



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

ONE NATION UNDER GOD



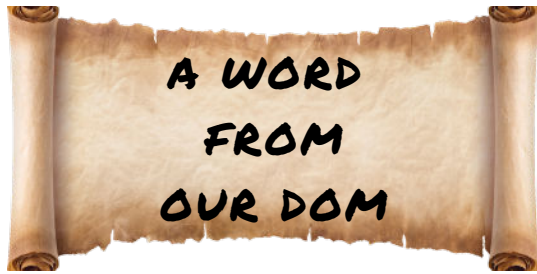
If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

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DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

As we look to July, Freedom is a common theme for which we gravitate. I am thankful for America, I am thankful for our independence, I am thankful for our right to express our religious convictions, and I am thankful for the freedom that our founders strived and died for. But the greatest freedom that I celebrate is Freedom in Christ. I am reminded of the truth found in Galatians 5, *For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.* Galatians 5:1 As born-again believers we are free in Jesus. Unfortunately, sometimes we choose to put ourselves back into the slavery of sin.

As I was reading a recent gifted book, I read a liturgy addressing sorrow. Most times when we choose to sin, we choose to hurt others and we become a slave to regret and sorrow. I would like to share the following lament that helps us discover the Freedom that Christ desires for us and for which He died:

*My soul is chastened within me, O God.
Yet even in this crush of conviction
There flickers a spark of hope,
For you have told us you discipline those you
love.*

*I have harmed another, O Lord, and now
I have neither peace nor rest.
Yet I recognize in my own agitation the
stirrings of
Your spirit who works in us, ever for our good.
I have run from your presence and from my
conscience,
But I would run no more, O Lord.*

*I have hidden myself in shadows,
Seeking to avoid your face,
Even as my father Adam
And my mother Eve in their first guilt.*

...
*Forgive me, most merciful Father,
For by sinning against one that you have placed
In my life for me to love and be merciful toward,
I have sinned against you.*

*I confess, O God, that I have broken faith, broken
trust,
Wounded another, and for this I repent.*

(**Every Moment Holy** -Volume 1,2019, McKelvey, Rabbit Room Press, Pages 236-237.)

Confession to the Lord is freeing. Today let us all celebrate the Freedom in Christ.

In Christ,

Bro. Alan



Below are some July VBS dates and times we have received from our member churches. VBS is a great way to stay connected to and develop new relationships with our children! Also check out some VBS Highlights from June on Page 7.

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

MT. OLIVE - JULY 11-13:

JULY 11 - 5:30-7:30 PM; JULY 12 - 9:30-11:30 AM;
JULY 12 - 5:30-7:30 PM; JULY 13 - 9:30-11:30 AM

CALIFORNIA FIRST - JULY 20-24 - 6:00-8:30 PM

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

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

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Below are testimonials from our students who were able to travel on mission to Brazil in May.

"I continued to pursue my love for missions in Sao Paulo, Brazil. During this trip, I connected with the locals, shared the gospel, and prayed over their communities. Through a variety of different ministries, our group met physical needs by providing food and clothes, as well as emotional needs through love and conversations. My faith was deepened and I am so grateful to have experienced such a humbling and transformative journey."

Treston Lewis



"Being sent on missions in Brazil was an experience I will never forget. Our Lincoln University BSU team and I were able to boost and encourage the ministries in São Paulo. I was challenged in my faith, experienced a new rich welcoming culture, and met many brothers and sisters in Christ. We helped feed the homeless and spread the gospel through preaching, singing, prayers, and community. The impact of this trip was felt on both sides and it has encouraged me to continue missions wherever God leads me."

Charity Ajuzie



"My second mission trip to Brazil helped me realize that I often focus on myself, making it difficult to open my heart to others."

Daniel Brown

ULTIMATE TRAINING CAMP



Nearly 250 student athletes descended on Fort Collins, Colorado for our annual Ultimate Training Camp where students learn to apply Biblical Principles to sport and life. RaeSean says it well, "I was surrounded by some of the most genuine and uplifting people and grew spiritually and personally. God really opened my eyes by reminding me that my identity is not found in sport or performance but in who Jesus says that I am in Christ alone. His peace and freedom in fully knowing me, loving me and accepting me allows me to lean into His grace and purpose for my life."

Thanks to several of our CBA churches who prayed and invested in our students this spring and summer to help our NYC and Brazil missions succeed. Blessed to partner together,

Christ

EVANGELISM



Rev. Guy Thomas, in July 2024 retired after 50 years as a Pastor, Church Planter, Church Planter Strategist and Evangelism Strategist.

"DO NOTHING-GET NOTHING"

Some years ago, an article in the Harvard Business Review called "Market Myopia" talked about how some people didn't understand what business they were in.

For example, the railroad people didn't understand that they were in the transportation business. Had they realized it, they would have invested in the airplane. The telegraph people thought that they were in the telegraph business. They failed to realize that they were in the communications business. In 1886 or so, they could have bought all of the telephone patents for about \$40,000. But they didn't know what business they were in.

What is the main business of the church? Some would say that it is the care of its members. The church is here to visit the sick and pray with them, to take care of people at important transitions in life, such as marriage, childbirth, and death. It's here to provide guidance and comfort for people at important times. No doubt, these are all functions of the church. But I would argue that these functions are not the main business of the church, and if we start acting as if they were, we will miss our main business.

We are always in danger of slipping into a maintenance mentality in the church, where we focus on maintaining our religious club and preserving its sacred traditions, and we forget about the lost. Erwin McManus, a pastor in

Los Angeles, said, "We somehow think that the Church is here for us; we forget that we are the Church, and we're here for the world."

Jesus said, **"I have come to seek and to save that which is lost"**. (Luke 19:10) Summer is a great time to let your light shine for Jesus and seek the lost. People are out on their porches, in their lawns, walking and enjoying the weather. With people being out and about it's a great time to engage them with the Gospel and an invitation to your church. When we were in Wyoming, our church in Evansville engaged our neighborhood with cold water on a hot evening. We prepared the water bottles with Matthew 10:42, **"And whosoever shall give a cup only in the name of a disciple, verily I say to you, he shall in no wise lose his reward"**. On the other side of the bottle was an invitation to our church along with the times of the services. We were also armed with flower seed packets. The verse was Isaiah 40:8 **"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth but the word of our God shall stand forever."** The verses and invitation was be put on mailing labels. To our surprise ten new people responded to our invitation and came to church the next Sunday. Have we forgotten what the main business is? What's your church doing to engaged the community? Take the lead and get back to the main business. Seeking the Lost.

Remember: "Do Nothing-Get Nothing,"

Guy O. Thomas



BOOK REVIEW



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

SURPRISED BY JOY

By C. S. Lewis

In the beginning of this book, C. S. Lewis plainly states he did not write this book to be an autobiography. It is, instead, a recounting of his journey to becoming a Christian. Lewis was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1898 to a solicitor and a clergyman's daughter. Unfortunately, his mother died while he was still young; this loss colored his and his brothers' childhood and had a detrimental affect on their relationship with their father. "Everything that had made the house a home had failed us; everything except one another." (Lewis 1955, p, 21).

Lewis takes us through his childhood, his various schools, tutors, and friends, both good and bad, positive and negative. He shares that he moved away from Christianity at age 13, "I became an apostate, dropping my faith with no sense of loss but with the greatest relief," (Lewis 1955, p, 79). He does not find his way back to God until after serving in World War I while attending Oxford. He credits several new friends he made at that time with having an influence in his return to faith, one of whom was J. R. R. Tolkien who eventually wrote 'Lord of the Rings.'

I found this book to be a fascinating look at the man who created the world of Narnia and gave us noteworthy Christian classics such as 'The Screwtape Letters' and 'Mere Christianity.' One word of caution, if you have not read C.S. Lewis or if your only experience is with the 'Chronicles of Narnia,' He is an interesting read but at times a challenging one. It is obvious from his writing,

he was extremely intelligent and had a broad vocabulary of words not common to us today. However, all things considered this book is definitely worth reading.

CHURCHES IN TRANSITION:

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

New Pastors:

- Russellville - Rev. Dawson Giles

Churches without Pastors:

- Elston - Interim Rev. Dr. Billy Bolden

TURN THE PAGES...



Question: When Saul was pursuing David, in which cave did David seek refuge?

June Turn the Pages...: How many fish did the apostles catch by the Sea of Tiberias after Jesus' resurrection?

Answer: 153 Fish **John 21:11**



Ministry + Job Openings

Cornerstone Baptist Church is seeking a **part-time Youth Pastor** who is responsible for shepherding youth and providing leadership to the church's overall youth ministry. The Youth Pastor is accountable to the Personnel Committee and under the mentorship of the Pastor. Job Duties include:

- Coordinate overall youth ministry
- Coordinate youth fellowships
- Coordinate youth mission/ministry projects
- Coordinate the youth VBS team during VBS week
- Fellowship with youth before and after all church activities/services

- Lead Wednesday night youth ministry
- Serve as chair of the Youth Ministry Committee
- Serve as a member of the Church Council representing the youth ministry
- Assist the Sunday School Director and Nominating Committee in finding youth workers
- Submit the youth ministry budget request
- Work with other church leaders in planning church wide activities
- Work to expand the youth ministry as a whole

Please Email resumes to
office@cornerstonejeffcity.org



CHILDREN'S CAMP WISH LIST

Concord Baptist Association is gearing up for Children's Camp, scheduled for July 13-17 and, is looking to collect or borrow items listed below to make a great camp experience! If you could help, please contact Kari Sullivan at 573-291-1313 to lend or donate items.

- Ping pong paddles, balls, and nets (for 3 tables)
- Five or six more fishing poles - remember kids will be using these;
- Any fans or box fans they want to send to Camp;
- Dust mops we can borrow for the week.

Put your name and phone number on items you'd like back, otherwise, we will store donated items for future camps.

You can also be a church camp sponsor by donating cleaning supplies; money towards meals; Wal-Mart, Amazon or Sam's gift cards.



JUNE - VBS HIGHLIGHTS



FORTUNA



CORNERSTONE



MT. PLEASANT

CLARKSBURG

CBA CALENDAR, EVENTS & DEADLINES

JUL 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
					4th of July - Office Closed	
	06	07	08	09	10	11
Concord Builders - Hermitage						
	13	14	15	16	17	18
Children's Camp-Camp Rising Sun, Kilauea					Newsletter Deadline	
	20	21	22	23	24	25
		6:30PM Executive Council Mtg @ Immanuel				
	27	28	29	30	31	

Reminder:
JULY 22, 2025
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING



DATE:
TUESDAY,
JULY 22, 2025



IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
706 OHIO STREET
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109



TIME: 6:30PM



AUG 2025



CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LADIES NIGHT OUT 2025

'ONE LOAD AT A TIME'

August 8, 2025

5:00 Registration & Opening Activities
6:00 - Catered Meal / 7:00 - Guest Speaker Janene Ford

First Baptist Church Of California
208 S Oak Street, California

REGISTRATION:

\$20/Adult - \$10/Child

(Childcare provided - children's menu in a separate dining area)

Pre-Register at : CBAMO.ORG/LNO

Registration Deadline - July 28th

Come hang out with us!

We will be collecting diapers
& wipes for Meritau County



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
					Ladies Night Out	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Newsletter Deadline	WMU Regional Equip Conference
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		12:00PM Pastor Roundtable				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



Concord Baptist Association

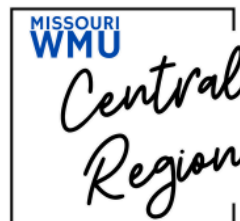
Neh. 4:6 "...for the people worked with all their heart." (NIV)

RECRUITING YOUTH AND ADULT TEAM MEMBERS

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

Steve Gramblin and Andrew Kuttenkuler,
Concord Building Team Coordinators
Steve 573-680-7265 sgrambli@socket.net

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

El Salvador
Mission Trip
2025

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

Girls Experiencing Missions

Laclede Baptist Camp
Richland, MO

HEARING GOD'S HEART FOR THE NATIONS

T-Shirt Deadline: Sept. 12
Price: \$40

October 17-18, 2025

Art Contest: Help us design t-shirts, programs, banners, & more!
Send simple, theme-related, 3-color designs to abbjemomof4@hotmail.com
or: Abigail Moore, 59261 Scott's Ln. New London MO, 63459.

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 <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](https://cbamo.org/200th-Anniversary) to order your copy. Cost: \$70.



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