

## CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

For lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth;



The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12 NKJV

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#### DEAR CBA CHURCHES.

As the winter passes us by, I believe that we all are looking forward to spring: rain not snow; warmth not cold; sun and not gloom. While most of us have not seen a winter with as much snow. for a while, it is a joy to know that God has led us through. In the past few years our winters have been mild and we have adjusted. Adjustments many times take time. Change can come in subtle increments. Little by little we adjust to less snow, warmer winters, and then one day we see springtime as a norm for winter. But warm winters that we have adjusted to, is not spring. It doesn't take long to recognize that winter still is winter. Temperatures in the teens or lower and measurable snow impacts us when we just weren't ready. In many respects that is what Satan desires for us and our churches. He wants to lull us to sleep, manipulate us and try to hurt us.

Romans has a great answer to this Satanic attack. Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Romans 12:9. Satan's evil is nothing compared to God's deliverance. We cannot see a warm time in winter as a time to let our guards down to the fury of the bitterness of a freezing winter. The same is true in our spiritual life. We must abhor evil. We must hold fast to God and His goodness. We can do that when we love with a genuine love.

Thank you churches for staying awake and alert. Satan wants us to accept and adjust to the sins around us. He wants to manipulate us to see sin and think it's no big deal. We must stand together united in Jesus and His love. Thank you

churches for your genuine love. Thank you for abhorring evil and thank you for holding fast to God and His goodness!

May God bless you as we enter a time of spring where the things that seem dead are truly vibrant and alive. Thank you for honoring the Lord, your church, your community, nation and world as you seek to share the truths of Jesus.

In Christ.

Bro. Alan



## STILL WATERS COUNSELING OF MISSOURI

NEW COUNSELING RESOURCE

Still Waters Counseling of Missouri, Rhonda Myers, MA, LPC, will be opening a new office on March 1st, 2025 at 400 East High St. (Baptist Building). Services range from anxiety, depression, eating disorders, mood disorders, conflict/anger, etc., for individuals, couples and families. Approaches include Christian Counseling with evidence based treatments like, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, EMDR, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Shame Informed Therapy and more. Appointments will be either in person or televisit options. Most major insurances will be accepted along with selfpay/self-file. Availability will be by appointment only, Monday-Thursdays, 8am-5pm with other at therapist discretion. Under supervision/in cooperation with Still Waters, Reagen Duenckel, PLPC, of Honey Creek Counseling is taking televisit appointments for late Feb 2025 at self pay only. Then in late summer/early fall 2025, Breanna Wright of Wright Mind Counseling will be taking appointments as well. We are excited to be increasing the ability to provide more Christian Counseling and mental wellness in Mid-Missouri and throughout the State. For more information or questions, please contact Rhonda Myers, LPC at stillwaterscounselingmo@gmail.com.

## Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

Our Lincoln University students enjoyed the MB Collegiate Winter Conference over Super Bowl weekend. From worshipping with many other state-wide students, to sitting under challenging teaching and attending leadership breakouts, the



two-day conference is always a highlight filled with fun and growing memories. We also spent one evening together last week cheering on our Men's BB team as they pursue playoffs this spring.

BB team as they pursue playoffs this spring.

Pictured above: Some of the better known names are Tony Dungy, James Brown, Mike Singletary and Warrick Dunn, as they presented our Bart Starr Annual Character Award during our Super Bowl Breakfast outreach event.

Additionally, there were several great outreaches over Super Bowl weekend down in New Orleans. From an engaging panel on the importance of community, truth, and disciplines with Jesus, we enjoyed many worshipful moments prepared from 5 NFL players who shared their journey of success, failures and faith with several local inner city high schools. We also enjoyed another year of our Bart Starr Outreach Breakfast where Christ was lifted high at an NFL sanctioned event with various testimonies and the Gospel mightily shared by Ben Watson. The Holy Spirit pursued many hearts that weekend and please be praying for the 276 souls who professed and desired more information from local churches doing the follow ups. You can check edited version of www.superbowlbreakfast.com

Please be praying for our Dating & Relationship series going on currently as we host various Single and Married Panel discussions and how to date with purity and intention. We also are taking a group of 12 students to serve with a partnering church and after-school ministry in NYC from March 8 - 15th. We strongly value your prayers and partnership going before and around us as we courageously open our hearts and hands to serve and love as Jesus commands. We are still trusting God for continued provisions and scholarship opportunities for our missions this year and can be prayerfully donated at <u>BSU 2025 Mission Trips</u>.

Grateful to serve with you,







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.

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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
c/o Clint Mahan
804 Fairmount Blvd

Contact Clint Mahan for more info: cmahan@cbamo.org (720) 936-3371

#### **EVANGELISM:**



This article was submitted by Mike Quinn. Mike serves as the Staff Evangelist at Concord Baptist Church.

On January 3rd of this year Freeway Ministries was launched at Concord Baptist Church. 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.

Our Outreach Ministry focuses on the physical and spiritual wellbeing of the community, we meet a person's physical needs so that they will be more receptive to focus on their spiritual needs. Last week we had our first clothing give away for women. Our outreach ministry takes place every Friday evening at 6:00 to 8:00. We serve a hot meal at 6:00 and start our evangelistic service at 6:30. We have had 10 people give their life to Jesus Christ since our start. Two of those have followed the Lord in baptism. God is so good!

Freeway is also big on discipleship. We want to equip believers with the Word of God so that they become faithful followers of Christ. Freeway is all about making disciples who make disciples.

We can use your help. The tendency is for you to read this article and think, that is a Concord Baptist thing. It is but it is bigger than Concord. We are concerned about Kingdom work. We want to invite every Concord Baptist Association Church to come and be involved with us.

You might be thinking how can I get involved? We have many ways for you to be involved. Our greatest need is for prayer support. If you would pray for this ministry, we would be grateful. Our biggest physical need is a house. Jefferson City Freeway will begin with a men's house and eventually have a women's house.

Freeway Houses provide a safe and supportive Christ-centered environment for men and women to develop their walk with the Lord. Those who are accepted into the houses will commit to a 12-month residential program. Our discipleship program is designed around the principles found in the Word of God. Sobriety is the first step in long-term success; we believe discipleship is the key to life-long change.

Each man is mentored through one-on-one discipleship and will complete our season classes before graduation. They are taught the foundation for living a God honoring life. Men are taught to be godly leaders in their homes and how to care for their families. They are taught the importance of restoring broken relationships with their children and family.

If you have a youth group or missions' group that would like to help with meal preparation let us know and we will get you plugged in. If you are outgoing and like to meet people you could come and be a greeter. We can use you. There are people who come through our doors that need a friendly face and warm embrace. We want them to know that not only are they welcome but they are wanted. We want them to know that God loves them we do too

You might be thinking, that sounds like a great ministry, but I don't have an addiction problem, it is not for me. I want to challenge you with this thought, it might be that someone that is coming may need you!

If you want to know more about Freeway Ministries and how you might be involved, please contact me: email: <a href="mailto:mquinn@concordjc.org">mquinn@concordjc.org</a> or (573) 893-2876.

God Bless,

Mike Quinn

### **BOOK REVIEW**



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

## КЕЕР ТИЕ ГАІТИ

#### How to Stand Strong in a World Turned Upside Down

By Dr. David Jeremiah

Dr. David Jeremiah is founder of Turning Point Ministries and author of over fifty books. In Keep The Faith, he addresses the reality that every believer is going to go through periods in life where they struggle with maintaining a strong and vibrant faith. "We start out with dreams. Big dreams. Dreams of success and impact and meaning and purpose. We start the race with high hopes and smiling faces. Sooner or later though, life hits back. And life can hit hard," (Jeremiah 2024, p.vii). The first half of the book is devoted to exploring the four most common obstacles we deal with: fear, discouragement, worry, and doubts. Most often, when times are tough, it boils down to one or more of these issues. He explores each obstacle and gives sound strategies for recognizing each one.

In the second half of the book, Jeremiah explores God's provision of four key blessings. These blessings, grace, perseverance, responsibility, and fortitude, not only sustains through struggles but give the means to turn the obstacles and struggles we face into spiritual growth and strong faith.

Dr. Jeremiah's message is one of encouragement. No matter what specific circumstance is making you feel vulnerable and weak, this book points you to the path of stronger faith, wisdom, and God's love by changing your perspective. "Life is difficult and difficulty is the only path to wisdom," (Jeremiah 2024, p.174).

This book is the first book by Dr. Jeremiah I have read, but it definitely will not be the last. He made clear, sound points that were easy to follow and written to be understood by the average layman.

Churches in Transition:

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

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

- Elston Interim Rev. Dr. Billy Bolden
- Pleasant Hill
- Russellville Interim Rev. David Ford

### TURN THE PAGES ...



What did Jesus tell Peter to do to pay the temple tax?

**February's Turn the Pages... Answer:** Moses climbed which mountain to get a view of the promised land?

A. **Nebo -** Dueteronomy 34:1

C. Ararat D. Zion

B. Sinai

\*Bible Daily Devotion

Ministry + Job Openings

#### **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.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:fbc.calimo@gmail.com">fbc.calimo@gmail.com</a> with the word "Youth" as the subject.

#### **CBA CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **MAR2025**



## **APR2025**



SUN	MON	TUE	· W	/ED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Week of Prayer North American Missions (Aurile Armstrong Easter — Officer)						Men's Wild Game Supper	8:15AM-3:30PM Smell Group Conference - Concord
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FOR 3RD-8TH GRADERS **PRACTICES: TUESDAYS 4-5 PM STARTING FEBRUARY 4** \$10/student

Register at concordic.org

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57



# CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WILD **GAME SUPPER**

#### FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER: TODD WIGGINS

Join us for a night of fellowship and storytelling as we look into the ways turkey hunting can draw you into a life of reflection.

#### SPEAKER BIO AND INFO:

- · Lead Pastor of Southbridge Community Church - Statesboro, Georgia
- Avid Turkey Hunter
   Wounded Warriors Retreat Advisory Board





#### WILD GAME SUPPER INFORMATION

- · Please bring a dish to share Game or Tame
- · You can also bring desserts or salads
- · Doors open at 5:45 pm
- · Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening

WILD GAME SUPPER DETAILS

MARCH 7, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

AT FBC CALIFORNIA, 208 OAK ST., CALIFORNIA, MO 65018

FOR OUESTIONS CALL:

573-680-2134

Nathan Strobel

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



## MID-MISSOURI SMALL GROUP CONFERENCE SCHEDULE Saturday 3/8/25

- 8:15AM Worship
- 8:45AM **Plenary Session 1:** Habits of Healthy Groups, Part 1
- o Pray for the Lost
- o Pursue the Lost
- 9:30AM Break/Transition
- 9:45AM **Breakout 1:** Ken's 10: Top Tips for Leading Adult Bible Study
- 10:30AM Break/Transition
- 10:45 Plenary Session 2: Habits of Healthy Groups, Part 2
- o Start New Groups
- 11:30AM Lunch
- 1:00PM **Breakout 2:** Asking Questions That Lead to Conversation
- · 1:45PM Break/Transition
- 2:00PM Worship
- 2:30PM Plenary Session 3: Habits of Healthy Groups, Part 3
- o Connect with and Care for People
- o Make Disciplies
  - 3:15PM Final word of Encouragement/Closing Announcements
- · 3:30PM Dismiss

# 2025 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

FREE RESOURCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Visit our website to order posters, prayer guides, envelopes, and promotional DVDs.



Contact the Missouri Baptist Convention for help ordering materials: (800) 736-6227.



Additional resources are available for download at anniearmstrong.com



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS





Thank you for participating in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) this year. Every dollar of your offering goes to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada. Your gifts impact North America with the gospel. It is critical for our North American missionaries to receive your gifts so they can continue to reach the lost.

Instructions for ordering your AAEO promotional materials are on the other side of this page. Please order early to allow time for resources to be shipped to your church. It may take two weeks for orders to arrive.

If you need assistance in ordering materials, please contact the Missouri Baptist Convention at (800) 736-6227. For questions not related to your order, contact Cheryl Stahlman via email (cstahlman@mobaptist.org) or call 573-636-0400 ext. 320.

#### MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



2025 Spring Training Opportunities

Registration and information for our 2025 Spring Training events are up and live on

our weosite: www.mocr.crg/or-training Please let your churches know, invite your friends, and get yourself prepared to cross-train in a new area, or re-certify if your badge is expiring!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the MODR office at: disasterrelief@mobaptist.org or by calling 573-636-0400 ext 317



Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 5 PM

#### **3MT Fundraiser TACO Dinner,** LIVE & Silent AUCTIONS

Public · Event by 3MT- Mid Missouri Mission Team

First Baptist Church, California, MO





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.

#### \$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 daniel@concordic.org



## RA CONGRESS 2025

#### April 25-26, 2025

Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia

All churches are invited to bring a group of boys (grades 1-6). You do not need to have an RA club to participate!

find details and register online at mowmu.org/rac



## **RA CONGRESS 2025**

April 25-26, 2025 - Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia

\$14 registration \$19 late/on site



T-shirts are available at an additional cost when you register by 4/8/25.



Boys will connect through camperaft. sports, and other activities. They will also join in worship rallies with music and stories from missions leaders, focusing on God's call in our lives for salvation, relationship, and missions

Find details and register online at:



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#### MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



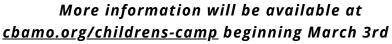
And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Zord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

Tipton R-VI School District

305 US Highway 50 E, Tipton, MO 65081

## CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S CAMP

July 13-17, 2025







**CBA KIDS** CAMP 2025



**JULY 13-17** 

KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED **3RD-6TH GRADES** 

#### EXPECTATIONS

Ne are all here to have fun. We ove camp! Treat everyone and everything as if they belong 3od, because they do! Be where ou are supposed to be. Participate in activities, If it is not yours, leave it alone. Any anguage, drawings, or actions hat are inappropriate will be nandled through discipline in the form of a reminder of the ules, missing an activity, witching groups, parent The Camp Director, Camp Pastor, and Director of Missions nave final say on discipline ssues as a team.

0/ Camper by June 21st ı will pay your church and they send one check.

ase ask your home church

Camp runs Sunday afternoon at 3 pm until Thursday morning at 10 am. Please do not pick up before 10 am. We have a final chapel that morning.

Registration is in the dining hall between 3-4 pm. Bring medications I in original containers in a labeled ziplock. We will do lice checks and take temperatures before kids are admitted to camp.

The girls and boys will be sleeping in separate barricks by church. There are full bathrooms in the cabins. All contact, or removal from camp. | beds are bunk beds. This camp does not have AC but lots of fans and outlets.

I We will be lake swimming in a designated area with a swim dock.
Two lifeguards will be on duty. If 10/ Camper by May 1st Early Bird | your child needs a life jacket you must send it with their name on it.

> We are preparing meals and snacks on-site. If your child has allergies or a special diet, please make that I clear well in advance in case we I have questions for you.

#### PACKING LIST

- · twin sheet and blanket or sleeping bag, pillow
- two towels- one for showering and one for swimming 5 T-shirts and shorts
- appropriate for church camp, socks, underclothes, pls and swimsuit appropriate for anyone to see.
- Tennis shoes and flip-flops or slides for the shower, Can bring water shoes for lake
- Toiletries- shampoo, soap, washcloth, deodorant, comb/ brush/ hair ties, toothbrush, toothpaste, sunscreen and very little else.
- Bible, notebook, pen, flashlight · Water bottle- check for leaks!
- Life jacket if needed

Absolutely no money at camp. There is nothing for sale. No phones at camp. We will take lots of pictures and share them in the slideshow after camp.

PLEASE write your name on things!

Going away to camp provides a break from the everyday! No technology, no chorse, no salfings, no tv- just a new place with space to run outdoors, try new activities, meet new friends, and focus on

Live Loved will be the theme and kids will learn how we know God laves us, how we can love God and then share that love with others

We will provide a variety of we wal provide a variety of activities including Chapel, Worship, quiet time, art, recreation, missions, survival skills, group games, lake swimaning, Squad Wars and free

For some activities, we group by age and others by ohurch/trown. If your child is coming to camp with a friend, please indicate that on the registration form, and we will do our best to make sure they have time together when we can.

#### CBA KIDS CAME CONTACT INFORMATION

For registration and payment questions:

**G** 573-556-0379 

For Camp Director questions or to volunteer: G 573-291-1313

To Register: Opens March 3

www.obamo.org/ohlidrens eamp/

Camp Location:

Camp Rising Sun Lake of the Ozarks State Park 708 Camp Rising Sun Rd. Kaiser, MO 65047

Have an event to share? Please submit to 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 <a href="https://cbamo.org/concord-baptist-association-block-party-trailer/">https://cbamo.org/concord-baptist-association-block-party-trailer/</a> when you input your contact information and the date you are hoping to reserve the trailer. You may also contact Alicia Amos directly at <a href="mailto:office@cbamo.org">office@cbamo.org</a>

#### **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.

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