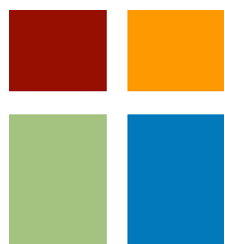


August 2022



# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual churches united in fulfilling the Great Commission*

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Ladies Night Out

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8)



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

*Wanda Shellenbarger*

MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Friday, August 19th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Corticelli Baptist Church,

57331 Highway C, Russellville, MO

Cost \$5 | Dinner + Dessert provided | Door prizes

Free childcare available by registration

*Bring your friends!*

REGISTER BY AUGUST 10TH AT: [CBAMO.ORG/LNO](https://cbamo.org/lno)

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**Pastor's Roundtable** – The August Pastor's Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, August 16th at noon. A light lunch will be provided, so please let us know if you plan on attending.

**Newsletter Deadline** - The deadline for submissions for the September Newsletter is Monday, August 15th.

**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 is available at [cbamo.org/lno](https://cbamo.org/lno)

**Associational ACP Deadline** - Churches! Please be sure to submit your ACP prior to Friday, September 2, 2022. Some of this information is important to include in our Annual Report. If you need assistance, please reach out to Alicia at the associational office.

**2022 Fall Annual Meeting** - Mark your calendars! The 2022 Fall Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 9th, 2022 at 2:00 pm. This year's meeting will be hosted by High Point Baptist Church. We will have a time of worship prior to the business portion, and we hope that you and your churches will join us for worship and fellowship - even if you aren't a Messenger!

## A Word from our DOM

Dear Concord Baptist Association,

The summer has been a real scorcher, but that did not put a damper on the many Kingdom building activities from the churches of Concord Baptist Association. It has been a great joy to hear about the exciting Vacation Bible Schools, Mission Trips, Camps and so many Kingdom focused opportunities. It has also been wonderful to see the Churches of CBA coming together in unity to work together to share Jesus to include Concord Builders; CBA Children's Camp; and 3MT. Alicia, Clint, the Association and I were blessed to have Ethan Backer serve as the Summer Missionary for the Association. Thanks Ethan and congratulations on your Marriage on July 30, 2022. God used Ethan in great ways to assist our churches throughout the summer.

As we think about churches working together we can't help to recognize that God has called us to go for Him. I am reminded about God's faithful servant Ananias, who was commanded by God to go to Saul after his conversion. Ananias knew Saul's reputation. Despite the reservation, Ananias was willing to follow God's will and command. But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. Acts 9:15

When we are faithful to God's will and command to Go, nothing remains the same. Despite risks, challenges and hardships over the summer, CBA committed followers of Jesus was willing to "Go". As a result we have seen children saved, recommitted lives and ministry opportunities to communities that need to hear about Jesus. Concord Baptist Association, Thank you for being willing to "Go" for Jesus and to share the Gospel!



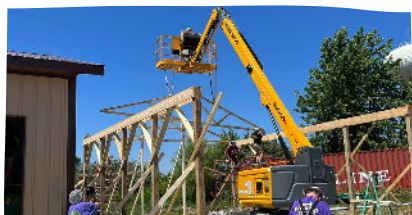
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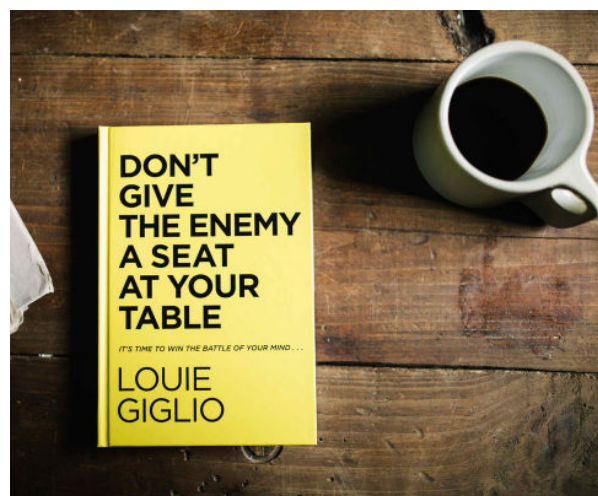


## Baptist Collegiate Ministries Update

- Lincoln's first student athlete attended our Ultimate Training Camp in Colorado at the end of May. This intensive camp is geared toward growing in character and leadership in your sport and throughout life.
- April and May invited weekly Bible studies with various football athletes and an international graduate student. These have continued randomly throughout the summer with those around campus.
- Opportunities opened to meet various coaches in addition to the new Head Football Coach who sees value and is excited to implement a spiritual component in his program.
- Football Team devotional served up with cookies and milk the night before their Saturday football games. Would love to have our churches partner in getting fresh cookies together on the day or two before and I can help pick up as needed.
- Football Coach also would like a "mandatory team meeting" for his whole team to be in church on August 14th and 21st followed by a team lunch for 130 or so adults in the program.
- Have enjoyed a couple of times a week prayer walking on campus and athletic facilities and would love to have a regular 2 days a week allowing y'all to join me. Be on the lookout for an initial idea of days and times and we will see if they might work.
- August 6th is move in for the football team and August 15-20 will be move in

week for student body. We are looking at various food events and serving them those times. Would love help in serving food or moving in and encouraging or praying for students and their new year!

## Don't Give The Enemy a Seat at Your Table by Louis Giglio



In this book, Louis Giglio tells us how to take control of our thoughts. In the first chapter, he shares the personal testimony behind the title of the book. Giglio then uses Psalm 23 as a foundation for the rest of the book with a focus on verse 5, "...you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies," (NIV, 1973). He refers to this verse frequently and frankly tells us that there is an ongoing spiritual battle for control of our thoughts and sometimes we have unknowingly invited Satan to have a seat at our table. Once there, Satan fills our minds with thoughts meant to distract and detract from who we are in Christ. However, if Satan is sitting at your

table, you don't have to leave him there. Giglio tells us how to know if the Devil is sitting at your table. Then he outlines what to do about it once we know he is there. There is a process in recognizing and removing the Devil's thoughts and replacing them with scripture. Giglio shares this process in a logical, easy to follow manner giving step by step instructions and suggesting verses to aid in this process.

Giglio does an excellent job of reminding us not only who we are but whose we are. We are not at the Devil's mercy; he is a defeated foe, and we can take control of the battleground of our minds.

This book is available from major retailers. There is a DVD and a study guide available which I have not viewed, but, in my opinion, this would be an excellent small group study. This is the only book of Giglio's I have read of the several he has written, but I would not hesitate to choose another for my reading list.



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:*

### **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

### **Bi-vocational Pastor, Friendship Baptist**

Friendship Baptist Church, California, Missouri, seeks a pastor called to lead the church in fulfilling its mission. Age diverse congregation with focus on children's ministry. Bi-vocational with potential for fulltime. Parsonage available. Reply to [friendshipbaptistcalimo@gmail.com](mailto:friendshipbaptistcalimo@gmail.com) or Pastor Search Committee, Friendship Baptist Church, PO box 232, California, MO 65018.

### **Church Celebrations:**

- Churches: We want the opportunity to celebrate wins for Jesus with you! If you would like the chance to be featured here, contact us with your submission by the newsletter deadline!

## *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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