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# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission*



**Concord  
Baptist  
Association  
200th Annual  
Meeting &  
Celebration**  
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**October 14th  
9am-5pm**

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## This Month:

**OCTOBER 2023**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!	2	3  PRAYER WALK @ LINCOLN BSU 6:30 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SETUP @ HIGH POINT, 6:00PM	14 200TH ANNUAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION @ HIGH POINT 9AM: MEETING 10-5: CELEBRATION
15	16  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* @ NOON MBC BUILDING	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

\*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE, EVENING SESSION TBD

## Next Month:

**NOVEMBER 2023**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7  PRAYER WALK @ LINCOLN BSU 6:30 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 CHURCH EVENT: HE BEFORE ME WOMEN'S EVENT 6:30PM @ FORTUNA BAPTIST	18
19	20  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* @ NOON MBC BUILDING	22	23  HAPPY Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED →	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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## 200th Annual Meeting and Celebration

Within a few days, the Concord Baptist Association will be celebrating something that has never happened before and will not happen again. Hopefully, you have registered and are getting ready to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our Association, hosted by High Point Baptist Church! This celebration will include lots of music - to include a choir of CBA Church singers, individual/group musicians, and congregational singing. There will be special presentations from Bible Drill, international mission experiences, and theme interpretations of past, present, and future plans that God has for our association of churches. Our keynote speaker, Jerry Cain, will definitely hold your attention. Former and current staff will be recognized, so this may be a reunion for some! *A History of Concord Baptist Association* will be available for purchase (or you may pre-order a copy or two at: [cbamo.org/200thAnniversary](http://cbamo.org/200thAnniversary))

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 am | 200th Annual Meeting

10:00 am | Morning Session\*

12:30 pm | Lunch, Cake, and Family Activities\*\*

2:15 pm | Afternoon Session\*

\*Each session will include music, speakers, and special presentations. Free childcare is available to those who register in advance (more info below)

\*\*There is no cost, however, free-will donations to offset costs will be accepted.

We hope that you will bring the entire family to celebrate with us and fellowship with all of our sister churches! Please know that while the activities during the afternoon break will be family-friendly, we do understand that young children may struggle to sit through the morning and afternoon sessions. To help accommodate this need, the planning team has arranged for childcare to be available for children aged birth – 7 years. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the trained volunteers of Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief for providing this service to our association! We hope that this will allow young families to feel welcome to come and bring the whole family. Snacks will be provided, but parents will be responsible for taking their children to lunch and the family-friendly activities at the break.

***Childcare is free, however, registration is required to be completed by October 11th at: [cbamo.org/200thAnniversary](http://cbamo.org/200thAnniversary).***

Don't miss this once in a lifetime celebration! (Wear period clothing if you desire.)

See you on October 14th!

Lucy Engelbrecht, Chair, 200th Anniversary Planning Team

## A Word from our DOM



Dear CBA Churches,

The fall season is one of my favorite times of the year. I appreciate the cool crisp mornings and the cool breeze throughout the day. I love to work outside in the fall after the intense heat of the summer and before the bitter cold of winter. I am also reminded that harvest time is coming. As many of you know I was raised in the inner city of St. Louis. We weren't farmers so there wasn't a lot of harvesting going on there. However, I greatly appreciate the farmers who work incredibly hard to plant, fertilize, and eventually harvest their crops.

I am reminded of a truth from Matthew 9:37-38, 37 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."*** Of course, we know that God owns the field and the crops within them. Isn't it incredible that the true living God of all creation, desires us to be co-laborers with Him, in His harvest. For those of us that are Born again Believers that have been drawn by God to salvation through Jesus, we need to be willing to be one of the workers in the God's harvest field.

To be a harvester in God's field, sometimes we may need to simply step out our front door to experience the harvest. Perhaps we need to travel a distance to get to the harvest field. Despite the distance, sacrifice or challenges, God's fields are ready for harvest. Isn't it a joy for the churches in Concord Baptist Association, to be part of His invitation? Thank you churches for your commitment to make disciples by praying for workers, by working in the harvest field and training those who come to Christ by teaching them to obey all that Jesus has commanded us. It is a joy to see our pastors and churches equipping the saints to be a witness (Acts 1:8) and to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20) as Christ has commanded.

Churches thank you to your faithfulness to our Lord by bringing honor and glory to Him in faithful obedience. I am excited to celebrate with you at our upcoming Annual Meeting and 200th Anniversary Celebration at High Point Baptist Church on October 14, 2023 at 9:00 am. Hope to see you and your family there!

In Christ,

Bro Alan

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 200th Anniversary Planning Team will be meeting the night before to set up for the Annual Meeting and Celebration. They are seeking volunteers to help with this. If you would like to volunteer, just show up at High Point Baptist at 6:00pm on October 13th - they will put you to work!



## Lincoln Collegiate Ministry Update: September Highlights

We started our first AIA athlete study each Monday night on campus. We had 11 there our first night and we introduced Soularium Cards. These photos allow students to share their current realities and also their picture of who God is to them, creating great spiritual conversations.



Additionally, we had our fall retreat with several other campuses last weekend down in Mt. Vernon, MO. It was a great time for students to be encouraged, challenged, refreshed and stretched in their own journey and taking that growth back to campus.



OCTOBER 3rd - we have our First Tuesday monthly prayer walk on campus from 6:30 - 7:30pm. We want to invite any CBA prayer warriors to come pray over our student leaders who have dorm studies on Tuesday nights. It is Homecoming week and we will pray over the BSU, Lincoln students and admin, local churches and whatever else God brings to mind toward revival in Jefferson City. Grateful for each of you partnering with us in expanding His Kingdom here on earth.

Clint

## Ministry + Job 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](mailto:fortunabc.search@gmail.com) or for questions please call 660-473-1685.

### Accounting Worker Needed

The Missouri Baptist Convention has two openings in the business service department. They require working with finances, such as payroll, audits, general ledgers, banking, deposits, accounts payable and receivable. The positions are "in office" at 400 E. High Street, Jefferson City. If interested, please submit resume to [pearls@mobaptist.org](mailto:pearls@mobaptist.org).



**OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!  
THANK YOU, PASTORS, FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR  
YOUR CHURCHES (SEEN AND UNSEEN).**

*Please continue to be in prayer for our churches in transition!*

- Centertown - Interim Shawn Higgins
- Jamestown - Interim Ken McCune
- Mt. Pleasant - Interim Rev Alan Earls
- Corticelli - New Pastor Rev. Greg Morrow

### *CBA Church Event: He Before Me*

Fortuna Baptist Church would like to invite the ladies of our association to their annual He Before Me Women's Event on November 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm. This year's theme is "God is Greater Than My Highs & Lows". More information will be announced on their Facebook & Event page soon!



## Book Review: *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* by Lysa Terkeurst



We all recognize the importance of forgiveness. At some point in our lives, we all have been forgiven for something we have said or done. We also have been called on to grant forgiveness when someone else has caused us pain. In this book, Lysa Terkeurst shares her struggle with forgiveness during an incredibly painful period in her life. After becoming aware of her husband's infidelity, she found herself in a downward spiral of pain, bitterness, and resentment that lasted for several years. During this time, she not only experienced emotional trauma but dealt with physical ramifications as well and required hospitalization.

Terkeurst shares her personal experiences with us, but she also outlines the steps necessary in order to move to a healthier, happier place. "The ability to see beautiful again is what I want for you and for me,"

(Terkeurst 2020 p.5). Her journey of forgiveness and healing included counseling, journaling, and an in-depth look at her life she called collecting and connecting the dots.

This is not an autobiography. She shares her story but uses it as a springboard to share the long, painful walk to a life without bitterness or resentment caused by holding onto unforgiveness. Terkeurst reminds us:

**Forgiveness is both a decision and a process.**  
(Terkeurst 2020 p 45)

The personal aspects of this book are deeply moving, but, more importantly, for someone struggling with forgiveness, this book offers hope. For Terkeurst, her journey eventually led to reconciliation with her husband. Wherever your journey leads, the decision to forgive is only the first step. This book serves as a guide that will lead you back to a healthier place.

The back of the book contains a section of scripture that deals with forgiveness. There are several related resources available: a Bible Study Guide along with a streaming video and a journal, "The Forgiveness Journal."



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

## The Sin of Silence

At the end of the Gospel of Mark, Jesus told His disciples, ***“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”*** (Mark 16:15). Jesus has commanded all of us to go and share the good news of His death, burial, and resurrection. Let me ask you, who have you personally shared the gospel with? Who are you praying for that is lost? What are you doing to fulfill your part of the Great Commission?

I have recently been studying the book of 1st John. In chapter 2:3-5 it says, ***“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”*** Let those words sink in. As I have studied this passage the Lord has convicted me of the sin of silence. God has caused me to think, how obedient am I? I have had to repent. I have not been consistent in my witness and sharing the gospel.

**As I have studied this passage, the Lord has convicted me of the sin of silence.**

I want to be like Jesus. I want to be moved by compassion for those who do not yet know Him. ***“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest’”*** (Matthew 9:36-38).

The Apostle Paul’s desire was that people would be saved. ***“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved”*** (Romans 10:1). I want to encourage you to take some time to examine your prayer life. Do you regularly pray for the salvation of your lost family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and others by name? Take time to write their names in a journal and pray for them today. I have found that as I pray for those who are lost, many times in conversation they will bring up the subject of how to be saved. God is at work, and He calls us to join Him in that work. How exciting it is to join Him and see people respond by faith to become one of His children.

Let’s be obedient and get busy sharing Christ with a lost and dying world who desperately need to hear the good news. They will not hear unless we tell them. We have all been sent. The question is, will we go and tell?



This article was submitted by Mike Quinn. Mike serves as the Staff Evangelist at Concord Baptist Church.



## 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](mailto:office@cbamo.org)

There are only a few available weekends available in the month of October, so don't wait!

### **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](mailto: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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