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"Oh that we might know the
LORD! Let us press on to
know Him. He will respond
to us as surely as the arrival
of dawn or the coming of
rains in early spring."

Hosea 6:3

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This Month: MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
					CBA SHEPHERDING CONFERENCE @ CONCORD	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					MEN - BOYS WILD GAME SUPPER @ 5:30 PM, FBC CALIFORNIA	
2023 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS (ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING)						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	MEETING CBA LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING @ 5:30 PM, NBC BUILDING					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	CANCELLED PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* NOON @ NBC BUILDING				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
CBA SENIOR REVIVAL @ FBC CALIFORNIA						

*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE

**PRE-REGISTER AT: [CBAMO.ORG/SHEPHERDINGCONFERENCE](https://cbamo.org/shepherdingconference)

Next Month: APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	SUMMER MISSIONARY APPLICATION OPENS				Good Fridays (OFFICE CLOSED)	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
happy Easter						3MT TACO DINNER & AUCTION, 5-7PM @ MAIN STREET
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* NOON @ MBC BUILDING				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				MEETING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING @ 5:30 PM (CALVARY, JC)		
30						

*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE, EVENING SESSION TBA

More Upcoming 2023 Events:

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 group of friends!

Senior Adult "Old Time" Revival

A Senior Revival will be held at FBC California March 26-29, 2023 with Bro. Frank Whitney as the evangelist and Clarence DeVore as the Gospel Pianist. Service times: Sunday 10:30am & "Final Authority" in concert at 6:00pm, Monday - Wednesday 6:30pm. Admission is free, however a Love Offering will be taken.

April Executive Council Meeting

The April Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th at 6:30pm. Thank you to Calvary Baptist, Jefferson City for hosting!

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 grades 6-12. 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

3MT also holds an annual fundraiser to help fund the projects. This year's fundraiser will be a dine in Taco Bar Dinner & Silent Auction from 5:00pm - 7:00pm with a Live Auction starting at 6:30pm on Saturday, April 15th. Main Street Baptist (California) will be hosting. Tickets: Age 5 & under \$5.00, age 6 & up \$10.00.

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.

2023 Fall Annual Meeting and 200th Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date! The 2023 CBA Annual Meeting and 200th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th at High Point Baptist. The Annual Meeting will take place at 9am, followed by the 200th Anniversary Celebration from 10am-5pm. Lunch will be prepared on site.

A Word from our DDM



Dear CBA Churches,

In Matthew 5:16 Jesus shares,

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

I find it so inspiring to realize that Jesus includes His followers into the details of the Heavenly Father's work. When we become committed followers of Jesus Christ, Jesus welcomes us as fellow workers.

As Easter approaches in April, I can't help but think of all the hard work that Jesus invested as His sacrificial death loomed. Every action and activity for which Jesus accomplished had a purpose. Now, over 2,000 years later we have the privilege of continuing to help in the work.

Every opportunity and activity that we can be involved with for building God's Kingdom has a unified purpose. To Glorify the Heavenly Father. In the weeks before we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, we are going to have ample opportunity to share our light through God's good works. May you and I in the weeks to come seek ways to share our testimony of Jesus, as well as, to preach, teach, share, and live the Good News of Jesus.

Helping a neighbor to get to a doctor appointment, sharing groceries with a family that has fallen on hard times, babysitting the children of a single mom while she works an additional shift, teaching Sunday School, taking up the offering, all may seem to be inconsequential. But when we do these good works because we love Jesus, people take notice and God is glorified.

Thank you, churches, for being the light of Jesus in your community. There are many around us that do not know the hope and freedom of Jesus. But when you share your light, when you work for the Lord, then God is truly glorified. Thank you all for all you do to honor, serve and share Jesus within your family, church and community.

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

Outreach Toolbox: Preschool Playgroup



We moved to Mid-Missouri almost six years ago. At the time, we had two children under three years old. Nine months later we welcomed our third child. Over the next year, my wife, Allison, was home with one or more sick babies as many Sundays as she was at church. I was meeting new people and growing to love our community, while she felt isolated and stuck at home.

As the kids grew, Allison was able to get out of the house more. She soon discovered she was not the only mom who longed for friendships. During this time, our staff was trying to develop creative ways to both minister to our city and get new people comfortable with coming to our church building. Allison had the idea for a time when moms of preschoolers could meet at our church for fellowship, while their small children played. Soon, Pre-School Playtime was born.

Every second and fourth Monday, during the school year, a group of moms (and the occasional dad and grandmom) come with their children to our church building. Play areas are set up in different stations throughout the gym.

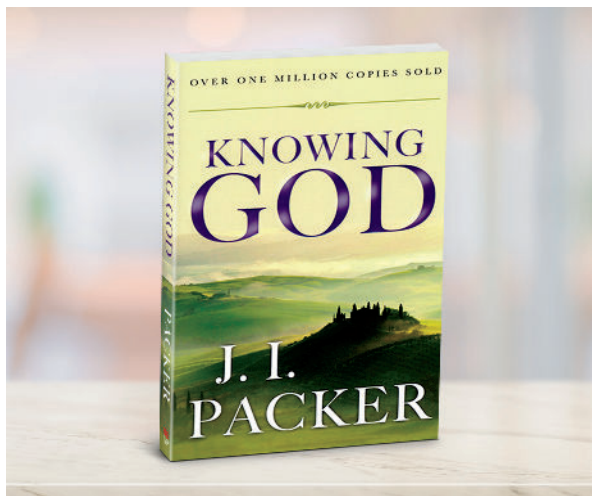
Tables are also set-up for the parents to sit and talk while they watch their children play. It is a time dedicated to fun and fellowship.

This isn't meant to be an advertisement for one of our programs. The intent is for this to be an encouragement to our CBA churches. Our "playtime" has grown over the past few years. We now regularly have 30+ parents and kids during the scheduled time. What has been especially encouraging is that most of the moms/grandmoms/dads who come are not regular church attenders! Allison has been able to build friendships and share Christ's love with many other moms. We recently have seen several of the moms come to worship services, or participate in other ministry programs.

I will admit that in the past, I've been close to falling into the trap of thinking most people who do not attend church have no interest. God has used our playtime as another reminder to me that I should always be looking for new ways to help meet the spiritual needs not only of our members, but also our community. Outreach is vital to every church. Don't forget that outreach can, and should include using your building as a ministry tool. Whether it's a Pre-school Playtime or any of the dozens more types of programs, I hope you will consider praying about new ways to use your building to minister to your community. Show them your church's "home" is a place where they can find friendship, love and the Savior.

Submitted by Jeremy Anderson, Pastor, FBC California

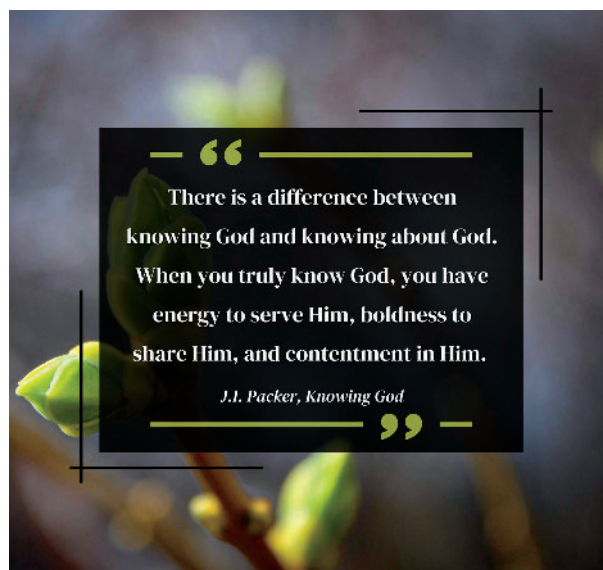
Knowing God by J.I. Packer



J.I. Packer, born in England in 1926, was an extremely prolific writer and theologian who, among other things, served as general editor for the English Standard Version of the Bible. His best known book of the one hundred sixty-five he wrote is *Knowing God*.

In the beginning of this book, Packer states very plainly that the majority of Christians today have a shallow, superficial knowledge of God. *Knowing God* was written to address this issue by introducing readers to a deeper knowledge of God. It is divided into three parts. The first is devoted to the subject of knowing God: how to know if you know God, evidence of knowing God, and being known by God. In the second part, Packer takes a deep dive into the character of God detailing His love, grace, wisdom, wrath, goodness, and jealousy. The third section of the book focuses on our relationship with God. He expands on the heart of the gospel, the concepts of adoption, justification, and propitiation, and concludes with a strong focus on the book of Romans.

Packer does not hesitate to call Christians out for common misconceptions they may be harboring. He includes liberal use of scripture to support a common theme of the book in how vital a thorough knowledge of God's Word is to our knowledge of God.



Knowing God, originally written in 1973, is considered one of the classics of Christian literature and is still widely available from most major retailers. My copy of the book was updated and revised using scriptural references in the Revised Standard Version rather than the original King James.

Reading this book is not a casual, superficial look at God. This is a in-depth learning of who God is and how we can know Him in a deeper, more intimate way. *Knowing God* is a strong contender for our church's summer book study, I am looking forward to the discussions it inspires.



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

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Update:



With your local Chiefs winning the Super Bowl, I thought it would be fun to share a photo from our Bart Starr Character Breakfast. Kirk Cousins accepted his trophy as this year's award recipient. Later that morning, Kirk and Tony Dungy would partner in sharing the Gospel with nearly 600 attendees asking for more information on the Gospel or wanting prayer. Please pray for those local churches in Phoenix who will be following up individually with these people of interest.

We had a worship and prayer night on Thursday, 2/23, along with Freshwater Church and the local community and campuses. Pray for an authentic spiritual awakening here in Jefferson City as we live-streamed a service from Asbury University encouraging a movement at Lincoln University and State Tech in Linn.

We also had our annual MBCollegiate student retreat 2/24 - 2/25 where students were challenged with the theme "Whom Shall I Send." Please be praying as we cast vision for students to GO and make disciples on spring and summer missions. We are taking about 10 of our Lincoln students to New Orleans over Spring Break from March 11 - 18 to serve and grow.

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!

Ministry/Job Openings:

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.

Director of Youth Ministries, Mt. Olive Baptist

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, a church located near Russellville, MO is prayerfully seeking a part time Director of Youth Ministries (grades 7-12). Please submit resumes to: Bro. Paul Young, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, PO Box 416, Russellville, MO 65074 or pyoung@centurylink.net.

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

Coming Soon: CBA Summer Missionary

The CBA Summer Missionary position will be opening for applications April 3rd! This individual should be someone reliable, with good Christian character and loves to work with children. Applicants must be 18 years old, be able to pass a background check, have reliable transportation, and be available for 10 weeks, beginning around the last week of May. If this sounds like someone you know, please encourage them to apply!

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
- Friendship - Interim Rev Bill Romans
- Jamestown
- Lupus
- Mt. Pleasant, Clarksburg - Interim Rev Alan Earls

Missions & Partnership Opportunities:

International Student Looking For Vehicle

A young man connected with the Lincoln campus ministry is looking for an inexpensive car to purchase or even borrow. He is currently finishing his graduate work and hopes to find work to help support his family and ministry in Liberia until it is time for him to return home (end of summer - next year).

If you have or know of such a vehicle and would like to help, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Clint Mahan (cmahan@cbamo.org) and he will get you connected with the student.

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 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.

Missouri Baptist Heritage Scholarship

Southwest Baptist University (SBU), Missouri Baptist University (MBU), and Hannibal-LaGrange University (HLGU) and Spurgeon College at Midwestern are cooperating with the Missouri Baptist Historical Commission to offer one \$2,000 scholarship to one student at each school.

Each \$2,000 scholarship will be established through a \$1,000 donation from the MBC Historical Commission and a \$1,000 match from the school.

Applicants must do research and write a paper on some aspect of Missouri Baptist history. The guidelines and application for the scholarship are available at: <https://baptistparchments.org/preserving-history/baptist-heritage-scholarship>. Papers should be mailed to: Missouri Baptist Heritage Scholarship, Executive Office, 400 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101-3253 by no later than April 1, 2023

Something is Coming Soon in our Association that has never happened before and will not happen again!

Two hundred years ago, in October 1823, the Concord Baptist Association was organized. Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, we will be celebrating this event in many special ways. The location is High Point Baptist church, just west of the "Business District" on Highway C, which is the only street in town!

Lunch will be catered, so no attendees will have to bring a covered dish. This event is designed for entire families. Childcare will be provided for babies to pre-school. There will be lots of music, vignette(s), theme interpretation from past, present and future, Children's Bible Drill, a missions testimony from one of our own young ladies, and an extremely interesting keynote speaker.

Right after lunch, we will have a decorated cake and cupcakes, followed by activities from the past and present for all people attending (none of us know what the young people will be doing in the future for entertainment). There will also be a program in the afternoon.

Make plans to bring several from your church family....remember: this has never happened before and will not happen again, so don't miss this event!

Since this is also typically when the CBA Annual meeting is held, an abbreviated business session will be held from 9:00-9:45am at the same location. There will be several pieces of important business to be voted upon by the Executive Council and the messengers from CBA churches. It is a tight schedule, so please don't arrive late!

A History of Concord Baptist Association

After the anti-missions problem was settled in Concord Baptist Association, reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ became very important in the churches of the Association. During the years 1842 and 1843, the churches of Concord Baptist Association baptized a total of 1,209 new believers: 397 in 1842, and 712 in 1843. In 1843, seven churches baptized 50 or more. Sardis (now Elston Baptist Church) led the Association in baptisms with 98 in 1843. Others were Moreau 81, Bethel 56, Gilgal 52, Cole Springs 51, and Mt. Pleasant 50.

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

Orders for this 575 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 price for each book will be \$70 (Four or more, \$65 each) until September 30, 2023, after which the cost will rise to \$75.

Orders by credit card will also be accepted at: 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
575 pages, 8.5 x 11-inch page size, hardcover

Ordered and paid for:

- January 1 - September 30, 2023
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