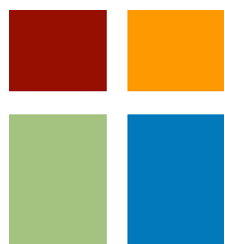


December 2022



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Individual churches united in fulfilling the Great Commission

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE
FILL YOU WITH ALL
joy and peace
IN BELIEVING, SO THAT
BY THE POWER OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU MAY
abound in hope.

ROMANS 15:13

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Pastor's Roundtable – The December Pastor's Roundtable will be held on Tuesday, December 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 January Newsletter is Friday, December 16th.

Office Closed – The CBA Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday December 21st through January 3rd.

Shepherding Conference

Save the date! The 2023 CBA Shepherding Conference will be held March 3rd and 4th, hosted by Concord Baptist Church. This conference is meant and designed for all pastors, Sunday school teachers, elders, deacons, and anyone who is called to be a shepherd of God's flock. Come join in with worship and learn how to apply shepherding to all parts of ministry. Child care will be provided. More details, including cost, to follow

Men & Boys Wild Game Supper

Save the date! The 2023 Men & Boys Wild Game Supper will be held on Friday, March 10th at First Baptist Church, California. This year's speaker will be Jared Proctor. The doors will open at 5:30pm, with dinner beginning at 6:00pm. Please bring a covered dish - game or tame AND a friend! Two awards will be given this year - one for the church with the largest group and one for the church who brings the most visitors.

A Word from our DOM

Dear CBA Churches,

Christmas is always an exciting time to remember our salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation through the Messiah should always be a time of rejoicing! For those of us that know the truth of Jesus we have great joy. But for those that don't know the joy of Jesus, they can be afraid because they don't know the Good News. I am attracted to verse 10 of Luke 2,

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'"

God had a message to share. So He sent us an Angel. When God chooses to reveal Himself or to reveal His messengers it is always a powerful time.

When we are confronted with the power of God we should always be awestruck. We should have fear as in awe and reverence, but we should not be terrified in horror.

God's plans are not to harm us, but for us to honor Him and respect Him and to receive His precious gift of salvation through Jesus. The angel revealed the power of God to bring the Good News of Salvation! Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep! The Good Shepherd loves His sheep, He knows His sheep, He wants no harm to His

sheep, He leads His sheep, He cares for His sheep. What do we have to fear? God the Father sent us salvation not harm. Don't be afraid of the power of God.

The world that is lost in sin can be horrified by God and His message because they don't know it or understand it. But for those that have been drawn to salvation by God, know that God is our source of salvation. We know that God's salvation through Jesus is a source of great joy. Not simply Joy for me, but a great joy for all the people.

Do you know the Joy? If you do are you looking for opportunity to share this great Joy to all the people? Let's all celebrate as was seen on the very night that Jesus was born. Let us share that with God there is nothing to fear but there is a great joy that is for all people!

Paula and I wish every household throughout our association a Merry Christmas and the unspeakable joy that is brought to mankind through the birth of our Savior! Let us look forward to working together to share the Good News and make disciples in our community, state, nation and world!

God Bless and Merry Christmas,

Bro. Alan

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Update:

November Ministry Highlights

- We finished the football season with a final team chapel and continued our Monday afternoon Bible study with 10 faithful student athletes. Please pray for open doors as I started connecting with the basketball program. I was invited to occasionally help run the home game shot clock and have started learning about a few followers of Jesus who want to grow in their faith and be disciplined.
- Despite returning from Como in the blowing snow on Monday night, November 14th, I was able to take 6 football players up to Mizzou to partner with Scott Westfall, our Bridge BSU director and our Athletes in Action director, Nathan Buxman. We were able to engage with about 40 other student athletes and hear the Mizzou Football Strength Coach share his love for Jesus and story about where and in Who do we find our identity. It was a powerful night of spending time together discussing identity and God's work in each of our lives.
- Happy Thanksgiving to each of you as a few student athletes and international students went with me on Thanksgiving Thursday to enjoy a service project handing out and delivering meals to those less fortunate without family and friends and a meal to appreciate. Thanks for partnering with our BSU to see His Kingdom grow as we love and learn together!

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

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 on January 10th at 6:30pm, location TBD. Please reach out to Nathan Strobel (nathanstrobel97@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and he will send out the location details closer to the date.

Donations

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*

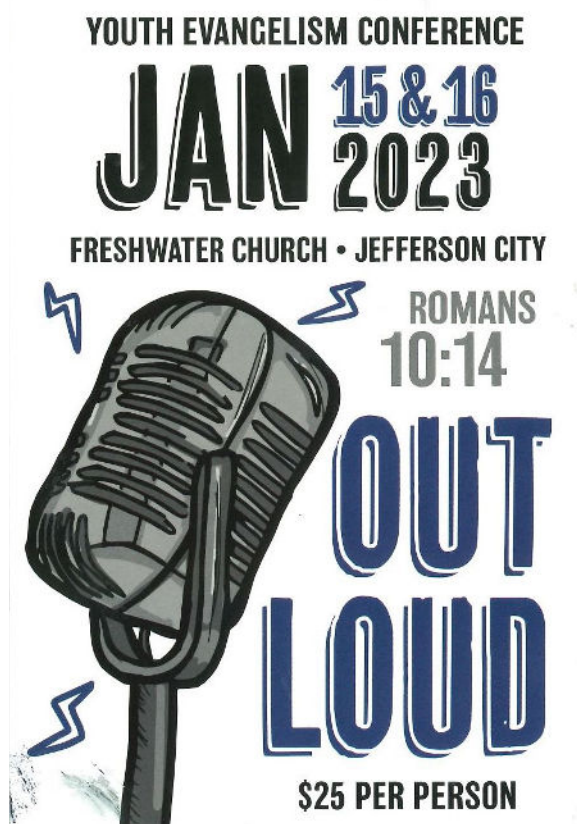
Smaller door prize examples:

- *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.

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.

Additional Event Information:

- 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.

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 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

Churches on Mission: Memorial Baptist



On October 8th, Memorial Baptist Church sent a team of workers to Encounter Cove, formerly Windemere, to serve the camp. "Come and fellowship through service," was the invitation given by the leadership at the church and 17 church members answered the call.

The team from Memorial stained and restored the decks and stairs around the cave along with other painting and staining throughout the camp. "We are so very grateful for the outstanding job you all did. You went above and beyond even MY list!!," said Ben Savittiere the Encounter Cove Registration Coordinator. Ben was the main point-of-contact for the team.



Memorial Baptist is planning two more trips in the Spring 2023. "I have a real heart for this ministry, it is really calling to me," says James Melies a member of the mission team at Memorial Baptist. The main project for this spring will be the outdoor vespers area.



Encounter Cove is dedicated to partnering with local church and continuing the good work that began at the camp. They look forward to continued relationship growth and hope more churches would consider partnering with Encounter Ministries.



Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit by Max Lucado



Many believers, at some point in their spiritual journey, come to a place where they realize they know very little about the Holy Spirit. Who is He? What does He do? What about spiritual gifts, am I supposed to have one? In *Help is Here*, Max Lucado has written a book for anyone desiring to know not only more about the Holy Spirit but more about how to yield ourselves to His power.

Lucado begins with a testimony of his early years as a pastor when he was ministering in his own strength and his journey to realizing he had a power source available to him he was totally ignoring.

Lucado tells us in chapter one, "your Bible makes more than a hundred references to the Holy Spirit. Jesus says more about the Spirit than he does about the church, marriage, finances, and the future," (Lucado, 2022, p.8).

Each chapter is devoted to one aspect of the Holy Spirit beginning with Teacher, Wind, and Intercessor, and concluding with Gift Giver and Breath. He does not delve into how to determine your spiritual gift; he addresses what a spiritual gift is and is not and why we are given gifts.

What Lucado teaches is based on scripture, not church doctrine, giving readers a clear picture of what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit rather than what a particular church teaches. I appreciate this distinction due to the strong feelings teaching on the Holy Spirit sometimes elicits.

I confess, I consider a Max Lucado book a definite purchase. I appreciate his down-to-earth approach written for the average believer in the pew which he presents on a solid base of scripture. This book contains study questions in the back, written by his daughter Andrea, as well as a separate study guide book (typically contains different questions and fewer sessions) and a video which can be purchased as a DVD or streamed online. *Help is Here* is a perfect choice for any individual or small group with a desire to learn what the Bible teaches us about this often overlooked member of the Trinity.



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

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



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A History of Concord Baptist Association

Concord Baptist Association was organized in 1823 by twenty-five delegates from eight churches: Concord, Big Bottom, Pisgah, Mt. Nebo, Double Springs, Big Lick, Union and Mt. Pleasant. Those eight churches had a combined total of 325 members. Mt. Pleasant Church was only one week old and had twenty-six members.

More information is included in *A History of Concord Baptist Association*.

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. The cost of the book will increase January 1, so be sure to get your order in as soon as possible.

Orders by credit card will also be accepted at cbamo.org/200thAnniversary.

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Church histories written by local church personnel
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