



# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission*



*"For there is born to you this day in the city of David  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*



*And this will be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling  
cloths, lying in a manger. Luke 2:11-12 NKJV*

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**Dear Concord Baptist Association,**

Christmas time is always an exciting time of the year for my household. Although I will admit, Christmas sprung up on me quicker than I anticipated this year. Each day I marvel at the wisdom that my mom and dad used to share with me, that time always seems to go faster as you get older. The great thing about Christmas is we don't simply celebrate Christmas in December, but the celebration of the birth of our Savior is a 24 hours per day - seven days per week - 365 days per year celebration!

When God spoke through the Prophet Isaiah, we see a true and powerful word of comfort that continues to ring true today. ***"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* Isaiah 9:6.** What a praise to see that our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace has been born to us. It's great news for which we cannot hold to ourselves. As we celebrate Jesus, we see the closing of 2024 and look forward to God's direction in 2025. We can celebrate each day because our Messiah was born. We have a Savior that is Christ Jesus the Lord!

I had the privilege to travel to El Salvador in November 2024 with an amazing team: Rev. Heber Mena, Concord; Pastor David Newton, Memorial; Pastor Jared Rivera, FBC Tipton; Pastor Noah Angel, Familia Christiana International; and Deacon Ben Schroer, Corticelli.

As a team we collectively met and shared with five amazing pastors and churches in El Salvador that are working together to advance the message of Jesus in their region. Our team was humbled, encouraged and energized by what we saw and experienced. In summary it is a continued celebration of Isaiah 9:6. We are partners in sharing the Gospel to celebrate the Messiah that was born. Sharing the Good News of Jesus is the greatest part of celebrating His birth.

May I challenge you and your church to continue to share the Good News of the Messiah within your community, state, nation and world! God Bless.

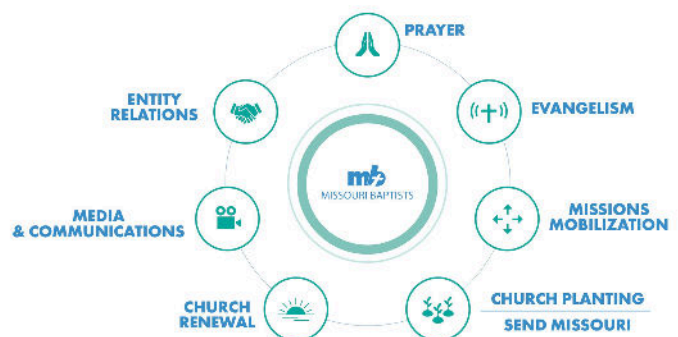
Paula and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

## MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION NEWS

Dr. Wes Fowler, Executive Director, Missouri Baptist Convention revealed a blueprint for the MBC vision starting in 2025. More information will be coming soon. Until then, please enjoy the information that Bro. Wes has provided.





## Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

God has been showing great favor with our Student Athlete Bible Study on Monday nights. We have consistently had over 20 the last several weeks with new visitors from our men's basketball and women's soccer. It's been incredible walking through the book of Ephesians with great engagement in our small group discussions.



We also had students and pastors meet at the capitol a week before the election and host a prayer walk both inside and outside the building. What a neat opportunity to "humble ourselves and pray" and ask for the Lord's mighty direction in our country.



Please be praying about a separate Missions Document surrounding our Spring and Summer Missions. I would love for each CBA Church to prayerfully consider praying and partnering with our students going on mission in 2025!

Blessed to serve and partner together,

*Chut*

## VISION TRIP - EL SALVADOR



**CBA Mission Team and Pastors from  
Cadalaria De La Frontera Region, El Salvador**

The Concord Baptist Association (CBA) sponsored a vision trip to El Salvador in January 8-12, 2024. CBA met with representatives from the El Salvador Baptist Association (ABES). The vision team included: Pastor Ken McCune; Pastor Jared Rivera; Pastor Heber Mena and Director of Missions and Pastor Alan Earls. The Vision trip was considered a success and the CBA entered into an agreement with ABES to enter into a partnership mission agreement in April 2024.

On November 6-13, 2024 CBA sent a team of church leaders to initiate partnerships between CBA and El Salvador. Those attending this mission included: Rev. Heber Mena, Concord; Pastor Noah Angel, FCI; Pastor David Newton, Memorial; Pastor Jared Rivera, FBC Tipton; Ben Schroer, Deacon - Corticelli and DOM & Pastor Alan Earls, Mt. Pleasant.



## EVANGELISM:



*This article was submitted by Mike Quinn and reprinted with permission. Mike serves as the Staff Evangelist at Concord Baptist Church.*

Have you ever been discouraged in your personal witnessing? Have you ever had those thoughts of what is the use of telling a person over and over about Jesus? I have witnessed and talked to them about the Lord Jesus and it just seems as if it has fallen on deaf ears. I have prayed and prayed for an individual's soul for years and it hasn't seemed to have any impact on their attitude towards the things of God. Let me encourage you to keep on keeping on for the Lord.

I received a text from a friend this past week that encouraged and at the same time challenged me. This lady volunteers in a ministry I am involved in. She told me a few years ago that her dad was lost. He was getting up in age and she was really burdened for him. He had never trusted Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior. She said she had witnessed to him several times and that several preachers had shared the gospel with him, but he had never surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. I prayed with her about her dad's salvation and told her that as the Lord brought him to my mind I would be in prayer for his salvation.

I want to share with you a message she sent me right as I was going into a church to preach on a Sunday evening:

*"Hi Mike! Couldn't wait to let you know my Dad walked to the front at church this morning and gave his heart to the Lord. He was truly touched by the Holy Spirit and had tears in his eyes as he prayed to receive Jesus as his Savior. I am praising God! I have prayed for him since I was a little girl."*

*Isn't God good! What a mighty God we serve! When I read that text, my mind went to the verse that says, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).*

By the way I almost forgot to tell you, her dad is 94 years old!

Church let's get all excited and go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is Lord!

### *Ministry + Job Openings:*

#### **Pianist Position**

Clarksburg Baptist Church is seeking a volunteer pianist for their Sunday Morning Worship services. If interest, please contact Rev. David Griffith at 573-694-1307.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:fbc.calimo@gmail.com) with the word "Children" as the subject.

### *Churches in Transition:*

Please continue to be in prayer for our churches in transition and those leading them.

#### **New Pastors:**

- Clarksburg - New Pastor David Griffith
- High Point - New Pastor Rev. Dr. Mark Plaza
- Southside - New Pastor Rev. Tyler Murphy

#### **Churches without Pastors:**

- Pleasant Hill
- Russellville - Interim Rev. David Ford

# BOOK REVIEW



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

## ***Life is Funny Until It's Not***

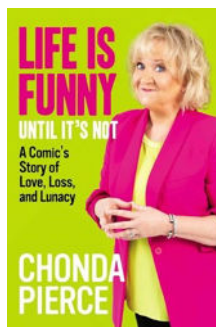
*A Comic's Story of Love, Loss, and Lunacy By Chonda Pierce*

Chonda Pierce is a popular Christian comedian whose humor and unique outlook on life has brought laughter to our lives for years. In this book, she gives us a glimpse of the person behind the laughter. Her story will grip you, break your heart, and remind you that the person we see onstage is never the whole story.

Chonda's father was a preacher, and also an abusive, untreated manic-depressive, and borderline schizophrenic. Reconciling the great dad he could be with the abusive, troubled one who appeared periodically, impacted her entire childhood and into her adult years.

Chonda was born the middle child with two sisters and one brother. She describes herself as "rebellious and independent," (Pierce 2024, p.1). Chonda learned early that if she could make her mother laugh when she was mad then she got into less trouble. She attributes this fact to her later success onstage.

Chonda is open and honest about her loss and the financial and marital struggles in her life. She also shares about the spiritual struggles experienced along the way and the role her faith played in moving past the ugliness of life. "My faith is the power that helps me deal with my pain," (Pierce 2024, p.158).



Chonda Pierce's story reminds us that even in the dark places of life, God is there, He has a plan, and He offers us hope. I enjoyed this book and highly recommend it. As you read, go look up some of her comedy videos, not only for laughs but for a reminder of the goodness of God.



## ***REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER***

The Women's World Day of Prayer event was hosted by Cole Spring Baptist Church with pasta and prayer on November 4. The theme was *A Purposeful Life*. Thirty-eight women attended representing seven churches. After the meal, prayer time opened with "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and the women broke into five groups for a time of intercessory prayer over concerns in multiple countries, national and election requests, as well as, local prayer requests. The women closed the session with "America the Beautiful" .







CBA CALENDAR

DEC2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Christmas Holiday-Office Closed			

JAN2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 New Years Day Office Closed	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09 6:00pm Leadership Team Mtg @ MBC	10	11
12	13	14 6:30PM Executive Council Mtg@ TBA	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18
19 MLK Day-Office Closed	20	21 12:00PM Pastor Roundtable	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



**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  
**LUNCH:** 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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**CHILDREN'S CAMP DATE SET!**

Mark your calendars for the  
Concord Baptist Association  
Children's Camp  
July 13-17, 2025

**Camp Rising Sun**  
Kaiser, MO

*More information will be available at  
[cbamo.org/childrens-camp](http://cbamo.org/childrens-camp) beginning  
March 1st*

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR YOUTH GROUP IS INVITED TO THE...



# YOUTH CONFERENCE



WKND.25 Youth Conference is Concord Students' annual spring conference, offering students a weekend (*Friday and Saturday*) to connect, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships through worship, preaching, small groups, good food, and fun activities.

APRIL 4-5, 2025

**CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH**

3724 W. TRUMAN BLVD. JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109



## WKND.25 SPEAKER

**Daniel DeWitt** (PhD, Southern Seminary) serves as a Senior Fellow at Southwest Baptist University where he leads the Center for Faith and Culture. Daniel and his wife April have four children: Isaiah, Micah, Josiah, and Addilynn Joy. Daniel is the author of multiple books and posts regularly on his blog [theolatte.com](http://theolatte.com).

### \$55 PER STUDENT

- T-Shirt & Materials
- Meals for Saturday
- Weekend Booklet
- Cost for Speaker & Worship Band
- Cost for Activities

Contact me if your group would be interested in joining us for the WKND!

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Student Pastor

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



## 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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<https://cbamo.org/newsletters/>)

## 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.

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