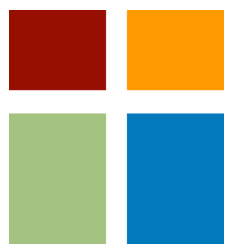


March 2022



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual churches united in fulfilling the Great Commission

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation.
the old has gone, the new has come!"*

2 Corinthians 5:17

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MONDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pastor's Roundtable – The February Pastor's Roundtable is scheduled for March 15th at noon. A light lunch will be served, so please RSVP if you are able.

Men and Boys Wild Game Supper – The annual Men and Boys Wild Game Supper will be held on March 11th at First Baptist Church, California. This year's speaker will be Royce Railey of Go Fish Ministries. The doors will open at 6pm and the meal will begin at 6:30pm

Preaching and Leadership Equipping Conference – The annual Preaching Conference is taking on a new look this year. We have changed the meeting from an annual conference to a biennial conference. Also there has been a name change to Preaching and Leadership Equipping Conference. This conference will be for any church leader or potential church leader that is interested in more effective Biblical preparation for Discipleship (small groups), Music and Evangelism, as well as any men

called to Preach the Gospel. We will be sending more information regarding pre-registration.

The Conference will be held at Concord Baptist Church, Jefferson City, on Friday March 18- 5:30pm-9:00pm (dinner to be served) and Saturday March 19: 7:17 am-12:15 pm (Breakfast to be served).

Cost: Pre-registration - \$20 (now through March 1); Registration after March 1 - \$25; Register at cbamo.org/ple-conference.

For Questions please contact:

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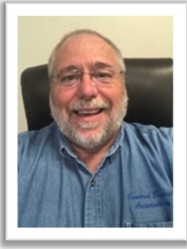
Billy Bolden, Co-leader - bboldg11@gmail.com

or the Associational office at: email: office@cbamo.org or phone: 573-556-0379

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

SAVE THE DATE: Children's Camp – July 17th-21st at Pulaski Association Campground. More information at cbamo.org/childrens-camp. Registration will open March 1. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kari Sullivan (kari@memorialchurch.net)

A WORD FROM OUR DOM:



Dear CBA Family,

I am sure we are all looking forward to the end of winter and the beginning of spring. We can certainly appreciate

the beauty of God's creation manifested in trees and plants changing from grayish brown to the plants bursting out in green and budding flowers that will soon reveal incredible color and beauty. It is astounding to look at creation to recognize that all created things had a beginning. Genesis 1:1 reminds us, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." When we think of creation, God's power and might is astounding.

I can recall when I was lost in the coldness and dinginess of sin and then I experienced the vivid beauty of coming into the light of Christ. I became a new creation in Jesus. There was a distinctive time when I was in darkness, missing God's perfect mark, but when God drew me to Himself, I chose to repent of my sin and accept Jesus' life, death on the cross for my sins, burial and Resurrection and when I finally accepted Jesus to be the absolute authority of my life, something changed for me. God is the creator of all things and God is the creator of salvation. We are reminded of this truth in 2 Corinthians, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

As we think of spring and the newness spring brings it is a time to reflect on the

beauty and newness of our salvation. It is a true joy to live in the newness of life in Jesus. Spring is a very beautiful time that we experience with our eyes and smells and touch. Likewise, our salvation is also a beautiful time that not only blesses our life currently but for all eternity. So let me ask you a question. What are you doing with the joy of your salvation?

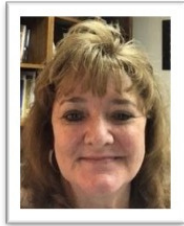
For some of us, perhaps the joy has slipped away. So, what should we do if the joy of salvation is no longer as vivid and encouraging as it was from the beginning? Perhaps we should do what King David did. What he chose to do was to pray to the Lord. "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." (Psalm 51:12)

As a born-again believer in Jesus, we must be faithfully obedient to the Lord. Acts 1:8 reminds us with the power of the Holy Spirit we are to be witnesses for Jesus. Matthew 28:18-20 reminds us to make disciples of all nations. These are opportunities to share our transition from the winter of sin to transformation in the spring of salvation.

May we be reminded that as spring approaches, new life is ready to come. May our joy continue to inspire us to be faithful to the Lord and obediently share our faith and hope in Jesus with those who are caught up in the darkness of sin.

In Christ,
Bro. Alan

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.

As I shared with you last month how important memorizing verses was for me with my grandparents, I decided to start doing it with our grands this past month as they came and stayed with us a couple of different times. Over Valentine's weekend Alan and I taught them "A friend loves at all times" Proverbs 17:17.

During the weekend we would often call out their name and if they could quote the verse, we would give them a treat. They really liked earning the treats. However, we would often ask them questions about real life situations to see if they really grasped the meaning of the verse.

One time I asked Aiden our seven-year-old – "So if someone isn't nice to you at school, can you be mean right back to him?" He replied, "No Grams, our verse says we gotta love them." Which is correct. As adults it isn't always easy to do those things is it? I hope it will be easier for our grandchildren learning these Bible truths at such a young age. Being kind and loving people whether they are nice to us can be difficult, however, we are told over and over in the scriptures to always love!

Our 5-year-old, Maddox is really smart. We asked him if we could just love them when other people were around. He set us straight right quick. He said "all times"! He went on to

tell us all times also means forever. Boy doesn't Maddox have it right? We don't get to pick and choose when we love our friends. The Bible is very clear to love all the time!

Our precious little princess, Blair, 3, was just adorable quoting the verse. When we talked to her about the meaning she just melted our hearts. We asked her why we love people? She did not miss a beat and answered because Jesus loves us! Now if that doesn't light you up, well your plug-in has been chewed off.

A precious little one knowing that we love because Jesus first loved us – just as it says in 1John 4:19 "We love because he first loved us."

Alan and I are so blessed by our grandchildren as well as our children. Drew and Sarah Earls are amazing parents to our grandchildren. They take them to worship and teach them the Bible. Alex and Denise Earls are a wonderful uncle and aunt, as well as, great examples.

I pray you will take time to invest in your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They are all worthy of your time. Time is the greatest gift you can ever and the Bible is best thing you can ever teach them.

Until next time, may your days be full of "Son" shine!

Paula

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES UPDATE



Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of driving several Lincoln University students over to Kansas City's beautiful Kauffman Performing Arts Center. For the 15th year showing, Go Underground held another incredible performance attempting to educate and unify both the attendees and the local efforts of Unite KC. Their synergistic hope is to gather together those whom God has distinctly and perfectly made different. To be honest, I wasn't so sure of taking in my first ballet. But, the powerful history and emotional stories displayed through song and dance were enough to both sadden and convict me. I must listen and understand more of our nation's history and people. From the joyous road trip to the succulent Gates BBQ, God continues to deepen the trust and friendship of these students, in turn bringing natural and spiritual conversations. Please pray for our students in attendance and open hearts as we have Winter Retreat this February 25 - 27 in Holts Summit.

Additionally, this past weekend I served in LA at our annual Bart Starr Character breakfast surrounding the Super Bowl festivities. Coordinating over 100 volunteers and lots of setup, I was able to persevere through 4 days of madness with the extensive Covid protocols and security regulations. After Russell Wilson accepted his award and shared a snippet of his story, Head Coach Frank Reich of the Indianapolis Colts creatively shared the Gospel with over 30 attendees accepting Jesus as their Savior. I am including a link to a 30 minute highlight video and award ceremony for you to enjoy and pass along.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AIAUSA>

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

FULL TIME SENIOR PASTOR POSITION

First Baptist Church of Troy, Missouri is prayerfully seeking a full-time Senior Pastor.

Troy First is a multi-generational church located in a growing community an hour outside of St Louis, Missouri. Troy First is a Southern Baptist Congregation which affirms the beliefs expressed in The Baptist Faith and Message 2000. The pastor will lead a multiple staff church to accomplish its mission statement- Helping people to know, love and follow Jesus Christ.

Please send resumes by March 15, 2022 to pastorsearch@troyfirst.com or mail to

Pastor Search Team
First Baptist Church
1000 Elm Tree Road
Troy, MO 63379

PASTOR INTRODUCTION: TAYLOR WHITMORE



Greetings Concord Baptist Association!

My name is Taylor Whitmore and I was born and raised in and around the Denver Metro Area of Colorado, but I have also spent about 8 years of my life calling Cheyenne, Wyoming home. I am a graduate of Hannibal Lagrange University. After finishing my degree at Hannibal Lagrange I served as Pastor of Student Ministries at Cheyenne Hills Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Currently, I have the pleasure of serving as the Lead Pastor of Southridge Baptist Church in Jefferson City. God, in His grace, led my wife and I to Southridge in the Spring of 2019 to serve the church as a pastoral intern. After about a year serving the church in that role, the church called me to serve as their Lead Pastor in April of 2020.

When speaking about Southridge Baptist Church, I cannot help but speak about the multitude of godly and humble saints that call Southridge home. The other pastors, the deacons, and the members and attenders of Southridge I have grown to love more than I thought was possible in this short amount of

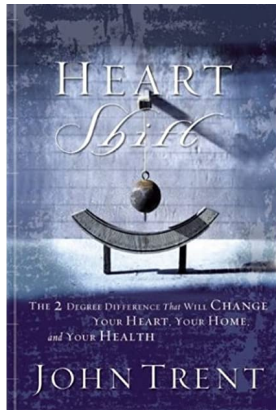
time. More than that, these godly saints at Southridge Baptist Church have been relentless encouragers of their young and inexperienced Lead Pastor. They are patient with me when I am slow to act, gracious with me when I stumble, and they love me and my family constantly and tangibly. I thank God for His work of grace in and among the members and attenders of Southridge.

Most importantly, I have been married to my wife Jacquee for 6 years. We met doing summer missions work with high school cross country athletes while we were in college. Since we have been married, she has been constant in her faith as the Lord has moved us around many times before finally calling us to Southridge. One thing that we love to do is lounge around at home after our kids are in bed. I am so thankful for my wife Jacquee!

Our quiver is metaphorically full and getting fuller! We have been blessed by God and have three sons. Ezra and Elias are twins who will turn 4 in April. Theo turned 2 in February and we are welcoming boy #4 into the world sometime in March, Lord willing. We cannot wait for this fourth boy to be born, and we look forward to life with 4 kids.

Finally, I am thankful to serve in the Concord Baptist Association of Churches. While I certainly do not know every pastor in the association, I am glad for the friends and co-laborers for the Gospel that I have been able to meet over the last 3 years. I am encouraged by the godliness, faithfulness, and love that those pastor exhibit.

HEARTSHIFT: THE 2 DEGREE DIFFERENCE THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR HEART, YOUR HOME AND YOUR HEALTH BY JOHN TRENT



For most of us, the first part of a new year turns our thoughts to changes we need to make in order for our lives to be healthier and happier. John Trent begins his book by reminding us it is not unusual to suddenly

realize one day that our life has shifted or changed. Trent then defines what he means by the terms HeartShift and 2 Degree Change. "A HeartShift is the conviction that we're on the wrong road and in need of making a turn back to better health, stronger relationships or a deeper faith....A 2 Degree change is taking the smallest of positive steps, actions or corrections to begin, sustain, or move us toward a needed change," (Trent 2004, p. 48).

His basic premise is that we need to break down our goals into steps that are more easily managed rather than attempting a sudden wide-spread change. Trent encourages his readers to physically record goals and then find or form a support group.

This book has been around for a number of years, and I did find a couple of issues. Trent references a website, www.HeartShift.com, which I could not find. He also refers to an assessment he encourages readers to take, the Leadership Strength Assessment. This assessment is available online but at a cost.

There was originally a link on the HeartShift website for readers to take for free. I did find a new website, www.strongfamilies.com. On this site, there is a free Connect Assessment that will tell you if you are a lion, a beaver, an otter or a golden retriever. This would not exactly take the place of the assessment he mentions in the book, but it would help. Overall, I found Trent's advice helpful and sound. This would be a worthwhile read for anyone contemplating a change.



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

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/common/downloads/public/pub00307.pdf>

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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:

The Bible says, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13 NKJV). Our Father wants us to have assurance of our salvation. For those who have not yet trusted in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, He also wants you to come to Him and be saved.

In order for a person to be saved there are some things they have to become aware of:

First, you must accept that you are a sinner. (Romans 3:23), "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:10), "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." No one is perfect. No one has lived up to God's holy standard.

Second, you must accept that as a sinner you owe a penalty. (Romans 6:23), "For the wages of sin is death..." (Ezekiel 18:4), "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." This death is what is called the second death, the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:14), "Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." The penalty for sin is separation from God in hell for eternity.

Third, you must accept that Jesus Christ has already paid our sin debt. (Romans 5:6), "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Christ is the sinless Son of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21), "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." The Bible teaches that God took all of our sin and placed it on Christ. While Christ was bearing all of our sins in His own body, God punished Him in our place to pay the debt we owe. Christ has paid in full, our sin debt.

Fourth, you must accept by faith what Jesus Christ did for you. (John 3:36), "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him."

The word "believe" means to trust, to depend on, to rely on. To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ means that you accept the fact that you are a sinner, and that as a sinner you owe a debt you cannot pay, but you believe that Jesus Christ has paid it for you. The Bible says, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life" (John 5:24).

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
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 - By (your name) at the left of page in 11-point, Times New Roman
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 - 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