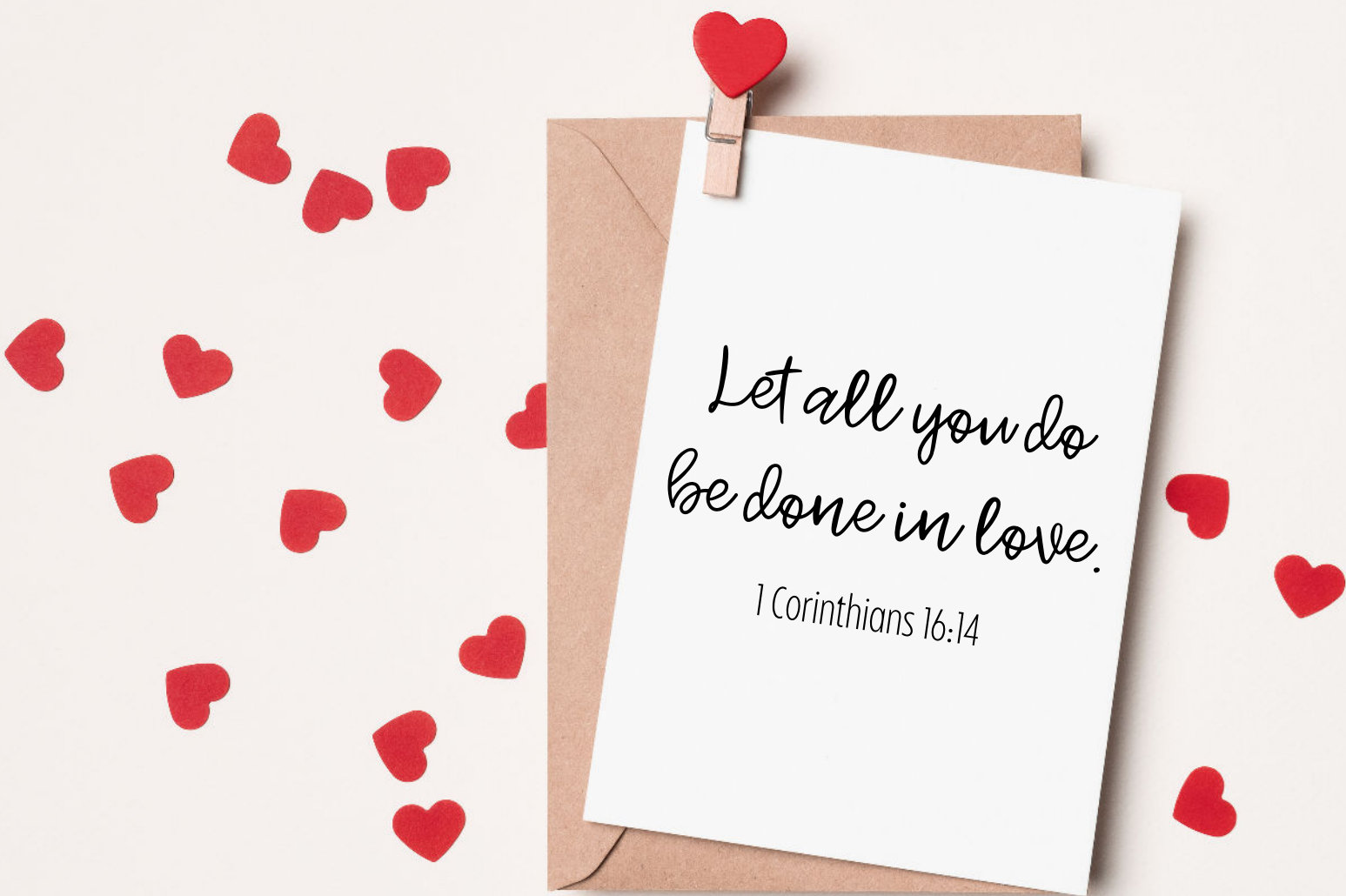


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February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Pastor's Roundtable @ 12pm (MBC Building)	14	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17
18	19 PRESIDENTS DAY Office Closed	20	21	22	23 BSU Winter Retreat	24
25	26	27 Prayer Walk @ Lincoln BSU 6:20-7:30 pm	28	29	1	2

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Men and Boys Wild Game Supper	9 BSU Spring Break Mission Trip
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24	25	26 Prayer Walk @ Lincoln BSU 6:20-7:30 pm	27	28	29 Good Friday Office Closed	30
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Associational Events

Men and Boys Wild Game Supper - This year's Men and Boy's Wild Game Supper is scheduled for Friday, March 8th, hosted by First Baptist Church, California. This year's speaker is Jeff Spooneybarger. The doors will open at 6:00 pm, with the event beginning at 6:30. Cost: This event is free, but a love offering will be taken to offset costs.

The Shepherding Conference - The 2024 Shepherding Conference is scheduled for April 13-14, 2024, hosted by Concord Baptist Church. This conference is for anyone ministering in the local church: pastors and their wives, children's and youth ministry workers, Audio Visual Teams, Security Teams and more. Childcare is available for those that pre-register by April 10th.

Visit cbamo.org/shepherdingconference for more information and registration (coming soon!).

Cost:

Early Bird Registration (ends 3/17): \$20 (includes entry to conference + dinner)

Late Registration (on or after 3/18): \$25 (includes entry to conference + dinner)

Childcare* (for those who register by 4/10): \$2 (includes pizza + childcare)

*Childcare workers have been background checked.

CBA Church Events

Women's Conference - Concord Baptist Church "Master Designer Makeover"

SATURDAY
MARCH 16, 2024
9 AM - 3 PM

Keynote Speakers

SHARLA STROUP
LISA BRANCH



CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH
JEFFERSON CITY, MO

REGISTER AT CONCORDJC.ORG

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

UNTIL FEBRUARY 19

- Lunch provided
- Option to buy t-shirt for additional \$10
- May register for childcare* (children ages 3 and under only)

\$25

Babies through age 3 (required to bring lunches & snacks with name labels)

* for women's conference participants only

REGULAR REGISTRATION

AFTER FEBRUARY 19 - \$35

- No t-shirt option
- No child-care option
- No refunds after Feb. 19.

Have an event to share? Please submit to office@cbamo.org by the newsletter deadline!

A Word from our DOM



Dear CBA Churches,

As we enter February, we are often reminded that the month of February is generally considered the “Love” Month. Valentine’s Day is often celebrated and serves as a reminder to express our true feelings with the people that we love.

As committed followers of Jesus we often gravitate to scriptures such as I Corinthians 13. One of my favorite Love scriptures is found in Matthew 22. In Matthew 22:36-40 we see

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

According to Jesus, loving God and loving people are the two greatest commands. As people see our lives in action, do they see the two priorities of our life? Do they see our love for God? Do they see our love for others? Do they see our love for God in the way we love our family, our neighbors, our friends and strangers?

Recently, I was blessed to go on a vision trip to El Salvador. Our team was able to meet many people. Some of the people were very similar to us, while others lived in very poor conditions. Personally, my heart was stirred with the love of God and a love for others as I visited, observed and shared the Gospel of Jesus. Yes, I am in agreement that February is a great month to express our love with our spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends, our children and family and friends. But it can also be the catalyst of experiencing what Jesus said are the two greatest commands. There is a true joy to look around us and live the Love for God by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

This month I challenge you to look for opportunities to share the love that Christ Commands.

I wish for you a great February and a great opportunity to share your love for God and others!

In Christ,
Bro Alan

Missions: El Salvador



On January 18, 2024 the CBA Executive Council voted to start the process to enter into a partnership with El Salvador. This is an exciting opportunity for our churches to be involved in sharing the Hope of Christ and assisting our sister churches in El Salvador. Be praying for how God may use you in this partnership. The first step is obviously prayer. As God reveals to you a peace of how you and your church can be involved, be prepared. How can you prepare?

- Pray
- Ensure you have a Passport.
- Be open to consider ways as to how God may use you:
 - Personally prepare to go on a trip to El Salvador
 - Create a Prayer wall.
 - Be willing to provide Spanish Speaking Discipleship and Evangelism Material.
 - If you can't go perhaps consider sponsoring someone to go.
 - Work together with other churches to create a team if you don't have enough in your own church.
 - If you are fluent in Spanish consider going as an interpreter.

- Be willing to teach and seek to train leaders to be able to teach others.
- Be willing to participate in a building project, medical mission, teaching a theological class; serve in a regional workshop to assist in increased discipleship.
- Other ways to share Jesus and to make disciples

Please continue to pray. We will be providing more information as we get close to the agreement and would encourage all of our churches to support this associational partnership in anyway your church feels led.

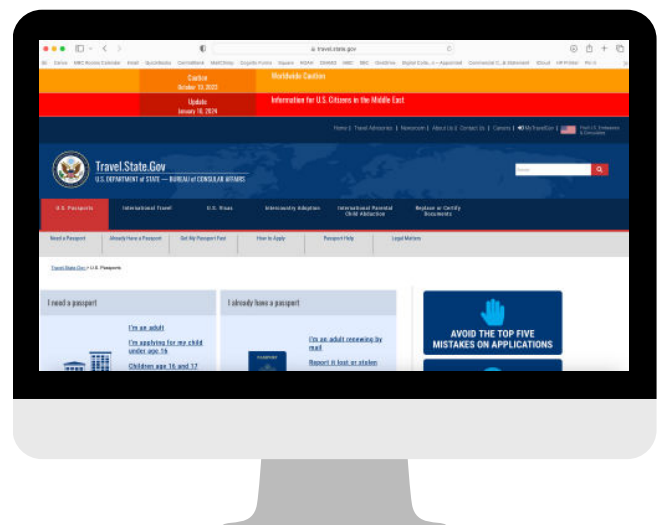
If you have questions please feel free to contact Bro. Alan.



How do I get a Passport?

Visit this government site to learn more about applying for a passport:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>



Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

On January 24th, we hosted a lament, care and prayer evening at the BSU for the Lincoln students, faculty and community around the loss and division on the campus from recent events. A few special ongoing Prayer Requests:

- My words to be discerning and courageous to share truth and hope amidst messy disunity
- Local clergy and leaders to be on the same page with Jesus at the center
- Students to be a steady light on campus
- That the BSU will continue to be a safe place for gatherings and not catch opposition.

Ways To Partner with the Lincoln BSU:

Prayer

Join us for our last Tuesday of the Month Prayer Walk at the Lincoln BSU on 1/30 and 2/27 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Besides the special prayer requests above, please be in prayer for these upcoming events, the present details and planning:

- Evangelistic Outreach at the Super Bowl in Las Vegas on February 8-10th
- Entrusted MBCollegiate Conference (2/23-2/24)
- Planning and travel for our Spring Break student mission to a NAMB partnering South Dakota Indian Reservation from March 9-16

Meeting Student Needs

Housing options are needed for 2 international grad students from Bangladesh/India area (one guy and one girl). If anyone knows something within walking distance to the campus for them. They are in very short term places currently. Can be in same place with different rooms or separated.

Grateful,

Christ

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 or for questions please call 660-473-1685.

Churches in Transition:

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

- Centertown - Interim Rev. Shawn Higgins
- Clarksburg
- High Point
- Jamestown - Interim Rev. Ken McCune

Congratulations!

We would like to offer our congratulations to Bro. Paul Young and his wife, Rebecca, on their retirement from full-time ministry! Thank you for your faithful ministry to Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Please keep them in your prayers as they step into the next season the Lord has prepared for them.

On Evangelism: Be Sensitive to the Holy Spirit

A young woman from India was baptized on December 17, 2023, publicly demonstrating she's a follower of Jesus. Her testimony is both powerful and interesting. She was born to Hindu parents and raised in India. As an adult, she rejected this religion as she found too many contradictions. She refused the idea of there being many gods. She believed there was only one god, but she didn't know who he was or how to find him.

She had friends who attended Christian churches, but they never talked to her about Jesus. She thinks that maybe they were only church attendees and not true believers. Her father was a student at a Catholic school when he was growing up. Her family would visit the Catholic church on Christmas and Easter. She said it was just a tradition and had no real meaning.

Now enters the wonderful providence of God into this young woman's story. She didn't want to leave her dear parents and come to America. But doors opened where she could get her Master's from Illinois Tech, Chicago. While in Chicago she was offered a position with the State of Missouri as a software developer. She didn't want to leave her friends there, but she felt unsafe in the city. She was having trouble finding an apartment here. She accepted the position with the State and began traveling to Jefferson City, not sure

where she would go upon arrival. As she was coming, she was notified that there was an apartment available. She began working with a member of Concord Baptist Church. He let her know that he was a Christian and that this was very important to him. She asked if she could attend church with him. He began picking her up for services, and he would answer her questions. She joined a Wednesday night women's Bible study. Before the study's conclusion, she told the ladies that she had decided to follow Jesus! This was a yes to Jesus that was not without its cost. She loves her family, and they love her. They were disappointed in her decision; however, thankfully they have not cut her out of their lives.

Please pray that her family will come to know Jesus too. She is burdened for them to know the true God.

It is exciting to see how God calls people to Himself. This story reminds us of how we need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading. The Lord puts witnessing opportunities before us every day. Let's stay prayed up and be ready when the opportunities to share Christ come our way.

God Bless,
Bro. Mike Quinn



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

*Book Review:
Next Door Savior
by Max Lucado*



In this book, Max Lucado explores the reality of a perfect Savior who chose to come down to an imperfect world. Lucado shows us a Jesus who was fully God and fully man, and he seeks to give us a picture of what that entails. He expounds on a Savior who experienced the fullness of humanity—its trials and temptations— and can therefore be sympathetic to us in our weaknesses.

When you turn to him for help, he runs to you to help. Why? He knows how you feel. He's been there.

(Lucado 2003, p. 16).

The book is divided into two main parts. In the first section, Lucado explains that there was no person Jesus was unwilling to encounter. He interacted with people with questionable pasts, like Matthew, with the desperate, suffering, grieving, and tormented. Jesus did not avoid those that society often scorned, but instead He healed them, He taught and ministered, He broke bread with them, and He changed their lives. The second part of the book focuses on the places Jesus traveled to and spent time: ordinary places, stormy places, and unexpected places. Lucado shows us an incredibly personal Jesus who loves us and loves to be with us.

Yes, he is in heaven. Yes, he rules the universe. But, yes, he has walked your streets. He's still the next door Savior. Near enough to touch. Strong enough to trust.

(Lucado 2003, p. 159).

Readers will find the chapters are short and easy to follow. There are discussion questions in the back of the book for further reflection. There is also a study kit available with DVD, participants guide, and leaders guide. Choosing a Max Lucado book is never a bad idea and a good way to spend a cold winter's day.



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

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.

200th Anniversary Book

There are still copies of "A History of Concord Association and Its Churches" by Roy Dameron available for purchase at the Association office. Please contact the association office or visit cbamo.org/200th Anniversary to order your copy. Cost: \$70.

Free VBS Materials Available

Concord Baptist Church has the following parts of the Answers In Genesis: Keepers of the Kingdom VBS Curriculum: Teacher Guides for all ages (Toddler through Junior High), Treats Leader Guide, Director Leader Guide, Assembly Leader Guide, Science & Crafts Leader Guide, Games Leader Guide, Student Guides, Helper Handbooks, Activity Pages, Leader Packs, Lots of Posters, Music CDs, Battle for Truth Books, Resource USB Drive, Several craft kits, Various Decorations and Thank You Postcards. You can visit answersingenesis.org/vbs/keepers/ to learn more about the theme. If your church is interested in accepting these materials, please contact Debbie Hartley (dhartley@concordjc.org).

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