

CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.

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DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

As summer continues to burn through, it is amazing to look at what God is doing. churches have been involved in Vacation Bible Schools, mission trips, camps and other exciting kingdom building opportunities. In fact, I have been hearing exciting things about supernatural movement among our youth and children. I have recently heard testimony of a few churches whose youth went to summer camps and God has been drawing them to salvation! During the CBA Children's camp this year 4 children accepted Jesus as Lord, one was seeking answers about salvation, and yet one other child has felt a call to missions. amazing to see the power of God at work.

Another thing that is amazing to see is how each church works together for God's glory. Several of our churches worked together as one during the CBA Concord Builder's project at Hermitage Additionally, when I was at Baptist Church. Children's Camp, there were 6 lead pastors serving at children's camp all week. Robert Strong, Freshwater; Brad Homan, Fortuna; David Griffith, Clarksburg; David Newton, Memorial; Jared Rivera, Tipton 1st and myself, Mt. Pleasant. In addition to these men there were several lay leaders and minister who also volunteered their time to serve the children of our association. Their unified work brought God glory and the spirit moved.

The strength of the association comes from the Lord and when we work together in unity! Seeing our churches come together during Concord Builders, Children's camp, conferences, and other events is a true joy. I am reminded of

the prayer of Jesus when He sought our unity, ²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-21. Thank you churches for being one with the Lord and each other, and for working in the unity for which Jesus prayed.

God Bless,



Cornerstone Baptist Church is seeking a parttime 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 <u>office@cornerstonejeffcity.org</u>

Lincoln Collegiate Ministry

Hello Partnering Churches and Prayer Warriors - we enjoyed a student BBQ at a church family home in July with several athletes and international students attending. The two graduates pictured below have defended their thesis' and I'll be moving them to Raleigh, NC the last week of July to start their next level of education and journey there. Please pray for continued spiritual conversations and their hearts to be softened to Jesus' calling.



We also had a few Lincoln students attend our Kids Across America Kamp in mid July where we partnered with several hundred inner-city youth for a great week of camp. It's so incredible seeing these youth engage with the cheers, breakout sessions, and the evangelistic Cross talk. There was a good number coming to Jesus and ringing the bell signifying their new life in Christ.





It's been a full summer and the fall semester is approaching quickly with Freshman move-in on August 13th and classes beginning August 18th. Please join us if you're free to help love these new students August 13th as we move in and engage their families.

Blessed to partner and serve together,





EVANGELISM



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

In Acts 1:8 Jesus told His disciples, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." We know that we are to be witnessing everywhere we go. As a pastor for over forty years, I find myself removed from those I am supposed to be witnessing to. While I try to share the gospel with anyone who will stand still long enough to listen, I also realize that most of the people I hang out with and am acquainted with are Christians. It is easy to get so caught up in church work that we miss the most important work of the church.

Those of us who are in vocational ministry for any length of time must be intentional about meeting lost people to share the gospel. I remember when I was first saved, I had a lot of family and friends that I knew who were lost.

Recently I have been able to watch a young man who came to Christ in January and is so excited about his salvation that he can't keep it to himself! He went home to tell his wife, and she was not excited about it at all. She claimed to be an atheist. His conversion to Christ brought conflict into his marriage. They had already been contemplating divorce and his excitement about his newfound faith didn't do anything to reconcile their situation. We counseled him to be patient and to keep loving and praying for his wife. He got the 40-day challenge from "Fireproof" that came out several years ago. He began doing the random acts of kindness which the book challenges its readers to do. She couldn't understand why he was doing this. He told her because God loved her, and he did too.

She began to see the change that God was making in his life, and she began to soften up on her indifference towards God and her husband. Through his patience with her and his consistent walk with God, the Lord brought her to saving faith in early July.

As I observe this couple they are bringing people to church. They are having gospel conversations with their friends and family. They don't know all the Christian language but they know what Jesus has done in their lives and their marriage. They are excited. They have many people that they can share with because they have not been far removed from those who need to know Jesus.

New converts are a breath of fresh air in our churches. It is a joy to watch them grow. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

Let's get intentional about getting outside the four walls of our church buildings and be the witnesses God has called us to be. There are people waiting to hear the "good news."

Bro. Mike Quinn



But how can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how shall they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? Romans 10: 14 HCSB

BOOK REVIEW



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

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

BY MAX LUCADO



In this book, Max Lucado gives us what he calls 'A Travelers Guide HAPPENS Through The End Of This Age,' in which he explores what happens next in God's timeline. In fact, he begins with Heaven's time line

starting with creation and ending with eternal life or death. "Want to know what's coming next? Then consider what came first. God's designs for you and me were unveiled in Scripture's opening pages. Eschatology, the study of end things, begins with protology, the study of first things," (Lucado 2024, p.18).

As Lucado progresses through Heaven's time line after beginning with God's perfect plan for us in the Garden, he then looks at God's humanity, covenants with prophecies the angel Gabriel gave Daniel, paradise, the rapture, the tribulation, the millennium, and finally, the great white throne of judgement, and eternity. Lucado mentions the seven year tribulation but does not go into specific events of the tribulation. He lists things Christians agree on in regards to the end times and then reminds us, "While there is robust discussion regarding details of what's about to happen, we cannot let different interpretations threaten our common bond. We can be decisive but never divisive. Christ is coming. The dead will be living. And everything will be set right," (Lucado 2024, p. 50.)

Lucado's desire to make Revelation and the end times less frightening is evident throughout the book. He uses the same encouraging, uplifting tone we see in all of his books. At the same time, he combines this with a reminder that the end is coming and God has wonderful things in store for His people.

There is a bible study and a video available for this book. It would be an excellent small group study. I can highly recommend it.

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
- Immanuel Rev. Shane Crum retires in August

TURN THE PAGES ...



Question: Who took Judas's place among the twelve?

July Turn the Pages...: When Saul was pursing David, in which cave did David seek refuge?

Answer: Cave of Adullah 1 Samuel 22:1

CONCORD BUILDING TEAM PROJECT: HERMITAGE FIRST BAPTIST

The Concord Building Team just finished its annual building trip from July 6th to July 11th. This year the building team went to First Baptist Church in Hermitage, Missouri. There were 53 in attendance with an average age of 46.25. First Baptist in Hermitage is adding about 16,000 square feet; including a gym, kids wing, and a three-story connecting section in between which will include a kitchen, bathrooms, storage, classrooms, and a stage area. The team worked on finishing framing, hanging and finishing drywall, and hanging OSB and plywood in the gym. Team members provided morning and evening devotions each day.

There had been discussion about moving the date for the trip from the first full week after the 4th of July since it always runs back-to-back with the Association's Children's Camp. The team as a whole voted to continue next year with the first full week after the 4th of July. In order to avoid children's camp, the building trip would need to be moved back into June. The last week or two of June would involve conflicting with 3MT and many felt the first couple of weeks of June would conflict with too many church VBS activities. Dates for the 2026 trip will be July 5 to 10, 2026.









CBA'S SUMMER MISSIONARY REPORT

Hello, I'm Grace Hodges! I have had the honor of serving wherever God calls me during my second summer as the college missionary for the Concord Baptist Association. For the most part, I served in the same places as I did last year, but in different respects. I've had more responsibilities as I have become more familiar with the churches and positions God has placed me in.

During 3MT, I was part of the crew that went to Russellville. We helped paint a porch and cut brush, both for widows in the community. I enjoyed building new friendships and revisiting old ones through serving others.



Chipping paint off a porch at 3MT

At the Concord Builder's Trip, I was in charge of childcare so that those with children would still be able to help build onto Hermitage Baptist Church. I was blessed enough to have my sister and another young woman help with childcare. With nine children in our care, we went to parks, did crafts, and went through a VBS curriculum.

Directly following the Builder's Trip was the CBA Children's Camp. I found at the last minute that I would be on the missions team, and I essentially had less than twenty-four hours to create a fifty-minute presentation. Thankfully, the Lord has blessed me with a kindhearted mother who woke up early the

next morning to bring me the materials I needed! I used my ukulele for the presentation, and then was given the opportunity to lead a worship song in the chapel the next evening.

Throughout the summer, I've also been helping with several Vacation Bible Schools throughout the Association's churches. I helped with the preschool class at my home church, Oakland Baptist, during the same week I was in charge of snacks and the helpers' lunches at Concord Baptist Church's Lift camp. The next week, I taught the preschool class at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church's VBS. At Clarksburg Baptist's VBS, I led music and helped out with the younger class. Then, at Tipton First Baptist's VBS, I helped out with the third through fifth grade class.



Working the music slides at Clarksburg Baptist's VBS.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:58 that "In the Lord your labor is not in vain." This reminds us that there is no insignificant work for the Lord. Serving God does not always look glamorous or overly spiritual. There are still a couple of weeks left of the summer, and I am looking forward to a few office days and running childcare at the Ladies' Night Out event. I am so blessed to have been the summer missionary for two summers. It has been a wonderful opportunity to spread God's word to others and serve Him in my time away from school.

CBA CALENDAR, EVENTS & DEADLINES

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REGISTER NOW! SHOULD YOU COME? IF YOU ARE A... WMU Group Leader Church Leader Looking for Discipleship Materials Pastor who loves WHAT JOY! · Sunday School or UNITING Children's Church GENERATIONS Teacher or Volunteer THROUGH Children's Ministry MISSIONS Teacher/Leader/ Volunteer SATURDAY · Youth Pastor or Youth AUGUST 16, Volunteer 2025 Missions and/or 8:30 AM - 3 PM Evangelism Leader 400 E High Street THEN YES, JOIN US! Jefferson City, MO A WMU REGIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE AND TRAINING EVENT With Missionary Speakers Joshua and Kimbre Thrower Scan me

OCTOBER 5, 2025 CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 PIRST BAPTIST ELSTON 1204 ROUTE T 1206 RO

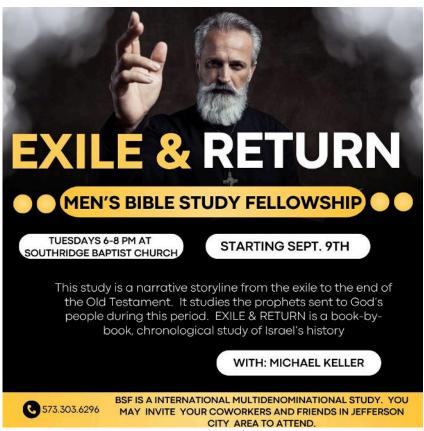
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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS







Girls Experiencing Missions



Art Contest: Help us design t-shirts, programs, banners, 8 more!
Send simple, theme-related, 3-color designs to abbiemomof4@hotmail.com
or: Abigail Moore, 59261 Scott's Ln. New London MO, 63459.

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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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.

