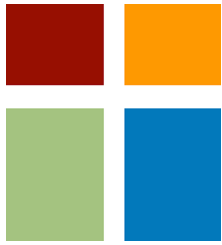
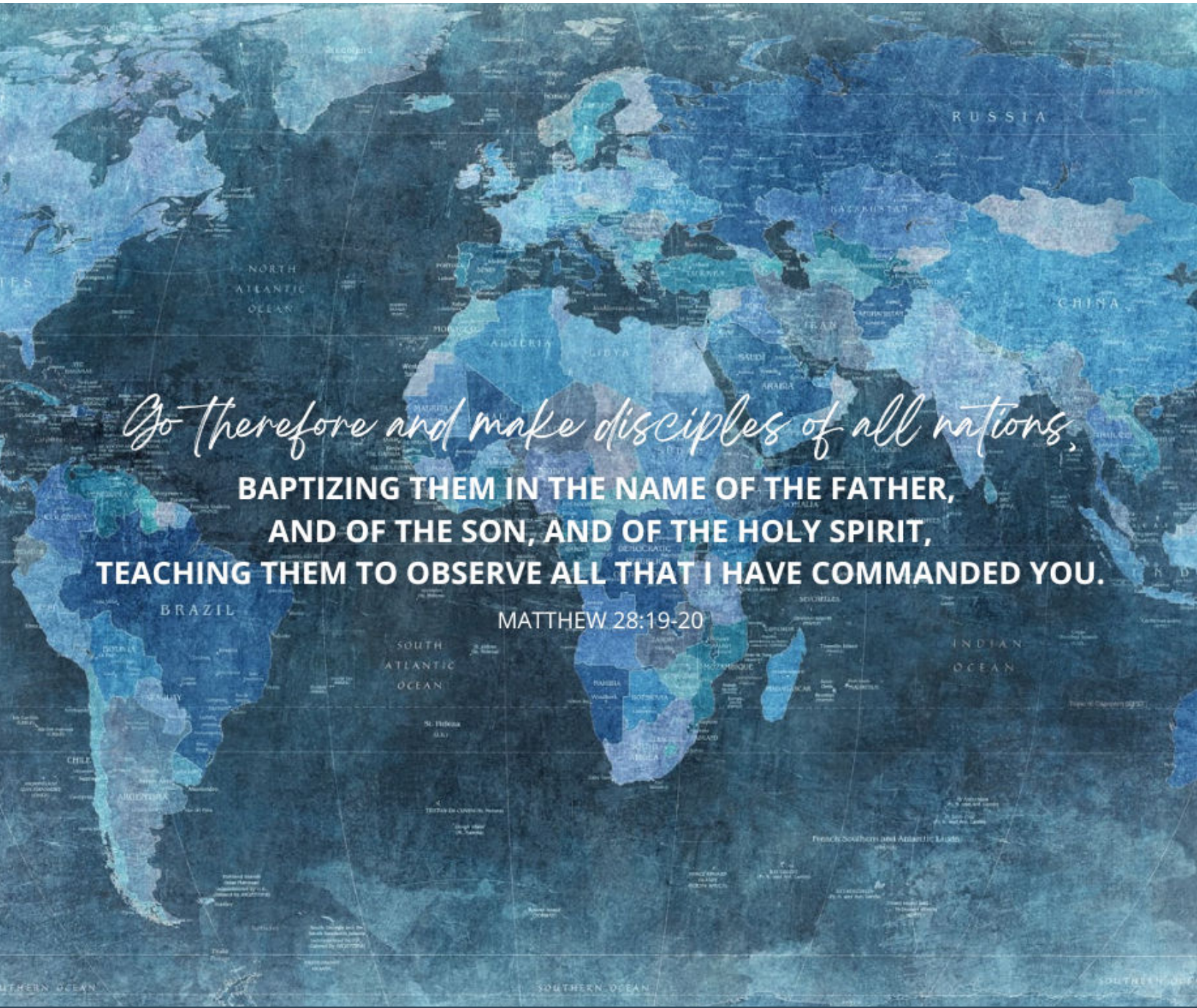


September 2022



# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual churches united in fulfilling the Great Commission*



*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,*  
**BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,  
AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.**

**MATTHEW 28:19-20**

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**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.

**Office Closed** - The Associational office will be closed Friday, September 2nd - Monday, September 5th in observation of the Labor Day holiday. The CBA offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00 am.

**Pastor's Roundtable** - The September Pastor's Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, September 20th 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, September 19th.

**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! *Churches: Please ensure that you have submitted your registration for your messengers (mail or online) by noon on Friday, September 30th.*



## *A Word from our DOM*

Churches of the Concord Baptist Association,

It seems that the summer has just began but now we see it is ending. Time goes so quickly. In an eternal perspective what are we doing with the time that God has given to impact the world for Jesus? It has been so encouraging to hear and experience the incredible God assignments of our local churches this summer. Vacation Bible School, mission trips, camps, and other activities to preach, teach, live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

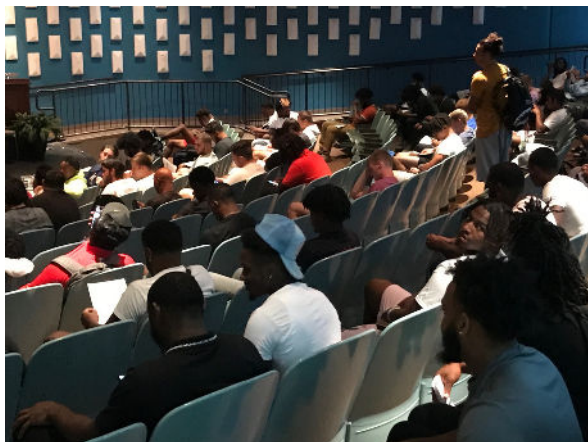
As we consider how quickly time goes, what are we doing as an association of churches to seek to share salvation through Jesus with our communities, state, nation and world? Many refer to this 4 point missions strategy, as the Acts 1:8 Strategy. Some people get put off with using the term strategy. You are sure welcome to call it whatever you want, but what I mean by strategy is simple. Are you praying for opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with your community, state, nation and world? That is a prayer strategy or a plan for prayer. Are you seeking ways to disciple new Christians and teach Christians to obey Jesus Commands? That is a discipleship strategy or a plan to disciple. I think you get the point, so no matter what you call it, are you looking at ways to fulfill Christ's command in Acts 1:8? Are you His witness in Jerusalem – our local communities; Judea – our state; Samaria – minister and witness to those throughout our nation that we don't understand, for whom we get aggravated by

and even have a dislike toward; and the world – international missions? Matthew 28: 19-20 also suggests that the fleeting time God has given to us should be about making disciples; Baptizing new converts and to teach to obey the truths of Jesus. For those churches that seek God, seek His plan and implement His plan, the fruits are seen and God is glorified. When we know God's plan and seek to put into practice, we can see the power of God at work. If we have no plan or strategy, chances are we will meet that plan every time, which is nothing. But praise the Lord, He saves us from our sins through Jesus, He builds relationship with us, He teaches us His truth, He shows us what He desires and empowers us to do what we cannot do on our own. Thank you churches to desire to put the commands of Christ into action. For those who seek an Acts 1:8 Strategy, Praise the Lord! For those churches who have not employed an Acts 1:8 Strategy, my office would be honored to walk beside you and assist you as you develop one. May we all seek a heart of passion for the truth and power of Acts 1:8, "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (NASB)

God bless you churches and thank you for your passionate desire to share the Gospel of Jesus in your community, state, nation and world!

In Christ,  
Bro. Alan

## Baptist Collegiate Ministries Update



We had an incredible chapel service for the entire LU football team on August 14th. We sang Amazing Grace acapella style and listened to each other's stories using Soularium cards. Our teaching came from Joshua 1:5-9 as I encouraged them to "Be strong and courageous" knowing God goes with us wherever we go and keeps His promises to never leave or forsake us. I took several opportunities to pray with various student athletes and encourage them in their

journey. God also showed favor in allowing me to meet the new softball and golf coaches and connect more with the athletic directors while building trust on campus. I am reconnecting with the new global liaison and the International Student Association to see how we can partner with them as well. The ISA has offered to serve in various projects if your church would have any events or projects needing help, please let me know. We do have confirmation from the head football coach about serving their team through Milk & Cookies. The coach would like to have a Friday night snack and devotional before their 6 home games this season. The needs will be nearly 30 dozen cookies and milk & juice on September 9, September 16, September 30, October 14, October 21, November 4. It would be great to have several CBA churches partner each week making this possible and I will help pick up or coordinate.

Looking forward to serving together,  
Clint

## Partner with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry!

*The BCM has been invited to serve in a unique and simple way by offering homemade cookies to the Lincoln Football team. The team has 6 home games this season on Saturday afternoons. Friday night before the game, the coach and I discussed hosting a short devotional and cookies for their team meetings. We 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. The first Friday night coming is September 9th. Following Friday nights: 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/21 and 11/4. If you'd like to commit to one or more of those weekends, please let me know. We will get a spreadsheet together. Also, if anyone would like to help coordinate this effort with me, please reach out. I can help pickup cookies on Thursday or Friday morning/day if that helps. Let's partner and see how God uses some yummy cookies to show His love and further His Kingdom! I can be reached at my email (cmahan@cbamo.org or by phone (720-936-3371). Grateful for your help, Clint.*

## *Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission in El Salvador*



In the month of July, High Point, Fortuna, & Southridge Baptist Church, under Heber & Kristin Mena's leadership went on a Mission Trip to El Salvador to partner with the Baptist Association of El Salvador led by Grady Ortiz. In one week, the Missouri mission's team of 19 was able to start the construction of a parsonage for a family of six, gave away over 500 pairs of reading glasses, ministered over 350 kids through VBS, gave away over 300 toothbrushes and toothpaste! In addition to that, the team did prayer walk, street evangelism, and distributed 250 plus pair of shoes, VBS shirts, hand sanitizers, bible tracks, bracelets, necklaces, medicine, and numerous "cash" love offerings were given away!



Rev. Heber Mena who also serves Latin America Field Director for Future Leadership Foundation I partnership with The John Maxwell Foundation (EQUIP) held a leadership training where 380 pastors & leaders from around the country were trained! Empowered by The Holy Spirit, this team reflected Christ, and honored God by being the tangible side of His love, grace, mercy, kindness, and hope! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

The work in El Salvador continues and there is a lot still to do. High Point, Fortuna, & Southridge have entered a three-year partnership and are committed to continue working together, fulfilling the great commission, and expanding God's Kingdom through missions in El Salvador! Plans for 2023 trips are already in progress. We invite you to join us on exciting missions' journey! For more information on how to be part of the upcoming mission projects / trips please contact Rev. Heber Mena.

Blessings,  
Heber & Kristin Mena  
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## *Mt. Olive Baptist Church Backyard Bible Club*



Mt Olive Baptist Church hosted a Kid's Bible Time in the city park of Russellville on June 23. We had kids from Jeff City as well as the Russellville area. All ages from our church served that day; youth though senior adults. Our church saw how going out can reach different kids than normal. Hoping to do this ministry next year for 3 days.

Rev Paul Young, Pastor  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
Russellville, MO

## *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!

## *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 – 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

### **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

### 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.

### 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 is one more opportunity to introduce pastors from every Association to the diaspora people groups living among us: 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 or call at (573) 508-8276

### 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. Must be able to pass a background check. If you know someone interested in this paid position, please contact Pastor Taylor at [taylor@southridgechurch.org](mailto:taylor@southridgechurch.org).

## Church News

### Revival Services at First Baptist Elston

FBC Elston has announced that they will be holding revival services on September 16-18, Friday and Saturday services beginning at 6:30pm. Rev. Dr. Monte Shinkle will be preaching. Please join them!

### 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](http://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](mailto:office@cbamo.org) by the newsletter for an opportunity to be featured!***

## *First Annual CBA Ladies Night Out*



On Friday night, August 19, 2022, the first annual Concord Baptist Association Ladies Night Out was held at Corticelli Baptist Church. A total of 100 ladies and 11 children attended the event from 17 churches across our association. The ladies enjoyed a catered meal provided by Reinhardt Circle catering before drawings were held for several prize baskets and gifts.

The theme for the evening was from Psalm 34:8, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." During the program, the women worshipped in song together and heard guest speaker Wanda Shellenbarger expound on the theme verse. Wanda is the Women's Ministry Specialist and Church Engagement Catalyst for the State of Missouri through the Missouri Baptist Children's Home and has served the Missouri Baptist Convention as the Women's Ministry Consultant and as a regional state leader in the past. She is also on Lifeway's Executive Leadership Team and is an active member and life group leader at Forest Park Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri.



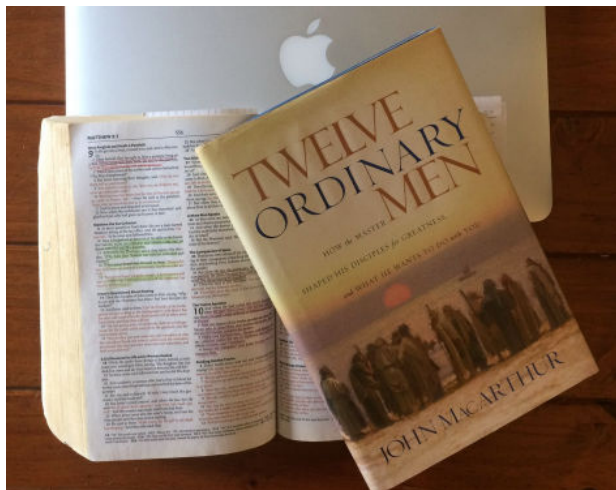
Wanda shared during her presentation about what it means to "Taste and see that the Lord is good." In addition, she shared updates on current ministries through the Missouri Baptist Children's Home and upcoming training event information.

The attendance award trophy – a rolling pin made of olive wood – was presented to the ladies of Corticelli Baptist Church for the largest number of ladies present at sixteen women. The planning committee would like to thank everyone involved in making the event a success and will soon begin thinking about next year's Ladies Night Out event.





## *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur



In this book, John MacArthur examines the lives of the men we know as the twelve disciples, or later, the twelve apostles. He begins in the first chapter with an overall look at the disciples as a group and the process Jesus used to call them to His mission. What stands out the most about this group of men is their absolute ordinariness. They were fishermen, tradesmen, a tax collector, political radical, and a betrayer. They possessed no apparent qualifications to change the world. They spent much of Jesus' earthly ministry not understanding the teaching they were hearing or the purpose for which Jesus had called them.

MacArthur divides the disciples into three groups of four based on their order as they are listed in the gospels. He then examines each man based on what we know of them from Scripture. For some, such as Peter, James, and Andrew, there is a considerable amount of information. For others, all we know really is their name and that they were a disciple.

In each case, there is a certain amount of speculation simply because facts are few. There are traditions passed down from the early church, but MacArthur mentions these as traditions only and not as solid fact. He also gives background information in several instances in order to increase our understanding of who these men actually were. For example, time is spent detailing exactly who the Zealots were and what they believed so we gain a little more understanding of the background Simon, the zealot, came to Jesus from, what his belief system would have been before he encountered and joined Jesus.

"Twelve Ordinary Men" is available in digital and print form from major retailers. There is a workbook available for individuals or groups wishing to study the lives of these men a little deeper. There is also a companion book entitled "Twelve Extraordinary Women," (which, by the way, is on my shelf yet to be read so be looking for a review in the coming months).

Probably the most worthwhile aspect of studying the lives of these men is simply that if God can take these common, average men and use them in such a magnificent way, then what are the possibilities for us?



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](http://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](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:

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