



# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission*

## **IN THE BEGINNING...**



**THEN GOD SAID, "LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH GRASS, THE HERB THAT YIELDS SEED, AND THE FRUIT ACCORDING TO ITS KIND, WHOSE SEED IS IN ITSELF, ON THE EARTH"; AND IT WAS SO.**

**GENESIS 1:11**

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## ***Dear CBA Churches,***

It is remarkable as to how time travels so fast. 2024 has rocketed by so quickly. We went from Thanksgiving to Christmas and now we look forward to a new year. With the beginning of a new year we realize that there are exciting new beginnings ahead. What are some of the exciting things that God has in store for our churches, our families, our world in 2025?

With the passing of each year I am often reminded of the new beginnings that God revealed to Abram in Genesis 12:1. I am sure most remember this passage vividly. "Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

What an edict, "Leave everyone and everything you know and go where I tell you." That isn't the most encouraging charge, is it? We like to hold on to the stuff we have and the people we know. If we are traveling somewhere, we just kind of like knowing where it is exactly that we are headed. But God does not desire for us to respond to him with human logic and knowledge. God expects us to respond in faithful obedience.

What is it that God is going to expect from you and your church in 2025? Have you adopted an Acts 1:8 ministry plan? Does your church have a ministry strategy for your community? What about a plan as to how your church can be used to reach the state

of Missouri for Jesus? What about a plan to reach the nation and world? God generally does not share His will in a neat easy to open package. But just as with Abram, He expects us to respond simply in faithful obedience.

May we all embrace the simple challenge in 2025. When God reveals Himself, let's make a commitment to say "Yes Lord". Can you imagine if God's people would respond to the Lord consistently with faithful obedience?

There are ministries and mission opportunities all around us. Are you prepared to go to El Salvador with the partnership? Do you have your passport? Are you prepared to go to Montana, or Minnesota or Wisconsin? Are you prepared to serve in St. Louis or Kansas City? What about your own community? Are you seeking the hurting and broken and sharing with them the hope of Jesus? God is big and He has plans. Isn't it a true joy to realize that God's big plans include little ole you and me? All He desires is our faithful obedience...

God's blessing on you, your family and church as we seek to be faithfully obedient to Him in 2025!

In Christ,

*Bro. Alan and Paula*



# Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

Hello and Happy New Year, CBA Family! I trust that y'all enjoyed a wonderful season of worshipping and celebrating the birth of our King of Kings. Additionally, I hope that you are excited for the beginning of 2025 and you have a fresh and renewed vision to become more like the image of our Creator.

For now, I wanted to share that we had a couple of fun and educational Christmas parties! We made mini apple pies, enjoyed gift exchanges and learned more about the birth of Jesus from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. We also held some lively conversations around the virgin birth, the Three Wise Men and Mary and Joseph's obedience.

I have also been working on our Spring and Summer missions over the holiday break. I'd love to remind each of our CBA Churches about our desire for partnering prayers and financial gifts to help match the amounts that our students are trusting to raise as well. Would you please prayerfully consider a partnering gift in the New Year of \$300, \$500, or even an anchoring \$1,000 one-time gift to help our students serve and grow in their faith journey this spring and summer?

Blessings and grateful,

*Clint*



THE JOY OF  
**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**



JOIN US IN  
**MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

March '25 - New York City | May '25 - Brazil

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with our BCM collegiate missions in 2025? Your gifts will make an eternal difference in growing our students and blessing those in need!



The New York Ministry Center provides a wide variety of services—food for the homeless, after school tutoring and mentoring, job training, park evangelism and church planting. Your partnering prayers and support will help this ministry center reach the people of New York with the hope of Jesus Christ.

In São Paulo, Brazil, we will partner with IMB Missionaries to serve one of the world's largest cities and home to millions of people who need the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On this mission, our team will serve through evangelism in favelas (slums), connect in refugee camps and partner in street evangelism. We are hopeful and trust that God will use us and move powerfully throughout the city.

**TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFTS MADE TO:**

Baptist Collegiate Ministry (memo: Missions)  
Send to: Baptist Collegiate Ministry  
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Jefferson City, MO. 65101

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## EVANGELISM:



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

Peoples last words are very important. Jesus last words to His disciples were very important. Jesus always said what He meant and meant what He said. Right before Jesus ascended back to His Father, he told His disciples, ***“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.” Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV)***

Jesus words are not a suggestion, they are a command.

For five years I have had the dream of bringing Freeway Ministries to Jefferson City. Freeway Ministries partners with local churches to make an eternal change in local communities. This ministry is reaching the hard to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ, one broken life at a time. Freeway Ministries focuses on three areas of ministry to do the work of the Great Commission: outreach, evangelism, and discipleship. Each area of ministry enables us to bridge the gap from the recovery community and the unchurched to the local church.

I am so grateful and excited that Concord Baptist Church has decided to partner with this ministry. It is my prayer that other Concord Association Churches will come and be involved with us in this recovery ministry. We want you and need you!

Please pray for us as we launch this ministry on January 3rd. We will serve dinner at 6:00pm and start the service at 6:30pm. John Stroup the founder and executive director of Freeway Ministries will be here to preach a powerful message.

When I was in seminary the president of our school made a statement that has challenged me and stayed with me for 40 years. He said, “You cannot disciple someone until they have been evangelized and you have not evangelized until you have disciplined them.”

Let’s go make disciples,

*Mike Quinn*



*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.

### **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).

# BOOK REVIEW



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

## COUNTER CULTURE FOLLOWING CHRIST IN AN ANTI- CHRISTIAN AGE

**BY DAVID PLATT**

In this book, David Platt addresses the widening gap between societal norms and biblical beliefs. The biblical view of many current issues are rarely popular views, and Christians are increasingly portrayed as narrow-minded and intolerant. Platt addresses this by calling on believers to be 'consciously countercultural.' Each chapter is devoted to an issue: poverty, abortion, orphans and widows, marriage, and morality just to name a few. Platt then explores what the Bible says about each issue. His focus is not on his own opinion, or popular opinion, but on the Word of God. "For when we truly believe the gospel, we begin to realize that the gospel not only compels Christians to confront social issues in the culture around us. The gospel actually creates confrontation with the culture around—and within—us," (Platt 2017, p. 1).

In a very straightforward and honest manner, Platt calls on believers to stand on the gospel and be people of action not merely conversation. Each chapter contains examples of believers who have done just that. Believers who have stepped out on faith to take a biblical stance and made a difference in the world. "So let us not stay silent with this gospel. Let's not allow fear in our culture to muzzle our faith in Christ. And let's not enable indecision to rule our lives....We don't have to ask what the will of God is; he has made it clear," (Platt 2017, p. 277).

It is impossible to read this book and not be convicted on the need for Christians to be more vocal and more active in living out the gospel.

There is a DVD and a study guide available for those wishing to make this a group study.

### *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. Mark Plaza
- Southside - New Pastor Rev. Tyler Murphy

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

- Elston
- Pleasant Hill
- Russellville Baptist - Interim Rev. David Ford

## TURN THE PAGES...



Who said: "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them."?

### **\*CBA EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE:**

*As a reminder, please be sure to update your email contact list to reflect the email address of office@cbamo.org as Teresa Gier, Ministry Assistant with CBA.*

# CBA CALENDAR

Happy  
New Year

20  
25



## JAN 2025



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

## FEB 2025



| SUN   | MON  | TUE | WED | THU | FRI                                  | SAT |
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| 09  | 10   | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14                                   | 15  |
| 16<br><i>Presidents<br/>Day-Office<br/>Closed</i> | 17<br><i>12:00PM<br/>Pastor<br/>Roundtable</i> | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21<br><i>Newsletter<br/>Deadline</i> | 22  |
| 23  | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28                                   |     |

### MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Concord Baptist Church of Jefferson City, MO  
and The Christian Life Commission of the  
Missouri Baptist Convention

cordially invites you, your staff, and  
congregation

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**PRAYER SERVICE**


to recognize and pray for our  
Missouri State Officials  
and the  
103rd General Assembly

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025**

**8:30 AM**

**in the Worship Center**

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Concord Baptist Church  
3724 W. Truman Blvd.  
Jefferson City, MO 65109



# 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  
573-893-2876 | concordjc.org




**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*



Jun 21, 2025 at 2 PM – Jun 28, 2025 at 10 AM  
**3MT MISSION WEEK**  
Public · Event by 3MT- Mid Missouri Mission Team

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 Tipton R-VI School District  
305 US Highway 50 E, Tipton, MO 65081

# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

PREACH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 11, 2024

## PREACH 25

CHALLENGED, INSPIRED, EMPOWERED, AND CALLED OUT

**We invite you!**

JOIN US FEBRUARY 16-17.

HEAR EMPOWERING MESSAGES, PRACTICAL TOOLS, AND LEAVE FEELING RENEWED.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 16-17

#### THE DETAILS

Mark your calendars for Preach 25, a transformative two-day conference designed to reach into those who faithfully pour into others.

Held on February 16-17, 2025, this event promises an extraordinary experience featuring 9 power-packed sermons, dynamic worship, and a pastors' panel addressing real-life ministry challenges.

With renowned speakers from across the Midwest, Preach 25 offers a rare opportunity to be spiritually and emotionally refreshed in a community of like-minded leaders and fellow Christian men and women.

Whether you're seeking encouragement, fresh insights, or simply a moment to recharge, Preach 25 is the place to be.

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**The conference is absolutely free, making it accessible to leaders at every stage of ministry.**

— ROBERT STRONG

The conference is absolutely free, making it accessible to leaders at every stage of ministry. Did we mention, we will feed you?

Hosted in a spirit of generosity and fellowship, Preach 25 is more than an event—it's a movement to uplift and equip those answering the call to love God's people. Join us for two days of profound teaching, inspiring worship, workshops, and meaningful connections.

We have great workshops planned! Here is what you can expect:

- Pastoring the Rural Church** – Led by Frank Whitney and Chadd Pendergraft. Explore the unique challenges and opportunities of shepherding in rural communities. Gain practical insights and encouragement to lead faithfully in smaller contexts with big Kingdom impact.
- Social Media and the Church** – Led by Richard Bitterman, Travis Boyt, and Zach Thomas. Discover how to effectively leverage social media as a tool for ministry and outreach. Learn strategies to communicate the gospel, engage your community, and build your church's online presence.
- Pastor Theologian** – Led by Dr. Greg Ammons and Boomer Ammons. Examine the vital role of pastors as theologians who guide their congregations in sound doctrine and spiritual growth. This session will inspire and equip you to deepen your theological leadership in the church.
- Leadership Development** – Led by Dr. Phil Bray and Robert Strong. Develop skills and strategies to raise up leaders in your church who are equipped for ministry and service. Learn from seasoned experts about creating a culture of discipleship and leadership multiplication.

**Come for the Word, Stay for the Fellowship at Preach 25!** Preach 25 isn't just about powerful sermons and inspiring worship—it's also a chance to connect deeply with other pastors and leaders. Lots of fun Sunday night with a Late-Night Pastor Panel and Dessert Fellowship, where you'll hear candid insights from ministry leaders and enjoy meaningful conversations over delicious desserts. Throughout the event, we've got you covered with meals to fuel both body and spirit, including dinner on Sunday, plus breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Monday—all provided for free! Join us not just to learn and grow but to build lasting friendships in an atmosphere of encouragement and community. Don't miss this opportunity to be renewed, refreshed, and well-fed in every way!

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# Love & Laughter

## A Valentine's Banquet

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**  
**Catered dinner 6:00 - 9:00pm**

Semi-Formal  
 Mo Baptist Convention Gold Room | 400 E. High Street, JC

**Early bird tickets \$40/couple by Jan 24**  
[memorialchurch.net/valentine](http://memorialchurch.net/valentine)





**Guest speakers: Tim and Anne Rulo**

Tim and Anne Rulo have been hosting marriage events across the Midwest for nearly 15 years. With Tim's experience as a teacher and coach and Anne's work as a marriage and family therapist, they share insights on navigating marriage, ministry, and daily challenges with humor and encouragement. Based in mid-Missouri, they live with their children, Caleb (13) and Charlotte (9), and their two cats, Golden and Loaf.



## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS


YOUR YOUTH GROUP IS INVITED TO THE...



**WKND.25  
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!

**Daniel George**  
Student Pastor  
**417.241.9306**  
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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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to receive your copy of the newsletter digitally each month!  
(Sign-up link also available at:  
<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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