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## This Month:

**N O V E M B E R 2 0 2 3**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 CHURCH EVENT: DEACON ORDINATION COUNCIL @ 6:00 PM (MEMORIAL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP HALL)
5	6 COUNCIL & TEAMS TRANSITION MTG. @ 6:30 PM (MBC BUILDING)	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 CHURCH EVENT: DEACON ORDINATION COUNCIL @ 2:00 PM (HIGH POINT)	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE* @ NOON MBC BUILDING	22	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	24	25
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\*PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ABLE, EVENING SESSION TBD

## Next Month:

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## CBA Church Events

### **Deacon Ordination Council - Memorial Baptist**

Memorial Baptist Church, Jefferson City, will be conducting an ordination council to consider two of their men in the role of deacon. They are inviting the ordained officials of the association to join them for the council on Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship Hall.

### **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer - High Point Baptist**

High Point Baptist will be hosting an evening of prayer in conjunction with Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Ladies of the association are invited to come and participate on Monday, November 6th at 6:00pm. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Video Game Camp - Freshwater Church**

Freshwater Church, Jefferson City will be hosting a Video Game Camp, presented by SportsCrusaders November 13th-17th from 6:00-8:00 pm for Middle & High School students. Featured games include Minecraft, Fortnite, Rocket League, and Super Smash Bros Ultimate.

An eSports Tournament will be held on November 18th from 10am-10pm. Tournament schedule and registration available at [start.gg/outbreak](https://start.gg/outbreak). A gospel presentation will be made at the tournament, so this is an opportunity for your students to invite unsaved friends!

If you have questions, please contact [tricia@sportscrusaders.org](mailto:tricia@sportscrusaders.org)

### **Women's 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 6:00 pm. There will be a light meal, followed by worship and a speaker. This year's theme is "God is Greater Than My Highs & Lows". Please visit the Fortuna Baptist Church Facebook & Event Page for more information!

### **Deacon Ordination Council - High Point Baptist**

High Point Baptist Church, High Point, will be conducting an ordination council at 2:00pm on Sunday, November 19th, to consider three men for ordination as deacons at High Point. All ordained CBA pastors and deacons are invited to attend. The ordination council will meet in the fellowship hall.

***Have an event to share? Please submit to [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org) by the newsletter deadline!***

## A Word from our DOM



Dear CBA Churches,

In review of Psalm 79:13, we see the beautiful word of God say, "But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise." Having a heart of thanksgiving to the Lord must not be a simple activity. Instead, it is an attitude that leads to action. It often seems to me that November is the month that we begin to think about Thanksgiving. Isn't that odd? Why do we wait until November to think about being thankful. Well, obviously we know that American Thanksgiving is always celebrated in November, but have you ever wondered why we don't celebrate Thanksgiving all year long?

As we ponder a moment on Psalm 79:13 we know that as gentile Christians that we are a part of God's family because of Jesus' blood covering and so we are part of the grafted tree (Romans 11:11-24), through the repentance of sin and acceptance of Jesus. That is a lot to be thankful for. We should be thankful forever. Not just in November but thankful that we are God's people forever. To pass this attitude of thanksgiving

from one generation to another takes commitment to share with the children and the children's children, etc. So, what can we do to share thanksgiving from generation to generation?

Thinking about family tradition on Thanksgiving can sure be a start. Spending time with family and celebrating the Lord's blessings, thankful for salvation, thankful for forgiveness, thankful for all that God has done. When sharing, express the heart of thanksgiving so all the generations can hear, experience, and pass on.

Happy Thanksgiving and may God bless you with a heart full of thanksgiving that passes on to the next generation to come! Thankful, not just in November, but every month, week, and day of the year! Thankful for the God that forgives us, saved us, cares for us and supplies our every need.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving,  
Bro Alan and Paula

## Welcome, Southside!

At the Fall Annual Meeting, the voting body unanimously voted to accept Southside Baptist Church (Fulton) into the Concord Baptist Association. Southside is pastored by Bro. Guy Thomas. We are so pleased to welcome them into our association of churches and look forward to working alongside them in the years to come!

## Lincoln Collegiate Ministry Update: October Highlights



1. We had a few new student athletes on Monday seeing 15 students attend our weekly Bible study.
2. Loved another dinner around life and spiritual conversations with these international students pictured
3. We had a local pastor teach about growth and the Parable of the Mustard Seed last Thursday and the 25 students were engaged well
4. Homecoming week allowed for some fresh connections with students, parents and Lincoln Alumni as we keep trusting God for growth

**An Opportunity for Partnership: Prayer Walks at Lincoln BSU!** We have been meeting at the BSU building on the first Tuesday of the month to pray for Lincoln and the BSU Ministry, and we would love for you to join us. The last two prayer walks (for this semester) are on Tuesday, November 7th and Tuesday, December 5th.

Thanks for your continued partnership,  
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).

## Churches in Transition:

Please continue to be in prayer for our churches in transition and those leading them.

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



## 200th Anniversary Celebration

The 200th Anniversary Celebration of Concord Baptist Association on October 14th was a huge recognition to all the churches that are a part of the CBA - past, present, and future. The planning team has met every month since January 2022, and Roy Dameron has spent countless hours over the span of years researching, writing, and editing a wonderful history book that can still be purchased. Please call the association office or visit [cbamo.org/200thAnniversary](http://cbamo.org/200thAnniversary) to reserve your copy.

One hundred and ninety-four attended the day-long celebration at High Point, representing thirty-three churches. Some former staff members traveled from various places to celebrate with us. Volunteers from thirty-one associational churches plus seven guests helped make the day's activities possible. No covered dishes needed to be brought as Matt Coley, with a missions calling to not charge for food preparation, used his traveling grills along with kitchen help for all of us to enjoy. Outside activities were available after the meal, plus decorated cake and cupcakes.

The celebration was full of music, which included the 45/200 Choir, which had many singers from several churches. Several changes had to be made at the last minute, but dedicated musicians did a wonderful job sharing their musical talent.

Other highlights from the day included hearing from a young missionary from New Hope, who shared about her trip to Kenya. This fall she will leave for another mission field. Jerry Cain was the keynote speaker and shared his love for history and the scripture in a very humorous way. "Walking Backwards into the Future" was his message, reminding us to remember and honor our past as we walk into the future as an association of churches.

We will never attend an anniversary like this again! A huge thank you to all who made it possible!

-Lucy Engelbrecht, Chair, 200th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee

*(If have any photos from the celebration, we would love to have a copy! Please send them to [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org))*



## Always Be Ready

There is probably no Christian discipline that brings more anxiety to a Christian than evangelism. When we ask people to share their faith, most will break into a cold sweat. It has been my observation that many people in the church will take a class on how to share their faith but when they are asked to practice what they have learned, they freeze up. Why is it so difficult to share our faith? Why are we so timid to tell others about the gospel?

I completely understand the fear that grips a person's heart when challenged to go and share the gospel. When I was first saved my pastor told me that I needed to join them on Thursday evenings for outreach. I had only been saved two weeks the first time I showed up. The pastor asked me when I got there if I knew a certain individual and if I knew where they lived. I was more than eager to tell him in the affirmative to both questions. As soon as I did fear began to overtake me. Why? I realized he was going to send me there to talk to this man whom I knew very well. I used to drink with him in the local tavern. All the way to his house I was praying that he would not be at home!

The pastor sent me with another man who knew how to share the gospel and told me to just go as a silent prayer partner. This was how I could learn to witness. When we arrived that evening the man met us at the door with a cold beer in his hand and said, "Mike, how are you doing. Come on in. Who is your friend? Can I

get you a cold beer?" I didn't know what to say, other than, "No, thank you. I trusted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior a couple of weeks ago, and my friend is going to tell you all about it!" That is all I knew about being a witness at that time.

My friend didn't get saved that evening, but that experience really nailed down my commitment to Jesus and to become a soul winner. I knew from that time forward the old crowd was talking about me, and they were watching me. They were taking bets on how long this religious thing was going to last. By the grace of God, it has lasted for 43 years!

1 Peter 3:15 tells us, **"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."** Peter tells us to always be ready, always prepared. Preparation takes time. I want to challenge us to stop making excuses of why we can't tell others the good news of the gospel, and to take the time to prepare. The more we prepare and make ourselves available, the more the Lord will be able to use us to lead others to Himself.

God didn't take us to heaven the moment we were saved because He wants us to share the "Good News" with the lost so that they may be saved!



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

## Book Review: Trembling Faith by Taylor Turkington



There are moments for each of us when the world seems chaotic and out of control; when it feels like evil is winning, and God is far away. In this book, Taylor Turkington points us to the Old Testament book of Habakkuk. Only three chapters long, Habakkuk is far from the longest book in the Bible nor is it the most popular or most often read. But in these three chapters, Turkington helps us find hope midst life's crises, injustice, and corruption.

Habakkuk lived in a world filled with chaos and injustice. The leadership in Judah was corrupt and the nation as a whole had refused to heed God's warnings to repent. As a prophet of God, Habakkuk knew God's judgment was coming in the form of the Babylonian empire. Through Habakkuk's conversation with God, we learn how to put

our faith and trust in God even when we don't understand or maybe even don't like what He is doing.

**"Habakkuk shows us God isn't distant or apathetic and never dismissive in our search for hope. The King of the World is listening,"**  
(Turkington 2023, p. 60)

As Turkington walks us through the book of Habakkuk, she reminds us that God is faithful, God keeps His promises, and God always acts in our best interests regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves. "If we are stripped of everything, what then? Still faith, Habakkuk says. Faith and joy," (Turkington 2023, p.191). I feel like we all need the reminder that joy is a choice we make and, as believers, we should always choose God and choose joy.

Trembling Faith is Taylor Turkington's first book. A definite worthwhile read on an often neglected book of the Bible.



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

### **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.