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Fall Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 9th
at 2:00 pm
Hosted by High Point Baptist

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2022 Fall Annual Meeting - Don't forget! 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!

Churches: If you have not already, please be sure that you have submitted your registration for your messengers (mail or online) ASAP

Pastor's Roundtable - The October Pastor's Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, October 18th 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 October Newsletter is Monday, October 17th.

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.

A Word from our DOM

Churches of the Concord Baptist Association,

Summer has sure blazed right past us. It is astounding as how fast time passes by. We must stop to remember that in spring we planted our gardens and crops, we have seen them grow and now that fall is on us we see a time of harvest. Harvest time takes investment, commitment and hard work. In order to get the crop, we must invest in all three. Is it worth it? Absolutely. Jesus also reminds us that when it comes to a spiritual harvest there is one additional vital part. "Earnestly Pray to the Lord of the Harvest." As Jesus was addressing His disciples He shared these words: "...The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

It seems that the buzz words being heard in our convention, association and our churches sometimes revolve around "Leadership" or "Developing Leaders". I agree that it is important and Leadership development is part of the Discipleship command that Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:19-20. Leadership is important but the essence of getting workers and leaders comes from the Lord of the Harvest. It takes a prayer strategy to ask God. Not that any of us would do this, but I have heard of some followers of Jesus seek a book or a program or a model or a strategy to figure out how to get more workers or more leaders, rather than praying to the Lord of the Harvest. Are we praying for God to deliver the workers or

do we sometimes try to depend on ourselves and our ideas more than trusting God to deliver?

When crops in a field are ready for the harvest, there is generally a small window to get it done. We don't have time to experiment. We do, however, have time to do the trusted and true thing that Jesus commanded. We must "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Notice that Jesus didn't simply say to pray. Jesus said "Earnestly Pray". We must pray in earnest; in completeness; whole hearted; with all seriousness.

We need harvest workers in our churches; we need harvest workers in our communities; we need harvest workers in our state, nation and world. Will we as united churches from Concord Baptist Association commit to "Earnestly Praying"? What a joy it is to be fellow workers with Jesus. And that work together starts through the power of Earnest Prayer.

As we enjoy the fall this year, may we enjoy the investment; the commitment; the hard work and commitment to earnest prayer as it related to the spiritual harvest all around us.

God Bless you churches of the Concord Baptist Association and thank you for all you do to Honor and serve the Lord, your church, state, nation and world! Let us earnestly pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers for the harvest field.

In Christ,
Bro. Alan

Baptist Collegiate Ministries Update

Just last week, it was still in the upper 90's here in central Missouri; but, God is also heating things up on campus and especially with the football coaches and student athletes. We have continued our Friday night cookies, milk and Bible study during the pregame team meeting. We also still need 25 dozen cookies for this Friday, September 30th and October 21st if you would be willing to collaborate with me and other churches together.

We are seeing 6-7 guys at our Monday afternoon Bible study and will be starting a prayer group on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 - 3pm if you'd like to join or pray wherever you find yourselves. It was a treat to pick up 2 grad students from Nepal this last Sunday and get them to Southridge Baptist Church, just around the corner from their apartment. Please be praying for them as they ask good questions and God draws them to Himself from the Buddhist upbringing.

This week is chock-full with Homecoming activities and we started the week with a BSU Alumni Dinner yesterday, September 25th. Grateful for your prayers and partnership as we serve His Kingdom together, Clint



Missions & Partnership Opportunities:

Partner with the BSU!

The BSU at Lincoln has been invited to serve in a unique and simple way by offering homemade cookies to the Lincoln Football team. On Friday night before each home game, Clint is giving a short devotional and cookies for their team meetings. They think that 30 dozen cookies should be sufficient, but might adjust as needed. That sounds like a lot of cookies, but for our numerous churches to commit to 5-10 dozen would hopefully be a fun and creative way to work together to serve and love this team. Feel free to bag them and pray over them and even attach encouraging notes or scriptures.

Cookies are still needed 10/14, 10/21 and 11/4. If you'd like to commit to one or more of those weekends (or would like to help coordinate this effort), please reach out to Clint. Let's partner and see how God uses some yummy cookies to show His love and further His Kingdom!

Youth Evangelism Conference

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.

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
- Enon Baptist Church
- FBC Jefferson City
- Friendship - Interim Rev Bill Romans
- Lupus
- Mt. Pleasant, Clarksburg – Interim Rev Steve Sowder

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 or Pastor Search Committee, Friendship Baptist Church, PO box 232, California, MO 65018.

Bi-vocational Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist

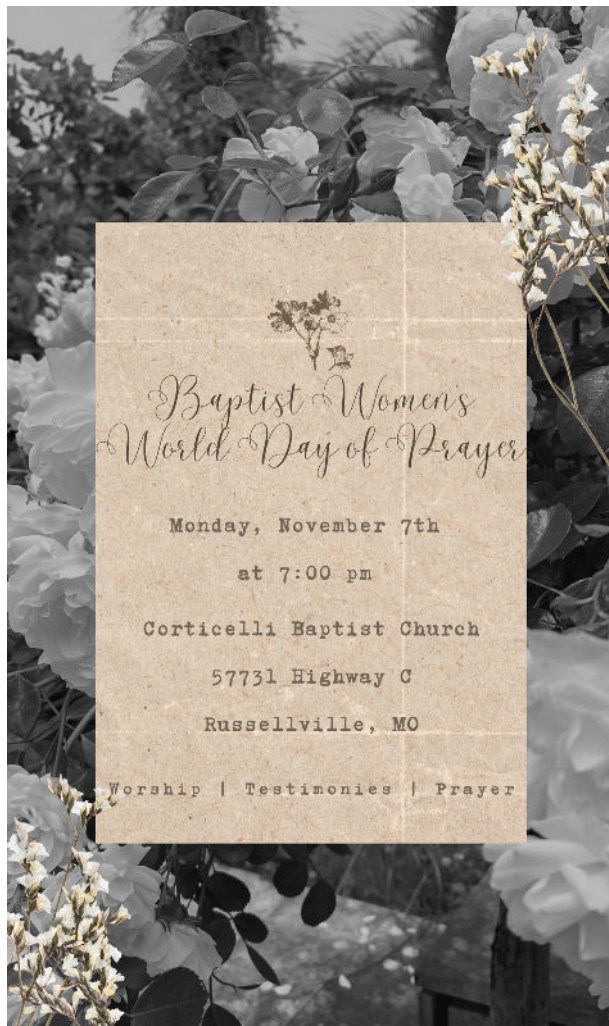
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, a small rural church located near Clarksburg, MO, is prayerfully seeking a Bi-vocational Pastor. Please submit resumes to: Pastor Search Committee, C/O Robert Potter, 31025 Reno Hill Road, Clarksburg, MO 65025-3301

Opportunities in Montana:

Bro. Alan and Bro. Steve Webb made a trip to Montana awhile back 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!

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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

Calvary Baptist 70th Anniversary

Calvary Baptist Church (Jefferson City) would like to invite you to join them October 1st and 2nd to celebrate their 70th Anniversary. Saturday's activities will take place from 2:00 - 4:00 pm and Sunday's activities (to include worship) will take place from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please RSVP by September 24, 2022 at www.calbapjc.com

Does your church have an event that you would like to share, news to celebrate with your sister churches? Please submit it to office@cbamo.org by the newsletter for an opportunity to be featured!

The Case for Heaven: A Journalist Investigates Evidence for Life After Death by Lee Strobel



In this book, we see Lee Strobel turn his investigative, journalistic approach toward the subject of heaven. After a health crisis, which left him in a coma and near death, Strobel found himself thinking more about death and specifically what comes after death for believers.

"I needed to know for sure what happens when I close my eyes for the final time in this world." (Strobel 2021, p. 3).

What follows is an in-depth look into the science and theology of heaven. Each chapter highlights an interview with a leading expert in order to find answers to his questions.

Strobel begins with the question, 'Is it possible to prove we have a consciousness apart from our minds?' In other words, can science prove we have a soul? He also delves into the validity of near-death experiences, reincarnation, the logic of hell, and eternal life with God.

Most of us have questioned what eternity will look like. Even believers who are assured of their final destination wonder about what we will find when we get there. It can sometimes be difficult to separate biblical views from popular secular views that often have no basis in scripture. Strobel helps us determine which viewpoints are godly and biblical and which ones go against Christian beliefs.

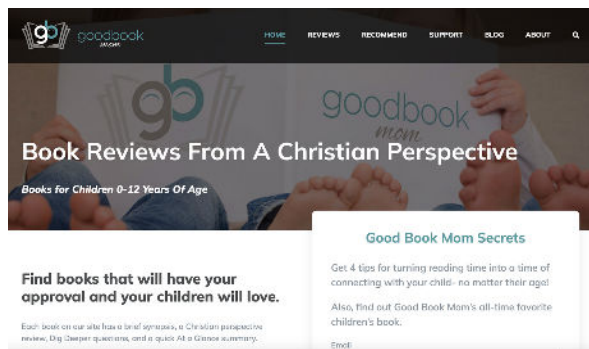
If you have read any of Lee Strobel's previous books, this one is written in the same format. His journalism background is evident in his approach to his subject matter and how it is presented. He gathers evidence addressing each question, explains leading views, and then narrows his focus to the viewpoint that is most logical and biblical, giving us solid reasons along the way for his conclusions.

The book concludes with a list of favorite scriptures on heaven and a discussion guide. It would provide interesting discussion for a small group study. There is a documentary available which can be streamed from Prime Video or AppleTV.



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

Good Book Mom: A Resource for Parents



As a book-loving mama, I am always on the hunt for books for my little one. Books to teach her about the world around her – animals, colors, numbers, seasons. Books to stir her little imagination. Books to grow her language skills. And most importantly – books that teach her truths about God. The Bible tells us: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6) – and I believe that the books that we read together are a powerful tool in that goal.

But the truth is, while it is simple to find good books about animals and colors, I find it difficult to find books for little ones/kids that teach them accurate truths about God. Maybe you’ve noticed it, too, as you browse the shelves at the bookstore. You find a book that looks so cute...the illustrations are beautiful; the premise seems good. But when you read it, you notice there are flaws in what it teaches the reader about God, or it seems like it adds to Scripture. Sometimes it is blatant, but sometimes it is so incredibly subtle. But it is there, nonetheless. Now I don’t know about you, but I personally find that to be so frustrating! All I want to be able to do is cuddle

up with my little one and read her books that fill her mind with truths about God, presented at her level. Instead, I am often met with stacks of books that are so close, and yet miss the mark.

Recently, I asked the ladies of an online community for Christian women: “Where do you find good, theologically solid books for your children?” There were a lot of responses for specific books, which was great. But one commenter recommended a resource that blew me away: Good Book Mom. Good Book Mom was started in 2019 by Korrie Johnson. Of the beginning of Good Book Mom, Korrie says: “Our oldest child was beginning to read chapter books on her own and I was feeling underprepared to give her options that I knew were good choices. I found some resources, but nothing that was exactly what I was looking for. So, after prayer and talking things over, I decided to make the resource for others that I desired for myself.” Nothing replaces your discerning eye, mom and dad, but I know that I have found her to be a wonderful resource as I search for good, doctrinally sound children’s books!

Good Book Mom can be found on Facebook and Instagram, and you can learn more about Korrie (to include her personal testimony) on goodbookmom.com. She reviews books for a variety of ages/reading levels, Children's Bibles, and Literary Homeschool materials.

I hope that you find this resource helpful as you seek books to fill your little one's minds with the truth of God's Word!

-Alicia

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

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

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
- George Fulgham, Church Engagement Catalyst | george.fulgham@mbch.org
- Wanda Shellenbarger, Women's Ministry Specialist & Church Engagement Catalyst | wanda.shellenbarger@mbch.org or 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.

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

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.

histories and photographs. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Orders for this 590+ page book will be accepted beginning at the Fall Annual Meeting on October 9th at High Point Baptist Church. If you are interested in previewing or purchasing a copy for yourself or your church, be sure to stop by and see Bro. Roy at a booth he will have set up prior to or following the meeting.

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

ORDER FORM

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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