



# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual churches united in fulfilling the Great Commission*

## UPCOMING *Summer* ACTIVITIES

### CONCORD BUILDERS | JULY 10-15

More information and forms available at [cbamo.org](http://cbamo.org)

### CHILDREN'S CAMP | JULY 17-21

More information and registration available at [cbamo.org](http://cbamo.org)

### 3MT | JULY 23-30

More information at [3MT.org](http://3MT.org)

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## OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Pastor's Roundtable** – Due to Alan's vision trip to Montana during the third week of June, the June Pastor's Roundtable will be held on Thursday, June 30th at noon, in the third floor conference room of the MBC Building. A light lunch will be served, so please RSVP if you are able.

**Newsletter Deadline** – The deadline for submissions for the July Newsletter is Monday, June 20th.

**Concord Builders** – Dates: July 10th-15th, 2022. The team will be heading to Southside Baptist Church (Fulton) to construct several buildings: a bus garage, and a snack shack/pavilion for their recreational area. 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](http://cbamo.org/childrens-camp). If

you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kari Sullivan ([kari@memorialchurch.net](mailto:kari@memorialchurch.net)). **Registration ends on July 1st!**

**3MT** - The 3MT Board has set the dates for their 2022 Mission Week: July 22nd-30th. The current plan is to house-in at Fortuna Baptist Church. If COVID cases rise, the plan is to utilize last year's format. More details and information can be found at [3mt.org](http://3mt.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: Associational Women's Event** - Friday, August 19th, 2022, 6:00-9:00 p.m., hosted by Corticelli Baptist Church. Speaker: Wanda Shellenberger, Women's Ministry Specialist, MBCH. Childcare will be available to those who pre-register. Cost: \$5. More information, including registration instructions, will be released soon!

**Church Histories Still 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. If you need a copy of the parameters that Roy is asking for, please contact the CBA Office. **The deadline for submissions is July 1st.**

## A WORD FROM OUR DOM:



Dear CBA Churches,

As spring marches on toward summer, we can look around us and see activity everywhere.

Churches are preparing for

VBS, camps, mission trips and additional opportunities. It is an exciting time to see our churches and communities at work. As a local and beautiful church, you have the opportunity to be involved in God's work. Isaiah the prophet shares, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7. You have beautiful feet Concord Baptist Association, because your feet are used to transport the Good News of Jesus!

The association has been working with multiple CBA churches to organize a vision trip to Montana. The trip is scheduled for June 20-27, 2022. The team will be looking forward to seeing God at work in Montana and seeking reciprocal partnerships with churches in the northeast side of the state. This vision team plans to assess and report to our churches as to some of the partnership opportunities. This can become a great opportunity for your church to be involved in ways to support, encourage and serve sister churches in a challenging section of the country. So, get your "feet" ready, you and your church will have an opportunity to pray about ways to share the good news of Jesus, in Montana.

Churches thank you for all you do to honor and serve the Lord, your community, nation and world. May God richly bless you as your feet get to work this summer!

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

## BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES UPDATE



Our first ever P3 event (pizza, praise & prayer) was a success as we received 17-18 students for an evening of fellowship and celebrating God's faithfulness in our journeys. Thank you very much for your prayers as our hope is to begin hosting a similar event 1-2 times each semester going forward. We are already planning a big first week back to campus in August helping students unload and move into their dorms along with various food trucks to help serve as well. How great would it be to get multiple churches to come serve, encourage and love on these students returning and helping them move in their first week back.

Additionally, we have several Lincoln student athletes going out to Colorado with me the last week of May for a sport, faith and leadership camp. Please pray with me for softened hearts to learn and love differently through biblical principles toward sport, faith and leadership to bring back to their teammates and campus! You can check out our camp website and see plenty of the materials we will be studying together: [www.ultimatecamp.com](http://www.ultimatecamp.com)



## 2022 CBA SUMMER MISSIONARY INTRODUCTION:



My name is Ethan Backer, I am 21 years old, and I am a Senior at Southwest Baptist University studying Philosophy and Pastoral Ministry. I am engaged to Sarah,

another student studying

Psychology/Counseling at SBU, and we're planning to get married at the end of this summer.

Most of my work at school involves reading books by Theologians, Ministers, Exegetes, and Christian Philosophers, then writing and presenting papers about the same topics.

Alongside my studies, I serve at First Baptist Bolivar by running a Life Group for other young adults and as the Hospitality team leader for our Collective: College Ministry program. I am the president of the Apologetics Club at SBU and lead weekly discussions on topics in Biblical Studies, Theology, Christian Ethics, and Philosophy of Religion. I have also served in pulpit supply four times in the Mid-Lakes association and southwest Missouri.

I look forward to working with Alan and the Concord Association, to see the work that goes into the fellowship our churches have formed and serve alongside our leaders for this summer. I am also serving as a Pastoral Intern at Memorial Baptist Church in Jeff City this summer, where I am being trained as an Under-Shepherd on a trajectory toward ordination. God has called me to serve his

kingdom with everything I have, and this has lead me to pursue ministry in any form I can find it. I look forward to connecting with and being disciplined in more of your churches and servants in the Concord area this summer.

Ethan's calendar for the summer is filling up fast, but if there is a special event or project that your church on which would like to have him come alongside you, please reach out to Alicia (office@cbamo.org) with the date(s) and description of the event/project.

## YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS MOMENT BY MAX LUCADO



In this book, Max Lucado takes an in-depth look at the biblical book of Esther. Lucado wrote this book during the height of the COVID quarantine lockdown, a time that definitely could be categorized as a 'winter' for us all. However, his focus is not on winter; his focus is on what we do when we experience a time of winter. "The book that bears her name was written to be read in wintertime...It's as if God, in his kind

providence, heard all the prayers of all the souls who have ever been stuck in an arctic February... says, 'Follow me. I want you to see what I can do.'" (Lucado 2021, p.5).

Lucado moves systematically through the story of Esther and Mordecai as they come to realize God is calling them to stand out rather than blend in. In examining the struggles of Esther and Mordecai, Lucado issues the same challenge to Christians today. We too, are called to stand out in our world to be "...billboards of God's message," (Lucado 2021, p. 25).

I confess that I enjoy reading Max Lucado, and have never read one of his books I did not find well worth my time. He writes for the average believer and doesn't try to impress with an expansive vocabulary. He writes in a way even a newer believer can follow.

This book captivated me from the first page and even led me to change our church's summer book study to this book before I had even finished it. There are reflection questions at the end of each chapter, but there is also a 5-week study guide and DVD available for purchase. I recommend reading any Max Lucado book, but I found this one especially relevant to the world we live in. This is a worthwhile read for every believer.



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

## 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.

- Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
- To you, who is Jesus?
- Do you believe there is a heaven and hell?
- If you died right now, where would you go? If heaven, why?
- 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!



This "Sharing Jesus" article was submitted by Mike Quinn. Mike serves as the Staff Evangelist at Concord Baptist Church.

## MISSIONS & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

### Missouri Baptist Children's Home:

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## 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.

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### 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)

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@cbamo.org) so we can look at putting one together.

**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/>



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