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June 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6 Leadership Team Meeting @ 6pm (MBC Building)	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Last Day: Concord Builders Registration!
16	17 Church Event: "Hometown Nazareth" VBS @ Memorial 5:30 - 8:30 pm	18 Pastor's Roundtable @ 12pm (MBC Building)	19	20	21 Last Day: Kid's Camp Registration!	22 3MT
23	24	25 Acts 1:8 Team Meeting @ 6pm (MBC Building)	26	27	28	29
3MT @ Tipton (visit 3MT.org for more information)						
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

July 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4 HAPPY 4th of July Office Closed	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Church Event: Bible Teachers Conference @Southridge 8:30am-3:30pm
Concord Builders (for more information, visit cbamo.org/concord-builders-team)						
14	15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
Children's Camp (for more information, visit cbamo.org/childrens-camp)						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Upcoming Events

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:

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

Registration will be open until June 21st. No registrations will be accepted after the cut-off, so don't wait! Once you have registered your child online, you will remit payment to your church and they will cut a single check for every child from your church planning to attend. We will contact churches with children registered after 6/21.

We are looking for adult volunteers to serve as cabin/team leaders. 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

Church Event: Bible Teachers Conference @ Southridge Baptist (Jefferson City)

A free conference at Southridge Baptist Church

2024 BIBLE TEACHERS CONFERENCE

"TEACH JESUS" / ACTS 5:42

July 13th, 2024 8:30am-3:00pm

RSVP by 6/21/24

to btc@southridgechurch.org



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Childcare is not provided

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

A Word from our DOM

I had the opportunity to be involved in a meeting for the Resounding Leaders Branch of the Resound Network in the month of May. It was a great meeting, a great facilitator and a great team that are committed to making disciples and understanding the importance of the development of church leadership with a commitment of making, maturing, and mobilizing disciples.

As we consider Matthew 28:19-20, we all recognize that all believers are commanded to make disciples, however, not all believers are called and gifted in leadership. The body of Christ is made up of many members and we all have different functions to perform. All the functions work together in unity to fulfill the will of the Father. To make disciples that in turn make disciples, Christ calls out leaders. Within our CBA churches we have the exciting opportunity to not only make disciples but help those called into leadership to discover their calling and to develop them to teach and train disciples.

Chad Hodges, the leader of the Resounding Leaders Branch, shared a devotion that I found informational and illuminating. He used the text from Luke 10: 2, ***"And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"*** (ESV). It was revealed that many well intentioned Christ Followers pray for the harvest. But the harvest isn't what Jesus asked us to pray for. Jesus has the harvest under control. What Jesus asked for, was for us to pray that the Lord of the Harvest send out laborers. This command of Jesus reveals that we must earnestly pray for the leadership within our churches that

include pastoral staff and lay men and women. These leaders are called out to make a difference for God's harvest by equipping and preparing the saints. The churches must send out workers who belong to Jesus, who have been invested in and prepared to know Jesus' word, and to be prepared to mobilize by going to the harvest field and serving the Lord faithfully.

It takes every member of the body to fulfill Christ's command to make disciples. And it takes every leader investing in each disciple to train them, prepare them and to send them to the field.

Soon our churches will begin to hear about a special emphasis in August of this year. August 2024 has been designated as "Calling out the Called" month. Simply put, all of our churches will be encouraged to intentionally consider if God has called you into the pastorate, vocational ministry, missions or another calling that God has put onto your life. God has called, is calling and will continue to call men and women into His ministry and Missions. Is He calling you? Has He revealed to you someone for which seems to be one that He has called? When was the last time a missionary was called out of your church? When was the last time a young man was raised up from your church to be a pastor? Isn't these prospects exciting to consider as God works in your church? Let us be committed to pray for laborers for the harvest. But let us also be committed to pray for the leaders that God has anointed to prepare those laborers as they get ready to go to the field.

In Christ,

Bro Alan

Partnership Opportunity: CBA Kids Camp

Kids Camp is right around the corner! We would love to have as many churches involved as possible in this evangelistic and discipleship ministry.

Here are some ways your church can be involved:

1. Send your kids! Camp for kids who have finished 3-6 grade. Tell them about the camp opportunity, Register at the CBA website under events. You may choose to help parents with the cost of camp or transportation.

2. Send leaders! We could use one more male leader 18 or older so we have 2 adults in each cabin. We have such a great group of leaders for you to serve with that you'll be so glad you came.

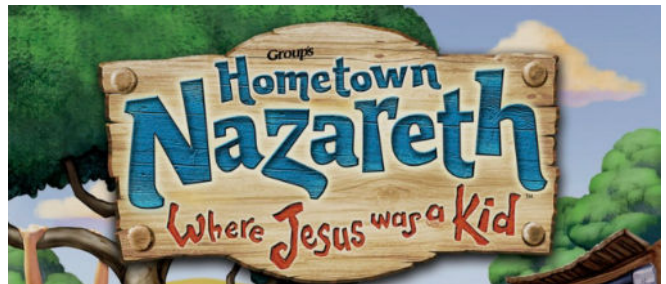
3. Help feed our campers and staff. We are asking for donations to cover the cost of food for 100ish people for 5 days! This allows us keep the cost of camp down for campers. If your church can cover a meal with \$250, send \$50 in memory of your camp days as a kid, or provide walmart gift cards in any amount we would appreciate it. It's such a great way to be part of camp and contribute to the ministry work happening. You can send those designated funds to the CBA office. *Please include a note/memo designating your donation for camp.*

4. Lend Recreation Equipment. If your church has some cool and awesome equipment you use at your church and wouldn't mind loaning to camp, call Kari Sullivan and we'll see how we can work it in! Scooter, giant balls, great games, a giant inflatable something, a silly/funny costume, etc. Thanks for sharing!

5. Pray specifically! Pray that God will clear the schedules and provide the financial and food resources for every child and leaders He wants at camp this year. Our theme is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27. Praise Him for all the kids already signed up, leaders who have excitedly prepared, a beautiful/safe place to have camp, and an association of churches fully committed to camp ministry.

-Kari

PS: I would like to invite the children of your church to our VBS at Memorial Baptist. Details below:



Welcome to Nazareth! Come meet Mary and find out what Jesus was like as a kid. You'll go to the Marketplace to visit the carpenter, olive oil stand, bead bazaar, Synagogue School, food market, and basket weavers. You will be a part of a tribe of families that stay together and huddle up. Music, Fun and Games, and a simple dinner are also included. Feel free to wear a Bible costume but wear close toed shoes for fun and games. This is a free event for PK-5th grade and their families.

When: June 17-19 from 5:30-8:30.

Where: Memorial Baptist Church (1120 Madison Street - Parking and Entrance are around the back.)

Registration: Please register @ memorialchurch.net.

If you have questions, please call the Memorial Baptist Church office at 573-635-7131

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry



The Lincoln BSU mission team left for Brazil on May 14th, for a week of church services, service projects and street evangelism.

While the team returned on May 22, I went straight to India for two more weeks of an Athletes in Action mission trip and then a church partnering mission in Indonesia for the final week of this 4 week journey.

Grateful for your prayers over us and how God will grow and use us. Please continue to pray for my hip as I can barely walk the last few days and it has been really frustrating and painful.

Thanks for partnering with us,

Chant

Summer Missionary Requests

Churches - we have hired Grace Hodges (Oakland Baptist) as a summer missionary who will be available to serve our associational churches June 3 - August 9. She will also serve at 3MT, Concord Builders and Children's Camp.

We have received a few requests already, but we still have openings in her schedule. If your church would like us to send Grace to assist with a church ministry this summer, please reach out to Alicia Amos (office@cbamo.org) to inquire. We would love to be able to fill her schedule quickly!

Ministry + Job Openings:

Associate Discipleship Pastor, Fortuna Baptist

Fortuna Baptist Church is seeking a Full Time Associate Discipleship Pastor. Responsibilities would include assisting the senior pastor with the discipleship processes of the church, investing and equipping the congregation. 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.

- Clarksburg
- High Point - Interim Rev. Monte Shinkle
- Russellville - Please pray for Pastor Rusty Kuhns and his family as they follow their call to International Missions and Russellville Baptist as they begin their pastor search.

Book Review: None Like Him by Jen Wilkin



In this book, Jen Wilkin addresses the subject of how to become a more God-fearing woman.

To find her answer she does not look at Proverbs 31, instead, she takes a close look at God and aspects of His character that make Him unique and different than we are, qualities we do not have.

When we fear God rightly, we recognize him for who he truly is: a God of no limits, and therefore, utterly unlike anyone or anything we know. This is the start of becoming wise.

(Wilkin 2016 p. 13)

Wilkin begins her journey with a look at God's infinite being. He is a God of no limits. Where we are measurable in various ways, He is immeasurable. Each succeeding chapter focuses on a different aspect of God's infinite qualities: His infinite creativity, provision, power, and rule. Wilkin reminds us that while there are many of God's qualities that we can and should aspire to such as holiness, love, faithfulness, the infinite qualities addressed here are true only of God.

Each chapter is a powerful reminder that while we may desire to be infinitely creative, powerful, or knowledgeable, we are not, and recognizing this fact is a step to maturity and growth.

In the conclusion, as she summarizes these ten qualities of God, Wilkin gives a compelling statement for us to ponder,

— “ —

Our primary problem as Christian women is not that we lack self-worth, not that we lack a sense of significance. It's that we lack awe.

(Wilkin 2016 p. 154)

— ” —

The awe of the majesty and wonder of God is the driving force behind this book.



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

On Evangelism: What is Evangelism?

What is evangelism? It is taking seriously the Great Commission: **“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”** (Matthew 28:19). Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth, and He has given us the imperative to go and do as He did while here on earth. We are to be busy making disciples. Jesus came to seek and to save that which is lost (Luke 19:10). We need to go and seek the lost. Jesus is the One who does the saving, but we are to go and proclaim the gospel and make the appeal for them to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

As New Testament believers we should take seriously the last appeal of the apostle Paul,

**Preach the word,
do the work of an
evangelist.**

(2 Timothy 4:2,5)

What is evangelism? It is an urgency to reach those who do not know Jesus. Why? Hell is real! NAMB published an article entitled, “Diagnosing Lostness: 4 Potential Causes.” The number one cause was there was no Christian sphere of influence. In other words, the article

suggests that Christians are not sharing the gospel with the lost. According to the article, the lesson we need to learn is that we need to make friends with the unsaved. Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners alike. We should be willing to invite the lost into our homes for dinner and have gospel conversations with them.

The article went on to say that according to a study by the Barna Group, 73 percent of born-again Christians believe they have a personal responsibility to share their faith with others. However, only 53 percent admit to sharing the gospel at least once. There is a major disconnect between what we say we believe and what we actually do.

In W. A. Criswell’s “Guidebook For Pastors” on page 229 he answers the question, What is evangelism? “It is intercession for the lost. It is the anguished cry of Jesus as He weeps over a doomed city. It is the cry of John Knox, ‘Give me Scotland or I die.’ It is the declaration of John Wesley, ‘The world is my parish.’ It is William Carey with his Bible in his hand and the burden of the world on his heart. It is the prayer of Billy Sunday, ‘Make me a giant for God.’ It is the sob of the parent in the night, weeping over a prodigal child. Evangelism is the loving shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the father who prays and waits for the prodigal son.”

May God help the churches of Concord Baptist Association get an urgency and burden for evangelism. May we reap a harvest of souls this year.



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

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)

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Lite breakfast starting at 8:30
Lunch provided

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