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This Month:

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			31 <i>Deadline</i> FOR EARLY BIRD KIDS CAMP REGISTRATION!	1	2	3 3MT PRO MISSOURI PERSON TEAM MISSION WEEK BEGINS
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 3MT PRO MISSOURI PERSON TEAM MISSION WEEK ENDS
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Deadline</i> LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR CONCORD BUILDERS	16	17
18	19 !! NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 CANCELLED PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE*	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Deadline</i> LAST DAY FOR KIDS CAMP REGISTRATION!	

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Next Month:

JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 <i>Closed</i> 4 TH July	5	6	7	8
9 CONCORD BUILDERS @ ROBY BAPTIST CHURCH ROBY, MO	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 CHILDREN'S CAMP @ PBA CAMPGROUND WAYNESVILLE, MO	17 !! NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 CANCELLED PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE*	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Rejoice</i> FOR CBA'S 200TH CELEBRATION					

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More Upcoming 2023 Events:

Concord Builders

The Concord Builders are excited to be heading to Roby Baptist Church in Roby, MO to help with their 4000 sq. foot new build project from July 9-14, 2023! Our team will be following another team that should be completing the framing, so potential project opportunities may include sheet rock, insulation and sheet metal installation. You must be 18 years or older to serve, *unless* you are 12+ years old *and* have an adult sponsor with you on site. Other areas of service include: kitchen crew and childcare (must be 18+ and be able to pass a background check). This site has RV hookups and rooms on-site to accommodate lodging.

Cost: \$40 Registration + (optional) \$8 T-Shirt. Registration forms available at cbamo.org/concord-builders-team. Completed Registration and shirt orders due by June 15, 2023. Please contact Lucy Engelbrecht (lengel0625@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Children's Camp - "Battle Ready - No Weapon Formed Against You Shall Stand" (Isaiah 54:7)

Children's Camp will be held July 16-20, 2023 at Pulaski Baptist Association Campground in Waynesville, MO. Cost: \$110/camper (until June 30). Registrations will not be accepted after the June 30 deadline. 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 - "Count It All Joy" (James 1:2)

The 2nd Annual CBA Ladies Night Out will be held on August 11th, from 6-8pm at High Point Baptist Church. The doors will open at 5:30pm for check-in, dinner will begin at 6, followed by a time of worship and encouragement at 7. This year's speaker will be Anne Rulo. Make plans to bring your ladies group, an award will be given to the church with the most attendees! If your church would like to donate a gift basket for prizes, please contact Alicia (office@cbamo.org).

Registration:

Early Bird (until July 17th) - \$10/person*

Late Registration (July 18th-31st) - \$15/person*

**Childcare is available to those who pre-register.*

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.

Churches: Please let Alicia (office@cbamo.org) know how many from your church are planning to attend by July 31st so the planning team can purchase enough food and supplies.

A Word from our DDM



Dear CBA Churches,

In recent days God revealed a special Bible verse that spoke volumes to me at the time and has continued to provide me guidance through this day. As Born Again Believers, we are very special to God. In Romans 8:26-27 we are reminded that because we are committed followers of Jesus, the Spirit helps us always, even in the time of our weakness. When our hearts are burdened and overwhelmed the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf "with groanings too deep for words." God's Holy Word reminds us that the Holy Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Immediately following the powerful truth found in Romans 8:26-27 (Which I highly encourage you to read), is the special verse that God gave to me during that time of revelation:

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28, NASB 1995)

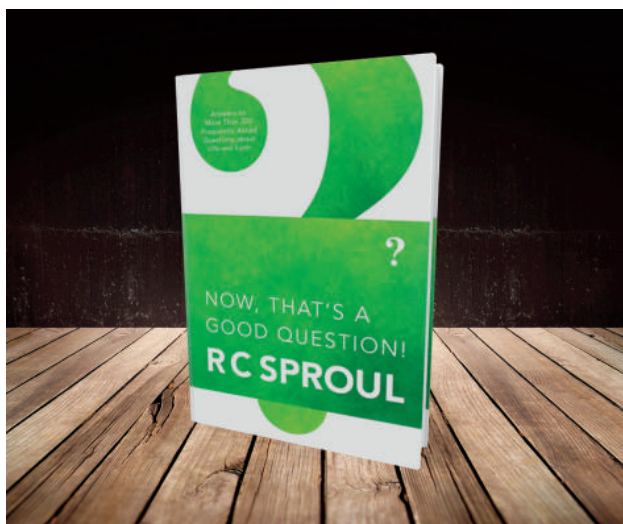
What an incredible power verse for those who are children of God. I also note that if you are not a child of God you can't claim this promise. When we repent of our sin, believe in Jesus' life, death and resurrection and when we choose to make Jesus the Lord of our life, we receive incredible peace, comfort and power. For those who have been saved by God's grace through faith and who love the Lord, we know that God will take all things in our life and work them together for His good. That doesn't mean that all things that happen in our life are good nor are they always a pleasurable experience. Nor does it mean that He will work them together for what we desire or what we may define as good. But when it is all said and done God will use all things good, challenging or bad to work together for His good. Why? Because we love Him and because we are called according to His purpose. Opposition and persecution are not an enjoyable experience at the moment. But as James 1:2-4 reminds us we consider various trials as a joy because it prepares us by testing our faith which produces endurance. I am so thankful that God loves me and He has called me for His purpose and that He will cause all things to work together for the good of those that Love Him and are called according to His purpose.

CBA Churches, may God continually bless you as you make disciples and share the good news of Jesus with your community, state, nation and world! May the joy of Jesus be with you in the good and challenging times!

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

Book Review: "Now That's a Good Question" by RC Sproul



This book was based on a radio program featuring Dr. Sproul in which invited attendees were given the opportunity to ask any theological question, and he provided an answer in a four-minute time period. Later the transcript was organized and edited, and this book was the result. There are twenty-two chapters covering subjects ranging from God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to marriage, career, suffering, and the end times.

Dr. Sproul, founder of Ligonier Ministries and author of over one hundred books, gave straightforward, easily understood answers. He routinely covered differences between beliefs held by the Roman Catholic Church and Protestants on the different subjects addressed and at times the differences among various Protestant Churches.

I was impressed by Dr. Sproul's depth of knowledge as well as his willingness to open himself up to spontaneous questions on difficult subjects often avoided. His answers revealed a deep understanding of Scripture and were based on the Bible rather than personal opinion though he did give his opinion at times. He was very articulate in his answers on the wide variety of subjects, and he readily acknowledged which areas were often the subject of disagreement such as infant baptism.

Now That's A Good Question was published in 1996 and is still widely available from major retailers. It was an interesting read and would be an excellent resource to have in your personal library.

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

On Evangelism: Holding Up the Light

Have you ever thought about why you are here? What is your purpose in life? The Scriptures tell us why we are here. Christ followers are to be light in this dark and wicked world. God has left us down here to shine. We are not here to buy and sell and get gain, to accumulate wealth, to acquire worldly position. This world, if we are Christians, is not our home, we are just passing through. God has sent us into the world to shine for Him. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). The Bible says, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

I read a story this past week of a sailor who became very seasick. While he was sick, he heard that a man had fallen overboard. He was wondering if there was anything he could do to help save the man. He laid hold of a light, and held it up to the porthole. The drowning man was saved. A few days later when the sick man got over his sickness, he went up on the deck and talked to the man that had been saved. The saved man gave this testimony. He said he had gone down the second time and was just going down again for the last time, when he put out his hand. Just then, he said, someone held

a light at the porthole, and the light fell on it. A sailor caught him by the hand and pulled him into the lifeboat.

It seemed a small thing to do to hold up the light; yet it saved the man's life. We may think there is not much we can do to make a difference in this dark world but we can hold the light for some poor hell bound sinner who may be won to Christ and delivered from destruction. We need to take the torch of salvation and go into the homes and hold up Christ to the people as the Savior of the world. If the lost are going to be reached, we must go where they are and pray and labor for them. I heard about a blind man who was sitting on a street corner with a lantern beside him. Someone went up to him and asked him what he had a lantern for, seeing that he was blind the light was the same to him as the darkness. The blind man replied, "I have it so that no one may stumble over me."

The Apostle Paul said "You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2). Think about what Paul is saying. Where one man reads the Bible there are a hundred that read you and me. If we are to be light in this world we must match our walk with our talk. God forbid we be a stumbling block to anyone coming to Christ! May our light so shine that the lost see their way to Christ!



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

Meet the 2023 Summer Missionary



My name is Devion Evers and I am 21 years old. I am currently a youth leader at Freshwater Church where I help out with games and messages for our students. I've spent 5 months this year teaching and preparing messages for our students while our youth pastor was out due to medical reasons. I first learned how to preach and how to exegete the scriptures at a small bible school called The Ezekiel Project School of Evangelism. There I would take classes on Greek, Hermeneutics, Homiletics, Systematic Theology, and Apologetics. I would also gain a lot of experience with open air evangelism and passing out tracts. Furthermore this year I got done leading a 10 week men's study through the book of Colossians. I also am in the process of starting a young adults life group at my church. I also do apologetic work online where I encounter and defend the scriptures against skeptics and people of other faiths. I've been truly blessed to be able to serve the Lord in the ways that I have. For the future I plan to continue serving the Lord at my local church and to continue my studies at a seminary. God is truly doing amazing things in this world and I hope that the Lord can use me as a vessel to bring about his will.

If your church would like Devion to come serve alongside you this summer, email office@cbamo.org with the requested dates and a description of the ministry need.

2023 Children's Camp



We're gearing up for Children's Camp, which is happening July 16-20 at Pulaski Baptist Association Campground (Waynesville, MO).

More details and registration for campers is now available at cbamo.org/childrens-camp, but we still need your help, churches!

1. **Promote Registration!** Registration ends on June 30th, so please impress upon the families in your church that registrations will not be accepted after that date.
2. **Financially.** As of June 1, registration is \$110/child, so you may consider offering partial or full scholarships to families in need. We are also seeking churches or individuals who would like to sponsor a meal for \$250.
3. **Send Leaders!** We are still looking for some awesome adults (male and female) to serve as Cabin/Squad Leaders. This involves staying in a cabin and hanging out with the kids as they go through the daily rotations. This role is so important for the success of camp, but the requirements are simple: loving to share the love of Christ with children, being able to pass a background check and receiving the endorsement of your pastor.

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

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.

Director of Missions, Heartland Baptist Assoc.

The Heartland Baptist Association in West-Central Missouri is accepting applications for a Full-Time Director of Missions. Please contact Terry Beasley at tbeasley@cameronfbc.org to receive instructions on applying for the position. The application deadline is June 15, 2023.

Missions & Partnership Opportunities:

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 - New Pastor: Randy Chambers
- Jamestown - Interim Ken McCune
- Lupus - Interim Rev Mark Baepler
- Mt. Pleasant - Interim Rev Alan Earls

Upcoming Church Events:



Christian Young Adults Lawn Party

Memorial Baptist, in conjunction with other Jefferson City churches, would like to invite the young adults of the association to a Lawn Party on the Capitol lawn on June 11th at 6pm

This will be a night of 9-square, Gaga Ball, Music and Fellowship for ages 18-28(ish) year olds.

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, and 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

Summer Missionary

CBA is proud to introduce our summer missionary for 2023. Devion Evers is a partner at Freshwater and will be working to serve our churches this summer starting on May 30, 2023. If you or your church is in need of assistance of the summer missionary for VBS, camps, etc. please contact Alicia (office@cbamo.org) to schedule Devion to minister with you.

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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