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This Month:

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 2 3

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

*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE, EVENING SESSION TBD

Next Month:

O C T O B E R 2 0 2 3

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 CBA 200TH ANNUAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION @ HIGH POINT SAB: MEETING 10-5: CELEBRATION
15	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* @ NOON MBC BUILDING	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

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More Upcoming 2023 Events:

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 and childcare will be provided by the Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Team.

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. We would also love to have an estimate of how many children to expect for childcare.

A Word from our DOM



Dear CBA Churches,

In just a few short weeks we will be celebrating our 200th Anniversary of the Concord Baptist Association. To stop and think about the incredible Kingdom Building that the churches in our association has been involved with over the past 200 years is remarkable. Can you imagine the amount of missionaries, pastors, teachers and disciple makers that God raised up through these beautiful churches in the past two centuries? Can you imagine the souls that God saved in our churches over these years? What a joy to see the power of God at work.

I have especially enjoyed reading Roy Dameron's 200th anniversary book which brings the past to

life and identifies many of the men women of faith for whom God used to build the churches of our association. If you haven't got your book you still have time. The book order forms are available at the end of the newsletter.

The Theme for the anniversary is "Remember the past...Look to the Future." The theme verse for the celebration is found in Deuteronomy 32:7, *"Remember the days of old, consider the years of all generations. Ask your father, and he will inform you, Your elders, and they will tell you."* It is a joy to remember the power of God in our past. But it is an even greater joy to celebrate his power at the current and His continued display of power for the future.

Please know that this celebration is open to everyone and all is encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars:

When:

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Where:

High Point Baptist Church

Time:

- **Annual Meeting:** 9-10 am
- **200th Anniversary Celebration:** 10am-5pm

Hope to see you on October 14 to remember God's power of the past, current and future!

In Christ,

Bro Alan

*Book Review:
You Are Never Alone
by Max Lucado*



In this book, Max Lucado takes a look at the miracles found in the Gospel of John and, in doing so reminds us, “you’re stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know,” (Lucado, 2020 p 6).

Each miracle contains a powerful emphasis of dependence on God’s presence and His power in our lives. Along the way, Lucado offers a unique perspective on miracles many of us are very familiar with and asks questions such as why would Jesus bother with turning water into wine at a wedding? Because it was important to his mother and, if it was important to her, it was important to Him. Lucado reminds us in the healing of the Official’s son that sometimes it is a long walk between offered prayer and answered prayer. Each miracle explored contains a timely lesson for us and for our lives.

The last four chapters focus on events found at the end of John: the crucifixion, resurrection of Jesus, and the restoration of Peter. He concludes with a message we all need to hear,

— “ —

All these events stand together as one voice, cheering you on, calling on you to believe that this miracle-working God cares for you, fights for you, and will come to your aid
(Lucado, 2020 p 133)

— ” —

Lucado tells us in the opening pages that he completed this book in the days of Covid and quarantine, an event which made the isolation and loneliness people were already feeling even more pronounced. His reminder is when we question whether God knows, God cares or is even aware of our situations, the answer is always a resounding yes!

Lucado has kept his chapters relatively short, and they, as always, are written with the layperson in mind. There is a study guide in the book, but there is also a separate study guide with video available.



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

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry Update

This past week we moved in a few hundred freshmen as classes started Monday, August 21st. We served many students and parents while inviting them to our annual kickoff, Sunday August 27th. Would love for next year to get a CBA group for the first day on some 2-4 hour shifts to help. Please be in prayer for the spiritual conversations that were started and for follow up opportunities. We will be hosting Tuesday night small groups for leader training and Thursday night large group gatherings. Also, a Monday night Bible study with the student athletes.

A few items that we would love your help with this semester include the following:

1. COOKIES

I've been invited to provide milk, cookies and a spiritual nugget to the football team before their 6 home games once again. Would you consider providing 25 dozen yummy cookies for one Friday night: September 8,15; October 6, 20 & 25, and November 10th.

Please let me know if you'd love to jump on this adventure as we kick off in just a few weekends.

2. PRAYER WALK

First Tuesday of the month: 9/5, 10/3 (Homecoming week), 11/7 and 12/5. We'd love various church prayer warriors to join us from 6:30 - 7:30pm at the BSU and BEYOND to specifically pray for Lincoln, local churches, Jefferson City

3. GLOBAL

With 2 Africans at my house and 4 Indians and 1 from Bangladesh in the ministry house, we are gaining momentum with the international students. Would

you consider inviting them to an evening meal or a weekly or monthly activity? Maybe a regular drive to Walmart or maybe even to an airport if needed? Please let me know of your interest as we look to begin coordinating this with more intention.

Grateful to partner together,

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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.

CBA Church Updates

Churches in Transition:

- Centertown - Interim Shawn Higgins
- Corticelli - Interim Rev Dr.Greg Morrow
- Jamestown - Interim Ken McCune
- Lupus - New Pastor Rev Mike 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)

_____ **Copies ordered at \$** _____ **each** **Total Cost \$** _____

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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An Invitation from Freshwater Church:



Dear Concord Baptist Association,

Thank you for all you have done to help Freshwater. We are eternally grateful that you partnered with us. You loved us well. You were kind to us. You were generous to us. You have been the perfect example of Christian unity and a one kingdom mindset.

We want to honor the Concord Baptist Association at our 10-Year Celebration. We have a big day planned for September 10th. We are doing worship at 10 am at the riverside Amphitheatre. We invite all association staff to come and join us. We feel like a celebration of us is a celebration of you.

I have included a flyer with information. Again, thank you for being God's blessing to Freshwater Church. We look forward to many more years of Kingdom work.

Robert Strong

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Freshwater Church
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We have planned a special worship service to thank the people and organizations that have helped Freshwater get to this place and all the Freshwater people who continue to drive our mission forward and, most importantly, to give the Lord all the glory. On top of that, there will be plenty of exciting activities for all ages to enjoy, including pulled pork nachos for lunch, bounce houses, a rock wall, the bubble bus, games, police, ambulance, and fire station vehicles – and even a helicopter! Please remember to come early for coffee and donuts.

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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