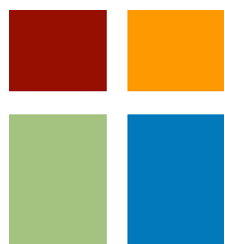


November 2022



# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual churches united in fulfilling the Great Commission*

THEREFORE AS YOU  
RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS  
THE LORD, SO WALK IN HIM,  
ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM,  
AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH,  
JUST AS YOU WERE TAUGHT,  
*abounding in thanksgiving.*

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

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**Pastor's Roundtable** – The November Pastor's Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, November 15th 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 December Newsletter is Monday, November 21st. Churches: We hope to feature your special Christmas services and events, so if you have an event or service that you are having, please submit it by this date.

**Office Closed** - The CBA Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday November 24-25th. We will reopen on Monday, November 28th.

### Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

An evening of worship (led by Debbie Schroer), testimony and prayer will be held at Corticelli Baptist Church (57731 Highway C, Russellville, MO 65074) on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm. There will not be a meal this year.

### Men & Boys Wild Game Supper Planning Mtg.

The Men's Ministry team will be meeting at Corticelli Baptist on November 29th at 6:30pm to plan the 2023 Men & Boys Wild Game Supper. If you are interested in helping with this event, please make plans to attend. A light meal will be provided, so please RSVP with Nathan Strobel (nathanstrobel97@gmail.com) by November 18th so they can order enough.

## A Word from our DDM

Dear CBA Churches,

As we begin the new month of November, we are often reminded to be thankful. Of course we should be thankful every day, but sometimes we need a reminder to be thankful in all things. In Colossians 2:6-7, the apostle Paul is reminding the Christians of Colossae to remain committed to the foundational truth of the Gospel of Jesus. God's word shares,

*"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."*

If we are walking with Jesus; rooted in Jesus; built up in Jesus and faithful in Jesus, then we can live in abounding thanksgiving.

Just a personal question to consider in your heart: Does people see you living an abounding life in thanksgiving to the Lord? Sometimes I think it can be as simple as what the Apostle shared in Colossians 2. Go back to our foundations of our faith. The joy of Jesus in our life brings thanksgiving to our heart. When we are in right relationship with Jesus and we live in abounding thanksgiving, it changes our perspective.

Many of us have Thanksgiving traditions.

One of the traditions of our family is during the main meal for Thanksgiving, everyone at the table shares something that they are thankful for. It might be corny, but it allows us to live abounding Thanksgiving.

I can tell that I am getting older, the memories of the past are becoming more precious to me. The Earls' family Thanksgiving tradition was to go rabbit hunting on Thanksgiving morning at the old family farm in southeast Missouri. My dad, brother, uncles and cousins all got up at daylight and hit the fields. It was a great time and great memories. I am thankful for family memories and legacies. My dad and uncles have all passed on. As a kid it used to be about the experience of hunting but as I grew older, the hunts were still fun, but my dad and uncles started to change. They all accepted Jesus as their Lord as adults and our conversations became a lot more focused on eternal things than just the fun of activity. In the midst of family tradition, my dad and uncles transformed to spiritual leaders and invested. They took their boys and invested in us the true foundation of life. Life is about Jesus! And Jesus brings abounding Thanksgiving in our life.

This year, I pray that all of our hearts abound in thanksgiving as we see in Colossians 2. Thanksgiving is not about the temporal things of the here and now. True Thanksgiving is based on the foundation of Jesus.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving in Jesus,  
Bro. Alan

## *Baptist Collegiate Ministry Update:*

Praise the Lord, we have had 10-12 football players attending our Monday afternoon Bible Study. We have been walking through topics of assurance, grace, identity in Christ, growth, the Spirit-filled life and God's Word. This hour is one of my favorite times each week while meeting with students who are hungry and excited to learn and grow. We also were privileged to have two more Gospel presentations with the majority of the football team in their pregame team meetings the last two weeks.

One of the players, Tyler, who has been attending our study said he was wanting to learn more about salvation and invited Jesus as His Lord this past week, Amen!

Please pray for safe travels as I meet with my campus missionary cohort in Kansas City and head to St Louis tomorrow for a few days of annual MBC connections.

Please also be praying for continued interest from Kusum and Poonam, from Nepal, around Gospel centered conversations.

Grateful for your prayers and partnerships,  
Brother Clint

## *Fire at Wooldridge*

CBA Churches,

I know many of you have expressed an interest to help Wooldridge Baptist Church and the Wooldridge community. I have been in nearly daily contact with Pastor Wayne Merrill and have offered assistance in any way our associational churches can help. Pastor Wayne advised me today that the insurance company has shared that the church is covered for the fire and they are planning to cover all the areas of the church that was damaged by the fire. Pastor Merrill was also advised that the contents of the church would not be covered. In addition, there continues to be an opportunity to help the community at large.

We have set up a designated Emergency Fund for Wooldridge Relief. This associational fund will be used to assist Wooldridge Baptist Church as well as to be used to assist with the fire relief of the Wooldridge community. The CBA will provide any donated funds as Pastor Wayne or the Mayor specifies for the emergency relief of the Wooldridge fire.

If you or your church is interested in assisting with the Wooldridge Relief, please send a check to: Concord Baptist Association, PO Box 419, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102 (Please designate the check: Wooldridge Relief)

Thank you for your continued prayers and willingness to assist.

In Christ,  
Bro. Alan

## *Missions & Partnership Opportunities:*

### **Youth Evangelism Conference**

The Missouri Baptist Convention is putting on a youth evangelism conference, which will be an opportunity for your students to be encouraged and trained to advance the gospel in their world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

#### Event Information:

- Date: January 15-16, 2023
- Location: Freshwater Church, Jefferson City, MO
- Cost: \$25 per person
- Registrations received by 12/3/2022 will receive a free t-shirt!
- Registration opens 10/3/2022 and closes 1/12/2023 at 11:45pm

Please visit <https://mobaptist.org/student-ministries/youth-evangelism-conference/> for more information, promotional videos and registration forms.

#### Ways that you can partner:

Chad Hodges, Director of Missions for Jefferson Baptist Association has requested assistance from our association to help with lodging of approximately 25 teenagers and adult leaders for the Youth Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Missouri Baptist Convention and hosted by Freshwater, January 15-16, 2023.

There is a need for 10 male beds and 15 female beds. If anyone is interested in accommodating this need, please feel free to contact Brother Chad by email at [domjba@gmail.com](mailto:domjba@gmail.com).

## *CBA Church Updates*

### **Churches in Transition:**

- Centertown Baptist Church – Interim Shawn Higgins
- Clarksburg Baptist Church
- Corticelli Baptist Church - Interim Rev Dr. Greg Morrow
- Concord Baptist Church - Interim Rev Dr. Neil Franks
- Enon Baptist Church - Interim Frank Whitney
- FBC Jefferson City
- Friendship - Interim Rev Bill Romans
- Lupus
- Mt. Pleasant, Clarksburg

### **Churches with New Pastors:**

- Jamestown - Rev. Stephen Bickel

### **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.

### **Bi-vocational Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist**

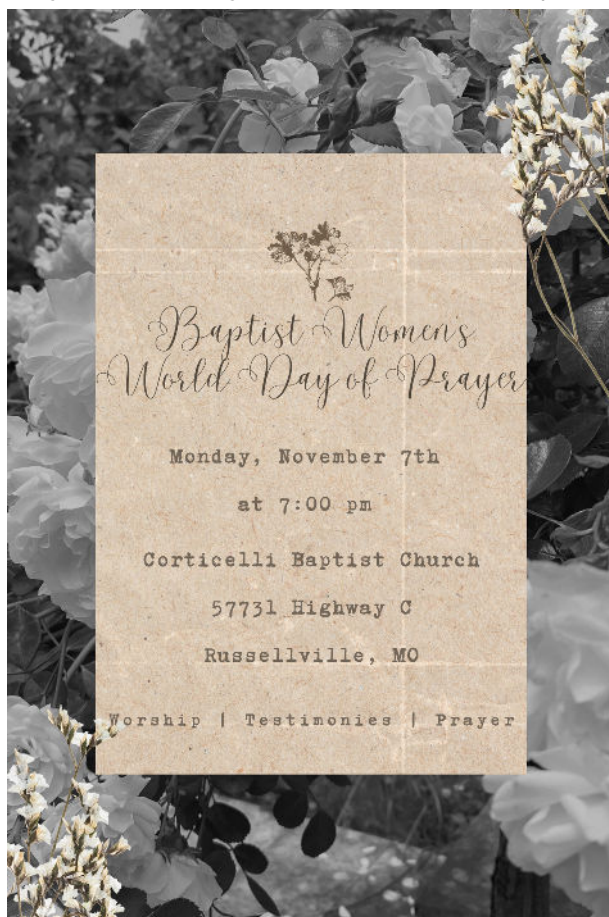
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, a small rural church located near Clarksburg, MO, is prayerfully seeking a Bi-vocational Pastor. Please submit resumes to: Pastor Search Committee, C/O Robert Potter, 31025 Reno Hill Road, Clarksburg, MO 65025-3301

### Moving Forward With Opportunities in Montana:

We are looking to schedule a special zoom meeting between and CBA churches that is interested in serving in Montana Missions and key Montana Regional pastors in November 2022. If your church is interested in exploring this opportunity please email Alicia (office@cbamo.org) or Alan (alanearls@cbamo.org). If you are interested in obtaining Alan and Steve Webb's Montana Vision Trip Report (June 2022) please let us know and we will send it to you. Thanks for praying and seeking God as to being involved in this exciting ministry opportunity. We hope to hear from you soon.

### Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Corticelli Baptist Church is hosting an evening of Worship (led by Debbie Schroer), Testimony and Prayer on Monday, November 7th at 7:00pm



### Part-time Ministry Assistant, FBC Tipton

First Baptist Church - Tipton is seeking an Part-time Ministry Assistant who can be confidential and teachable, use and learn new technology, maintain and update records and financial statements and assist ministry teams in our church. To request a full job description and/or submit resume, email: mychurch1865@gmail.com

### Nursery Worker, Southridge Baptist

Southridge is seeking to hire a nursery worker for approximately 3 hours on Sunday mornings (9am - noon). They are seeking a committed Christ follower, who may attend a church that has an early service or service other than Sunday mornings, so they don't have to sacrifice corporate worship. If you know someone interested in this paid position, please contact Pastor Taylor at taylor@southridgechurch.org.

## Church News

### Southside Baptist Church (Fulton, MO)

has invited all CBA Churches to their Overcoming Obstacles event.

This event will consist of 2 days of Ninja Warrior fun:

- Friday November 4 from 6pm-8pm (Youth, 6th-12th grades)
- Saturday, November 5 from 2pm-4pm (Family Day)
- Saturday, November 5 from 6pm-8pm (College and Young Adults)

If you have any questions, please contact Southside Baptist at (573) 642-5921.



## *Save the Date: 2023 Men and Boys Wild Game Supper!*

Save the Date! The 2023 Men and Boys Wild Game Supper will be held at FBC California on Friday, March 10th, 2023. The doors will open at 5:30 pm, with the meal beginning at 6:00 pm and the speaker beginning at 7:15 pm. As is tradition, please bring a labeled dish (game or tame)!

This is always a great night of fellowship, but as a reminder, the church that brings the most men and boys gets to take home the prized possum, so be sure to get this on your guys' calendars!

The Wild Game Supper planning team would love to get more involved in two key areas:

### **Planning Team**

The Wild Game Supper planning team would love to have more men involved in planning and running the 2023 event.

If you or someone in your church would like to get involved in this ministry opportunity, please make plans to attend the team's next planning meeting at Corticelli Baptist on November 29th at 6:30pm. The Outreach Council will be providing a meal for those who attend, so please be sure to let Nathan Strobel (nathanstrobel97@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend by November 18th so they can order enough food for everyone.

### **Donations**

Black Friday is fast approaching and the Wild Game Supper team has created a wish list for anyone who would like to donate to our door prizes. We usually have 1 big item/prize that we give away each year and several smaller door prizes. Anything related to being outdoors or even work related are great items for door prizes.

Examples of big ticket items are as follows (we usually have 1 big item to give away each year):

- *Deep Fryer*
- *18v Milwaukee tools (pole saw, chainsaw, leaf blower, etc)*
- *Blackstone griddle*

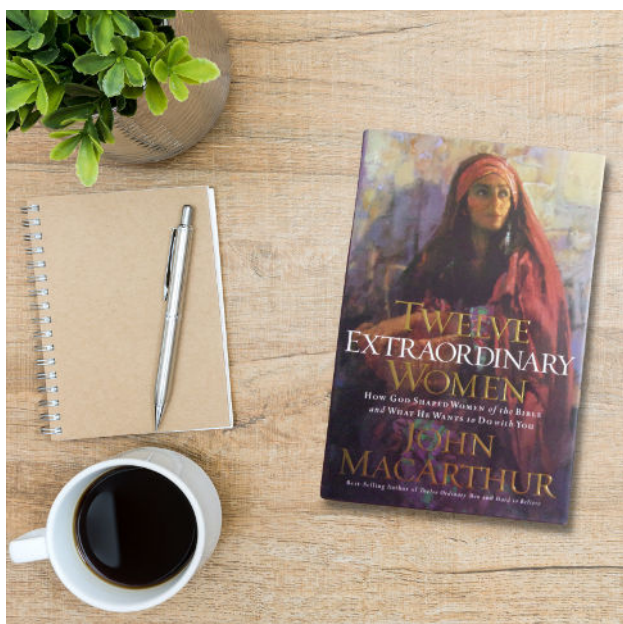
### Smaller door prize examples:

- *Flashlights*
- *Ammo Crates*
- *Camping gear*
- *Gift cards (sporting goods stores, Lowes, etc)*
- *Lawn Care services*
- *Knives*
- *Turkey calls*
- *BBQ supplies and/or seasonings*
- *Food gift certificates*
- *Golf items and/or passes*

We also would like to have a small gift for those under 10 years old (think fishing lure, paper targets, etc...)

Please contact Nathan Strobel (nathanstrobel97@gmail.com) if you have an item to donate or if you have a business who would like to donate.

## *Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You by John MacArthur*



Twelve Extraordinary Women was written as a follow-up to MacArthur's previous book, "Twelve Ordinary Men," (recently reviewed in the September newsletter). Here, MacArthur has chosen twelve women with a direct relationship to the redemption story. Beginning with Eve, there are chapters on five women from the Old Testament and seven from the New Testament with Martha and Mary combined into one chapter.

As he did in his previous book on the twelve disciples, MacArthur uses scripture to explore

each woman, their faith, and their perseverance. He provides background information where possible and appropriate. For example, the chapter on Mary Magdalene gives us an interesting look at demon-possession in New Testament times. Each woman highlighted shows qualities we should all strive to emulate including loyalty, grace, faithfulness, hospitality, and worship.

I did find a few chapters where in his desire to demonstrate the true nature of these women, namely as sinners in need of a relationship with God, I found that MacArthur ventured too far into negativity. This was particularly apparent in the chapters on Abraham's wife Sarah and Rahab from Jericho. The result was an overall impression of his apathy or even disdain for those women. Most of the chapter on Mary, the mother of Jesus is devoted to disproving the notion she should be worshipped. While true, I was hoping for a different approach.

My edition of this book includes study questions in the back. There is certainly enough presented here to spark interesting discussions for any small group, male, female, or coed. I would be interested to know if others reading this book have the same mixed reaction I did. If you or a study group you participate in decide to read this book, let me know what you thought. Comments may be directed to the Associational Office, and they will forward them on to me.



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



## *Available Resources:*

### **Block Party Trailer**

If you are planning an 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)

### **Missouri Baptist Children's Home - Church Engagement Team**

The Missouri Baptist Children's Home is pleased to announce their newest ministry, Church Engagement. This team is excited to partner with you and your church to offer our trained and knowledgeable team to help DOM's/Pastors/Churches/Schools/Daycares provide training in multiple areas of ministry. They can bring large group trainings and include multiple selections allowing attendees to choose their training opportunities.

Some of their training offerings include:

- **Stewards of Children Training** (This training is for every church/school/daycare/children's and youth worker to put policies into place to protect them from sexual abuse)
- **Domestic Violence/Abuse Training for Understanding and Response**
- **Effective Women's Ministry Overview or WM Training Clinic**
- **Awareness Training for Preteen/Teen Girls Regarding Dating**
- **How Trauma Impacts Children, Youth and Families**
- **Journey of Grief** (training for ministering to the bereaved)
- **How to Launch and Support an Orphan Care Ministry**
- **Combatting Pornography - Developing a Plan**
- **Understanding the Racial Divide in our Country**
- **Understanding Poverty and Its Impact**

If you are interested in receiving training, please contact the MBCH Church Engagement Team:

- David Burch, Church Engagement Strategist | [david.burch@mbch.org](mailto:david.burch@mbch.org)
- George Fulgham, Church Engagement Catalyst | [george.fulgham@mbch.org](mailto:george.fulgham@mbch.org)
- Wanda Shellenbarger, Women's Ministry Specialist & Church Engagement Catalyst | [wanda.shellenbarger@mbch.org](mailto:wanda.shellenbarger@mbch.org) or [Wanda4WomensMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:Wanda4WomensMinistry@gmail.com)

## Sharing Jesus

The Apostle Paul asked that the Christians in Ephesus to pray for him. "Pray for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel...that I may speak boldly as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:19-20). In Matthew's and Mark's gospels we are commanded to fulfill the "Great Commission." Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16. In Matthew 4:19, Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." If we are following Jesus we will be fishing for men. If we are not fishing we are not following. I also know that it takes different kinds of bait to catch different kinds of fish.

Part of sharing Jesus is telling others what God has done for you. If you have been saved you have a testimony. It is His story that He has given to you to share. In your testimony you have been given a unique bait that God can use to hook some individuals to reel in for Jesus.

I was led to Christ, in my home, by a pastor who set aside every Thursday evening to go fishing with Jesus. He had been to my home before but one Thursday evening in August of 1980 he cast out the gospel bait and I was hooked, gloriously saved! My life has never been the same since. I became a new creation in Christ. The old man was gone and I became a brand new creation.

Let me challenge you along with myself: "Do all the fishing you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, for as long as you can!"

If we will go fishing we will catch fish. We may not catch fish every time we go but one things certain if we go often we will catch some!



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

## A History of Concord Baptist Association

Can you believe it? The 200th Anniversary of our association is next year!

Bro. Roy Dameron has been hard at work the past several years, writing a book covering the history of our association in preparation for the occasion. The book is to also include a brief history of each of the churches of our association. We would like to extend a huge

thank you to all that submitted their written histories and photographs. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Orders for this 590+ page book are now being accepted. If you are interested in purchasing a copy for you or your church, please remit a copy of the order form on the next page with your check.

Orders will also be accepted online, so be sure to keep an eye on Facebook, Email, and/or Website for updates regarding online ordering.

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## *A History of Concord Baptist Association with Brief Histories of the Churches of the Association*

200-year Association History written by Roy Dameron  
Church histories written by local church personnel  
590+ pages, 8.5 x 11-inch page size, hardcover

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