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This Month: JANUARY 2023

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8	9	10 WILD GAME SUPPER PLANNING MEETING @ 6:30 RUSSELLVILLE FFA BUILDING	11	12	13	14
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*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE

Next Month: FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 CBA CHURCH EVENT: WOMEN + GIRLS CONFERENCE, 9AM- 3PM @ CONCORD**
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**PRE-REGISTRATION AND DETAILS AT: CONCORDJC.ORG

More Upcoming 2023 Events:

CBA Church Event: Women's & Girls Conference

Concord Baptist would like to invite the ladies and girls of our association to their Women & Girls Conference on February 11th. Childcare is available for those who pre-register by January 15th. For more details, including registration, please visit: <https://concordjc.org/>

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. Registration opening soon: <https://cbamo.org/shepherdingconference/>

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.

Want to help? Please contact Nathan Strobel (nathanstrobel97@gmail.com) if you are interested in donating prizes or would like to help plan/set up for this event. The next planning meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on January 10th at the Russellville FFA Building.

Senior Revival

A Senior Revival will be held at FBC California March 26-29, 2023 with Bro. Frank Whitney as the evangelist. More details will be coming soon!

3MT (Mid-Missouri Missions Team)

The 3MT Board has set the dates for the 2023 Mission Project, so mark your calendars for: June 3-10, 2023 at the California Middle School. 3MT is open to students who have completed 6th-completed 12th grades. Anyone participants over the age of 18 will be required to complete a background check. For the most up to date information, please see the "3MT - Mid Missouri Missions Team" page and 3mt.org

Concord Builders

Concord Builders will be held on July 9-14, 2023. Location and project details will be released as information becomes available. Please contact Lucy Engelbrecht (lengel0625@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to participate in this year's mission project.

Children's Camp

Save the Date! Children's Camp will be held July 16-20, 2023 at Pulaski Baptist Association Campground in Waynesville, MO. Registration: \$100/camper. More details, including registration will be released on cbamo.org/childrens-camp at a later date.

Ladies Night Out

The 2nd Annual CBA Ladies Night Out will be held on August 11th at 6PM. More details to follow.

A Word from our DDM



Dear CBA Churches,

As we think of a new year, we begin to think of new beginnings. I am reminded of Psalm 111: 10 which states,

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: A good understanding have all who do His commandments: His praise endures forever."

As we look forward to 2023, may we recognize the greatness of God and be awestruck of His greatness. May we seek and receive His wisdom; May we be committed to keeping His commandments and continually praise Him forever.

As we watch the news and the society around us, we as Christians can become disheartened pretty quickly as we see evil

being championed. But we must remember our strength comes from the Lord! We belong to the true living God who is all powerful, all seeing and all knowing. As Children of God we belong to the Lord. What an incredible privilege we have to be called Children of God. With this privilege comes power, for when we repent of sin; accept Jesus' life, death and resurrection; and make Him the Lord of our life we receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We have the power of God and His word to navigate the journey through this sinful world for the purpose to share the hope and light of Jesus.

Men and Women of God, in 2023 let us not be disheartened or overwhelmed because of the choices of sinful man. Let us live victorious lives in the wisdom, truth and strength of our God. Let us choose to be champions of God's truth and God's salvation for a world lost in sin. Let us proclaim that 2023 is not simply figuratively, but literally "2023 – THE YEAR OF OUR LORD"

May God richly bless you and your families as we seek a new beginning in 2023. A New beginning- to be bold in our witness and sharing of the truth and hope of Jesus!

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

Following Christ: Losing Your Life for His Sake by Charles H. Spurgeon



Charles H. Spurgeon was born in 1834 in England and died in 1892 at the age of fifty-seven. He remains, even today, one of the most published preachers in history. A person does not have to read many current Christian authors to discover Spurgeon is still, not only widely read, but often quoted. Spurgeon was a prolific writer and speaker who preached to an estimated ten million people in his lifetime.

If you have read books written in earlier times, then you already know the vernacular of these books can be difficult for the modern reader to follow and comprehend. In an effort to make this book more approachable to the modern reader, it has been annotated and updated. I personally found this helpful as it enabled me to focus on the message rather than the language.

In *Following Christ*, Spurgeon addresses what it means to follow Christ. He begins in chapter

one by stating frankly that if we belong to Christ, we are expected to serve Christ. As he moves through the book, it seems he is anticipating the objections readers might have to his straightforward message, even though it is based solely on Scripture. Spurgeon addresses not only the need for believers to serve but how to serve, reliance on the Holy Spirit, and the use of our talents.

Spurgeon tells his readers that not only are we expected to serve Christ but being a child of God should touch and influence every area of our lives and every minute of our days. He stresses the importance of boldly including Christ into our every conversation and states quite plainly that if we were to do so, the world would feel the impact of Christianity.

It is impossible to read this book and not feel convicted. Spurgeon has a direct, no-nonsense approach that gives his readers an insight into what it must have been like to hear him speak in person.

Spurgeon's books are still available from major retailers as well as offered on online bible study sites.

In closing, I have a recommendation for e-readers. I was able to receive this book for free digitally. There are numerous daily emails you can sign up for that send out free or bargain digital offers, including nonfiction and religious books! If you don't mind reading on your electronic device, this is a great way to build your library.



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

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Update:



December Ministry Highlights:

- Enjoyed a fun Christmas party on December 8th (pictured below) as we remembered the Christmas story, ate some goodies and exchanged a few gifts!
- Encountered exciting memories and moments with Diane Webb as we discussed upcoming intentions toward our CBA churches and international students.
- Experienced a final Bible study in Proverbs last week during exams. It is awesome to see a hunger for the true meaning of wisdom in God's Word.
- Please be praying as a CBA body of churches the next few months as we gather information, training ideas and present to interested churches toward partnering with the international students on campus. I met with the president of the International Student Association and there is a desire to be "adopted" by local and other churches to encourage, love and serve these students in practical, low commitment ways. Be on the lookout for more information.

Blessings,
Clint

2023 Children's Camp



Psst! The dates for our Associational Children's Camp have been set, and you don't want to miss out being a part of this incredible week. More details and registration for campers will be released soon, but we need your help, churches!

1. **Save the Date.** July 16-20, 2023 at Pulaski Baptist Association Campground
2. **Financially.** Due to rising costs of supplies, registration will be increasing to \$100 this year, so you may consider offering partial or full scholarships to families in need. We are also seeking churches/individuals who would like to sponsor a meal for \$250.
3. **Recruit Leaders!** We are looking for some awesome adults to fill the following roles: Squad Leaders (Team Leaders), Drill Sergeants (Teachers), Call to Arms (Worship), Mess Hall (Cooks), Navy Commander (Lifeguard), Strategists (Planners), Recruiters (Childcare for Leaders), and Squad Leaders in Training (10th-12th graders). The safety of our kids is important, so background check, application & Pastor Recommendation, meeting attendance and availability are essential qualities. The association will be covering Leader costs this year.

Contact Kari Sullivan (kari@memorialchurch.net) if you would like to get involved!

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:

- Registration 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

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

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



SAVE THE DATE!

*Concord Baptist Association
200th Anniversary Celebration*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

HIGH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

HIGH POINT, MO

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



SPEAKERS | RECOGNITIONS | PERIOD MUSIC | DRAMA
FOOD & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

LUNCH: CATERED AND PREPARED ON SITE.



A History of Concord Baptist Association

The following churches have been members of Concord Baptist Association: Big Bottom, Big Lick, Gooch's Mill, Gilgal, Brush Creek, Big Gravois, Upper Gravois, Mt. Hope, Big Buffalo, Chouteau, Chaney's Chapel, Bethlehem, Hite's Chapel, Haw Creek, Zoar, and for a few years Clarksburg had two Baptist churches.

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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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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