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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 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 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. We are especially in need of at least 3 more adult men to enable us to open adequate cabins for boys. 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

Save the Date! Bible Teachers Conference

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

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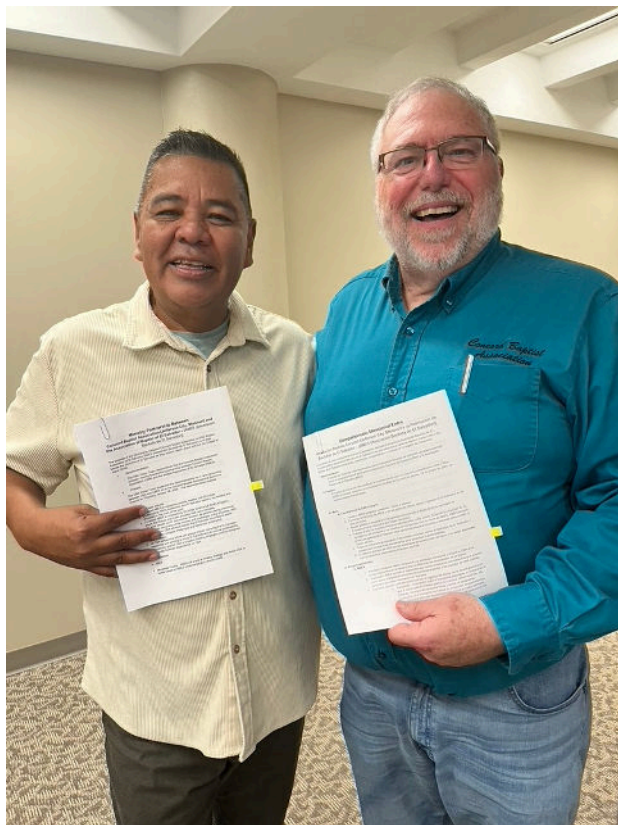
BRAD HOMAN

Lead Pastor
Fortuna Baptist Church

Childcare is not provided

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

A Word from our DOM



April 16, 2024 was a very special day for the Concord Baptist Association. We had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Hugo Rodriguez, ABES President from El Salvador to the Pastor Round Table. Dr. Rodriguez and I had the privilege to sign the partnership agreement between Concord Baptist Association and the El Salvador Baptist Association. You may access this document by copying and pasting the following link to your web browser: cbamo.org/ElSalvadorPartnership

During the time that Dr. Rodriguez was with the pastors, he shared a passage from Acts 13, which states in part, **"For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'** And

when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed." (Acts 13:47-48)

It is the hope of our association and, I am confident of the El Salvador Baptist Association, that this partnership allows both partners to be the light of Jesus with those who are in darkness and does not know Jesus as Lord. As CBA Churches we will be excited to walk beside, encourage and support our sister churches in El Salvador to help in evangelism, discipleship, leader development, planting churches and so much more. Please pray now to see if God is guiding your church in this exciting partnership and mission. There will be great opportunities for Sports evangelism, VBS, children ministry, Medical Clinics, construction and many other opportunities.

If you have never participated in an international mission perhaps this is the time and this is the place. In the Book Review section of this newsletter Sarah Kennedy provides a wonderful mission book titled "The Insanity of God." It will perplex you, inspire you and motivate you to trust God no matter what. Remember you cannot go to a foreign land without a passport. This Newsletter will provide you the reminder of how to get one! Whether God commands you to go to El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin or across the street, let's respond to God by saying Yes Lord! May God Bless you as you seek the Lord to share the Hope of Jesus!

In Christ,
Bro Alan

Partnering with El Salvador

This partnership 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. 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.** Visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html> to learn how.
- **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

If you have any questions about the partnership please contact Bro. Alan!

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry



We enjoyed a student dinner (pictured above) strategizing summer opportunities as we take 9 students to partner with NAMB in Brazil, May 14-22; and several students go serve as counselors this summer at a great inner city urban youth camp, Kids Across America (KAA), down in southwest Missouri.

Several graduation parties are coming up with an official graduation on May 11th. We discussed a late night pancake party exam week May 6-10th but didn't think we could quite make it happen. Let's look at a back to school pancake party or back to school goodie bags in August.

I will be flying from Brazil straight to southern India for another 2 week mission into mid June and would greatly appreciate your prayers toward future partnerships there.

Blessed and grateful to have y'all in our corner as we keep learning and growing together!

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2024 Children's Camp Needs:



- **Save the Date & Promote Camp!** All the relevant details about camp, including registration & required forms are on the website: cbamo.org/childrens-camp
- **Financially.** Camp registration is \$110/camper, 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.
- **Recruit Leaders!** We are looking for some awesome adults (male and female) to serve as Cabin/Group Leaders. We could especially use 3 adult men to enable us to open adequate cabins for boys. 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.

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!

Ministry + Job Openings:

Youth/Associate Pastor, Fortuna Baptist

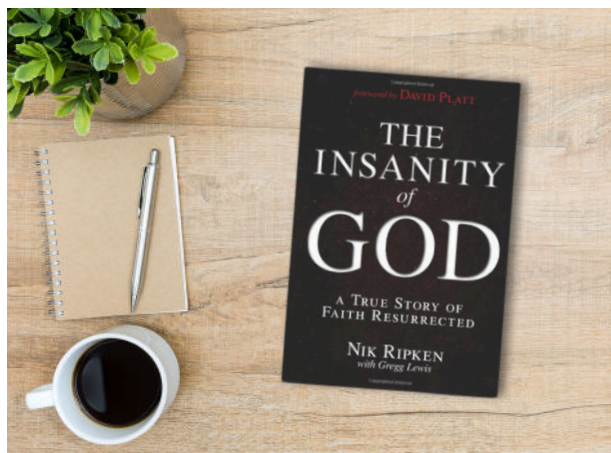
Fortuna Baptist Church is seeking a Youth/Associate Pastor. This would most likely be a bivocational position that would have potential to move to a full-time position. Duties would include youth ministry, teaching, and assisting the senior pastor with pastoral care and support as needed. If interested, 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 - Interim Rev. Monte Shinkle

Book Review: *The Insanity of God* by Nik Ripken with Greg Lewis



The *Insanity of God* is the fascinating and convicting story of the author's journey of faith. The story begins in rural Kentucky where he grew up part of a 'poor and proud' Kentucky family. After marrying, Nik Ripken and his family spent fifteen years serving on the mission fields of Africa. Much of that time was spent in Somaliland which was undergoing a civil war that had devastated the country and the people. The magnitude of what the people of Somaliland were experiencing was overwhelming: starvation, death, and hatred. The struggle to find resources to help them was constant. Many relief agencies refused to enter the country until it was safe for their workers. It seemed that evil was so in control it was difficult to find God at work. By the time Ripken and his family left Africa, they had felt such loss and grief they were questioning if God was at work in the world today. "Everything in my background told me that if I trained better, worked harder, prayed longer, sacrificed more,

and sowed more widely, God would grant an abundant spiritual harvest. But that did not happen in Somaliland," (Ripken 2013, p. 128).

After returning to the United States, Ripken and his wife decided they needed answers to the questions that plagued them. This led to Ripken visiting a number of countries that were known to persecute Christians. He visited Russia, several Eastern European countries, China, other Asian countries, and the Middle East. He spoke to and interviewed hundreds of believers living with the reality of persecution. What he found changed him. He found that the stronger the persecution, the stronger the believers who lived there.

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"Looking back now, I understand that one of the most accurate ways to detect and measure the activity of God is to note the amount of opposition that is present. The stronger the persecution, the more significant the spiritual vitality of the believers,"
(Ripken 2013, p.153)

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This is an extremely convicting book that should be on the must-read list of every Christian. It shines a light on our complacency and comfort and reminds us of our God-given purpose. This book was made into a movie which is still available from a variety of sources.



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

On Evangelism: Fishing with Jesus

In Mark's gospel we are told that as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he called out Simon and his brother Andrew to follow Him. He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). Jesus went a little farther along the seashore, and He saw John the son of Zebedee. John and his brother were fishermen too, and He also called them to come follow Him (Mark 1:19). In both cases the Bible says they immediately left what they were doing and followed Him (Mark 1:18; 20). When Jesus called, they left their livelihoods and everything familiar to them. The Bible doesn't say they asked any questions or debated. The Scripture says they immediately followed Him!

Jesus told these men who made their living catching fish that He would make them fishers of men. Their job was to follow. Jesus' job was to make them become fishers of men. The word of God teaches us that every Christian is to be fishing. The old saying says, "If we are following, we are fishing. If we are not fishing, we are not following."

I am not an expert fisherman. I do know that it takes different baits for different types of fish. I know that weather can make a difference whether fish are biting or not. The water temperature is a factor if the fish are biting near the surface or the closer to the bottom. Some days fishing will be better than others. If you are fishing in an unfamiliar place, a guide may be able to determine if you are able to catch fish or not.

This analogy is the same when you are fishing

for men. It takes different bait for different men. A friend who is now a deacon said it was a round orange basketball that hooked him for Jesus. He was asked by a fishing pastor if he would like to play basketball on a church team. The stipulation was that he had to come to church at least twice a month to play.

It is a lot of fun to hook a big fish and then land it. It is even more exciting to fish for men and see a person receive Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior! We always talk about the ones we land, but very seldom do we talk about ones who get away. What we need to realize is we haven't failed when results are not what we desire. Success is being obedient to do what God has called us to do.

I recently preached a revival service. The pastor I served with was a consistent fisher of men. We spent every afternoon knocking on doors in the community. We knocked on several doors where no one was home. We knocked on many doors where people were not interested. Most people were not biting. We knocked on a few doors where the people were friendly and polite. They allowed us to share the gospel but would not receive Jesus and be saved. We did have two people who were ready! They received Christ and were gloriously saved. To God be the glory!

Think about it! When we go fishing for men, Jesus Himself goes with us to be our guide. He already knows all about the people where we will be fishing. He empowers us to share the gospel. He is the One who sets the hook and saves them. He cleans His own fish, and we get to be in on it! I love fishing with Jesus. They are the best fishing trips I have ever been on.



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

Sports Crusaders

Sports Crusaders is commemorating 30 years of service with a special celebration at Union Hill Baptist Church (Holts Summit) on Sunday, May 26th at 3:00pm. Please pre-register at the link on the graphic.



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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.

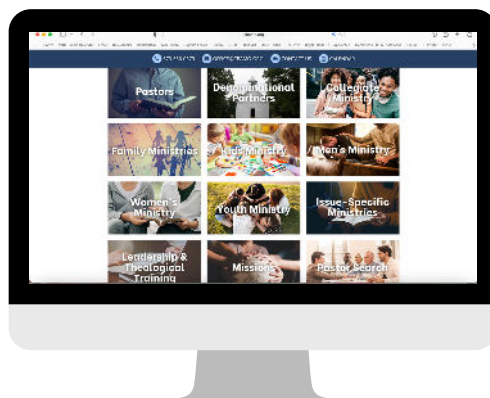
200th Anniversary Book

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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