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April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 Summer Missionary Application Opens	2	3	4 Leadership Team Meeting @ 6:00pm (MBC Building)	5	6 3MT Taco Dinner & Auction @ FBC Cali 5-7 pm
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May 2024

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BSU Mission Trip to Brazil

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MEMORIAL DAY

 Office Closed

Upcoming Events

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 for more information and registration.

Cost:

Registration: \$25 (includes entry to conference + dinner)

Childcare (for those who register by 4/10): \$2/child (includes pizza + childcare, ages 2-12)

RA Congress 2024 - All churches are invited to bring a group of boys (grades 1-6) to the RA Congress April 26-27, 2024 at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. *You do not need to have an RA club to participate!* Cost: \$14 (by 4/9) or \$19 (after 4/9). T-shirts are available (at an extra cost) when you register by 4/9.

Find details and register online at mobaptist.org/racongress.

Questions should be directed to Travis Webb at (417) 230-6211 or webbside50@gmail.com

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) 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

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 for all the details & deadlines.

Save the Date - 3MT will also be hosting their annual Taco Dinner & Live Auction on April 6, 2024 from 5-7pm at FBC 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 by the newsletter deadline!

A Word from our DOM

The best description on our journey of life, in my opinion, is "life is interesting." As we walk the journey we have times when our hearts rejoice, when our hearts are sad and when are hearts are perplexed, when we are excited, and when we get tired. Every day is a journey. What I have learned through the scripture and my experiences, is the fact that a journey of life without Jesus is overwhelming and has eternal consequences. Not only do we receive eternal life upon repenting of our sin, accepting Jesus life, death, and resurrection and making Him the Lord of our life, but we have true rest from the challenges of life. Without Jesus, we have none of that.

When we become a child of God upon accepting Jesus as our savior, God invites us to join Him in His work. Sometimes when we work we get tired. Sometimes when we work we do too much ourself rather than trust and depend on God. So, what should we do when we get tired from the work or if we are carrying a burden around that weighs us down? Jesus gives us the instructions in Matthew 11.



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

(Matthew 11:28-30 ESV)



Jesus is the answer to all the challenges of life's journey. Jesus sets us on the right path to the eternal destination. Jesus gently provides us with rest for our very soul. What do we have to do? Accept the Yoke of Jesus and learn from Him. A Yoke is designed to keep the one that is laboring in the right path. It is about equally distributing the load so the work can go as smooth and efficient as possible.

We know that there is nothing easy about following Jesus. In fact, Jesus shared, "27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." And "33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." Luke 14: 27 & 33. So, the easy yoke and light burden that Jesus shares can only be understood when we recognize the eternal aspects of life. In this life there will be problems, there will be challenges, and their will be heartache. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in the second letter to the church of Corinth, "17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison," 2 Corinthians 4:17.

In our journey of life, remember Jesus. When we walk we must look through the lens of Jesus. We will see the eternal not temporary. We will champion through the momentary afflictions which cannot ever compare to the glory to come.

God Bless and enjoy your journey with Jesus!

In Christ,
Bro Alan

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry



We just returned from a great spring break mission to the Lakota people in South Dakota where we served at the Chanku Waste' Ranch preparing and praying over the church and camp property for the upcoming pivotal camp season on the reservation.



Lincoln University also has hired a new Athletic Director along with Football, Baseball and Soccer coaches and would love your prayers for favor as I meet and connect with them for future ministry opportunities.

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, April 26th at 6:30pm.

Please continue to be in prayer for:

- 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. We will host an international student lunch on Wednesday, April 27th from 12:00-1:30pm. I would love various CBA churches to help prepare and serve with these lunches, as well as spend time engaging these special students, so please let me know if you have questions or interest to partner! I can be reached at cmahan@cbamo.org.

Grateful,

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Summer Missionary Requests

Churches - we plan to hire a summer missionary who will be available to serve our associational churches roughly June - August. They will also serve at Concord Builders and Children's Camp.

If your church would like us to send the summer missionary to assist with a church ministry this summer, please reach out to Alicia Amos (office@cbamo.org) to enquire. We would love to be able to fill their schedule quickly!

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
- 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) if you would like to get involved as a volunteer; and Alicia Amos, Ministry Assistant (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 or for questions please call 660-473-1685.

CBA Summer Missionary

We are 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 on June 3. 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!*

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 - Interim Rev. Monte Shinkle

Book Review: *Formed in His Image* by Coleman M. Ford



In this book, Coleman Ford discusses the process of becoming more Christlike, growing closer to Christ, and the ongoing process of surrendering our life to Him. He uses the term “Christian Formation” to describe this sanctifying process. “So what is Christian formation? Here’s the definition of Christian spiritual formation that will guide the remainder of this book: The lifelong process of image-bearers called by the goodness of God, shaped by the truth of God, to behold the beauty of God,” (Ford 2023, p.9).

The first half of the book is devoted to doctrinal foundations: the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, our union with Christ. Some of Ford’s thoughts are familiar ground, but he also offers fresh ideas for our consideration.

In the chapter on the Trinity, he says,

— “**“Our fellowship as brothers and sisters is intended to mirror the fellowship of the Godhead, united with the goal of glorifying God,”**
(Ford 2023, p. 45)

— ” —
The second half of the book is devoted to practical formation. After building a doctrinal foundation, he moves to what formation looks like and how to develop a culture of formation in our personal lives as well as in our local church.

I appreciated Ford’s message that we are, at all times, being formed by the things that surrounds us and that we allow into our minds. Every day we have a choice to make: fill our minds with worldly ideas or fill our minds with the beauty of God. This is an important reminder for Christians living in a sinful world.

There are reflection questions at the end of each chapter as well as a list of resources for anyone desiring further study. Whether being read individually or as a part of a small group study, this book is worthy of your time.



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

Resource Highlight: Waiting in Hope Ministry

Hi - Alicia here! I hope that you have found the updated resource space on our website to be helpful. And if you haven't seen it ... you need to check it out! I wanted to take a moment and introduce one new resource that is near and dear to my heart - Waiting in Hope Infertility Ministries. I have been blessed by this ministry both as a participant and as a writer for their content team.

Many people believe infertility to be a rarity, but the truth is that 1 in 6 couples struggle to conceive. Speaking from experience, the effects of infertility reach much further than just the ability to have children - it affects relationships with friends and family, relationship with your spouse, relationship with God, mental and emotional health, sense of purpose, finances, and their plans for the future. It impacts every aspect of life.

In fact, it's very common for these couples to experience:

- **Isolation** - Community and church life is often centered around families with children, whereas infertility is seldom talked about. This makes it very easy for women and couples to feel like they are "the only ones".
- **Faith struggles** - The grief and pain of infertility raises a lot of challenging faith questions for women and couples suffering through it.
- **Marriage struggles** - Infertility is a trial that can tear marriages apart. Some studies have stated that infertile couples are three times more likely to divorce.

Seasons of waiting, infertility, and grief can refine us like a fire to become more like God intends - more holy, more like Jesus. So many couples' seasons of infertility could be different and better with a safe, biblical community to help disciple their hearts towards real lasting hope in their relationship with the Lord.

WHAT WAITING IN HOPE DOES

Waiting in Hope Ministry is one of the only organizations in the country that provides truly biblical support to infertile couples at a church level. Their goal is to partner with local churches, helping them to care for and lovingly disciple women and couples through one of their hardest seasons. They create programs and tools to provide community, biblical support and help to women and couples facing infertility. This is primarily done by equipping the local church through their programs and training, while also offering online programs for individuals who may not have local support.

They also view themselves as an outreach ministry. On average, they report local groups seeing 3 non-believers and 6 couples who are not active in a local church. They say "we have seen hearts redeemed and changed as they question God and their faith in pain. Many have truly experienced the love of Christ, some for the first time as they have walked through the curriculum. They learn how to study God's word, pray when they don't want to, and ask the tough heart questions. We've seen many experience God more fully and grow in their relationship with the Lord." (WiH)

If you would like to know more about bringing Waiting in Hope to your church, please contact them at: hello@waitinginhopeinfertility.com You can also hear more from their ministry on Facebook and Instagram.

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

Any church needing a referral for Christian Counseling may contact Alan Earls, DOM, for available resources.

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.

Wooden High Chairs Available - Free

Memorial Baptist Church (Jefferson City) has 6 wooden high chairs to give to churches in need. Please contact Kari Sullivan (kari@memorialchurch.net)

More Training and Resource Events



The Gathering
EPHESIANS 3:20-21
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
MAY 3-4, 2024

WORSHIP - BREAKOUTS - DOOR PRIZES
A time for connection with women around Missouri

Registration opens January 1st!
sbccworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236186
for more information contact
lead@mobaptist.org

AmericInn by Wyndam
275 Tanger Blvd, Branson, MO 65616
(417) 334-8404
Group Code: The Gathering Conference.

Early Bird (Jan 1-April 4) Pricing
Conference: \$45 Hotel: \$89

April 5-May 3 Pricing
Conference: \$50 Hotel: Room Rate set by Hotel

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**Serving For
God's Glory**

**2024 BSAAM
Conference**

September 16-17, 2024

Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church
5502 Frederick Ave.
St. Joseph, MO 64507

Keynote Speaker:
Amy Stout
Motivational Speaker, Life Coach, and Author

Worship Leader:
Cori Salmons

For more information visit baamissouri.org

A free conference at Southridge Baptist Church

 **JULY 13TH, 2024**
8:30AM-3:00PM

2024 BIBLE TEACHERS CONFERENCE
"TEACH JESUS"
ACTS 5:42



JON C. NELSON
Lead Pastor
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Former President of the MBC



DR. BEN HAWKINS
Editor at the
MBC Pathway



TAYLOR WITMORE
Lead Pastor
Southridge Baptist Church



BRAD HOMAN
Lead Pastor
Fortuna Baptist Church

Childcare is not provided

Building Dedication - Roby Baptist

We have been invited by Roby Baptist Church to attend the dedication of the building addition that our Concord Builders team traveled to assist with last summer. Please make plans to attend and/or share with anyone who may be interested in attending.

ROBY BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION

Sunday, April 21, 2024

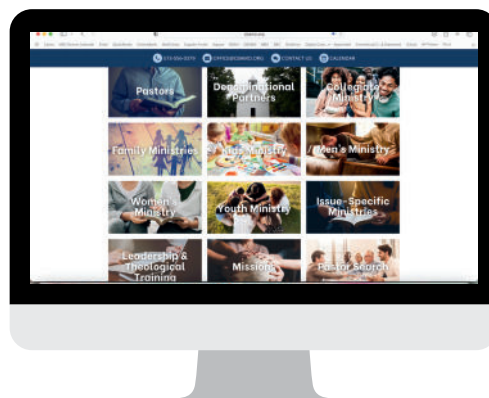
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5:00PM OPEN HOUSE AND FOOD

6:00PM DEDICATION SERVICE



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