be closed Friday, April 15th in observation of Good Friday.

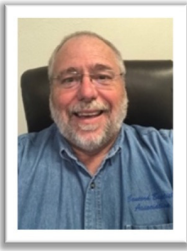
Summer Missionary Application Deadline – Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Summer Missionary position. Applicants must be 18 years old and be able to pass a background check, and must be available May 30-August 5, 2022. More information and application available at <https://cbamo.org/summer-missionary/>. Applications will be accepted through end of day May 23.

Concord Builders – Dates: July 10th-15th, 2022. More details will be released as available. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lucy Engelbrecht (lengel0625@gmail.com)

Children's Camp – Dates: July 17th-21st, 2022 at Pulaski Association Campground. Children's camp is open to students who have completed 3rd - completed 6th grades and cost is \$80/child. Registration and more information is available at cbamo.org/childrens-camp. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kari Sullivan (kari@memorialchurch.net)

3MT – The 3MT Board has set the dates for their 2022 Mission Week: July 22nd-30th, location TBA. The current plan is to house-in, similar to past years. If COVID cases rise, the plan is to utilize last year's format. More details and information can be found at 3mt.org.

A WORD FROM OUR DOM:



Dear CBA Churches,

April 17, 2022 is a special day. It is the time that we get to celebrate the Resurrection!

I believe that the Apostle

Peter shared an incredible truth that resonates clearly in the hearts of God's children: **"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"**

(I Peter 1:3, ESV)

The celebration of the resurrection is not a day that is set aside to simply put on hats, eat ham and enjoy family. It is a time to celebrate the Causal Effect of Being Born Again. There is a very special reason that we can celebrate salvation and being born again. It is God's great mercy on us demonstrated in the living hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is God's mercy of withholding the punishment that we deserve for our sins. It is being Born Again because we are given the opportunity to repent of sin and to receive the continual blood cleansing of Jesus. And it is Living Hope because Jesus died for us and our sins as an atoning sacrifice. He was buried and three days later He rose from the grave. Through the power of God when we repent and accept His gift of Grace, we become born again. We become a new creation. We receive eternal life. Yes indeed. Resurrection Sunday is far more than new

clothes, going to church, eating candy, and having fun with family. It is a time to celebrate our Blessed God and salvation through our Resurrected Savior.

May you enjoy the days ahead as we celebrate Jesus! Celebrate His perfect life, His death on the Cross for the payment of our sins, His burial and His glorious resurrection. God's blessings be with you as you celebrate our Lord! For with Jesus, we have a living Hope.

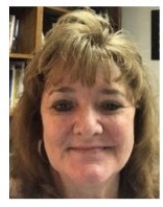
In Christ,
Bro. Alan

CHILDREN'S CAMP

The Children's Camp team is excitedly planning an amazing week for all the kids in our association! We are asking ALL churches to send kids who will have completed 3rd -6th grade. Our kids need each other- they need to know they have support in their schools and communities beyond their church walls. They need to experience God in different ways and have fun while also diving deep into Worship and Scripture. If your church doesn't have kids this age, please consider financially sponsoring a meal or sending scholarships for kids or leaders. Registration is live at www.cbamo.org. If you have adults or ministry minded teens in your church that are interested in helping, have them contact me at 573.291.1313 or kari@memorialchurch.net. Please pray for camp in the coming months that the ripple will bless and impact kids, homes, churches, schools, and communities!

Kari Sullivan
Camp 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.

I have taught Sunday School for years. I count it an honor and a true joy to serve the Lord through teaching and I know many of you do as well.

You just never know exactly how much a little one really retains each week. Currently Ms. Susan and I teach a group of four-year-olds who are just adorable. We will say "We work with our?" They all shout "HANDS!" Another favorite is who's number one? They all reply "GOD!" What a blessing to be a part of their lives and to foster relationships with their parents as they grow up.

Another favorite part is when they want to come and sit with me during worship. It just thrills my soul. It takes me back to the scripture where Jesus said in Matthew 19:14 "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

I can't help but think of Easter time coming up soon. They will all be dressed up so cute in pretty dresses and adorable outfits. It reminds me of a little poem I give to all my students. It is such an easy way to share the plan of salvation. I always think we should just keep it simple. I hope maybe you can use the Jelly Bean prayer which tells the true story of Resurrection Sunday by using the colors of the jelly beans.

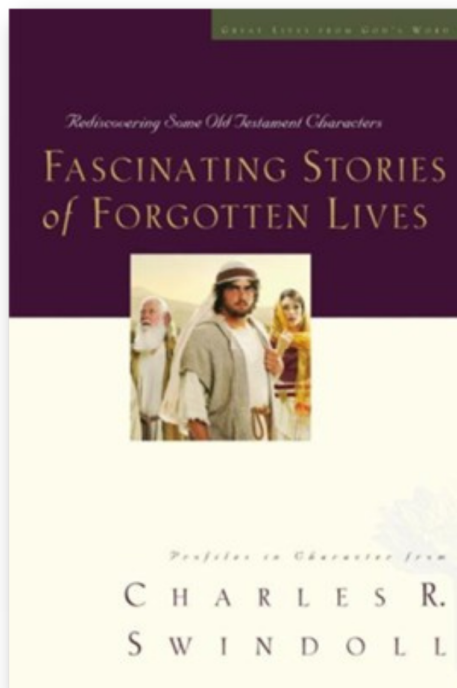
The poem itself goes like this:



The general idea is you put the Jelly Bean prayer along with one of each color of jelly bean in a little bag. This is a great way to introduce or remind children of the resurrection story of Jesus! I always pray the children enjoy the jelly beans and maybe just maybe seeds will be planted with mom and dad.

Alan and I are so thankful for each of you as you are serving in our association each and every day making disciples and honoring the Lord. It is our privilege and honor to serve as your Director of Missions family. We pray God's continued blessings on each of you.

Blessings,
Paula



FASCINATING STORIES OF FORGOTTEN LIVES: REDISCOVERING SOME OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS BY CHARLES R. SWINDOLL

The Bible is full of people, real people, who led real lives. They lived, they laughed, and they struggled. Some of them are given multiple verses or even chapters. The Bible is full of people, real people, who led real lives. They lived, they laughed, and they struggled. Some of them are given multiple verses or even chapters. In this book, Swindoll examines thirteen different characters from the Bible.

There are names you will immediately recognize and are included because Swindoll felt that certain events of their lives needed to be revisited. Others are more obscure and not often studied.

In each chapter, Swindoll presents the focal character and gives us a clear picture of what scripture records about their life. He then gives us the choices they made and the biblical principles and practical applications to be learned from that person. There is a lesson to be learned from every life. Some are positive, some are tragic, but each is worthy of our attention and study. Each chapter concludes with a list that summarizes the lessons (this particular format I appreciate as lists are big at my house).

This book was published in 2005. I pulled it off my shelf when I was looking for a summer Wednesday night book study for our church, and this book is a leading contender. There is a workbook available for those wishing to make this a group study. I bought mine from insightforliving.com, and it is available from other retailers as well. Also worth mentioning is Charles Swindoll has a series of books entitled "Great Lives From God's Word," in which he takes an in depth look at a person from the Bible such as Moses, Joseph, Esther, and Paul. I haven't read them all, but I have read enough of them to tell you I can highly recommend them, and they are worthy of your time.



This book review was submitted by Sarah Kennedy. Sarah is a member at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES UPDATE



Having just returned from Los Angeles, I wanted to update each of you on a few events that transpired and others coming soon.

Earlier in the month we had over 200 students gathering from all over Missouri for a weekend Winter Retreat. From 6 students receiving new Hope in Jesus to multiple others surrendering and dedicating new areas of life to the Lord, it was a sweet few days to watch Jesus move and transform our hearts.

More recently, Lincoln University students partnered with Campbellsville University from Kentucky in a GenSend spring mission project last week in LA. From manual labor in a local church and ministry center to serving with a hispanic food pantry downtown and partnering with Set Free Church on Skid Row, we had plenty of opportunities to serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus. We also received training on sharing our faith story through the 3 Circle model of God's Perfect Design, our Sin and our Savior leading to restoration. Please pray for our students to take this training back to their campuses as well as those whom we were privileged to plant some seeds of the Gospel.

I was able to meet with a few LU football players last week. We are excited to begin a weekly gathering and Bible study this Friday afternoon. Praise God for this open door and pray for more teammates to attend and grow together.

Grateful to serve together,
Clint

CBA CHURCH UPDATES

Churches in Transition:

- Centertown Baptist Church – Interim Shawn Higgins
- Corticelli Baptist Church - Interim Rev Dr. Greg Morrow
- Concord Baptist Church - Interim Rev Dr. Neil Franks
- FBC Jefferson City – Interim Rev Dr. Keith Herron
- Freshwater
- Friendship
- Jamestown - Interim Rev Ken McCune
- Lupus
- Mt. Pleasant, Clarksburg – Interim Rev Steve Sowder

MISSIONS & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND 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 alanearls@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/>



Summer Missions Intern:

The Concord Baptist Association is accepting applications for a summer missions intern. We are looking for an individual with a servant's heart and passion for serving the local church.

Our Summer Missionaries serve our associational churches in a variety of ways: VBS, camps, Concord Builders, and more. Summer Missionaries also assist the associational office with special projects from time to time.

If you are accepted as the 2022 CBA Summer Missionary, you will be contracted to serve for ten weeks beginning May 30 and ending on August 5, 2022.

Applicants must be 18 years old and be able to pass a background check.

If you are interested in this position, please visit cbamo.org/summer-missionary to apply. The application deadline is Monday, May 23rd, including background check release and references.



Missouri WMU Missions Celebration:

You are invited to join the Missouri WMU in being relentless through seeking God in prayer, witnessing to others, giving sacrificially and living authentic faith in Christ! This event will be held April 1-2, hosted by Concord Baptist Church. It will feature: missionary speakers, breakout sessions, ministry projects, WMU Age Level Training, MWMU Book Store, Madge Truex Fund Offering, Gift Basket Silent Auction and more.

Early Registration (until March 4th): \$35

After March 4th: \$45

Registration for One Day: \$20

Students (grades 7th-Collegiate): \$15

Saturday lunchbox: \$8/each

Childcare provided, must be reserved by March 4th.

For more information, contact Cheryl Stahlman at (573) 206-9804 or lagdprov31@gmail.com.

The MWMU is also seeking local volunteers to assist with registration and usher duties. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Becky Hale at beckyhale829@gmail.com.

SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS:

I really like Bill Faye's approach to sharing the gospel. He has written material called, "Share Jesus Without Fear". He uses questions to determine where God is working. He asks five questions.

1. Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
2. To you, who is Jesus?
3. Do you believe there is a heaven and hell?
4. If you died right now, where would you go? If heaven, why?
5. If what you believed were not true, would you want to know it?

By asking questions you are not arguing with the person you are sharing with. You are simply asking a question and letting them answer. Their answers will reveal what they believe. If they answer yes to the last question they have given you permission to share the gospel with them. There is an app you can download to your phone with this plan. I believe they charge 99 cents to download it. I have used it. It is not the only way to share the gospel but it is one way.

The only way you can fail at sharing the gospel is not to share the gospel. May we all pray for boldness and get busy sharing with the lost, how a Savior came from glory to save a wretch like me!

Submitted by Mike Quinn. Mike serves as the Staff Evangelist at Concord Baptist Church.

If you want to trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, pray this simple prayer: "Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I deserve to pay my own sin debt, but I do believe that You died to pay the debt I owe. Today, I ask You to forgive me of my sins. I want to repent and turn from my sinful, selfish ways and trust You to save and forgive me. I want to live for you. Thank You for saving me. In Jesus name I pray, Amen!"

CHURCH HISTORIES NEEDED!

The 200th Anniversary of the Concord Baptist Association is coming up in 2023. In honor of the occasion, a book is being written about the history of our Association, to include the histories of the churches that have been a part of it. Roy Dameron has been working hard to write this book for us, but the information that he currently has about churches is limited. In order to ensure that each church in our association has an up-to-date history included, we would appreciate your help to update your church's history.

Roy has provided us with some parameters in what he is looking for, regarding both information and formatting, which will help him as he puts them all together:

Preferred format:

With every church using the same parameters, it should eliminate the need to re-type the history, and it will lessen the complications of putting them all together.

- "Word" document
- 8½ x 11-page size
- One-inch margin on all sides
- Justify margins, except in explanation of references
- Times New Roman, 11 point – headings, titles may be larger
- ¼ inch paragraph indention, no space between paragraphs
- Explain references (sources of information) on last page(s) of history with references in numerical order using Times New Roman, 9-point font
- Page One:
 - Begin with three blank lines at the top
 - Name of church centered in 16-point, Times New Roman
 - Address of church entered in 12-point, Times New Roman
 - Blank line
 - By (your name) at the left of page in 11-point, Times New Roman
 - Blank line
 - Begin the history
- Length of History: It is suggested the history of your church be limited to about 3000 words (about 5 typed pages with Times New Roman, 11-point type). Contact Roy Dameron if it needs to be longer.

Information to Include:

Origin:

- date, where (home, school bldg., etc.)
- Names of 'organizers' and charter members
- Copy of the organization minutes, if available
- First pastor – name and photo, if available
- Frequency of services

Buildings:

- Date built, kind (log, brick, frame), size
- Photos of first (or early) church and current facility
- Current location, address, contact information (phone, email, web site)

Significant events, such as:

- Rules of Decorum, copy if available
- Church discipline practices
- Revivals, creek/river baptisms, dinner-on-the-ground
- Ordinations to gospel ministry
- Anniversary celebrations (50th, 75th, 100th . . .)
- Mission trips, events
- From 1/4 time to 1/2 time to full time
- Effects of slavery and the Civil War, WWI, WWII and others

Photos of: (please copy and paste into the document)

- Special events, Pastors serving 20 years or more

List of all pastors:

- Names and years served
- Please denote pastors who were/are veterans of major wars (Revolutionary, 1812, Civil War, WWI, WWII, later)
- Please reference everything. Why? At least two reasons:
 - a. It will authenticate the material; and
 - b. For use later, maybe years later, when another article, or updated/expanded history is written. Should the Lord tarry,
 - c. your church will have a significant date in the future – 50, 100, 150, 200 years old – and should have a complete history of more than 3 or 4 pages written for the occasion. For example: Concord Church in Jefferson City will be only 50 years old next March. The history has been written of those 50 years and the printed edition will have more than 250 pages.

Past history

- Your church history may be printed in Historical Sketch of Concord Baptist Association and its Churches, 1973. This may be rewritten, edited, enlarged as appropriate. Remember, it was written nearly 50 years ago. If you would like a copy of this, please contact Alicia at office@cbamo.org and she will get you a photocopy.

Problems

- If you are wanting to include copies of documents and/or photos and are unable to do so, for any reason, contact Roy Dameron and a solution will be sought.
- If you have any questions about anything, please contact Roy.
- Completion Date: The history of your church, is to be completed as a Word document by July 1, 2022, and emailed by that date to Roy Dameron at: roy.dameron@yahoo.com
- You may contact Roy by mail (103 Homeland Drive Jefferson City, MO 65109); Email (roy.dameron@yahoo.com); Phone (573-893-5280), please leave a message

AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

VBS Training/Assistance

Christy Nance, Missouri VBS Promoter, is available to help interested churches plan, lead, follow-up on Vacation Bible School – regardless of the curriculum used. If your church is not currently hosting VBS, she can show you ways to have a great VBS with a minimum number of people and/or financial commitment. If desired, she is available to provide associational training – in person or virtually. If your church is interested in any of these helps, you may email her at cdnance@swbell.net or call/text at (314) 795-0676. Additionally, if anyone is interested in our association hosting a training, please contact Alicia at office@cbamo.org so we can look at putting one together.

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.

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

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