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CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission



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DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

The theme of the 201st Concord Baptist Association Annual Meeting was "CBA Churches Partnering Together in Making Disciples." The scriptural theme was: ***I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5***

Rev. Guy Thomas (pictured right) delivered a powerful message from the word that Sunday night when representatives from 18 associational churches met together to worship. Bro Guy challenged all of the churches of our association to be partners in prayer – prayer for continued unity in Jesus; prayer for Revival; prayer solving problems and prayer for the unsaved by name. An associational unified partner is a praying partner. In the 201 years of our association's existence the power of prayer has been the legacy.



God uses prayer as the catalyst of sharing the Gospel of Jesus and to fulfill the Great Commission. It is a joy to see the associational churches partnering together to fulfill Christ's command of making disciples of all the nations.

I am looking forward as we finish the last quarter of 2024 and as we enter a new year in 2025. May we accept God's challenge through Bro. Guy and be the praying Churches that God desires. May we all partner together in our prayers:

- Pray for continued unity in Jesus.
- Pray for revival
- Pray for God solution for our nation's problems and personal problems
- Pray for the unsaved by name.

What a joy to serve the Lord in partnership together to seek to make disciples of Jesus.

In Christ,
Bro. Alan



Pictured above: Freshwater Praise & Worship Team leading the worship service.

Pictured right: (l-r): Dr. Rick Seaton-CBA President; Rev. Alan Earls-CBA Director of Missions; Kelly Myers-CBA President Elect



EVANGELISM: "THE MISSION"



*By Mike Quinn, Staff Evangelist
Concord Baptist Church*



In Acts chapter 1 Jesus was giving His disciples some last minute instructions. He is about to ascend back to His Father. While He is teaching them, they ask Him a question. ***"Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"*** (Acts 1:6b-8).

Jesus instructed His disciples not to engage in useless speculation over the time for the coming kingdom, but to focus on the work at hand. They were to be witnesses for Him. Witnesses are those who hear or see something and tell others about it.

The Apostle John tells us, ***"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us"*** (1 John 1:1-2). A witness for Jesus Christ is someone who tells the truth about Him.

Jesus commands all believers to be His witnesses in 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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"*** (Mathew 28:19-20).

I was saved at the age of twenty-six! A faithful pastor came to my home and shared the Gospel. God forgave me and I received the gift of eternal life! I have never gotten over what my Lord and Savior has done and is continuing to do in my life. I have been telling of His saving grace in my life ever since that Thursday on an August afternoon!

I recently heard Adrian Rogers preaching on this very subject. He said he believed the reason a lot of church members never witness is because they have never heard or seen anything. One of the indications that we have really been saved is that we will want to tell others what we have seen and heard.

Many people say they would be willing to die for Christ. Many have sealed their witness with their own blood. I thank God for those who have refused to deny their Lord and were willing to die for Jesus. I have often wondered if I would be faithful if called upon to die for my witness. I pray that I will be. So far God has not called upon me to be a martyr. He has, however, called upon each one of us to live for Him.

Let's be obedient to His call. Let's fulfill our part of being His witnesses!

NEW CBA MINISTRY ASSISTANT



Greetings, my name is Teresa Gier, the new Ministry Assistant for the Concord Baptist Association. I grew up in the Russellville, MO community where I still reside. I was raised on a farm, was active in 4-H and played basketball in high school. I was married for 34 years to Joe Gier before he passed away from cancer. We have two children, Jacob (spouse-Lauren) and Kelly Jo (spouse-Sean), five granddaughters and 3 great-granddaughters. I still reside on the farm my husband and I built and continue to raise mostly Beefmaster-influenced cattle alongside my son.

My parents raised me, my brother and sister attending Mt Olive Baptist Church. After I married I moved my membership to Enon Baptist Church where my husband became a Christian. Shortly after my husband's passing I moved back to Mt. Olive so both Enon and Mt Olive are very dear to me. I became a Christian around the age of nine, but my true walk didn't begin until I was almost 40 years old. I currently serve at Mt. Olive as a substitute teacher for the Senior Adult Sunday School class, a substitute for the Nursery and a substitute for the Sunday School Secretary. I also assist with the 2 & 3 year olds at Wednesday evening TeamKids. In 2014 I became one of the facilitators for Mt. Olive's GriefShare program and continue to serve with Mt. Olive's Grief Support program.

In 2020 I retired as Executive Assistant from an insurance lobbying group after 29 years of service. Now, four years later after receiving a phone call inquiring if I'd consider going back to work, I'm starting this new journey. There are new challenges and a renewed purpose that has already yielded rewards. My hope is I can serve the Lord and the Association to the best of my ability as I rely on Jesus in my daily walk.

*In all things,
give Thanks*



Ministry + Job Openings:

PART-TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR

First Baptist Church, California, MO, is seeking a part-time Youth Director. This individual will be responsible for implementing and directing a program of Christian discipleship, outreach, and fellowship for young people in grades 7-12. Please send your resume, or any questions to our search team at fbc.calimo@gmail.com with the word "Youth" as the subject.

PART-TIME CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

First Baptist Church, California, MO, is seeking a part-time Children's Director. This individual will be responsible for implementing and directing a program of Christian discipleship, outreach and fellowship for children in pre-school through 6th grade. Please send your resume, or any questions to our search team at fbc.calimo@gmail.com with the word "Children" as the subject.

BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR

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.

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

We had a good group attend the winter retreat at Baptist Hill Campground where several campus BSU student groups gathered to experience worship, teaching, breakouts, fellowship, campfires and chilly natural springs.

We also threw a back to school party at the Lincoln BSU where nearly 50 students dropped in for BBQ and ice cream while learning about our weekly events and Bible studies on campus.



Additionally, we are working on getting more traffic through the BSU with game nights, workshops, small groups, barber shop and leadership opportunities. We would appreciate your prayers and partnership in each of those gatherings.

Speaking of workshops, there is going to be a Missouri Statewide Music Ministry and Fine Arts Conference in Jefferson City. The weekend events will be held at Quinn Chapel near the LU Campus and will happen November 15 - 17th. There will be opportunities to engage or present in spoken word, scripture memory, praise dance, Mime, Bible teaching, fellowship and food. I thought it would be great if we can get our BSU students and CBA churches involved as volunteers or even enter and share your skills. Please join us in praying for a great

weekend of ministry. Sunday afternoon there is lunch and category highlights with a 3pm public production. Please let me know if you'd like a link to check out the registration process.

Blessed by each of you,

Chant



**Let no one despise your youth;
instead, you should be an example
to the believers in speech,
in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.**

1 Timothy 4:12 HC5B



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 - Interim Rev. David Ford
- Southside - Interim Rev. Tyler Murphy

BOOK REVIEWS



These book reviews were submitted by Sarah Kennedy - Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

The Commands of Christ: What it Really Means to Follow Jesus By Tom Blackaby



Tom Blackaby gives us a book designed to impress upon us the importance of Christ's commands to us as believers. He begins by turning our attention to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. Specifically, he points out the phrase "...teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you," (Matt. 28:20a NIV). His assertion is that as churches, we focus on going, making disciples, and baptizing, but

our focus often falters when it comes to the actual commands Jesus gave us to follow. "This book is like a plumb line that can be used to assess how well we are following Christ's commands and how deeply committed we truly are to the lordship of Christ," (Blackaby 2012, p. 8).

To that end, Blackaby has arranged this book into chapters addressing a specific category of command: Coming to God, Christ as Lord, Character, Concerning Others, Calling, and Cautions. The commands we find here are not complete by his own admission but chosen in order to help us love Christ by the way we live. "This is a book of insights on how to show your love for Christ by intentionally modeling your life after His and following His expectations for you," (Blackaby 2012, p. 9). Each command is addressed individually and includes an application to aid in applying the command to our lives.

The Watchmaker's Daughter The True Story of World War II Heroine Corrie Ten Boom By Larry Loftis



Larry Loftis is not a Christian author, that is, he does not typically write Christian books. He writes nonfiction, espionage thrillers set in World War II. In this book, his subject is Corrie Ten Boom. It is impossible to write a book about Corrie Ten Boom and not write a book about faith, love, forgiveness, and grace.

Corrie Ten Boom was born April 15, 1892 in Haarlem, Holland. Her father, Casper, owned and ran a watch shop, and, as an adult, Corrie worked in the shop with her father. The family lived above the shop. Their lives were filled with work, faith, and prayer. The family had a long tradition of praying for Israel that began with Corrie's Grandfather.

As the political scene began to shift in Europe with the rise of Hitler and the Nazi party, the Ten Boom family continued to reach out to their neighbors and began to take in individuals, mainly Jewish, who needed help and a safe place to stay. There did not seem to be any moment where they discussed as a family should they help or can they help but they simply continued to live out their faith and helping those in need was an extension of that faith.

Eventually, the family was reported to the Gestapo, and Corrie, her sister, and her

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father were sent to a concentration camp. Casper died in a matter of days. Corrie and Betsie were then sent to Ravensbruck, a concentration camp for women.

After ten months of starvation rations and hardship, Corrie was released from Ravensbruck due to a clerical error. She devoted the remainder of her life traveling the world and sharing her message of love and forgiveness,

following her sister, Betsie's, advice, "We have learned so much here, and now we must go all over the world to tell people what we now know—that Jesus' light is stronger than the deepest darkness," (Loftis 2023, p.218).

This is an inspiring story that cannot help but touch everyone who reads it. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and highly recommend it.

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)

Office Hours:

MONDAY | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**TUESDAY** | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**WEDNESDAY** | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**THURSDAY** | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**FRIDAY** | 8:00 AM – NOON

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OCT 2024




SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	03	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
6:00PM Annual Mtg-First Baptist California						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	12:00PM Pastor Roundtable			Newsletter Deadline		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
MBC ANNUAL MEETING						

NOV 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
6:00PM Women's Day of Prayer - Cole Spring						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				6:30PM Council Transition Mtg @ MBC	Newsletter Deadline	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Thanksgiving-Office Closed		

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



**2024 BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY of PRAYER**
Purposeful Life

Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Experience the *joy* of living out your **God-given purpose!**

**Concord Baptist Association
Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
Pasta and Prayer
November 4, 2024
Cole Spring Baptist Church
5922 Mount Olive Road, Russellville, MO 65074
6:00 p.m. Pasta Dinner/Registration
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service**

Call or Text the following information to Amber Graham at 573-819-9539 by October 26:
Name _____
Church _____
Number attending _____

Or [Click Here](#) to register.

**RIGHT: NOV.
16, 2024 HE
BEFORE ME
WOMENS
EVENT -
FORTUNA
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

He Before Me
WOMENS EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
EVENT AT 6:00 PM

FORTUNA BAPTIST CHURCH
72233 HIGHWAY W
FORTUNA, MO

Worship
Reflection
Fellowship
Connection

UNDESERVING YET
Loved
ROMANS 5:8

**ABOVE: NOV. 4, 2024
BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORD
DAY OF PRAYER - COLE
SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH**

**RIGHT: MARCH 8, 2025
MID-MISSOURI SMALL
GROUP CONFERENCE -
CONCORD BAPTIST
CHURCH**

**MID-MISSOURI
SGC**
Small Group Conference

Save the Date
**SATURDAY
MARCH 8, 2025
8 AM - 3 PM**
CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

COST: \$30
SPEAKER: Ken Braddy, Director of Sunday School & Network Partnerships, Lifeway
LUNCHE: On your own



Scan QR code to register or for more info!

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH 3724 W. Truman Blvd. | Jefferson City, MO 65109
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Have an event to share? Please submit to office@cbamo.org by the newsletter deadline!

**REMEMBER OCTOBER
IS PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH! THEY ARE
THE SHEPHERDS OF
GOD'S FLOCK.**

*Thank you for
going above
& beyond.*

VOTE NO. AMENDMENT 3



***So God created
man in His own
image; in the
image of God He
created him:
male and female
He created
them. Genesis
1:27 NKJV***



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