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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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21	22	23	24	25 Executive Council Meeting @ 6:30pm (Mt. Olive)	26	27
28	29	30 Prayer Walk @ Lincoln BSU 6:20-7:30 pm	1	2	3	4

## Upcoming 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. Please bring a labeled dish to share, game or tame!

**The Shepherding Conference** - The 2024 Shepherding Conference is scheduled for April 12-13, 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](http://cbamo.org/shepherdingconference) for more information and registration.

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/child (includes pizza + childcare, ages 2-12)

*\*Childcare workers have been background checked.*

**Kids Camp** - Concord Baptist Association Kids camp returns to the Pulaski Baptist Association from July 14th to 18th! This year, we will be learning how to love God with all our Hear, Soul, Mind, and Strength...and our Neighbor, too! Kids camp is open to children who have completed 3rd-6th grades

Cost:

Early Bird Registration (ends 5/1): \$100/camper

Late Registration (ends 6/21): \$110/camper

Registration will run March 1st - June 21st. No registrations will be accepted after the cut-off, so register early! Once you have registered your child online, you will remit payment to your church and they will cut one check. We will contact churches with children registered on or after 6/21.

We are looking for adult volunteers to serve as cabin/team leaders and someone to lead Arts & Crafts. If you are interested in volunteering for Children's Camp, please contact Kari Sullivan ([kari@memorialchurch.net](mailto:kari@memorialchurch.net)) for more information. All volunteers must be over the age of 18, love Jesus, and be able to pass a background check.

More details and registration at [cbamo.org/childrens-camp](http://cbamo.org/childrens-camp)

**3MT (Mid Missouri Missions Team)** - 3MT's 2024 Mission Project is set for June 22-29, 2024 and will house at Tipton Elementary School. 3MT is open to students who have completed 6th-12th grades. If you are interested in taking a group or being a host church for a team, please visit [3mt.org](http://3mt.org) for all the details & deadlines.

**Save the Date** - 3MT will also be hosting their annual Taco Dinner & Live Auction on April 6, 2024 at First Baptist Church California. This fundraiser will support this year's project. Tickets are \$5 (ages 5 & under) and \$10 (ages 6 & up), and will be available at the Associational office, through any 3MT Board Member, or at the door.

***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,

Spring is fast approaching, and the vibrancy of life is seen everywhere. Trees start to sprout green, flowers begin to bud, and the dreariness of winter opens to new life! The month of March doesn't just find the beginning of spring. This year we celebrate Easter or Resurrection Sunday in March, as well.

God's gift of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus (Eph. 2:8), is the true joy of life – Eternal Life. Jesus gives us a beautiful synopsis of the importance of the incredible resurrection,

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."**  
(John 11:25)

The Easter celebration provides many traditions. But there is no tradition that can ever cast a shadow of the Resurrection of our Lord. The death of Jesus on the cross redeemed us from sin. He paid the debt for which we could not pay with his very life blood.

He was buried upon his death and three days later He rose from the grave. Just like what the angel said:

**But the angel said to the women,  
"Do not be afraid, for I know that  
you seek Jesus who was crucified.  
He is not here, for He has risen,  
as He said..."**  
(Matthew 25:5-6)

Christ has risen. The resurrected Jesus is alive and He brings us life.

As we celebrate the resurrection, we are able to celebrate eternal life. Just like the reminder of spring; Jesus life, death and resurrection brings us life.

May God richly bless you and your church as you share the hope of the resurrection within your church, community, state, nation and world!

In Christ,  
*Bro Alan*

## Lincoln Collegiate Ministry



From Lincoln University to Las Vegas Super Bowl, we had some really exciting events and some tough moments this February. In trials and difficult seasons, we are encouraged to pray always and place our hope in the Lord. On campus, there have been some tragic yet maturing opportunities to trust in the Lord and lean into His mercy and strength. Please pray with us for internal investigations going forward along with wisdom and boldness to engage staff and students.



*Peyton Manning, Eli Manning, Akbar and Kirk Cousins  
praying before the Super Bowl Breakfast*

We enjoy our monthly prayer walks and had a great group out last month. Please join us at the BSU Building (804 Fairmount, Jefferson City) on the last Tuesday of the month, March 26th at 6:30pm.

Please continue to be in prayer for:

- Planning and travel for our Spring Break student mission to a NAMB partnering South Dakota Indian Reservation from March 9-16
- Internal investigations at Lincoln going forward along with wisdom and boldness to engage staff and students
- LU Students, administration, and support staff
- Local churches, pastors, ministers
- The students leading weekly dorm Bible Studies (Tuesdays)
- Athletes in Action
- 100% obedience to God's will in all things
- Revival in Jefferson City and beyond.

### **More ways to partner with the Lincoln BSU:**

There has been great interest to start an International Student lunch on Wednesday's from 11:30 - 1:30pm. We are possibly considering February 28th as our start date. I would love various CBA churches to help serve with these lunches so please let me know if you have questions or interest to partner! I can be reached at [cmahan@cbamo.org](mailto:cmahan@cbamo.org).

Grateful,

*Christ*



## 2024 Children's Camp Needs:



Camp Registration is officially open as of March 1st, but we still need your help, churches!

- 1. Save the Date & Promote Camp!** All the relevant details about camp, including registration & required forms are on the website: [cbamo.org/childrens-camp](http://cbamo.org/childrens-camp)
- 2. Financially.** Camp registration is \$100-\$110, depending on when families register, so you may consider offering partial or full scholarships to families in need. We are also seeking churches/individuals who would like to sponsor a meal for \$250.
- 3. Recruit Leaders!** We are looking for some awesome adults (male and female) to fill roles such as Cabin/Group Leader and Arts & Crafts. The safety of our kids is important, so you must be over the age of 18, be able to pass a background check, and have a Pastor Recommendation. The association will be covering leader costs this year (minus any children they may bring).

Please contact Kari Sullivan, Camp Director ([kari@memorialchurch.net](mailto:kari@memorialchurch.net)) if you would like to get involved as a volunteer; and Alicia Amos, Ministry Assistant ([office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org)) if you would like to contribute financially or have questions about camp registration/payment.

## 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.

### Coming Soon: CBA Summer Missionary

The Association will be seeking to hire a summer missionary who will be available to serve our churches June-August. This individual should be someone reliable, who loves the Lord and ideally someone who is gifted in working with children. Applicants must be 18 years old, be able to pass a background check, have reliable transportation, and be available for 10 weeks, beginning around the last week of May. Hours scheduled can vary based on association and church needs, but applicants must commit to being fully available the weeks June 22-29 (3MT), July 7-12 (Concord Builders) and July 14-18 (Children's Camp). *If this sounds like someone you know, please encourage them to apply when applications open on April 1st at [cbamo.org](http://cbamo.org)!*

## 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
- Mt. Olive - New Pastor Mike Nichols

## Book Review: *Loving God With All Your Mind* by Elizabeth George

If you have ever felt overwhelmed by negative thoughts of worry, frustration, or depression, then this book was written with you in mind. Elizabeth George knows from experience that, "Like a virus, your thoughts can drain your energy and cripple your usefulness," (George 1994, p. 22).

She gives us the six scriptures that were particularly meaningful to her as she struggled with depression and were instrumental in her journey to a healthy mental outlook.

In her examination of each scripture, George emphasizes the importance of memorization and meditation as well as obedience.



**"What I offer in this book  
are six powerful  
Scriptures that have  
brought stability,  
strength...and sweet  
peace...into my life and  
into the lives of others"**

(George 1994, p. 9)



There is a strong thread of autobiographical content as she shares her personal experiences

to teach biblical truths. These truths include filtering out thoughts that are not true and filling your mind with God's Word, how to win the battle with worry, what we should remember to forget, and how to focus on God's goodness and His plan for your life.

I appreciated Elizabeth George's candor and openness in her writing. By using her personal testimony, she places herself firmly in the mindset of her readers and offers hope to those who find themselves at the mercy of unhealthy thoughts or a dismal outlook on life.

Elizabeth George has written over eighty books and bible studies for women. This book was an updated and expanded edition of the original book published in 1994. There is a study guide available as well as a DVD which has an interactive workbook. If your women's group is looking for a study this one would not disappoint.



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

## Missions Corner: El Salvador



"How can we partner together?" is the main question Pastor Jared Rivera is wanting to get from the "vision" mission trip he recently took to El Salvador.

Rivera, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Tipton, went on the 11-day mission trip, spending eight of those days in El Salvador. He was joined by Concord Baptist Association members, Alan Earls, director of missions, Ken McCune, interim pastor at Jamestown, and Heber Menam previous pastor of High Point Baptist Church and executive director at Maxwell Leadership.

The team went on the mission trip with a plan to meet with dozens of pastors from the Guatemalan border to the border of Honduras, places that Rivera said were "less developed and with a lot of poverty." The goal of the trip was to find out what the country needed, spiritually and physically. Additionally, they want to partner with the Baptist Association of El Salvador.

"There are a lot of opportunities for us as Christians to help in the center of the country," said Rivera. "Despite the civil war not long ago in the area, El Salvador has developed, along with gaining a new president, Bernardo Arevalo, who has turned the country around." El Salvador is now equipped with a world-class prison, has ridden itself of the power struggle with the gang activity, has strongly armed National Guard and is living with a lot more peace.

Rivera said there are still endless spiritual and physical needs to be had in El Salvador, while "raising a new generation of believers."

While on the vision trip, Rivera learned that there was a lot of "church planting," people who were just "pastoring" without the background. We want to be able to share the kingdom," said Rivera. "A ministry that has sustainability. We want to build up everything they're doing, not take over."



Rivera explained that the big issues in El Salvador with the kids is technology and work. They are dealing with the reality of the economic status they deal with. Other issues are found from other religious antagonists who are looking to manipulate and take advantage of the lower class.



While in El Salvador, Rivera, Mena and Earls were also able to bless a few families and churches with donations they had taken with them. The Concord Baptist Association will be raising money to send people back to help their community, to partner with them instead of belittle the country.

"We don't want to just throw money at them," said Rivera. We want to see a significant healthy effect." The missionaries want to see the people and communities of El Salvador grow and be sustainable, to reach the whole country. "We can learn from their passion while they learn from our experience," said Rivera. "I expect in this partnership we will end up being more blessed."

This is Rivera's second international mission trip, going to Cambodia in 2018.

The Concord Baptist Association has been approved to start pursuing the partnership with El Salvador, and in its second year, Rivera's list of mission trips overseas will get to grow. "We want to be able to launch goals," said Rivera. "The big thing is to help them but also given them the option to do it how they want."



This article was written by Tara Alumbaugh and originally appeared in The Tipton Times entitled "Rivera travels to El Salvador with CBA". It is reprinted with permission.

## How Can You Prepare?

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?

1. Pray
2. Ensure you have a Passport.
3. 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

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.

## 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.

### **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](http://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/](http://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](mailto:dhartley@concordjc.org)).

# VBS Training and Curriculum Preview



## From the Missouri Baptist Convention:

This year we will be offering a variety of locations and curriculum for your church's VBS training needs. Unlike previous years, we will have two types of event.

When you register, choose the curriculum you will be using, then sign up for an individual age group. In addition to training in all aspects of the curriculum, our team will be providing several breakout sessions. These may be selected at each individual location.

If you have questions about any of these events, please contact Christy Nance at 314 795-0676.

## Option #1

Multi-Curriculum Overview: featuring training in curriculum from Answers in Genesis, Group, and Lifeway VBS Curriculum.

Locations:

- First Baptist Church, Chillicothe
- First Baptist Church, Ozark
- First Baptist Church, Troy
- First Baptist Church, Deslodge

## Option #2

Lifeway Overview: featuring training in VBS curriculum from Lifeway only, similar to previous offerings

Locations:

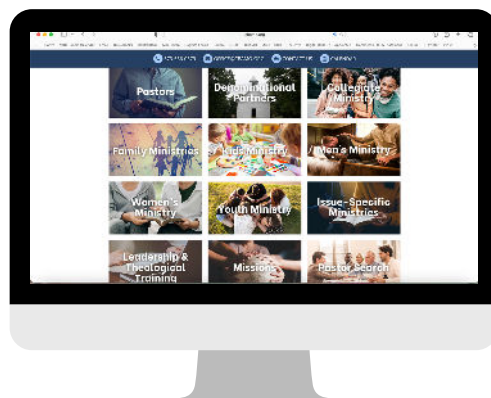
- Temple Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff
- Memorial Baptist Church, Columbia
- Baptist Ridge Camp, Warsaw
- First Baptist Church, Owensville

## Register

Register at [mobaptist.org/vbs](http://mobaptist.org/vbs) and select the training date and location that works best for you.



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