

July 2023



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Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

★ FOR YOU WERE
★ CALLED TO FREEDOM.
BROTHERS:
ONLY DON'T USE
YOUR FREEDOM AS
AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR THE FLESH. BUT
SERVE ONE ANOTHER
THROUGH LOVE.

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This Month:

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 <i>Closed</i> 4 th of July	5	6	7	8
9 CONCORD BUILDERS@ ROBY BAPTIST CHURCH GARRON ROBERTS ORDINATION 3:00 PM @ CONCORD BAPTIST	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>Resyp</i> FOR CBA'S 20TH CELEBRATION					

*WE WILL RE-EVALUATE RESUMING PASTOR ROUNDTABLE IN AUGUST

Next Month:

AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 MEETING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL @ 6:00 PM CLARKSBURG BAPTIST	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 CBA LADIES NIGHT OUT @ 5:30 PM HIGH POINT BAPTIST	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* @ 1000 MBC BUILDING	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE, EVENING SESSION TBD

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.

Registration is now closed, but please be in prayer for the team as they travel to Roby and begin work!

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. Registration is now closed, but please see page 7 for ways you can partner with us to make this year's camp successful!

Executive Council Meeting

Our next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3rd at 6:00 pm. Thank you to Clarksburg Baptist Church for hosting us!

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,

The 4th of July was always my father's favorite holiday. My dad was raised on a farm in southeast Missouri during the depression. Like many families being raised in the 1930's, times were tough and money was scarce. As a farmer, Christmas and Easter were challenging times on the family farm and there was little money. But the 4th of July was a slower time on the farm since the crops were in the field. The family could get together and celebrate. My grandparents would generally have a few extra dollars to buy soda, ice and made homemade ice cream for the fourth. The country's freedom and the freedom to have a day set aside to spend with family was very special to my family as it was to many of you and your family.

Our Country's independence and the celebration of freedom is wonderful. But as committed followers of Jesus and American's we are able to celebrate something even greater. While the political freedoms we receive as a country is the best in the world, there is something greater. As a Born Again Believer in Jesus and as an American, we are blessed to. celebrate the best of both world's. We live in a country that celebrates the freedom of a great country but most importantly we celebrate the eternal freedom for which we receive through Jesus when we accept salvation when He died for our sins, was buried and rose from the grave.

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery." (Gal 5:1)

I always thought that this passage was powerful, but also kind of awkward. What does it really mean? "It was for Freedom that Christ set us free...". Salvation is as simple as that. The sole purpose of salvation is to set us free. Free from the law, free from the inability to obtain salvation through our works and self-righteousness, and free from the yoke of slavery.

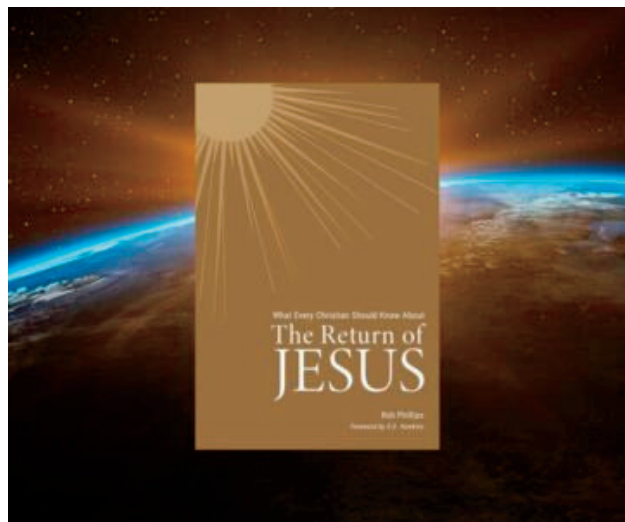
We have often heard it quoted that "Freedom is not Free." For the freedom of our country, blood was shed. For the continuation of the freedom of our country, blood continues to be shed. The cost of freedom is expensive. There is no greater cost than the cost of freedom from sin through salvation in Jesus. For Freedom from sin through salvation, requires a payment in blood as well. This is a cost we can not pay on our own. The only acceptable payment for salvation is the blood of Jesus. It is when we repent and turn from sin and accept the payment that Jesus made for us with His own blood that we have the opportunity to receive the gift of freedom in Jesus.

There is not a freedom that we receive that comes without a price. May we celebrate the month of July by our thankfulness for our freedom in this country, but most of all let us be thankful for the freedom we receive from Jesus. "It was for freedom that Christ set us free...." Happy Fourth of July.

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

Book Review: What Every Christian Should Know About the Return of Jesus



Rob Phillips, who works for the Missouri Baptist Convention and lives in Jefferson City, has written a number of Christian books on a variety of subjects. His latest book focuses on the return of Jesus. While Christians readily agree on the fact of Jesus' return, we seem to fall into one of two camps: either we are fascinated with the end times and eagerly study the subject or we prefer not to think about it and avoid it altogether. Whichever camp you fall into this book was written for you. At the beginning, Phillips clearly states he has deliberately avoided timelines and details that usually prove divisive (particularly the four different millennialist views which are explained in an appendix for those wishing for more information). He quotes John 21:20-23 as proof we are not meant to know the exact time and his approach in this book reflects that

belief. Phillips tells us, "...the wise listener focuses not on the day or hour of Christ's return but on being ready for his return whenever it comes," (Phillips, 2023 p. 386).

Phillips gives us an in-depth look into everything the Bible tells us about Jesus' return, beginning with an examination of the scriptures that focus on the fact of His return. After establishing this fact, he focuses on how Jesus will return: personally, powerfully, victoriously, and suddenly. Along the way, he answers questions such as: what is Sheol? Is it Hell or a different place, and what about Hades? What is the difference between the Great White Throne Judgment and the Judgment Seat of Christ? What are we supposed to be doing while we wait for his return?

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and I learned much about the return of Jesus I didn't know or hadn't thought about. Phillips' goal seems to be to educate believers on the end times, and that is exactly what he has done. He reminds us, "It's not that we don't look forward to the return of Christ; it's that we don't look forward to it as often or as intently as we should," (Phillips, 2023 p. 324).

Each chapter ends with a review of that chapter's main points and study questions. This would be an excellent study for a group wishing to know more about the return of Jesus. It is available online from Amazon.



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

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry Update

Happy June, Mighty Partners in Ministry! What a month of May it was! I was able to help pioneer a mission to Central Asia where we committed 3-5 years of developing local leaders and building relationships. From the mountain village school where we taught English, shared faith stories and got beat in soccer; to the beautiful park where we hosted multiple gatherings and sport camps for refugee students; to leading various unregistered church services and even carrying car loads of food, materials, soap, etc to a leper colony and praying over it's many isolated image bearers: what a wonderful experience we shared together seeing God move!



What an honor it was to celebrate the Lincoln University International Graduates! There were over 100 international students present. I enjoyed praying over the group and sharing about campus gatherings and Bible studies. The guy wearing glasses in front is from India. He practices the Hindu religion and will be one of the 5 students in my international ministry house that I'm currently remodeling.



What an incredible week of Ultimate Training Camp at Colorado State University. After one inaugural student athlete last year, we prayed and saw 5 attend this summer. Each of them is excited to start a Bible Study on their team and help with campus ministry opportunities this Fall.



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

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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 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

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.

Children's Camp

We are just weeks away from Children's Camp and there are still several ways that you and your church can partner with us to make this year's camp a success:

- **Partner with us in prayer.** Please pray for safety as camp staff and campers travel to Waynesville for camp, and as they go throughout the week. Some of the kids going don't know Jesus, so please also be in prayer for their hearts and minds as they hear the gospel. May they hear the truth and that they would respond as the Holy Spirit moves. Also be in prayer for the students who already know Christ as they learn more about what it takes to be Battle Ready.
- **Partner with us in sending.** The boys' cabins are at capacity. If we can get 2 more adult males (18 years+ and able to pass a background check) to agree to stay overnight, it would allow us to open another cabin and space the boys out more appropriately. If you are interested in serving in this way, the staff application is available at: cbamo.org/childrens-camp. If you have questions, please reach out to Kari Sullivan, Camp Director (kari@memorialchurch.net)

200th Anniversary Celebration Choir

Have you heard about an exciting opportunity for ALL OUR CHURCHES during the 200th Celebration of Concord Association, October 14? You will have the opportunity to hear (or be in) the 45/200 CHOIR!

The music leader of each church is asked to either sing in this choir or to solicit a singer (or 2) and join this mass choir representing all our 45 associational churches. They will meet and rehearse during the day of the celebration, singing a medley called "Heaven." Steve Bickel and Elaine Foster are co-leading the choir at this event at High Point Baptist Church.

As a church member, why don't you ask your music leader, pastor, or church secretary if they've made plans for this event yet! We REALLY want all churches involved in this special day. Many of you have committed already to various tasks that need to be done. Thank you! Be sure your church is planning to be represented in the 45/200 CHOIR as well.

Questions? Contact Elaine Foster, 573-353-5308

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.

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
- October 1 - October 9, 2023
- After October 9, 2023

Cost:

\$70 each (Four or more, \$65 each)
\$75 each (Four or more, \$70 each)
\$80 each (Four or more, \$75 each)

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Please make check payable to: Concord Baptist Association, memo: History Book

Please return check/form to: Concord Baptist Association, PO Box 419, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Name _____

Church _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Email _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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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.



CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ladies Night Out

"Count it all joy..." (James 1:2a)

Friday, August 11th

6:00 - 8:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

Music + Speaker at 7:00pm

High Point Baptist Church

40314 Church Road, California, MO



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

Anne Rulo

Dinner + Dessert provided | Door prizes

Free childcare available by Pre-Registration

Early Bird Registration (until July 17th): \$10

Late Registration (July 17-31st): \$15

Register at: cbamo.org/lno

Bring your friends!

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