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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 HAPPY LABOR DAY Office Closed	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 2025 Budget Deadline	17 Pastor's Roundtable @ 12pm (MBC Building)	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21
22	23	24	25	26 Leadership Team Meeting @ 6pm (MBC Building)	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 Annual Meeting @ 6pm Worship @ 7pm (FBC California)	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Pastor's Roundtable @ 12pm (MBC Building)	16	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19
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Upcoming Events

Associational ACP Deadline

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) and Leadership Survey Deadline was August 30th. If your church has not yet completed these surveys, please do so as soon as possible. We use several data points from the ACP to celebrate the ways that God is working in the churches of the Association in the Book of Reports, which will be published prior to the October Annual Meeting. Additionally, the data from the ACP is very valuable to our office, as Bro. Alan often refers to the data trends when he is working with churches, pastor search teams, etc...We also share the provided leadership contact information with other pastors & secretaries in our association to help your church's leadership to network and work together with others in similar positions throughout the association.

If you need assistance, please contact Pam Jeffries (pjeffries@mobaptist.org).

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.

More information and registration at: baamissouri.org

CBA Church Event: Fall Revival Services

Green Grove Baptist Church would like to invite the churches of the association to their Fall Revival, which is scheduled for Friday, September 20 with Pastor Chris Bass and Saturday, September 21 with Pastor Kenny Cook. Services will begin at 7:00pm both nights.

For more information, please contact Jerry Higgins at (660) 458-6578.

Fall Annual Meeting

The Fall Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, October 6th. The doors will open at 5:00pm for attendees to visit with ministry partners, and the business session will begin at 6:00pm, with an Associational Worship Service to follow at 7. This year, we will be hosted by First Baptist Church California. We will be voting on several key items, including the 2025 Budget as well as the proposed revision of the Association Constitution, so we hope to see each church represented! We also hope to see all of you at the worship service following.

Reminder: Per the Concord Baptist Association's Constitution & Guidelines, each of our member churches is entitled to send a minimum of 6 representatives to vote during the business session, to include: the pastor, the executive council representative plus 4 additional messengers. Plus one messenger for each additional hundred resident members. Alternates may serve in the absence of any of the above.

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

A Word from our DDM

How quickly summer left us. It seemed that summer just began and now fall is fast approaching. The fast changes of seasons reminds me of Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Over the years I served as pastor, I would often remind the church family that as the church shared Christ's love to our community, that God had given the church an opportunity to reach our community for a season. Only God knew the length of the season. Much of the church's community ministry involved children. The children had no control of where they would move and how long they would stay. So, the church loved them for the season they were in. Sometimes the season was for only a few weeks, others a few months while yet others the season was abundant, and we saw them grow up. Regardless of the length of the season of the community ministry, each leader was encouraged to plant the seeds of Jesus and His truth for the season we had them. We would then trust the Lord for the results.

God's Holy Scripture reminds us:



So shall my word be that goes out of my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

(Isaiah 55:11)



Sometimes the assignments that God gives us may not result in measurable success as we work the task. Sometimes the investments that we make in a child or a family's life may never bear fruit for which we see. But every opportunity that God gives us to share the truth of His Word, His salvation, His love, forgiveness and desire for restoration, has a purpose. God's Word will never come back empty. God's Word will always accomplish what He purposes.

Churches, it is sometimes challenging to share our witness and the truth of God's word with our community, state, nation and world. We may never see the fruits of the labor that we invested. But please be encouraged in this, that God gives us a season, let us honor Him by doing all we can to work in the season that He has given. God doesn't make mistakes. God reveals His will, His purpose and will successfully accomplish the things that He has sent!

Please be praying for the Association in Transition. Alicia Amos has accepted a new position and has tendered her resignation effective August 30, 2024. Please pray for Alicia as she starts an exciting new adventure and pray for the Association as we seek a ministry assistant to hire. Also please be praying for Clint Mahan, he is scheduled for surgery to repair and replace his injured hip from two years ago. His surgery is scheduled for August 29, 2024.

May God bless you as you walk in the season for which you are walking now!

In Christ,

Bro Alan

From our Summer Missionary: A Summer of Service



Playing worship music one evening at the Concord Builder's Trip.

I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to be the Summer Missionary for the Concord Baptist Association this year! I loved being a part of both events that I'd had experience with and those I'd never heard of before. It shows me just how much God is working all around me.

Although the big events like camps and VBSs were the highlights of my summer, I also did a lot of behind the scenes work in the office. I went through the Association's directory and did my best to contact all the churches in the directory and make sure their information was correct.

Before anyone reserved it, I went through the Party Block Trailer to make sure everything was accounted for and in good shape. I also put away and organized some of the Association's documents.

As my goal is to become a novel editor, I was the perfect candidate to edit select papers the Association distributed. I also folded, sealed, and addressed the last couple newsletters that were distributed. Some of this may sound boring, but I enjoyed it. These tasks gave me a change of pace

from the hustle and bustle of camps and VBSs. There is no lesser or more worthy work in God's kingdom.

I may not have any mountaintop experiences to report, but serving God and meeting His people have made this summer so fulfilling. As the summer is wrapping up and I will soon be going back to school, I would like to thank God, the Association, and those who support it for this wonderful opportunity to spend my summer serving Him.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Grace

A New Season

The rumor is true - I am indeed leaving my position as the Ministry Assistant of the Concord Baptist Association to start a new position at the Missouri Baptist Credit Union after Labor Day.

Much like Bro. Alan, I have been reflecting on the beauty of how God gives us seasons of life and ministry. While we never know for how long, we can trust that He always fulfills His purposes. In January 2020, God put me here for a season and purpose... but now He is leading me into a new one.

As my time here comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express how much I have loved being able to love and serve you these past four years. You all have blessed me so much, and I will genuinely miss serving the churches of our association. Thank you for the trust that you have put in me during my time here.

God Bless,

Alicia

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

Hello Mighty Partners in Ministry!

I pray this note finds you well and choosing to praise and glorify our Lord today!

Pictured below at Kids Across America Kamp in SW Missouri, we helped with the last week of Kamp and planned for this upcoming semester. Shown below is their weekly activity called Ring the Bell where those students who trusted in Jesus ring the bell and are celebrated for their life changing decision. What a sweet party and thanks for playing part of such an exciting week.



I am still 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 to partner and grow with you,

Chant

Ministry + Job Openings:

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.

Full-time Pastor, Russellville Baptist

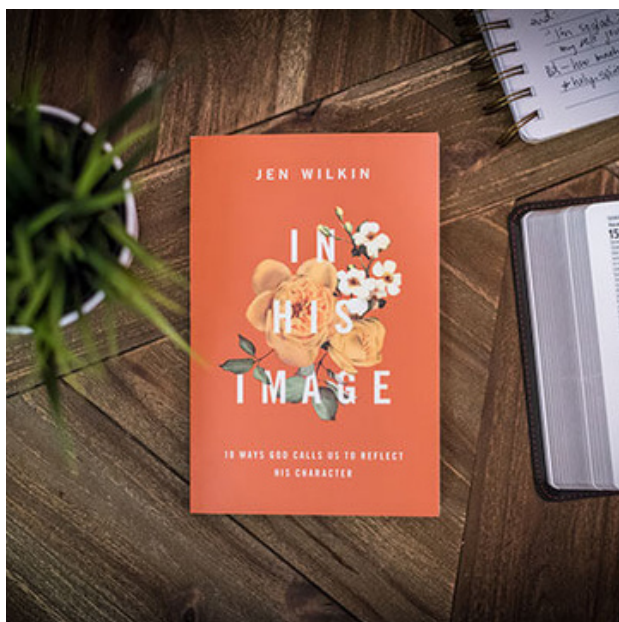
Russellville Baptist Church in Russellville, MO is seeking a full-time pastor who is a dynamic, energetic leader to oversee the fulfillment of God's vision for our church. We're looking for a pastor who leads with exemplary character, is devoted to prayer, preaches the Word, and equips us for the work 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

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:
In His Image
 by Jen Wilkin



A few months ago, I read and reviewed *None Like Him*, a book by Jen Wilkin that addressed God's attributes that are His alone; attributes we should not aspire toward because to do so is to try and become like Him, a god in our own right. This book, *In His Image*, serves as an excellent companion to *None Like Him*.

In His Image addresses the communicable attributes of God. These are the attributes and qualities He expects us to emulate and incorporate into our lives. Wilkin begins by connecting attributes such as holiness, love, peace, justice, and mercy to the will of God. She states her purpose for this book is for us to identify God's will in our lives, however, Wilkin gives us a view of God's will many of us may not have considered.

"Our inclination is to discern God's will by asking, 'What should I do?' But God's will concerns itself primarily with who we are, and only secondarily with what we do. By changing the question and asking, 'Who should I be?' we see that God's will is not concealed from us in his Word, but is plainly revealed," (Wilkin 2018, p. 20-21).

We should all strive to embrace these attributes and make them a part of our personal lives to not only impact our lives and walk with God but the lives of those around us. Wilkin concludes her book with a similar thought,

“

**Everything we say or do will
 either illuminate or obscure
 the character of God.**

(Wilkin 2018, p.153)

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Each chapter concludes with a list of verses for meditation and questions for reflection; any individual or small group would find this book an excellent 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

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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