

CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission



And they remembered His words. Luke 24:8 NKJV

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DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

With spring comes the time of year that we celebrate the greatest event in history. As a New Testament Christian, it is difficult for us to imagine a time without the resurrection of our Lord, such as in the Old Testament days. But on April 20, 2025 we get to remember and celebrate the hope that was provided to all of mankind when Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty of our sins, was buried and gloriously rose from the grave three days later. Easter, or as many call it, Resurrection Sunday, is a special time to remember, express our thanks and to live a victorious and sanctified life in the Lord.

But when we hear the words, "He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:6, it should bring our hearts to rejoice. Everyone present at the crucifixion saw Jesus die. They saw him placed in a tomb. They saw the tomb sealed. They saw guards set up to ensure no entry or exit from the grave. But despite what people saw, God delivered the impossible. Jesus rose from the dead and continues to live today. The miracle of the resurrection is still as powerful today as it was 2000 years ago.

There are many around us, in our family, in our community, state, nation and world, that need to experience the miracle of the Resurrection. God desires to use us to share hope, to minister, and to invite the lost to come to know Jesus. We never know when God is drawing

someone to Himself, but God always desires us to be His witness (Acts 1:8) and to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). God invites us to share the Miracle of Easter everyday, everywhere, and in everyway we can. Do you allow the Miracle of Easter to motivate you to share the hope of Jesus with the hopeless? To offer help to the helpless? To tend to the hurt of those who are injured? The solution is always Jesus. Jesus, the one who paid our penalty for our sin and to provide us eternal life. So, are you regularly sharing the Miracle of Easter with others? Today I encourage you to celebrate the Miracle of Easter by sharing your personal testimony of Jesus with some this week!

Bro. Alan

KELLY MYERS HONORED

Congratulations Kelly Myers for 25 years of faithful service to the churches of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Concord Baptist Association is blessed to call Kelly the President of the Concord Baptist Association. Great work and dedication Kelly and thanks for all you do for God's Honor and Glory.



Pictured (I-r) Brooks Crawford, Property Management Specialist -MBC; Dr. Wes Fowler-Executive Director-MBC; Kelly Myers, Lead Maintenance-MBC and current President of Concord Baptist Association.

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

Thank you to those of you who prayed and partnered with our Lincoln Spring Break service project to the Bronx in NYC. It was a fun privilege to direct 11 students in partnership with Graffiti 2 Baptist Church in the Mott Haven community. For several students, this was their first mission trip and a few even want to return, possibly this summer. It's always a highlight for me to experience in real time these students growing in their faith and serving as Christ frees and empowers them to use their skills and talents. Enjoy reading a few thoughts from Carolina, LU student athlete:

"The 2025 NYC mission trip was my first ever mission. Being able to see the beauty of New York not only through its infrastructure but through its people and communities first was one of my biggest takeaways from the trip.



Having the opportunity to minister and meet the needs of individuals in the community, helping out at public schools, and building connections with the students at the afterschool program made a huge impact in my desire to help others. It was very heartwarming to know that there are individuals that want to spread the gospel and help others within the community. During my time helping out with the after-school program I was able to form a deep and meaningful sibling-like relationship with a young student who reminded me that with God, I will always have a family. I had an expectation of what my relationship with God should look like before I took this step ministering to others. Overall, this mission taught me that God loves us and will use us just the way we are."

Additionally, a day after returning from NYC, I had the privilege of praying over my goddaughter, Pressence, at her baby dedication on Sunday. It's been a highlight the last two years to mentor Ishaq and encourage him and his wife Annalisa as they love the Lord



and each other while training their daughter in the nurture of the Lord.

Blessed to serve and grow His kingdom together,

Clint

<u>MAKING A DIFFERENCE:</u> NEW YORK / BRAZIL

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 c/o Clint Mahan 804 Fairmount Blvd Jefferson City, MO. 65101 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.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus told the Parable of the Sower. In chapter 4:3, "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow." In verse 14 He explains that the "Sower sows the word."

The question we need to consider is, are we seed Sowers?

In the Old Testament the Psalmist challenges us to be Seed Sowers. Psalm 126:5-6 says, "Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him."

The Bible challenges those of us who have been delivered from our sins and saved by God's grace, to go into a lost and dying world and sow seed for the glory of God, trusting Him to take our few seeds and turn them into a mighty harvest.

I want to consider first, the task of the Sower. Go forth and sow seed. This speaks of a consistent, continual going and sowing. This is our mandate from heaven, our number one assignment from the Captain of our Salvation. We have been given a mandate from our Commander-in-Chief to be seed Sowers. Every child of God needs to obey three commands from our Lord Jesus Christ. What are those commands? Come, Learn, and Go. We come to lesus for salvation. The second command is "learn of Me." As believers we learn of the Lord Jesus. We learn how to live for Him and how to serve Him. We also learn of what the Christian life is all about. The third commandment we must respond to is His command to go. As we go there should be a trail of seeds behind us. This is priority number one for every believer. Dr. Jerry Vines said, "We have no right under God to undertake any other assignment until first of all we are definitely and decisively engaged in actively winning people to faith in Jesus." Jesus said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10).

Who are you seeking to share the word of God with?

JJesus sought people out during His public ministry. He called Levi and then went to his home to meet other tax collectors whom Levi knew. He called Zaccheus down from the tree and told him he needed to go home with him. Jesus made house visits. When He visited a home, they were never the same again. Everywhere Jesus went He was bringing people to salvation.

The second thought I want to consider is the tears of the Sower. Notice in verse five of Psalm 126 the farmer goes out and as he sows, he is shedding tears. Why does he weep? Because he knows everything depends on the next crop. He has a burden for the harvest, and he wants to see the seed multiplied so that his people might live! We must reach the next generation. Do you have a burden to reach them?

Let me give you three reasons why we must have a burden for the lost:

- 1) Jesus had a burden. He shed tears on three occasions.
- * He wept outside of Lazarus tomb. He wept at the sorrow and anguish that sin and death brought.
- * He wept over the nation. He stood on the heights outside the city and wept because Jerusalem and the nation had rejected Him. He could see the future devastation that would take place in the city and to the people. He wept because He came to His own and they received Him not. They rejected Him.
- * He also wept for the whole world of lost and ruined human beings. In Gethsemane the tears rolled down His cheeks mixed with drops of blood. So great was His agony as He thought of a lost, lost world.
- 2) Past Experience should cause us to have a burden.

*There was a day when we were lost without God. Just the memory of sin and a life lived apart from the Lord ought to be enough to drive us out into the world to tell others about a God who loves them and died to save them. The Bible clearly teaches there are only two possible destinations for those who die. One is Heaven and the other is Hell. I submit to you that if we really believed in eternal hell, where the condemned burn for eternity apart from the presence of God with no hope of relief or release, then we would be more active in spreading the news that Jesus saves sinners!

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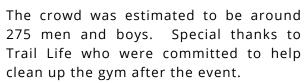
MEN AND BOYS WILD GAME SUPPER



The 2025 Men and Boys Wild Game Supper was hosted by First Baptist Church, California, Mo. on Friday March 7, 2025. Thanks for the men's planning team lead by Nathan Strobel, Ben Schroer and Jeremy "Red" Smith. Nathan, Ben and Red had an incredible complement of men to plan and execute another incredible event. Special thanks to Rev. Todd Wiggins who came to share God's Word all the way from the State of Georgia.

















We are prayerfully preparing for a trip back to El Salvador for October 1st-8th. The main tasks are:

- 1. Training (especially teachers and leaders) on different aspects of Bible Study/Sunday School for children, youth, and young adults;
- 2. Working on some various construction projects with these churches.

We are looking for about 15 mission-hearted volunteers, open to youth ages 15-18 who have an adult sponsor on the trip who is responsible for them. They would contribute in the following roles:

- 1. Those who can train trainers in children, youth, and young adult Bible Study/Sunday School. Those with experience and tools for doing these ministries that could share them with these Salvadorian churches in small groups, providing encouragement and;
- 2. Those who can work on the construction projects:
- 3. Those who can lead child care during training events.

The price per volunteer (with a team of 10 volunteers) will be roughly \$1,800 per person. The number of volunteers will affect the pricing.

For all those interested, you can email the CBA office (office@cbamo.org) or me personally (pastor@fbctiptonmo.com). Please provide the following:

- 1. The ROLE you are primarily interested in
- 2. The NAME of your adult sponsor if you are a YOUTH (ages 15-18)

We are so excited for how God's going to work in this trip, grateful for all the people already praying for this trip and for all those Christ is going to call to this mission field for the sake of loving His Church, building up His Body, and advancing His Kingdom!

Pastor Jared Rivera











BOOK REVIEW



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

WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE? BY PHILIP YANCY

It is probably safe to say that every believer is not only grateful for God's grace but realizes that grace, by definition, is undeserved. In this book, Philip Yancy explores the subject of grace, not merely what it is but what should it look like in the life of every Christian. The dominant theme throughout his book is, "If grace is so amazing, why don't Christians show more of it?" (Yancy 1997, p. 229). Yancy gently rebukes Christians for being known more for legalism, unforgiveness, and judgmentalism than for showing love, grace, and forgiveness to a lost world. He uses stories from his own life and the lives of people he has met to illustrate the fact that we live in a world that is in desperate need of grace.

It is impossible to read this book and not experience conviction. Yancy's belief is the global Christian Church today is not associated with grace, and he considers that to be a major failure because, as followers of a God full of grace, we ought to be. There are chapters I found difficult to read because they illustrate just how far we are from where God expects us to be. Yancy, throughout this book, holds up Jesus as our example. How did Jesus treat people? How did Jesus interact with sinners? "lesus never countenanced evil, but he did stand ready to forgive it. Somehow, he gained the reputation as a lover of sinners, a reputation that his followers are in danger of losing today," (Yancy 1997, p. 157).

What's So Amazing About Grace is a book that stands the test of time. First published in 1997, this edition has been updated with new, relevant examples and anecdotes. There are two different book studies available: a ten week study with an accompanying DVD and a fourteen week study. Any church or small group would find this book an excellent study that I anticipate will generate much discussion. I highly recommend spending time with this book.

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 ...



Question: How many religious and legal authorities did Jesus face the night of His arrest before being taken to be crucified?

March Turn the Pages... Answer: What did Jesus tell Peter to do to pay the temple tax? Read: Matthew 17:24-27

Ministry + Job Openings

FULL-TIME PASTOR, RUSSELLVILLE BAPTIST Russellville Baptist Church in Russellville. MO is seekin

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 tobaccalimo@gmail.com with the word "Youth" as the subject.

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The third thought we need to consider is the triumph of the Sower. (Psalm 126:6)

There is power in the seed. There is life in a seed that can crack concrete. There is power in the Word of God. Power to overcome all opposition. We must go and plant it. We must spread the word. We must broadcast the Gospel. God give us a promise. If we will go and

sow in tears and sow the word of God, we shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing in a harvest. We can't win everyone, but we can win some.

I want to challenge you as well as myself, let's become Seed Sowers!

Mike Quinn

CBA CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

APR2025



MAY2025



SUN	MON		TUE	WED		THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	МО	N	TUE	WED		THU	FRI		SAT
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UPCOMING EVENTS



2025 Spring Training Opportunities

Registration and information for our 2025 Spring Training events are up and live on our website: www.modr.org/dr-training

our website: www.modr.org/dr-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



Starts: Friday at 3 pm Ends: Saturday at 3 pm

Cost: \$50 (Lodging not included) Location: Missouri Baptist Convention

400 E High St Jefferson City, MO 65101



Scan the QR Code or visit mbcministrywives.org/events to register or learn more about the retreat







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



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 deadline 4/8/25



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

What is RA Congress?

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: mowmu.org/rac

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS





SAVE THE DATE

WHAT JOY!

UNITING GENERATIONS THROUGH MISSIONS

SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2025 9 AM - 2 PM* 400 E High Street Jefferson City, MO

SHOULD YOU COME?

IF YOU ARE A...

- WMU GROUP LEADER CHURCH LEADER
 INTERESTED IN WMU CURRICULUM (PRESCHOOL-ADULT)
 PASTOR WHO LOVES
- MISSIONS (LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL)
- SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHER
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER
- YOUTH PASTOR OR ON THEIR TEAM MISSIONS &
- EVANGELISM LEADER THEN YES, YOU SHOULD!

A REGIONAL CONFERENCE & CURRICULUM TRAINING EVENT

*TIME OF DAY SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHILDREN'S CAMP July 13-17, 2025

More information will be available at cbamo.org/childrens-camp beginning March 3rd



CBA KIDS CAMP 2025



JULY 13-17

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

EXPECTATIONS

We are all here to have fun. We love camp! Treat everyone and everything as if they belong God, because they do! Be where you are supposed to be. Participate in activities, If it is not yours, leave it alone. Any language, drawings, or actions that are inappropriate will be handled through discipline in the form of a reminder of the rules, missing an activity, switching groups, parent contact, or removal from camp. The Camp Director, Camp Pastor, and Director of Missions have final say on discipline issues as a team

PRICE

\$110/ Camper by June 21st You will pay your church and they will send one check.

Please ask your home church about scholarships if needed.

DETAILS

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 beds are bunk beds. This camp does not have AC but lots of fans and outlets.

We will be lake swimming in a designated area with a swim dock.
Two lifeguards will be on duty. If \$100/ 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, spap. 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 chores, no siblings, no to-just a new place with apace to run outdoors, try new activiti meet new friends, and focus on God.

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

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

age and others by church/town. 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 CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

For registration and payment questions: **3** 573-556-0379

⊕ office@obamo.org

For Camp Director questions or

G 573-291-1313

To Register: Opens March 3

@ www... mp Location

> Camp Rising Sun Lake of the Ozarks State Park 709 Camp Rising Stn Rd. Kaiser, MO 65047

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 Teresa Gier 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.

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