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# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission*

*"A new commandment  
I give to you, that you love one  
another: just as I have loved you  
you also are to love one another."*

John 13:34

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CBA CHURCH EVENT:  
WOMEN + GIRLS  
CONFERENCE. 8AM-  
5PM @ CONCORD\*\*

CLOSED  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE

PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE\*  
NOON @ NBC BUILDING

\*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE, EVENING ROUNDTABLE TBA  
\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION AND DETAILS AT: CONCORD.ORG

## Next Month: MARCH 2023

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2023 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS (ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING)						
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CBA SHEPHERDING CONFERENCE @ CONCORD\*\*

MEN + BOYS WILD  
GAME SUPPER @ 5:30  
PM, FBC CALIFORNIA

MEETING  
CBA LEADERSHIP TEAM  
MEETING @ 5:30 PM,  
NBC BUILDING

NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE

PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE\*  
NOON @ NBC BUILDING

CBA SENIOR REVIVAL @ FBC CALIFORNIA

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\*\*PRE-REGISTER AT: CBAMO.ORG/SHEPHERDINGCONFERENCE

## *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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 enter the month of February, we often consider the month closely associated with Love because of St. Valentine's Day. I remember as a kid having a Valentine's Day party and sharing a Valentine card with all of my classmates. As a 7 or 8 year old child we would never say or write anything related to "loving each other", that would have just been weird. In some ways just doing activity to celebrate the day of love seemed to be sufficient. Friends, sometimes we allow the cultural influences to spill over to the church and our spiritual life. As Children of God and committed followers of Jesus, we recognize that true love is God's character. We also realize that once Jesus is our Lord that Love becomes our new nature. So what does this Love of God look like and how does it impact our life? Well let's start with the scriptures. When reviewing I John 4:7-14 we see the following:

"7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in

us, and His love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world."

The Love of God Looks Like:

- Love is from God (7)
- God is love (8)
- Without love you cannot know God (8)
- He sent us Jesus (9)
- He abides in us (12)
- God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit and His Son Jesus to be our savior

How God's Love Impacts Christ Followers:

- We will love one another (7&11)
- If we belong to God we must love (8)
- We live in Jesus (9)
- God's love is perfected in us (12)
- We are saved from our sins by Jesus and we have the Holy Spirit (10&13&14)

The challenge for February and the months to come is to allow God's perfect love to live through each of us. May God richly bless you, your family, church and community as you live and share God's love!

In Christ,

*Bro. Alan*

## Baptist Collegiate Ministry Update:



### A few areas to be praying about for the upcoming semester:

1. Wednesday morning prayer from 8:15 - 8:45am around the corner left from the school cafeteria. Welcome to come join us!
2. Wednesday afternoon BSU Bible study from 2:00 - 3:00pm for male student athletes
3. Wednesday evening coed study group from 6:30 - 8:00pm in BSU building
4. Travel to Phoenix for our big Super Bowl character outreach breakfast
5. Details and planning for a spring break mission service project to New Orleans
6. Met with a Catholic deacon yesterday as to ways we might partner with handing out Bibles, prayer walks and possibly begin a weekly or monthly meal at the BSU building for students to come fellowship. Would love your input!

Blessings and thanks so much for your prayers and partnership,

*Clint*

## 2023 Children's Camp



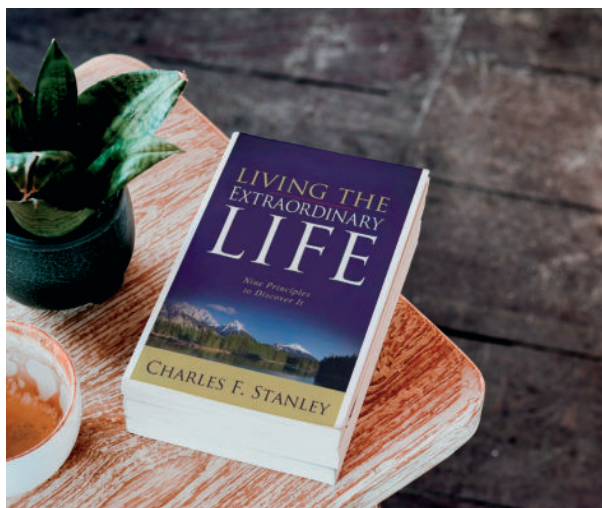
Psst! The dates for our Associational Children's Camp have been set, and you don't want to miss out being a part of this incredible week. More details and registration for campers will be released soon, but we need your help, churches!

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!



# *Living the Extraordinary Life: Nine Principles to Discover it by Charles Stanley*



Extraordinary can be defined as very unusual or remarkable, exceptional, amazing, and astonishing. In this book, Charles Stanley tells us that for believers there is an expanded definition. "It is the life sustained by an inner peace and joy in the good times as well as the bad," (Stanley, 2005, p xiii).

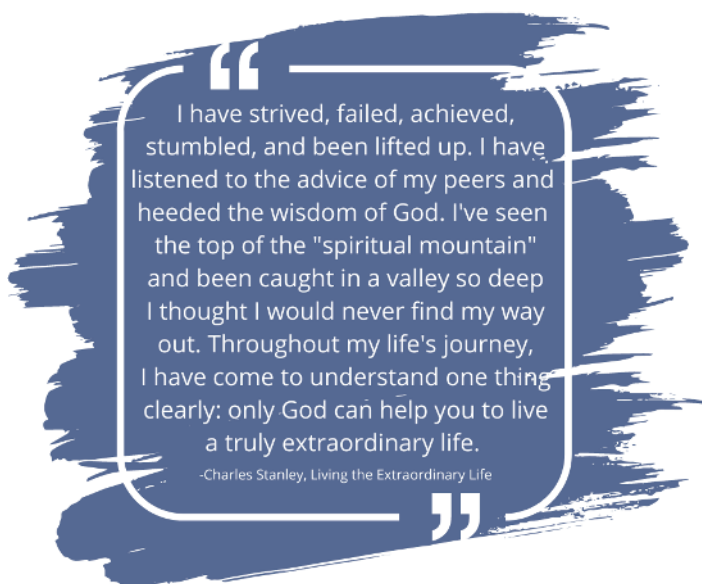
If given a choice, most of us would choose a life well lived, meaningful, fulfilling, purposeful, and with a lasting legacy. In this book, Stanley tells us we are given a choice and that we can choose a life well-lived. The Bible is filled with principles and promises given to us for the purpose of improving our lives. What Stanley has done in this book is focus on nine "time-tested truths" beginning with completely surrendering to God, (Stanley, 2005, p xiii). He talks about the importance of abiding in

Christ, the ways God speaks to us, and the depth and magnitude of God's love for us.

As Stanley progresses through his nine principles, he covers trust in God, obedience, waiting for God, prayer, God's refining fire, and the Bible as the source of life.

Each chapter concludes with a list of suggested Scriptures for further study, a prayer, and journaling questions.

I find Charles Stanley's books to be solidly Bible-based, practical, and written with the average believer in mind. His books are a definite read whenever I find one. Even though this book was written in 2005, I found it on Amazon and christianbook.com. It would be an excellent choice for personal or small group study.



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

## *No Sweat Evangelism: Own Your Role as a Missionary*

I recently went online and looked at the Georgia Baptist Convention's website. They have an evangelism training called, "No Sweat Evangelism." In their training they have four steps to make sharing Jesus simple. In this article I will briefly share their first step.

### **Step One: Own your role as a missionary.**

#### **A. View yourself biblically.**

We may never go to a foreign country but we are all called to be on mission with Christ. The Bible says, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellences of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). We need to be reminded that God has called us to be His witnesses. God has given to each Christian the ministry of reconciliation.

#### **B. Kill the A. N. T. S.**

Ants stand for: Any Negative Thoughts. There are the ANTS of "You Can't." The enemy doesn't want us to share our faith. We are in a spiritual battle for the souls of men, women, boys and girls. The devil will tell us we don't know enough to share our faith. He will convince us that we are not smart enough to answer any questions that might come up, so we just need to remain silent. We need to exterminate that thought. If we have been saved we have the word of God and the

Holy Spirit of God, and we can be a witness for Christ.

There are also the ANTS of comparison. We have all heard that voice in our head that says, "I just can't share the gospel like so and so." I am not eloquent enough to share the gospel. I need to let them do it. They do a much better job.

We need to understand that the Lord has given to each one of us a sphere of influence. God has placed us in the lives of people that He wants us to reach.

There is another big ANT that many of us deal with. It is the "ant of fear." The Scripture says, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). I know in my own life there have been many times when I have chickened out of sharing the gospel. I always feel so guilty when I walk away from those encounters. I have learned through the years that most people are open to discuss spiritual matters if we will just overcome our fear.

#### **C. You must invite accountability.**

We need to give someone permission to hold us accountable to share the gospel. We need those in our lives to ask us, who have you personally shared Christ with this week? When I know there are those who are going to be asking me that question, it will help me to be more faithful at being a witness. Let me encourage you to make it a priority in 2023 to be a consistent, persistent witness for Christ.



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

## Missions & Partnership Opportunities:



Concord Baptist Church is excited to offer the Victory Youth Choir beginning February 7, 2023. The Victory Youth Choir is a community youth choir for youth in grades 3-8. We will meet for 12 weeks on Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm at Concord Baptist Church. A concert on April 25 at 6:00 pm will conclude the choir year.

Brad Newbold, Worship Pastor, Elaine Foster, Music Assistant, of Concord, and Lauri Carr, long-time community music teacher and accompanist will lead the Victory Choir.

There is no fee for being a part of the choir, however a choir T-shirt will be worn at the concert and will cost \$10.

Please feel free to share this information as you invite youth to join the choir. Your help is appreciated in spreading the word about a new opportunity for the youth of our community and church!

Register at: [concordjc.org](http://concordjc.org)  
Questions: call 573-893-2876

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### Janitor/Maintenance Position - Part Time

Southridge Baptist Church, Jefferson City, MO is looking to fill a part-time (20hr/wk) Janitor/Maintenance position. This person would be responsible for the regular cleanliness of our building, as well as performing light maintenance duties as assigned. Previous experience is preferred, though not required. If interested, please submit a resume.

## 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 - Interim Rev Alan Earls

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### 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



## *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 Convention - Church Protection Resources**

The Missouri Baptist Convention has compiled a number of resources through the SBC, MBCH, Ministry Safe, Choice Screening, and others to help educate and equip your church's leadership to prevent and/or appropriately handle abuse within your church. There are also resources that can help your church develop security plans, review your church bylaws, etc. These resources are all available at: <https://mobaptist.org/church-benefits/church-protection/>. If you need assistance accessing any of these resources, please reach out to our office and will help you in any way that we can.



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  
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*A History of Concord Baptist Association*

When told about missionary efforts to establish schools and preach the gospel to Christianize the Indians, a preacher opposed to missions of any kind, responded with indignation, "I will give as much as any man, according to my means, to buy powder and lead to kill them all; but would not give one dollar for all the attempts to Christianize them, as you call it."

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](http://cbamo.org/200thAnniversary).

# 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

### Ordered and paid for:

- January 1 - September 30, 2023
- October 1 - October 9, 2023
- After October 9, 2023

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