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| SUN | MON | TUE                                       | WED | THU   | FRI                                   | SAT |
|-----|-----|---|-----|---|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  | 1   | 2                                     | 3   |
|     |     |   |     | Leadership Team Meeting @ 6pm (MBC Building)    |                                       |     |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9                                     | 10  |
|     |     |   |     | Executive Council Meeting @ 6:30pm (FBC Tipton) | Ladies Night Out 5-8pm (MBC Building) |     |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16                                    | 17  |
|     |     |   |     |   | Newsletter Deadline                   |     |
| 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23                                    | 24  |
|     |     | Pastor's Roundtable @ 12pm (MBC Building) |     |   |                                       |     |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30                                    | 31  |
|     |     |   |     |   | ACP Deadline!                         |     |

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| 1   | 2                                | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6                   | 7   |
|     | HAPPY LABOR DAY<br>Office Closed |   |     |  |                     |     |
| 8   | 9                                | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13                  | 14  |
|     |                                  |   |     |  |                     |     |
| 15  | 16                               | 17  | 18  | 19   | 20                  | 21  |
|     | 2025 Budget Deadline             | Pastor's Roundtable @ 12pm (MBC Building) |     |  | Newsletter Deadline |     |
| 22  | 23                               | 24  | 25  | 26   | 27                  | 28  |
|     |                                  |   |     | Leadership Team Meeting @ 6pm (MBC Building) |                     |     |
| 29  | 30                               | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4                   | 5   |
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## Upcoming Events

### **CBA Ladies Night Out - "Redeemed"**

Our Ladies Night Out Event is coming up on August 9, 2024 at the Missouri Baptist Convention building. We are looking forward to a night of food and fellowship, followed by music and an inspirational speaker you won't want to miss! And don't forget - we will be collecting craft supplies, books in Spanish, outdoor games, gardening tools to support the ministry of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

#### Schedule:

5PM | Doors Open for Registration

6PM | Catered Meal

7PM | Music & Inspirational Speaker

#### A Frequently Asked Question:

Parking, Walking, and Stairs - Parking will be available in the lot behind the MBC building. The lot is on a hill, but you will be able to drop off members of your group who may struggle to navigate the hill at the front of the building. There are a few handicap parking spaces to the side of the building and street parking available as well.

### **Associational ACP Deadline**

The printed Annual Church Profile (ACP) surveys were mailed on June 21st, so you have likely already received them. If possible, please submit these electronically. However, if your church clerk is unable to complete the survey electronically, please contact our office at (573)-556-0379 or [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org). Alicia is available to assist you in submitting this valuable and important information. We use some of the information submitted (ie. leadership contact information, Baptism data, etc...) in our Book of Reports, which is published prior to the Annual Meeting in October, so thank you in advance for submitting your survey information prior to our Associational ACP Deadline, which is Friday, August 30th!

### **2024 BSAAM Conference - "Serving for God's Glory"**

This year's BSAAM Conference will be held September 16-17, 2024 at Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church in St. Joseph, MO, with keynote speaker Amy Stout and worship leader Cori Salmons. This two-day conference includes time for worship and provides opportunities for personal, spiritual, and professional development training. It is always a great time of renewal and connection with others serving as secretaries/ministry assistants - whether in the local church or the association.

This year, BSAAM members' conference fee will include a free T-shirt in addition to your conferencematerials and meals if you register prior to August 1.

More information and registration at: [baamissouri.org](http://baamissouri.org)

***Have an event to share? Please submit to [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org) by the newsletter deadline!***

## A Word from our DOM

It seems that summer just started and now we are getting closer to fall. But as we reflect on the summer what a joy it has been to see the remarkable things that God has done through the local churches of our association. I have enjoyed the testimonials that has been shared of Vacation Bible Schools, Mission Trips and other exciting activities in the communities surrounding our churches.

In addition to the local church activities, the association of churches were integral to 3MT, Concord Builders, and Children's Camp.

The last information that I received was that 3MT completed 80 projects in the communities surrounding Mid Missouri. In addition, it was reported that several decisions were made for Christ.

Concord Builders had one of the largest groups on records (67 People) as they served Immanuel Baptist Church in Bethany, MO

Children's camp also reported a great turn out with 1 decision made for Jesus and 5 decision to rededicate their lives to the Lord.



While all these ministries are a lot of work, may we use Galatians 6:9 as a theme verse to encourage us... 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9. Praise the Lord to see the Lord's harvest being reaped among our CBA Churches!

May you and your CBA church continue to be blessed as you preach, teach, share and live the Good News of Jesus Christ in your home, church, community and world!

In Christ,  
Bro Alan

## Calling out the Called Emphasis Month

At last year's annual meeting, the Missouri Baptist Convention passed a resolution designating the month of August "Calling out the Called Emphasis Month". Churches throughout Missouri will be seeking and encouraging those in our churches that have been called by God to be pastors, ministers, teachers, missionaries, leaders, etc. It is exciting to recognize that God has called, is calling and will continue to call a generation of committed Christ followers to fulfill ministerial callings for which He will use to continue to build His Kingdom!

For free resources, visit:  
[resoundnetwork.com/callmonth](https://resoundnetwork.com/callmonth)



## Concord Builders: Bethany, MO



Concord Baptist Association Building Team spent July 7th-12th in Bethany, Missouri working on a building addition at Immanuel Baptist Church. We had a total of 67 people (adults and children) attend this year. The addition included a gym, concrete safe room, bathrooms, and many classrooms. Our construction team, headed by Steve Gramblin (Freshwater) and Andrew Kuttenkuler (Oakland) worked on several projects while there. Primarily we hung and finished drywall. We also did some exterior work including siding and fascia. In addition, we built some interior walls in the safe room.



Along with our construction workers, our team also includes a kitchen crew and a childcare team. Our kitchen crew provided many delicious meals and snacks for the team throughout the week. Our childcare team provided full day Bible school for our construction team members children. Both of these groups are vital to our success each year and we are always looking for more volunteers!



While the construction of the site is a large part of what we do each year, our main goal as the CBA Building Team is to bring glory to God in the work that we do. Our Chaplin, Jessica Homan (Fortuna) led us each day in prayer and devotions. We had several in the group provide devotions and special music in the evenings. We also enjoyed worshipping with Immanuel Baptist Church Sunday and Wednesday evenings during the week.

If you would like more information about CBA Building Team or are considering joining us next year, please reach out through our Facebook page (Concord Baptist Association Building Team) or [katiekuttenkuler@gmail.com](mailto:katiekuttenkuler@gmail.com). We are always looking for new members to join our team!

## From our Summer Missionary: God Knows What He is Doing



Awaiting craft time at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church's VBS.

I am so blessed to be the Concord Baptist Association's Missionary this summer! I've been able to meet and build relationships with so many people who are devoted to God. I've seen plans change and God work things out at the last minute.

At the beginning of the summer, I served at Concord Baptist Church's LIFT camp, a performing arts camp that teaches about Jesus as well as dancing and acting. That same week, I assisted with the 3rd-4th grade class at Oakland Baptist Church's VBS. The next week, I instructed preschoolers at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church's VBS.

Then, I got to be a crew leader at 3MT. My crew worked on a few widows' houses, one of which had a rather energetic dog that stayed completely still while we prayed—so we coined it “the Baptist dog.”

I then helped with childcare at the Concord Builder's Trip so that families with young children would be able to participate in building onto Immanuel Baptist Church in Bethany.

The next week, I helped with the arts and crafts station, or “Heart,” at the Association's Children's Camp.

Most recently, I served as a crew leader at Tipton First Baptist's VBS, and some of my crew members were kids I'd already met through previous church events this summer! God always knows exactly what he is doing. I can't wait to see what God has in store for this last sliver of summer!

*Grace*



Giving a devotion one morning at the Concord Builder's Trip.

## Congratulations, Bro. Guy!

Concord Baptist Association had the privilege of celebrating with Southside Baptist Church (Fulton) on Sunday July 28, 2024. Pastor Guy Thomas celebrated 50 years of ministry plus celebrating his final Sunday as Pastor of Southside Baptist Church. Bro Guy has officially retired from the pastorate and is looking forward to God's next ministerial assignment. We all wish Bro. Guy and Sister Kathy a wonderful retirement and an exciting ministry as Bro Guy continues to preach revivals, supply preaches and serves as an evangelist. Please pray for Southside as they search for their next Pastor.

## Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

Hello Partnering Churches! It's been fun to see how God has faithfully used each of us throughout these summer months. It's amazing to think that in roughly two weeks, we will be gathering for back to school activities. Actually this coming week, I'll be up north of Golden, MO at Kids Across America Kamp for our back to school strategic planning and prayers over the semester.

Please be in prayer for those gatherings and the following calendar dates:

- August 6th - student leaders and student athletes move on campus
- August 9th - Clint's preoperative EKG, blood tests, etc in STL for surgery approval
- August 14th - New student / Freshman move-in - would love to get various church volunteers to help this day for a few hours welcoming students and moving into their dorms
- August 15th - volunteer at our Ice Cream Social at the BSU from 7:00 - 9:00pm engaging and welcoming students
- August 29th - my total hip replacement surgery in STL

Also, looking at:

- A morning prayer at the BSU building once a week on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 7:00 - 7:30am praying for community, churches, campus, etc
- Opening the BSU on Monday's and Friday's from 2:00pm - 10pm for students to hang out, do homework, play games, etc if you'd have interest to be present and engage!

Blessed because of you,

Clint

## 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](mailto:fortunabc.search@gmail.com) or for questions please call 660-473-1685.

### **Bi-vocational Pastor, High Point Baptist**

High Point Baptist Church in High Point, MO is looking for a part-time/bi-vocational pastor. Interested candidates can forward their resume to [terryblankenship73@hotmail.com](mailto:terryblankenship73@hotmail.com).

### **Full-time Pastor, Russellville Baptist**

Russellville Baptist Church in Russellville, MO is seeking a full-time pastor who is a dynamic, energetic leader to oversee the fulfillment of God's vision for our church. We're looking for a pastor who leads with exemplary character, is devoted to prayer, preaches the Word, and equips us for the work of the ministry. As a body, we want to build on what is already working and are ready to grow and move to the next chapter of our church's history. Located in beautiful central Missouri, we average 120 in morning worship. To learn more and apply, visit [russellvillebaptist.com/pastorsearch](http://russellvillebaptist.com/pastorsearch)

## 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
- Southside



Book Review:  
Final Conquest  
by Dr. Robert Jeffress



The book of Revelation is not the most frequently read book of the Bible nor is it the most easily understood. In fact, many Christians avoid Revelation because while it contains much they do not understand, what they do understand involves judgment, scary creatures, and even scarier consequences.

In this book, Dr. Robert Jeffress, Senior Minister at First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, takes a verse-by-verse look at the book of Revelation. His goal is not to frighten his readers but to encourage them, remind them of God's love and desire for fellowship with His children. Jeffress also reminds unbelievers the door to salvation will not always be open. There will be a day when it will be too late.

In a time when our world often seems chaotic, Jeffress tells us,

— “ —

**“God has the future under complete control, just as He has your life under complete control, even when it seems to be spinning out of control,”**  
(Jeffress 2020, p. 178)

— ” —

It is a reassuring reminder.

Jeffress avoids opinions, concentrating on what can be proven from the Scriptures. When discussing verses that are often the subject of disagreement, he is careful to outline the different beliefs and then state the reasons and Scriptures to support what he believes to be true.

Dr. Jeffress has done a remarkable job making approachable a book often considered unapproachable. Whether this is your first serious study of Revelation or not, this book is well worth your time. Along with the book, you may want to consider the accompanying DVD series. It contains 27 episodes, one for each chapter, and, therefore, is a time commitment but listening to his sermons is valuable especially for a large or small group study.



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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:kari@memorialchurch.net))

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