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Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

1 Peter 1:3



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This Month: APRIL 2023

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16	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* NOON @ MBC BUILDING	19	20	21	22
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More Upcoming 2023 Events:

Southside Baptist Church - Spring Revival

Southside Baptist Church (Fulton) would like to invite the churches of the association to their Spring Revival, to be held every evening at 6:00pm, April 2 through April 7. Fellowship will follow the service each evening and childcare will be provided. Revival and music to be led by the Andrew Johnson Family Ministry.

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 in Roby, MO (Texas County). 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 are available at cbamo.org/childrens-camp

Ladies Night Out

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

BSAAM Conference

The Baptist Secretaries & Administrative Assistances of Missouri will be holding their annual conference on September 18-19, 2023 at National Heights Baptist Church in Springfield, MO. The 2023 BSAAM Membership Form is available online at <https://www.baamissouri.org/>

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,

I don't know about you, but I don't think I can remember a celebration of Resurrection Sunday without singing the old Hymn "He Arose". That is a beautiful old tune that keeps Easter in the right perspective. One of the most exciting passages in the Bible is found in Luke 24: 6-8

"He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered His words"

Jesus is the Risen Savior! And with understanding that powerful truth, we must also remember that He took on the sins of the world, was

crucified to pay the sin debt we could not pay, was buried and three days later He rose from the grave!

I am sure you are like me in that I can't wait to enjoy Easter Sunday this year. It is because of the resurrection that we can have eternal life and a reason to celebrate. The month of April is a wonderful month that provides us the opportunity to remember the celebration of the Resurrection. Focusing on the Resurrected Jesus should be a motivation to every one of us as committed followers of Jesus, each day. Through Jesus and His Resurrection we receive Hope; through Jesus we receive Peace; through Jesus we receive forgiveness; through Jesus we receive eternal salvation. No wonder we are so excited about Easter!

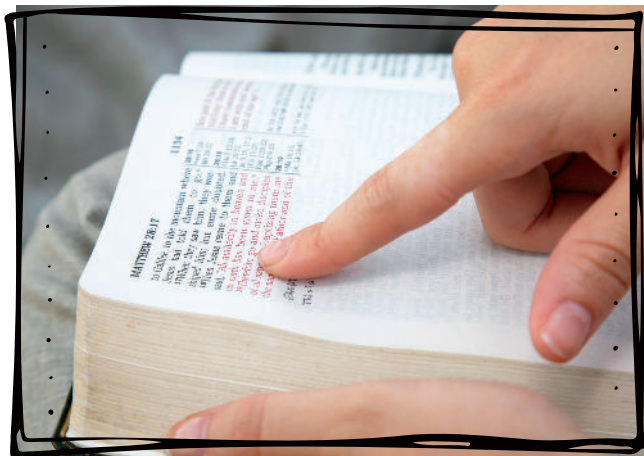
Paula and I wish a wonderful Christ focused Resurrection celebration to each and every one of you. What a joyous time to praise our Lord and Savior.

Thank you Pastors and Churches for all you do to Honor and Serve the Lord and for celebrating the truth of the Resurrection everyday of our life!

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

On Evangelism: The Sending Savior



The Bible tells us, "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then His disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you'" (John 20:19-21 NKJV).

The moment we are saved we become an ambassador for Christ. "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV). As children of God we represent His Kingdom in a foreign land.

Who was Jesus sending? He was sending His disciples. He is still sending us today. In the Book of Acts He told His disciples, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit

comes upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We are His sent ones today.

Where did He send them? The Lord sent them to go into all of the world and be His witness. He sends us today to share the gospel with all those we come in contact. Wherever we go we should leave a gospel trail. We may not always have the opportunity to share a full gospel presentation but we can leave a gospel trail by leaving a gospel tract or a copy of the gospel of John.

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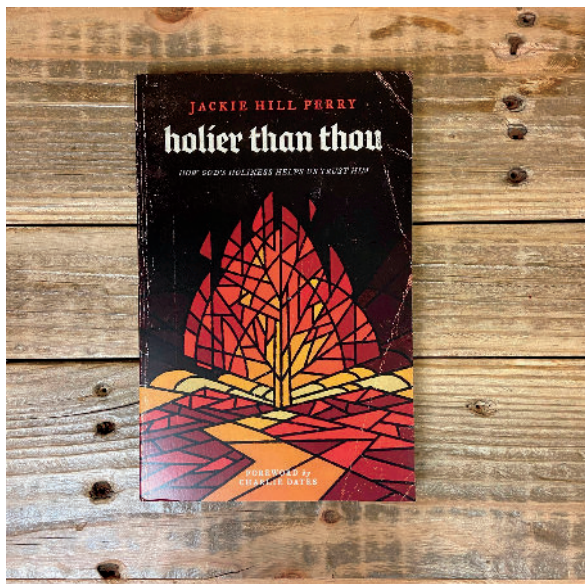
Why are we sent? We are sent to make Jesus known. When we make Jesus known it glorifies His Father. Everywhere we go we need to make much of Jesus! The world is lost. Men and women, and boys and girls who die without Jesus will go to hell. Hell is real! That should motivate every one of us who know Christ to go and tell that Jesus saves!

The last question we need to ask ourselves; "Will we be sent?" May we be like Isaiah and say, "Here am I! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8).



This article was submitted by Mike Quinn. Mike serves as the Staff Evangelist at Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City, MO.

Book Review: *Holier Than Thou* by Jackie Hill Perry



What we believe about the holiness of God affects our faith, our trust, and our own holiness. In this book, Jackie Hill Perry does more than take a superficial look into God's holiness, she dives in and explores God's holiness using scripture as her guide.

In the first chapter, she focuses on Isaiah chapter six in which Isaiah recounts his vision of heaven, in particular Isaiah's response to finding himself in the presence of God. He immediately confesses his sinful, unclean state without God saying a word. Peter had a similar reaction after Jesus told him to let down his nets again in Luke chapter five.

After giving us a clear picture of God and His holiness, Perry moves to address our views of God and how common misconceptions affect

our holiness. "As incomparable as God is, it seems to me that one problem with us humans is that we become so used to the idea of God that we treat Him as commonplace," (Perry, 2021 p. 72).

Perry's writing is logical and easy to follow. There is a clear progression toward her goal that we would become holy. It is apparent that she has spent a considerable amount of time studying scriptures and reading other well-known Bible scholars, whom she quotes frequently throughout the book.

Perry gives us much to contemplate on the importance of holiness. One point specifically jumped off the page for me in the beginning of chapter five on Holy Justice. "Starting a gospel presentation with 'Do you know that you are a sinner?' is the wrong way to begin... we should—dare I say must—begin with 'Did you know that God is holy?'" (Perry, 2021 p. 105).

Holier Than Thou is definitely a worthwhile read. It has a great deal of teachings concerning God and His Holiness, and Perry does an excellent job of unpacking them to point us in the right direction. This book is available from major retailers; there is also a workbook available for anyone wishing to make this a personal or small group study.



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

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Update:

A few highlights from March and forward:

1. God is opening doors with international students. Two requests for housing needs with a student from Malawi (who now lives with me) and another student from India. I've also connected with various international athletes on the track team. Please pray as we develop and educate our churches on adopting international students coming this fall semester. We hope to have a meal connecting interested churches with global students in August at a back to school event. Please let me know if you'd like to help with planning.

2. 10 students went to New Orleans on their spring break mission. Please be praying for their continued growth and involvement with what God is doing on campus and in their own understanding of being on mission as God begins calling them.

3. Pray for me as I take a 12 week class on Listening and Inner-Healing Prayer and how we meet God in the broken places of our stories. I have already used a few of these ideas with students struggling with value, believing lies and suicidal tendencies.

4. Please be praying for me and our team in Houston for 5 days surrounding the Final Four as we host a similar character award and ministry breakfast like we held at the Super Bowl.

5. If you'd be interested to help facilitate and serve a meal for the students sometime April 28 - 30th, please let me know ASAP as we begin planning and creating that at the BSU.

Grateful for each of you as we partner together with more things to come,

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 is now available at cbamo.org/childrens-camp, but we still 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!

CBA Outreach and Discipleship Events

Last month, we experienced a number of exciting events at Concord Baptist Association. We are so thankful for the hard work by the Shepherding Conference planning team to provide an incredible conference on March 3-4 to invest in church leaders throughout the Association. There were around 80 ministry leaders in attendance, who participated in breakouts discussing Shepherding, Discipleship, Evangelism, Worship, Women's Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Hispanic Ministry.



A special thanks to Concord Baptist Church for hosting, and to the various businesses and organizations that sponsored this event: Plate & Pour, Moyer & Descombes Insurance Agency, Tehillah Coffee Co, Missouri Baptist Credit Union, Missouri Baptist Foundation, Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief, the MBC, and Freeway Ministries.

The following weekend, the Outreach Council held their annual Men & Boys Wild Game Supper. About 15 of our Associational churches were represented in the 250+ men and boys in attendance. The Possum High Attendance Trophy was taken home by Memorial Baptist, who brought 28 men. The Possum trophy was upgraded, thanks to the taxidermy skills of Luke Kuhns, Russellville Baptist Church. Memorial Baptist also took home the Billy Bass Visitor Attendance Trophy. Jared Proctor, Pastor of Springhill Baptist Church (Springfield, MO) brought an excellent message tying together the Parable of the Lost Sheep with tracking down a trophy buck.



Special thanks to the Men's Ministry Team, who work hard each year to plan this event, and to First Baptist Church, California for hosting. If you would like to be involved in this event, please contact office@cbamo.org

A Big Celebration is Coming Soon to Concord Baptist Association!

Look at your calendar...October 14, 2023 should be marked as a big celebration for 200 years of ministry by CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. It will follow the 9:00 a.m CBA Annual meeting at High Point Baptist Church. The celebration will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the theme is: "Remember the past... look to the future."

The History of Concord Baptist Association, written by Roy Dameron, has gone to press. If you have not ordered your copy, please visit cbamo.org/200thAnniversary or contact Alicia at CBA office. The longer you wait, the more it will cost.

Many churches have already volunteered to help with the event by donating money to pay for food, water, printing, etc. We still have opportunities of service. Please contact, Lucy Engelbrecht, 660-281-4346 if individuals or churches chose to volunteer. One big favor that we would like to ask of our churches: we need a count from each church as to how many plan to attend. This is mainly for food count, number of keepsake programs, souvenirs, etc. Please share your church's headcount with Alicia (office@cbamo.org) know by July 31, 2021.

Don't forget - this is a family event with childcare provided by Disaster Relief Team during each worship service. Games will be for all ages following noon meal and cake cutting/serving. Nurses will be available. Music will be a varied experience of choir, solos, small groups, other languages and congregational with music from the past to the present. The services include Children's Bible demo, drama, mission trip experience abroad, theme interpretations, keynote speaker, former staff members plan to attend. Each person of all ages will receive a keepsake at the Celebration registration desk. SEE YOU OCTOBER 14, 2023 AT HIGH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH POINT, MO!

A History of Concord Baptist Association

A History of Concord Baptist Association and Its Churches has been printed and copies are available for purchase.

Copies of the "History" will be available at:

- The Associational Executive Council meeting at Calvary on April 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Roy Dameron's residence (Primrose Retirement Community) 1214 Freedom Blvd., Apt. 201, Jefferson City, MO. Please call ahead, 573-301-5267, to be sure Roy is available.

- The Association Office in the Baptist Building, 3rd floor. Please check in at Reception.

The price for each book is \$70 (Four or more, \$65 each) until September 30, 2023, after which the cost will rise to \$75. Please make checks payable to Roy Dameron.

Orders by credit card will also be accepted at: cbamo.org/200thAnniversary, where you can also find a copy of the paper form to remit with your check.

Ministry/Job Openings:

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.

CBA Summer Missionary

The CBA Summer Missionary position will be opening for applications April 3rd - May 12th! This individual should be someone reliable, who loves the Lord and ideally someone who is gifted in working 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. Hours scheduled can vary based on association and church needs, but applicants must commit to being fully available the weeks of June 3-10 (3MT), July 9-14 (Concord Builders) and July 16-20 (Children's Camp).

If this sounds like someone you know, please encourage them to apply ASAP. We would like to fill this position quickly! More information and the link to the online application can be found at: cbamo.org/summer-missionary.

CBA Church Updates

Churches in Transition:

- Centertown - Interim Shawn Higgins
- Clarksburg - Rev Gary Case
- Corticelli - Interim Rev Dr. Greg Morrow
- Concord - Interim Rev Dr. Neil Franks
- Enon
- Friendship - Interim Rev Bill Romans
- Jamestown
- Lupus - Interim Rev Mark Baepler
- Mt. Pleasant - 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.

Opportunities in Montana

As of mid-March, there were still a number of unmet needs/requests for partnerships from Montana churches.

These needs range from help with Rodeo Ministries, building projects, sports camps, outreach projects, summer internships and more.

If your church is interested in partnering with a Montana church, please contact us at office@cbamo.org for the list or visit this link: tinyurl.com/2p9cjy32.

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.

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