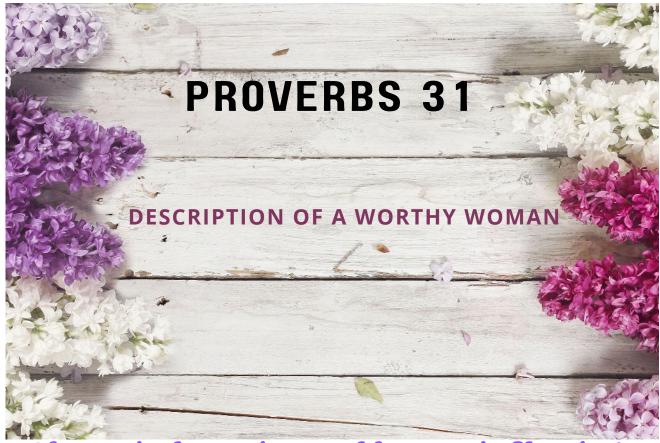


# CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

# HAPPY MCTHER'S DAY!



Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Proverbs 31: 30 NIV.

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## DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

Springtime has finally arrived. A few weeks ago, we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Now we enter into a time that offers us indescribable beauty in the nature that God has created. In the midst of the celebration of the risen Jesus and God's beautiful creation, sometimes Satan wants to tempt us to worry or to be anxious. When we are rejoicing at the deliverance God gives, Satan wants to be a spoiler. But when we keep our eyes on Christ we keep the right perspective. Jesus shared a truth in Matthew 6 that keeps our anxiety in check, "27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Matthew 6:27-29. God is our deliverer. God meets our needs.

As Born-Again Believers we have another beautiful truth that helps us. "7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you," I Peter 5:7. When we belong to Jesus we can give Him all of our anxieties and worries. Is there something that worries you or gives you anxiety? Give it to Jesus.

Giving our worries and anxieties to Jesus only works when we have given Him our life. Do you know the joy, peace and hope of Jesus? If not, would you like to know?

Sin separates us from God. The only resolution is to accept Jesus' payment for our sins through the blood He shared on the cross. When we seek God's forgiveness, and choose to turn from sin and turn to Jesus, we then must recognize Jesus as God's Son. He died on the cross as a payment for our sin, was buried and rose from the dead three days later. When we seek to make Him the Boss of our life, we then become Children of God. That is when we are saved.

God's Blessing, Peace and Hope be with you,

Bro. Alan

If you are ready for the ability to have hope and peace in Jesus then say and mean this prayer:



Dear God,

I know I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sin. I choose to turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. I believe that Jesus is your son, He died on the cross for my sins, was buried and rose from the grave. I want Jesus to be my Lord and Boss. Thank you for saving me.

Amen

## Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

Hello Churches! I hope that you each celebrated a wonderful Resurrection Day amidst the tornado sirens and storms. What a blessed hope of our Lord's great reversal in history as He took our sin and conquered our shame in order to usher us into Heaven one day with Him and our Heavenly Father.

Having recently returned from San Antonio and several ministry events around the Final Four, I added a photo of Monty Williams, standing in the middle (right), shortly after receiving his John Wooden Keys to Life Character Award. Following this acceptance, Monty shared some of his faith story while including a powerful presentation of the Gospel's Good News. Please pray with me for those in the crowd who clearly heard about the life, death and risen truth of our Savior!



Additional prayer requests for these final two weeks of school before finals as we walk our groups through the last 2 chapters of Galatians and have some graduation parties on May 10th. The last week of May will find several students headed back to Brazil while I serve with 6 student athletes at our sport leadership camp in northern Colorado.

Thanking God for each of you and would love to be in prayer for any specifics y'all would be willing to share,





Former NBA player and coach Monty Williams (center) receiving the John Wooden Keys to Life Character Award.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE:
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.

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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 Jefferson City, MO. 65101 Contact Clint Mahan for more info: cmahan@cbamo.org (720) 936-3371



# CBA SUMMER MISSIONARY GRACE HODGES

We have hired Grace Hodges, member of Oakland Baptist Church, as our summer missionary again.

Grace is currently attending Truman State University, majoring in English, and serves as the Thursday night coordinator in their BSU. She has participated in their spring break mission trips to Minneapolis and Indianapolis and is active in children's and youth ministries.

Grace will be available to serve our associational churches June 2 - August 8. She will also serve at 3MT, Concord Builders and Children's Camp.

We have received a few requests already, but there are still openings in her schedule. If your church would like us to send Grace to assist with a church ministry this summer, please reach out to Teresa Gier (office@cbamo.org) to inquire. We would love to be able to fill her schedule quickly!



# CBA CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES & TIMES

CLARKSBURG - JUNE 18-20 - 6:00-8:00 RM

CORNERSTONE - JUNE 8-12 - MEAL 5-5:45 PM; 5:45 PM

FORTUNA - JULY 28-30 - 5:45-8:00 PM

HIGH POINT - JUNE 23-27 - TIME TBD

MEMORIAL JUNE 9-11; 5:30 PM DINNER, 6:00-8:30 PM

MT. PLEASANT - JUNE 9-13 - 5:30-7:30 PM

NEW HOPE - JULY 6-11 - 6:00-8:30 PM

SOUTHSIDE - JUNE 22-26 - 5:15-8:30 PM

TIPTON FIRST - JULY 20-24 - 5:30 PM

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM SMALL GROUP CONFERENCE

On Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Concord Baptist Church held their Mid-Missouri Small Group Conference for small group leaders from across the state. The main speaker for the 3 plenary sessions was Ken Braddy (Lifeway's Director of Sunday School and Network Partnerships) and he spoke on the "Habits of Healthy Groups." There were 93 total in attendance.

There have been many follow-up conversations with many who attended, and several attenders have been meeting with each other (especially those who attended from the KC metro area) to help begin some new work within small group ministry.

In addition to the plenary sessions, there were 7 breakout leaders who spoke on various topics related to small group ministry and challenges that are faced by all leaders.

Concord is planing next year's Small Group Conference for February 28, 2026 and have begun talks with J.T. English (author of the book Deep Discipleship) to be the main speaker.





Pictured left (I-r):
Chris Thomson,
Discipleship Pastor,
Concord Baptist
Church and Ken
Braddy-Lifeway
Director of Sunday
School & Network
Partnerships.



Pictured speaking below: Rev. John King, Senior Pastor of Concord Baptist Church





## **BOOK REVIEW**



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



## **The 10**

By Dr. Robert Jeffress

If you have spent any time at all in Sunday School, chances are you have a familiarity with the Ten Commandments. Many Christians can recite some if not all, of the commandments. In this book, Dr. Jeffress takes us deeper into the meaning behind these commandments which are foundational to our faith. He begins with this basic thought, "I'm convinced that our lack of application of the Ten Commandments is responsible for the deterioration of our nation, our churches, our homes, and our personal lives," (Jeffress 2023, p. 11). He proceeds to take the Ten Commandments to a new level and relevance, exploring the different ways to misuse God's name beyond cursing, the broad application of stealing, and the fact that honoring our marriage vows begins disciplining our thoughts.

Jeffress gives us truths about the Ten Commandments that illuminate them in a new way. For instance, the fact that God had more to say about observing the Sabbath than He did on theft, murder, and adultery, the definition of true worship, and how the first commandment and the tenth commandment bookend the entire list.

Jeffress combines wisdom and truth with an easy to read approach that will appeal to the layman. He is not trying to impress us with his knowledge, rather he is sharing his knowledge in a way that will deepen our spiritual walk. Along with the book, there is a study guide available.

This would be a valuable personal or small group study. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and recommend it highly.

### CHURCHES IN TRANSITION:

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

#### **New Pastors:**

Pleasant Hill - Rev. Dr. Mark Ritchey

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

- Elston Interim Rev. Dr. Billy Bolden
- Russellville

## TURN THE PAGES ...



**Question:** Who restored Paul's sight after the Lord blinded him?

**April Turn the Pages...:** How many religious and legal authorities did Jesus face the night of His arrest before being taken to be crucified?

#### Answer:

- 1. Pilate (John 18:28) and (Luke 23:11-12)
- 2. Caiaphas (Matthew 26:57; John 18:19-24)
- 3. Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:57; John 18:19-24)
- 4. Herod (Luke 23:7)
- 5. Annas (John 18:19-24)

Ministry + Job Openings

#### **PASTOR & PULPIT SUPPLY NEEDED**

Broadway Baptist Church, St. James, MO is searching for a pastor and also in need of pulpit Broadway's current approximate attendance is between 20-30, a group seasoned Christians with a couple of young families within the membership. Resume's may be mailed to Broadway Baptist, PO Box 154, St. James, emailed MO 65559 or to: kristengausepohl@gmail.com

## **CBA CALENDAR**

## **MAY2025**





3MT Mission Week

29

30

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



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



## **Concord Baptist Association**

Neh. 4:6 "...for the people worked with all their heart." (NIV)

## RECRUITING YOUTH AND ADULT TEAM MEMBERS

JULY 6-11, 2025 (working the 7th to the 11th) First Baptist, Hermitage, MO

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO CBA OFFICE BY JUNE 15.

(Forms found online at cbamo.org)

Mail to Concord Baptist Assn, 400 E High Street, 3rd Floor,

Jefferson City, MO 65101

STEVE GRAMBLIN AND ANDREW KUTTENKULER, CONCORD BUILDING TEAM COORDINATORS

Steve: 573-680-7265 sgrambli@socket.net

CHECK OUT THE <u>CBA CONCORD BUILDERS PAGE</u> FOR DETAILS.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S CAMP

July 13-17, 2025

More information will be available at <u>cbamo.org/childrens-camp</u> 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

We are preparing meals and snacks will send one check

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 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

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

> on-site. If your child has allergies or a special diet, please make that I clear well in advance in case we 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, pjs and swimsuit appropriate for anyone to see. Tennis shoes and flip-flops or
- slides for the shower, Can
- bring water shoes for lake Talletries- 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 chures, no stillings, no tv-juts a new place with space to run outdoors, try new addivities, meet new triands, and focus on God.

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

We will provide a variety of activities including Chapel, Worship, quies time, art, necreation, missions, survival skills, group games, lake awimming, Souad Wars and free

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

For registration and payment questions:

G 573-556-0379 affice@deamourg

To Ragister: Opens March 3

www.cbamo.org/ohildr cemp/

Camp Location:

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



Home Sweet Home BARROW WEEKER

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Psalm 90:1

The Ministry Wives Network in Concord Baptist Association Presents

Ministry Families Dinner and **Fellowship** 

> Saturday July 19 at 5 PM Southridge Baptist Church Jefferson City, MO

> > SAVE THE DATE!

## October 1st-8th | approx. \$1,800

Calling on mission-hearted volunteers to: 1) Train Bible Study leaders for kids/youth/young adults 2) Work church construction projects 3) Lead child care



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

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 Teresa Gier directly at <a href="https://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.

