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Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 Peter 1:3

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This Month:



MAY 2023

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12  SUMMER MISSIONARY APPLICATIONS DUE!	13
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*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE, EVENING SESSION TBA

Next Month:

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  FOR EARLY BIRD KIDS CAMP REGISTRATION!	2	3  MID-MISSOURI MISSION TEAM MISSION WEEK BEGINS
4	5	6	7	8	9	10  MID-MISSOURI MISSION TEAM MISSION WEEK ENDS
11	12	13	14	15  LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING @ 6:30 (MBC BUILDING)	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30  LAST DAY FOR KIDS CAMP REGISTRATION!	

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More Upcoming 2023 Events:

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

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

Children's Camp will be held July 16-20, 2023 at Pulaski Baptist Association Campground in Waynesville, MO. Registration: \$100/camper until 6/1/23, \$110/camper (6/2/23-6/30/23). More details, including registration are available at cbamo.org/childrens-camp. See page 5 to find out how you and your church can get involved to help make camp a success!

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,

As the month of May begins we discover a number of changes being revealed all around us. School will soon be out. The daylight is staying brighter. Summer activities are starting: Bible camps, mission trips, vbs, gardening, family vacations, camping and float trips, etc. There will be a lot of work and a lot of fun. Summertime is exciting. As we observe, we see somethings change and some things remain the same.

Sometimes there are so many activities in the summer that we see down trends in church attendance. I just want to encourage you, churches, that summertime can be challenging but it can be so encouraging at the same time. I want to encourage you to continue to love the Lord, love each other, love others and preach and teach the Word. In Matthew 28:19-20, Christ commanded us to make disciples. So don't get discouraged if the numbers don't always reach what we think to be ideal. If you are making disciples by teaching and preaching the word, then you are pleasing the Lord! When those who are being discipled begin to disciple others God

will bless. We are reminded in 2 Thessalonians 3:13, ***"But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good."*** Summer is a busy time, but for committed followers of Jesus, summer is a time for spiritual harvest. With all the hard work in God's harvest fields, after the long week of vacation Bible School, 3MT, Children's Camp, Concord Builders, Church Mission Trips, and activities, don't become weary. Instead remember the words of Jesus, ***"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest,'"*** Matthew 9:37-38.

CBA churches many of you have shown yourself to be hard working harvesters. Thank you for not growing weary in doing good. Thank you for your sacrificial service to advance the message of Jesus. Thank you for loving those in your community that does not know God's love. Thank you for sharing hope to the hopeless. Thank you for caring for those who are broken and depressed, so that they may experience the saving power and deliverance of Jesus. And thank you for Loving God and each other.

God's Blessing to you, your church, community and beyond as you grow in the Lord and share your witnessing testimony of the greatness of God. Enjoy the bountiful summer that God has given you.

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Update:

A few highlights from March and forward:

1. God moved mightily at our Final Four Keys to Life Gospel Breakfast in Houston a few weeks ago.
2. God has allowed more international students to visit and brought several to an Easter Service followed by a fun family cookout.
3. I will help lead a team pioneering a mission to Central Asia from May 3-15. We will interact with kids camps, college students, humanitarian efforts with refugees from Russia, Ukraine and Afghanistan, along with encouraging local pastors and national staff.
4. I am excited to bring 6 Lincoln student athletes to a character, leadership and faith camp in Colorado from May 19 - 27 and prayers are appreciated for open hearts and humility.
5. I have been given a huge opportunity to purchase and manage an international house just off of Lincoln's campus. I would love to invite any church service groups to help in June and July with cleaning up and prep of the property. I'd also love help filling the 4 bedrooms and main living areas with any furniture you may have lying around and are willing to depart!
6. We are also pursuing a Back to School Dinner and Gift Bag for incoming freshman and international students in August. We would love ideas on a local business wanting to donate a heavier duty bag and brand it if they want, along with efforts to contact Unilever, local stores and restaurants, etc for good ideas to place in the bags.

Partnering together,

Clint

2023 Children's Camp

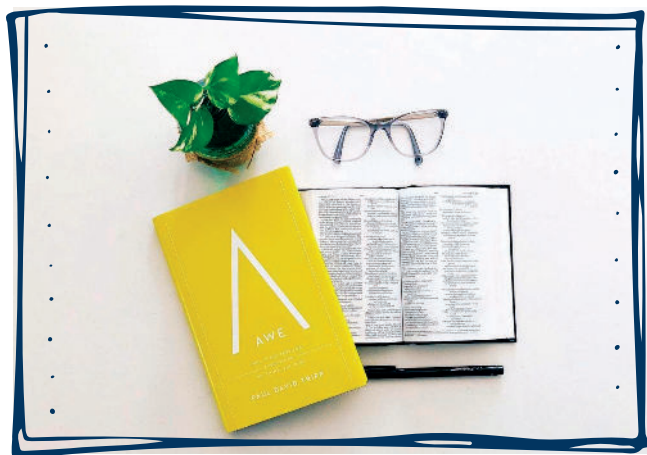


Psst! The dates for our Associational Children's Camp have been set, and you don't want to miss out being a part of this incredible week. More details and registration for campers is now available at cbamo.org/childrens-camp, but we still need your help, churches!

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: Mess Hall workers; Male and Female Squad Leaders (Team Leaders)/Cabin Leaders - especially males. 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!

Book Review: *Awe* by Paul David Tripp



In this book, Paul David Tripp reminds us that as humans, we are created with a God-given capacity for awe. Not only that, but we are, at any given point in our lives, in awe of something or someone. Awe is a part of who we are; God has given us this capacity for awe so that we can fill it up with awe for Him. The problem is we often fill that place within us with things other than God. "A war rages over who or what will control the awe capacity that God has established within the heart of every human being," (Tripp, 2015 p. 25). Tripp turns to scripture to give us several examples of people with misplaced awe. He summarizes this particular chapter Romans 1 which he calls, "a powerful summary of awe-wrongedness," (Tripp, 2015 p. 37).

As Tripp progresses through his book, he connects every problem humanity faces with where their awe is placed. When our awe is firmly placed in God, not only do we benefit

but those around us do as well. When our awe is in ourselves, our work, or some aspect of the creation the result is complaints, materialism, self-centeredness, and a break down of relationships.

I found this book extremely convicting and a powerful reminder that every believer needs at some point in their life. This book is very readable not by simplification, but rather presented in a straightforward, easily understood manner.

Awe is widely available from major retailers. I was not able to find a study guide; however a small group would find much here to discuss. This is the first book by this author I have read, and it will not be my last.

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

Ministry Openings:

Youth/Associate Pastor, Fortuna Baptist

Fortuna Baptist Church is seeking a Youth/Associate Pastor. This would most likely be a bivocational position that would have potential to move to a full-time position. Duties would include youth ministry, teaching, and assisting the senior pastor with pastoral care and support as needed. If interested, please send resumes to fortunabc.search@gmail.com or for questions please call 660-473-1685.

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

Applications for the CBA Summer Missionary position are due by the end of day 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.

If your church is interested in having the summer missionary serve alongside your church, please submit your request (including dates, times, and a brief description of the event) to office@cbamo.org

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.

CBA Church Updates

Churches in Transition:

- Centertown - Interim Shawn Higgins
- Corticelli - Interim Rev Dr. Greg Morrow
- Concord - New Pastor: Rev John King
- Enon - New Pastor: Rev Aaron Roberts
- Friendship - Interim Rev Bill Romans
- Jamestown
- Lupus - Interim Rev Mark Baepler
- Mt. Pleasant - Interim Rev Alan Earls

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 at:

- 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.

Please remit a paper form (available at cbamo.org/200thAnniversary) with your check. The link to order using a credit card also available on the website.

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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