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## 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 <b>CANCELLED</b> 8:30am-3:30pm
Concord Builders (for more information, visit <a href="https://cbamo.org/concord-builders-team">cbamo.org/concord-builders-team</a> )						
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## August 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1 Leadership Team Meeting @ 6pm (MBC Building)	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Executive Council Meeting @ 6:30pm (FBC Tipton)	9 Ladies Night Out 5-8pm (MBC Building)	10
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## Upcoming Events

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

The CBA Outreach Council is pleased to announce the 2024 Ladies Night Out Event will be held on August 9, 2024 at the Missouri Baptist Convention building. Please invite your friends for a time of food and fellowship, followed by music and an inspirational speaker you won't want to miss! 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

#### Cost:

Early Registration (ends 7/15): \$15/person

Late Registration (ends 7/29): \$20/person

Childcare (includes childcare & snacks): FREE, but must pre-register by 7/29

More Info + Registration at [cbamo.org/lno](https://cbamo.org/lno)

### **CBA Church Event - Calvary Baptist Church Ministry Celebration**

Rev. Rudy Pulido, former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Jefferson City, MO (1974-1979) will be sharing the message on Sunday August 25, 2024 at Calvary Baptist Church. Rev Pulido will be sharing God's word and will be joined with the original worship team from when he served at Calvary. Also planning to be part of the worship time will be Roger Hatfield leading the music and Joan Shaw serving as the accompanist. There will be a cookie and punch reception immediately following the 10:45 am service. All are welcome and especially those whose roots stem back to Rev. Rudy's tenure.

### **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](https://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



The summer months at our local churches are always exciting. We get to celebrate our Country's Independence as we look to enjoy the 4th of July. There are also many activities that our churches appreciate such as Vacation Bible School; Sports Crusaders; Mission Trips, camps, etc. With every opportunity, whether it's summertime or not, we get to proclaim Jesus. But Jesus is not a light switch that we turn on or off. When we accept God's gift of salvation by His grace through faith, we are no longer the same. Salvation through Jesus is certainly our celebration of Spiritual Independence Day.

I recall listening to my oldest son (Drew Earls) preach one of his first sermons. That's right, most of you know that my youngest son, Alex, has been called to preach and does a fine job, but God has gifted Drew as well. The text that God gave Drew was from Romans 6 and the message was simple but powerful. When we ask for forgiveness of our sin and turn from sin to Jesus, we become a new creation, the sermon title was "Sanctified Creation". The message that God gave to Drew reminds us that verse 4 reveals that we have been buried with Christ. The sin that once was our master is no longer

our master. Sin is dead to us. Verses 6-10 reminds us that when Jesus becomes our Lord we are free from the penalty and power of sin. To live progressively sanctified lives in Christ, we have made a choice. A choice of true freedom, in Jesus. For committed followers of Jesus, we choose to obey our master Jesus and to refuse sin to continue to master our life.

During the summer activities that our churches share, isn't this the message that we proclaim? The Gospel of Jesus is the truth that sets us free from the bondage of sin. On June 19th, the nation celebrated "Juneteenth". Juneteenth is the celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States. As we consider this celebration may it be an inspiration of something even greater. Roman 6 reveals that we have been set free, spiritually. Through Jesus we are no longer a slave to sin but are free through the power and blood of Jesus Christ! Through Jesus we can celebrate true independence from sin but Freedom in Christ.

Thank you churches for your desire and passion to share Jesus in your community, state, nation and world. May God open the doors of opportunity for our churches to send out workers to the harvest fields!

Thank you for sharing the Freedom of Christ to encourage and celebrate our Spiritual Independence Day!

Happy 4th of July!!!

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 three ways your church can be involved:

**1. 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.*

**2. 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!

**3. 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.

## Meet our Summer Missionary: Grace Hodges



Hi! I'm Grace Hodges, the Concord Baptist Association Summer Missionary. My home church is Oakland Baptist Church. I just completed my first year at Truman State University in Kirksville. I am majoring in English and minoring in music. I enjoy crocheting, reading, and playing ukulele. My hope for the summer is that I will faithfully serve God in advancing His kingdom in any way He sees fit.

*Grace has been serving with us since the beginning of June. We've been blessed to have her on board serving in our churches, here in office, and at 3MT - you'll hear more about all of that soon! Her schedule is nearly full, but if your church has any needs during the first week or so of August, please reach out to [office@cbamo.org](mailto:office@cbamo.org)!*

## Lincoln Collegiate Ministry



Hello Churches!

It was awesome serving internationally again the last 5 weeks. I was able to help lead BSU students to partner with IMB churches in Brazil the first week. Our team led a few church services with preaching and singing, served in street and park evangelism, and several incredible house visits.

I then traveled to meet my Athletes in Action group in India for two weeks directing youth camps and teaching our biblical principles to life and sport. We also engaged in a few church services and encouraged our local staff. From there, I traveled to Indonesia to strategize the mission and vision of the church and sports camps and future missions to this part of the world. I am a bit foggy from the 12 hour time difference but excited to reconnect with international students and student athletes this summer.

Please pray regarding some students asking about premarital direction and also my hopeful and needed hip replacement possibly in early August in the KC area.

Please let me know if you would like to help with back to school ideas/gift bags and student move in probably around the 3rd week of August.

Blessed to partner with you,

*Chut*

## 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).

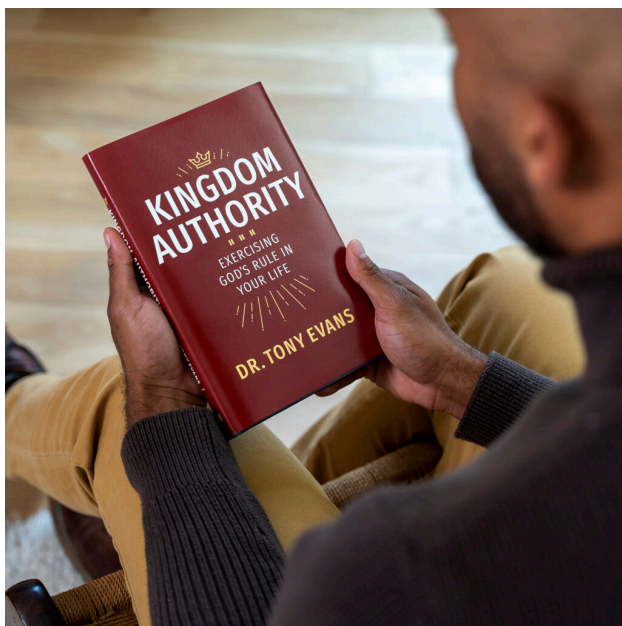
## Churches in Transition:

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: Kingdom Authority by Dr. Tony Evans



If you are looking to move your spiritual walk with Jesus to the next level, this is the book for you. In the introduction, Tony Evans gives an example illustrating Kingdom Authority, or the lack of it, in our lives.

He tells us very frankly, "...while kingdom authority is provided to all believers, it is not a guaranteed experience," (Evans 2023, p. 3).

This statement provides the impetus for the remainder of the book. Dr. Evans shows readers not only what Kingdom Authority is but how to utilize it in our lives. Evans defines Kingdom Authority and then, using a courtroom setting, proceeds to show us the elements necessary in order to gain more Kingdom Authority. There is a strong emphasis on our

spiritual walk, the importance of prayer, and the reality of Satan actively working against us. We are reminded that the Bible is 'God's voice in print'. Evans devotes an entire chapter to Jesus and the absolute necessity of understanding our identity in Jesus Christ.

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**God wants your mind to be focused on Jesus Christ so much that Jesus becomes the filter through which everything else flows. Every thought. Every idea. Every ideology. Every political nuance. Every economic philosophy. Every social strategy. Everything that comes to your mind needs to be sifted by Jesus to such a degree that deception is removed entirely,”**

(Evans 2023, p. 62-63)

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This is not a book to rush through; it is meant to facilitate each believer living their time here underneath the power of God. Evans walks through the process of aligning our lives to His. There are study guides available as well as videos for both teens and adults. This would be an excellent small group study. I highly recommend this book and suspect you will find that one reading is not enough.



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

## On Evangelism: Let's Be Watchmen on the Wall

In Ezekiel, Chapter 33 we are told about the watchman and his message. The watchman's job was to stand watch for any approaching enemy. If he saw an enemy approaching the city, he was to blow the trumpet to warn the people. If he blew the trumpet and the people took heed to the warning, he saved the people from the approaching danger. If he failed to blow the trumpet and the people were destroyed, their blood would be upon his hands (v.6). There was an urgency for the watchman to blow the trumpet in time to warn the people.

God told the prophet Ezekiel, "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked man from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked to turn from his from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul" (Ezekiel 33:7-8).

We can make application of this passage to personal witnessing. God has called and commissioned every believer to be a witness. There should be an urgency to share the gospel with the lost. God loves, but He also is just. Because He is just, He must punish sin. Those who die outside of Christ will go to hell. If we really believe this, it should motivate us to be obedient to share the gospel with those we

meet. We are the watchman on the wall. If we fail to warn them, the Bible teaches that their blood will be upon our hands. That is a sobering thought for me. If I am honest, there have been times when I have failed to warn those I have met. I am guilty of not blowing the trumpet.

Last week I had the opportunity to share the gospel with a group of people. Three people out of that group trusted Christ as their Lord and Savior. I praise God for that! On the following Tuesday I received word that one of those individuals who was saved on Friday, drowned on Monday. He left this life for the next just four days after trusting Christ. I cannot tell you how much I have thought about this over the last few days. What if I had not been obedient to share the gospel? What if I had put it off and thought "I will do that the next time I see them." For this one who heard and came to Jesus, there would be no "next time." Brothers and sisters, let's be faithful to the work to which Jesus has called us: "We are found to find others. We are told to tell others. We are won to win others. We are saved to save others." (W. A. Criswell)

Let us follow the example of that unknown Christian who wrote:

"Lord, give me Thy love for souls, for lost and wandering sheep, that I may see the multitudes and weep as Thou didst weep.

From off the altar of Thy heart, take Thou some flaming coals, then touch my lips and give me, Lord, a heart consumed for souls.

O fire of love, O flame divine, make Thy abode in me. Burn in my heart, burn evermore till I burn out for Thee."



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](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](https://cbamo.org/200th) Anniversary to order your copy. Cost: \$70.

### **Wooden High Chairs Available - Free**

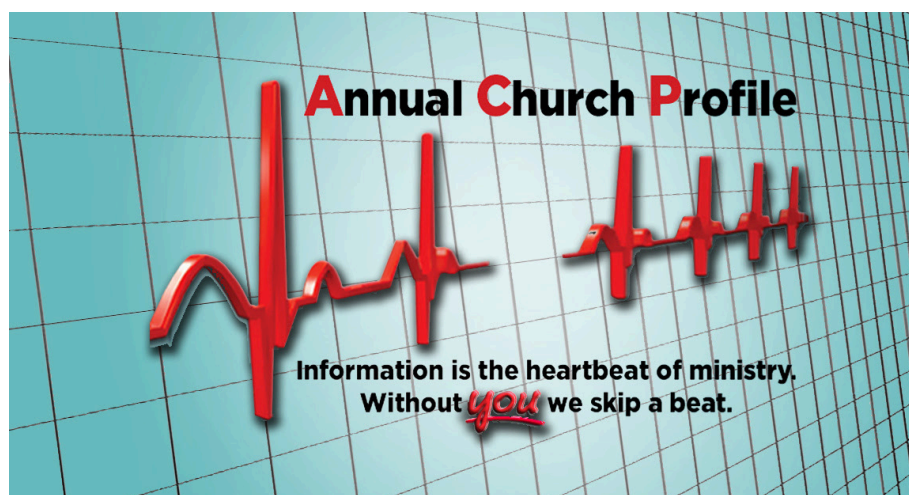
Memorial Baptist Church (Jefferson City) has 6 wooden high chairs to give to churches in need. Please contact Kari Sullivan ([kari@memorialchurch.net](mailto:kari@memorialchurch.net))

*Coming Up in August:*



### 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)



### 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!**



CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
LADIES NIGHT OUT 2024

# REDEEMED

*"For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things, like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish."  
(1 Peter 1:18-19)*

**AUGUST 9, 2024**  
**MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION**  
**5 PM | DOORS OPEN**  
**6PM | CATERED MEAL**  
**7 PM | MUSIC & INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER**

**EARLY REGISTRATION (BY 7/15): \$15**  
**LATE REGISTRATION (BY 7/29): \$20**  
**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY 7/29 FOR FREE CHILDCARE**

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