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January 2024

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

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	24
25	26	27 Prayer Walk @ Lincoln BSU 6:20-7:30 pm	28	29	1	2

BSU Winter Retreat

CBA Church Events

Women's Conference - Concord Baptist Church



**SATURDAY
MARCH 16, 2024
9 AM - 3 PM**

Keynote Speakers

**SHARLA STROUP
LISA BRANCH**



WOMEN

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH
JEFFERSON CITY, MO

REGISTER AT [CONCORDJC.ORG](https://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 move to a new year after the time of Thanksgiving and celebration of the Lord's Birth, we recognize God's continual blessings and encouragement. As we approach and start a 2024, may we do so in ways that Honors God and His Kingdom.

Psalms 101 is described as a "Royal Psalm". It is a psalm of David that truly sets into motion the core truths that we should look to as we embark upon a new year. Things like steadfast love, justice, blameless, and integrity of heart.

**"I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O Lord, I will make music.
I will ponder the way that is blameless.
Oh when will you come to me?
I will walk with integrity of heart
within my house;
I will not set before my eyes
anything that is worthless.
I hate the work of those who fall away;
it shall not cling to me."** (Psalm 101:1-3)

As King David "ponders" these things for his own household, we find the same truth for New Testament Christianity, as well. Isn't these truths and virtues what we need to seek as well, as we prepare to enter the Year Of Our Lord 2024?

Many of our churches have been busy with calendaring events for 2024, finalizing ministry strategies, planning mission trips, etc. As we do, let us, as King David remind us, do so with steadfast love for God, each believer and each sinner who is seeking a savior from their sin. May each church seek to live God's justice. May we walk blameless in the sight of God. And let us walk with integrity of heart.

Satan will be on attack against the Church in 2024. May the church be ready, prepared and trust the Lord with love, justice, blamelessness, and a heart of Integrity.

May God richly bless each of our Churches as we seek to honor and serve the Lord and to make disciples in our community, state, nation, and world!

God Bless and Happy New Year!!

In Christ,
Bro Alan

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry Update: November Highlights



A few highlights and prayers for the New Year:

1. We had a great final campus prayer walk of 2023 during the Lincoln Holiday Extravaganza. We had two groups of 8 going to different locations while encountering many students on campus that night. There were many "yes, please" to our invitations of prayer asking the Lord to guide student's thoughts and diligence in studying for finals while also encouraging them to encounter Jesus during this Christmas Holiday season (pictured above).

2. One of the freshman soccer students from Germany has attended our last 4 Bible studies after sharing a sharp disdain for the Bible at the beginning of the semester. Please be praying for Vinzent as the Holy Spirit keeps pursuing his heart and he is asking many questions and seeds are getting planted!

3. We will be moving our monthly prayer walks to the last Tuesday of the month in January - April. Please join us from 6:30 - 7:30pm!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as you celebrate with family and friends! Grateful for y'all as you pray and partner with us at Lincoln University!

Thanks for your continued partnership,
Clint

Ministry + Job Openings:

Youth/Associate Pastor, Fortuna Baptist

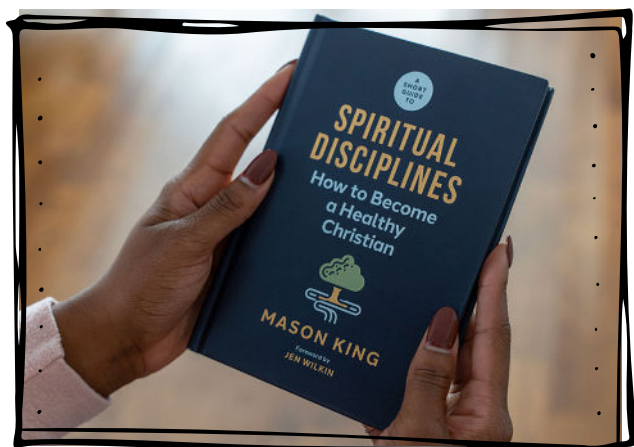
Fortuna Baptist Church is seeking a Youth/Associate Pastor. This would most likely be a bivocational position that would have potential to move to a full-time position. Duties would include youth ministry, teaching, and assisting the senior pastor with pastoral care and support as needed. If interested, please send resumes to fortunabc.search@gmail.com 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
- High Point
- Jamestown - Interim Rev. Ken McCune
- Mt. Pleasant - Pastor Rev. Alan Earls

Book Review: Spiritual Disciplines by Mason King



When I began reading this book, I quickly realized it was not going to be your typical book on Spiritual Disciplines. Mason King approaches the subject from a more holistic viewpoint than we often see. He begins with a simple but powerful reminder, “God doesn’t tolerate you. God loves you,” (King, 2023 p 2). The recurring theme throughout the book is God’s love, in that He loves today. He isn’t waiting for us to progress to a point we become lovable; His love for us is constant.

King begins his look on Spiritual Disciplines by focusing on our attention. If we are being honest, this is a subject that should resonate. He very frankly addresses the digital distractions we carry in our pockets and our tendency to give attention to our phones rather than people and sometimes even our church service. He cautions us about busyness for Jesus over relationship with Jesus, the importance of making Bible reading

a lifelong habit, trusting God with our every emotion, and practicing Sabbath rest.

I particularly appreciated King’s thoughts on praying the Psalms:

“

When you’re not sure what or how to pray, the Psalms have you covered. Praying through the Psalms on a regular basis helps you be reminded of the goodness of God.

(King, 2023 p. 129)

”

In this book, Mason King gives a fresh look at a commonly addressed subject. He closes with this reminder, “Becoming a healthy Christian is a lifelong process of change, day by day,” (King, 2023 p 172). Each chapter closes with discussion questions for personal or group use. This would be a worthy addition to your personal library and a definite contender to be added to your rotation of books that are reread often.



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.

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