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This Month:

AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 MEETING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL @ 6:30 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* @ NOON MBC BUILDING	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE, EVENING SESSION TBD

Next Month:

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 ASSOCIATION ACP DEADLINE	2
3	4 HAPPY *** LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 CBA CALENDAR DEADLINE	16
17	18 2024 BUDGET REQUESTS DUE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* @ NOON MBC BUILDING	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 MEETING LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING @ 5:30 PM	29	30

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More Upcoming 2023 Events:

Executive Council Meeting

Our next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 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 ASAP so the planning team can purchase enough food and supplies.

A Word from our DDM

Dear CBA Churches,

July has been a very busy but Kingdom focused month. Many churches have been actively involved in Missions, and summer activities to include VBS and many other activities. It is a joy to see the churches involved in so many opportunities to share Christ, make disciples and to put God's word into practice within our families, churches, communities, state, nation, and world! Thanks for being a Matthew 28:19-20 church and association.

In addition to what all the churches have done this month, the association has had the privilege of serving in conjunction with all of our sister churches through Concord Builders and CBA Children's Camp.

Concord Builders – July 9-14, 2023 – Roby Baptist Church, Roby, Missouri

The association was blessed to join in partnership with Roby Baptist Church this year. Concord Builders worked to install insulation, and sheet rocked several square feet of a multi-purpose building that Roby Baptist Church will use as a youth building and a "Helping Hand" community store to serve those in need in their community. Each year God is glorified in this ministry. Concord Builders wants to encourage all of our churches in the association to be involved. Next year we will have needs to serve in the kitchen, to conduct children ministry for the mission workers, and workers to invest their time and efforts in the building program. Concord Builders always schedules the mission

on the first full week after 4th of July. So please mark your calendar and encourage your church to be a part of this amazing ministry.

CBA Children's Camp – July 16-20, 2023 – Pulaski County Association's Campgrounds

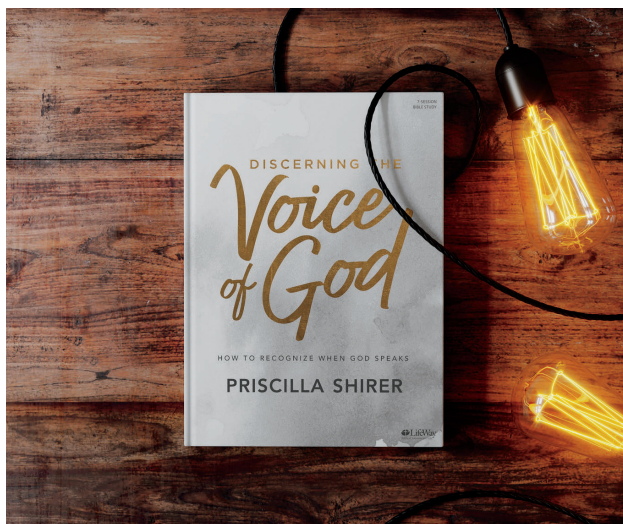
The theme of this year's CBA Children's Camp was "Battle Ready". We saw a bit over 60 children in attendance and around a dozen adult leaders. Children and adults had a blast. Worship, missions and Bible study was amazing. We are blessed to have a number of churches that see the tremendous value of working together to share the love of God and His word with the children of our association. Thank you for those who worked so hard. Kari Sullivan is our Children's Camp Director and has been incredible to communicate, delegate and support an army of workers to make camp special, meaningful and life changing for the children of CBA. I want to especially say thank you to the wonderful churches that provided \$250 meal scholarships to help offset the costs of camp. Your church made a huge difference with this support. Please spread the news for next year to get all the children of your church excited and to encourage qualifying adults to volunteer to share Jesus with our children!

Churches, thank you for being committed servants to the Lord to preach, teach, share and live the Good News of Jesus. What a joy to make a difference to God's Kingdom by working together.

God Bless,

Bro. Alan

*Book Review:
Discerning the Voice of
God - How To Recognize
When God is Speaking
by Priscilla Shirer*



In this book, Priscilla Shirer addresses our need to hear God. Her discussion is not whether or not God will speak to us but rather how to hear him and recognize him when he does. She begins with the startling thought that maybe we don't hear God because we are not listening for his voice.

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Have we become so addicted to busyness—not merely in our daily lives but while we're actually immersed in our daily devotions—that we've actually trained ourselves not to hear Him?

(Shirer, 2012, p. 24).

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From this starting point, Shirer tells us the way God speaks, the role of the Holy Spirit, how to recognize the sound of his voice, and what God wants to accomplish when he speaks to us. Shirer uses Scripture and her own personal experiences to teach us the importance of God's voice in our daily lives. We learn that God speaks with the expectation of obedience, and we learn that God's primary way of speaking to us is through his written word.

Shirer has a very down to earth, easy way of writing that makes the reader feel like she is sitting across the table enjoying a cup of coffee with you. Each chapter ends with a list of challenges to enable the reader to not merely read the chapter but to examine their life and take the time to plant the message deep in their heart.

For those wishing to make a study of this book, there are options available: the original book, a bible study book as well as videos. The videos are available for viewing on YouTube for anyone wanting more information before making a purchase.

Before I picked up this book, I was aware of Priscilla Shirer and of, at least, some of her many endeavors, but I had not read any of her books. I will not hesitate to read more from her.



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

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry Update

After 7 weeks of chaotic renovations at our International Student Ministry House just off campus, we moved in 3 guys between July 18 - 22. We await 2 more arriving soon. India is the majority with Bangladesh bringing one student to the fold. We have made plenty of trips to various stores while familiarizing them with the local hot spots. We are still looking for various items, such as: 2 more twin mattresses and box frames, a microwave, basic kitchenware and utensils, lamps and nightstands, if you have any creative ideas or items.

We are gathering Volunteers to move in new students around August 17-19th. We are waiting for the final word on which day if you'd like to come help connect our team with families and new students.

I have been invited to follow stats again for home football games and host pregame chapels on the Friday night before the game. It looks like cookies will once again be an opportunity to serve and love on these student athletes so be on the lookout for those dates coming soon. The first home game is September 8th.

We are hosting a Prayer Walk and Dinner for students, staff and local association church volunteers during Homecoming week and looking at October 5th if your Thursday evenings can accommodate.

Thanks much,
Clint

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, Russellville, MO is seeking a youth leader (grades 7-12) for Wednesday nights. This position is for September through May. Candidate should agree with the BFM 2000. If interested please contact Pastor Paul Young at 573-301-1073 or email pyoung@centurylink.net.

CBA Church Updates

Churches in Transition:

- Centertown - Interim Shawn Higgins
- Corticelli - Interim Rev Dr. Greg Morrow
- Jamestown - Interim Ken McCune
- Lupus - Interim Rev Mark Baepler
- Mt. Pleasant - Interim Rev Alan Earls

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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