



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission



Then he said to his disciples, "The Harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."

Matthew 9: 37-38 CSB

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DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

One of the great benefits of the association is to have multiple churches coming together in the unity of Christ and His love. In Paul's letter to the Philippians he shares, ***"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."*** Philippians 2:1-2

As we prepare for the Concord Baptist Association's Annual meeting on October 5, 2025, it is my hope that the love and unity that is described in Philippians 2:1-2 will be seen vividly during the meeting. We have seen a few of our churches experience changes and transitions during the past several weeks. Some of these transitions have been joyous and others challenging. Philippians 2 reminds us that despite the transitions and trials when we are united together, there is encouragement in

Christ, We are comforted in love, affection, and sympathy. What a joy when we come together as an association of churches "having the same, love, being in full accord and of one mind."

We are excited for this year's Annual meeting on October 5, 2025. We are so thankful for Elston First Baptist for hosting. Elston is preparing a light meal at 5:00 pm to enjoy during the mission's celebration. Our Annual meeting will be conducted at 6:00 pm and the evening ends with all of our churches coming together in unity to worship our true living God at 7:00 pm. I hope you and your church is planning to attend!

I am also excited for the MBC Annual Meeting on October 27-28, 2025 at the Branson Convention Center. For more information go to the following link: [MBC Annual Meeting](#). If you have not done so already, please don't forget to register your messengers.

May God continue to richly bless you and your church as you seek to make disciples and to be a witness in our communities, state, nation and world.

In Christ,

Bro. Alan

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Missions Celebration & Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025
ELSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
1204 ROUTE T, JEFFERSON CITY, MO

SCHEDULE

MISSIONS CELEBRATION 5pm-6pm
 FBC Elston Multipurpose Bldg.
 Local Missions Booths
 Light meal provided by FBC Elston
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ANNUAL MEETING 6pm-7pm
 FBC Elston Sanctuary
 Meeting led by Kelly Myers
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ASSOCIATIONAL WORSHIP 7pm-8pm
 FBC Elston Sanctuary
 Missions Testimony
 Worship
 Sermon by Rob Pochek

PICTURED BELOW:
 CBA DOM ALAN EARLS &
 PRESIDENT KELLY MYERS



EVANGELISM

THE POWER OF AN INVITATION

What if I told you there is a powerful outreach program, that if implemented would help your church bring new people into the building and help your church begin to grow. This tool is available to every believer and every church. This program is found in the Word of God, and it's call "An Invitation".

John 1: 35-51 In this story from the gospel of John we are shown the domino effect of inviting people to Christ.

- John the Baptist invited Andrew and John.
- Andrew invited Peter.
- Phillip invited Nathanael.
- John invites his brother James.

The Billy Graham Association issued a statistic that says, the average church member can identify 7 unchurched people that they have a personal relationship with. They conducted a national survey which showed that 82% of the non-churched say they would go to church if a friend or relative would invite them.

This came home to me recently while Kathy and I were visiting our daughter in Wisconsin. She had a yard sale on Thursday and Friday, so I set up my witnessing trivia game, with Green Bay Packer trivia on it. Lots of her yard sale customers played the game and heard the gospel. I also invited them all to her church on Sunday. To our amazement 3 of them came to Immanuel Baptist on Sunday. What a blessing to see how the power of invitation works.

Another example: I was preaching at Oak Grove Baptist in Lebanon Mo., we were camped at the KOA campground. On Sunday morning before we left for church, I made some handwritten invitations and handed them out in the campground inviting other campers to church. I had one invitation left, with no one else to give it to. On the way to church on a gravel road we met a young woman jogging up the road. I rolled down my window and gave her the invitation to church. We were very surprised to see her on the back row when we came out of Sunday School. What a blessing for the whole church.

Friends inviting people to church works. You have the greatest tool for outreach if we will only use it, "The Power of a Personal Invitation". When was the last time you invited someone to Bible Study, Church or Revival. When you invite several people to church during the week, it's exciting on Sunday to go and see who may have responded to your invites. You have A POWERFUL TOOL, USE IT. Invite others to church this week.

REMEMBER -DO NOTHING- GET NOTHING

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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

BOOK REVIEW



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

REACTIVITY

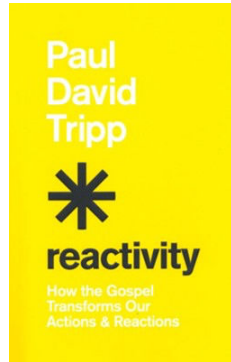
How the Gospel Transforms Our Actions & Reactions

By Paul David Tripp

In this book, Paul David Tripp has a very timely message for Christians. He addresses the culture that has become prevalent in our society since the rise of social media; he calls it toxic reactivity. He specifically addresses the normalization of emotionally driven, angry, and disrespectful messages that have become common on social media. These are not only messages from the world at large but messages that come from within the Christian community. "We have drifted far from a lifestyle of wholesome talk, one in which you can expect others to listen well, take time to consider, and speak with understanding, respect, and grace," (Tripp 2022, p. 45).

Tripp reminds us that our actions and reactions should be based on the Gospel and full of grace. He uses Scripture as his guide as he explores the motives behind our current culture and encourages us to deliberately advance truth, beauty, and love in our conversations with one another both in person and online. "If you commit yourself to being Christlike, you cannot use truth to shame, mock, dismiss, self-righteously judge, or disrespect others," (Tripp 2022, p. 63).

This book is a must-read for Pastors and Youth Leaders but important for everyone. It is a



powerful reminder that what we say and what we choose to post online is important and, therefore, it is important to be godly in all we do. It is a very worthwhile personal read but could also spark good discussion in a group setting.

CHURCHES IN TRANSITION:

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

New Pastors:

- Elston - Rev. Dr. Billy Bolden

Churches without Pastors:

- Concord
- Immanuel - Transitional Pastor Steve Sowder

Note: Pastor Brian Credille has announced his retirement as pastor of Cornerstone effective November 30th.

TURN THE PAGES...



Question: Name the 6 people we know by name who were buried in the cave in the field of Machpelah in Canaan.

September Turn the Pages...: Who broke his neck and died after falling backward off his chair?

Answer: Eli the Priest 1 Samuel 4:18

CBA CALENDAR, EVENTS & DEADLINES



OCT2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
CBA Annual Meeting-Elston First						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Newsletter Deadline	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		12:00PM Pastor Roundtable				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
MBC Annual Meeting		Ministry Wives Luncheon				




NOV2025

When they reached the valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. Number 13: 23



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
				8:30PM CBA Council Transition Mtg @ MBC		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		12:00PM Pastor Roundtable			Newsletter Deadline	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Thanksgiving-Office Closed		
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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



EXILE & RETURN

●● MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP ●●

TUESDAYS 6-8 PM AT
SOUTHRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

STARTING SEPT. 9TH

This study is a narrative storyline from the exile to the end of the Old Testament. It studies the prophets sent to God's people during this period. EXILE & RETURN is a book-by-book, chronological study of Israel's history

WITH: MICHAEL KELLER

BSF IS A INTERNATIONAL MULTIDENOMINATIONAL STUDY. YOU MAY INVITE YOUR COWORKERS AND FRIENDS IN JEFFERSON CITY AREA TO ATTEND.

573.303.6296

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 abbiebamof4@hotmail.com
or: Abigail Moore, 59261 Scott's Ln. New London MO, 63459.

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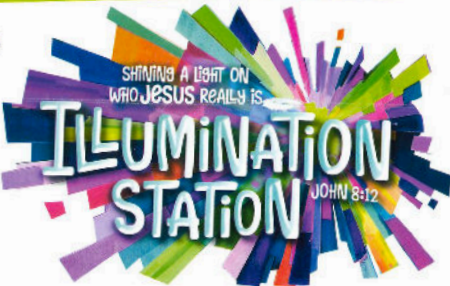

VBS 2026

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PREPARE FOR 2026

TRAINING IN MULTIPLE CURRICULUMS

NOVEMBER 21, 2025
The Baptist Building
in Jefferson City, MO






YOU HAVE CHOICES!

Join us from 9am - 2:30pm as we review 2026 themes for Vacation Bible School and find new ways to improve VBS planning, preparation, and follow-up!

Need information? Reach out now: Christy Nance
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MISSOURI BAPTISTS
mobaptist.org/vbs-expo




Have an event to share? Please submit to office@chamo.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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(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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