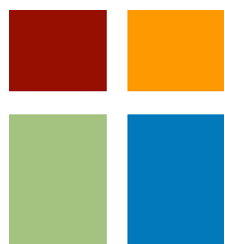
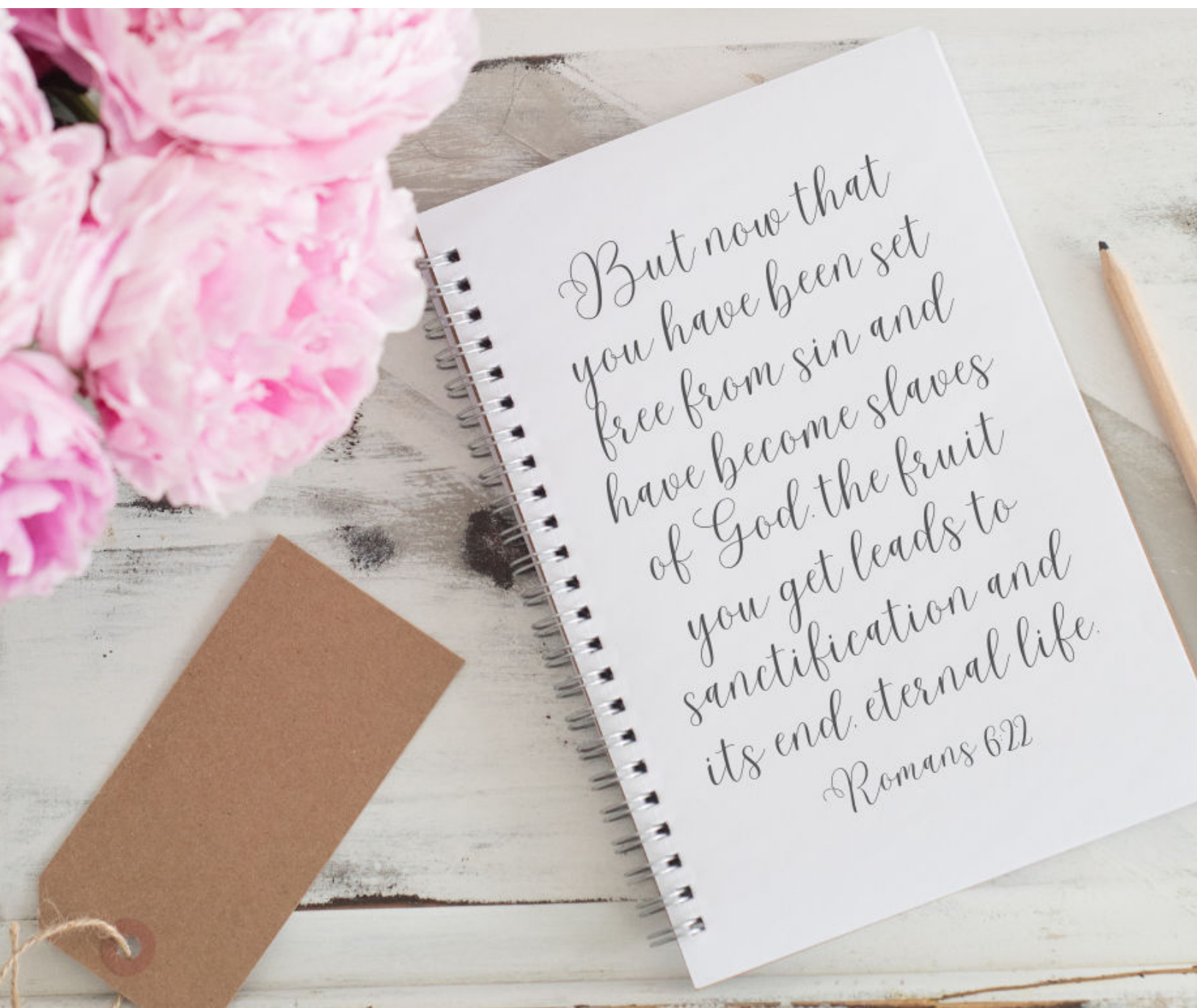


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# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual churches united in fulfilling the Great Commission*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Pastor's Roundtable** – Due to all of the ministry activities taking place in July (for us and for you!), we will not be having a Pastor's Roundtable this month. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you in August!

**Concord Builders:** July 10th-15th, 2022 at Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MO. Registration has closed, but please be in prayer for a safe, productive week for our Builders team!

**Children's Camp** - July 17th-21st, 2022 at Pulaski County Baptist Association Campground. The CBA office will be closed that week as all CBA staff will be headed to camp.

There is still an opportunity for churches/individuals to partner with us to help cover additional expenses that will be incurred due to the rising cost of food, so if you are interested in contributing to that, please contact Alicia at the associational office!

**Newsletter Deadline** - The deadline for submissions for the August Newsletter is Monday, July 18th.

**Movie Night** - Cole Spring Baptist Church (Russellville) is hosting a series of Summer Movie Nights on the third Saturday of the month. The next movie night is on July 16th at 6:00pm, and they would like to extend the invitation to their sister churches to join them!

**July Executive Council Meeting** - Sunday, July 31st, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. We will be hosted by Southridge Baptist Church (Jefferson City)

**Associational Women's Event** - Friday, August 19th, 2022, 6:00-9:00 pm, hosted by Corticelli Baptist Church. Speaker: Wanda Shellenbarger, Women's Ministry Specialist, MBCH. Childcare will be available to those who pre-register. Please register by August 10th. Cost:\$5.

More information, including registration instructions will be available at [cbamo.org/lno](https://cbamo.org/lno)

## A WORD FROM OUR DOM:



Dear CBA Churches,

The month of July is a special month for Americans. We remember that on July 4, 1776 the Continental Congress

adopted the Declaration of Independence. The newly formed country was no longer going to be subject to England but instead declared themselves to be free. When I think about the month of July, I think of freedom. I am certainly thankful for the sacrifice of the men and women of our country from the beginning of our country to this very day. We have often heard that freedom is not free. There is a cost. There are a number of men and women who gave up their life for you and me to be free. I am thankful for being an American and even with the challenges that are around us, we are free, among other things, to govern, to worship God and to serve God faithfully. I am also proud to be a committed Christ Follower.

Romans 6:22 shares, "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." (NIV) When we repent of sin, accept Jesus as God the son, accept His death, burial and resurrection on our behalf and make Him the Lord of our Life. We become Children of God. And my friends, children of God are free from sin.

When we accept Jesus as Lord we are free from being a slave to it. With Christ we

have a new identity in Jesus. Notice the preposition. It says we are free "FROM" sin. It doesn't say we are free "TO" sin. The passage goes on to say that when we live for God then we will reap the benefit of Holiness and Eternal Life. Holiness means to be set apart for a specific purpose. Holiness is a word that inspires us that as Children of God, we are different than the sinful world. The ESV translation use the term sanctification. Sanctification is even a stronger word of meaning. Sanctification means set apart to God's purposes and is a continual spiritual growth and maturity as we abide in Him.

Yes my friends, freedom from England and their control was liberating. However, the greatest example of freedom is when we abandon the life of sin and live for Jesus.

As you enjoy the festivities of July, please always remember the truth of salvation. For we are saved by God's Grace through faith and that frees us from the bondage of sin!

God Bless and have a great July!

In Christ,  
Bro. Alan

## BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES UPDATE



Please celebrate our Ultimate Training Camp where 48 college athletes either put their trust in Jesus for the first time or rededicated their hearts and passion for Jesus. What an incredible blessing and answer to our prayers that Jesus still values Life Transformation. Praise that my Covid symptoms are a little better although I still struggle with coughing and feeling weary way too quickly. We ended up having 25-30 of our staff and interns test positive and made for an interesting two weeks but God faithfully walked us through.



I have also included a picture with our first Lincoln University student, Ishaq (Shaq) Robinson, who was willing to attend the camp. Shaq loved his camp experience and shared on the way to the airport that he is excited to help me get some small groups and Bible Studies going with the football team and athletic offices. He will help be a good mouthpiece as well for our hope to get 5 student athletes to camp next May 2023. Here are Shaq's

thoughts: "Little things matter the most to me. The most interesting part about camp was our discussion group. Connecting with my group and leader was monumental to the growth I had over the course of the camp and taking away various leadership qualities. Camp was an amazing experience and I am very thankful for the blessing to be a part of UTC 22'."



Thanking our God for each of you and blessed to partner together,  
Clint

## WHAT IF...GOD HAS OTHER PLANS? BY CHARLES SWINDOLL

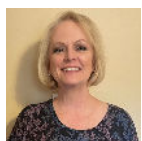
Sometimes life doesn't happen the way we want it to, despite our best efforts. We experience detours and roadblocks that take us by surprise. In this book, Charles Swindoll asks eleven 'what if' questions ranging from "What if God Chooses You to do Something Great" to "What if You Were to Die Tonight?" Each chapter addresses one 'what if' question. Swindoll then turns to Scripture for the answer. For example, in the first chapter, "What if God Chooses You to Do Something Great," Swindoll looks to Moses at the burning bush, arguing with God about whether or not



he was the right choice to go back to Egypt. In order to answer the prevailing question, most of his chapters look to a person from the Bible who experienced the issue such as Moses, Job, John Mark, and David, just to name a few. In other chapters, Swindoll looks at a variety of verses that address the topic.

I always appreciate Swindoll's style of writing. He presents material in a careful, systematic way based on Scripture. His intended audience is the average believer and his writing reflects that purpose. Swindoll is a big fan of lists and each chapter is concluded with a comprehensive summary of the discussion.

There are three reflection questions on each chapter at the end of the book. A small group would need to supplement these questions if reading as a part of a group study. Whether as a group or individually, this book will not disappoint.



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

## SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS

According to a Lifeway research article, most Americans say they have multiple Christian friends, but those friends haven't shared with them how or why they should follow Christ. In a 2016 study of 2,000 unchurched Americans, Lifeway Research found an openness to religious conversations, especially with Christian friends and family. Yet, few unchurched individuals say they have ever had someone explain how a person becomes a

Christian. The point is, very few Christians share the Gospel with their lost friends and family. Jesus told His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

I thank God for sending a pastor my way who was obedient to God's command to go into the field and share the gospel with the lost. He came to my home on a Thursday evening in August of 1980 and shared the Good News, and I was gloriously saved!

In the Parable of the Great Supper Jesus said, "Then the Master said to his servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be full'" (Luke 14:22). May we be found faithful to tell people how they may have a personal relationship with God.

Let's explain and challenge people to:

1. Believe God loves them (John 3:16).
2. Believe they are sinners (Romans 3:23).
3. Believe sin has a price that must be paid (Romans 6:23).
4. Believe that Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for their sins (Romans 5:8).
5. Encourage them to pray and ask Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior, and claim His promise of eternal life (Romans 10:9-10;13).



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

### Opportunities in Montana:

Bro. Alan and Bro. Steve Webb made a trip to Montana a few weeks ago and were able to make a number of good contacts. There are a number of needs that we can partner with these churches to help fill - that range from technological recommendations to curriculum help to construction projects. If you or your church is interested in Alan's post-trip report, please contact us here at the office and we will get you a copy!

### International Festivals of Missouri

The Multiplying Churches Group is committed to making impossible for a people to reside in the state of Missouri and not be engaged by the local church for the sake of the Gospel. There are 3 opportunities to introduce pastors from every Association to the diaspora people groups living among us: the Kansas City Ethnic Enrichment Festival (August 19-21), the St. Louis Festival of Nations (August 27-28) and the Celebration of Nations at Missouri S&T in Rolla (September 24).

The goal is simple: have pastors and lay people alike come to one of these events, ask questions of different peoples represented, eat new foods and try new things while asking God "to whom?" Ministry to these peoples does not require learning a new language, traveling to a far-away place or getting a passport. All of the people represented at these events reside in the state of Missouri. The Multiplying Churches Group will provide a brief training on what to consider and do while prayer-walking the morning of each event, as well as have a debriefing and thinking through next steps the same evening. If interested, please contact Zach Doolittle at [zdoolittle@mobaptist.org](mailto:zdoolittle@mobaptist.org) or call at (573) 508-8276

## 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
- Friendship - Interim Rev Bill Romans
- Jamestown - Interim Rev Ken McCune
- Lupus
- Mt. Pleasant, Clarksburg – Interim Rev Steve Sowder

### Churches with New Pastors:

- Freshwater - Rev. Robert Strong

### Church Celebrations:

- Join us in celebrating with Cole Spring Baptist Church - they had 3 old-fashioned creek baptisms on June 19th (Father's Day)!

### 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/>

## AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

### **Popcorn Machine & Copier**

Cole Spring Baptist Church has a popcorn maker that we never use and would like to donate to the association or to a sister church who could use it. They also have a very old black ink copier that sort of works but don't need! If anyone is interested they would love for them to have it. If your church is interested in either item, please contact Mark Donnell at 573-680-4033.

### **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)

### **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)

### **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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