



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

***You crown the year with your bounty, and
your carts overflow with abundance.***

Psalms 65:11



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DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

October was an amazing month. We had the opportunity to express our appreciation to our pastors, we had a productive Annual meeting, and I continue to hear amazing celebrations from our churches where the lost are being saved, being baptized and being discipled. I was thankful to celebrate missions during the annual meeting this year. I am so thankful for what God is doing in our local churches to preach, teach, share and live the Good News of Jesus Christ! I am also thankful for the amazing ministry and mission partners for which CBA shares. I hope you left the mission celebration with a joyful heart of what God is doing in our churches and was inspired to bring additional ministry opportunities to your church. I am impressed that despite the size of your church there are opportunities to share Jesus whether that be with your church's mission trip, a combination of multiple sister churches coming together for a mission trip, or providing prayer or financial support for those that go. The churches of the Concord Baptist Association not only knows Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8, but they are actively putting it into practice.

November is usually a month that we express thanksgiving. I believe that God has primed the hearts of our churches for Thanksgiving with all the blessings He has provided during last month. As we prepare for Thanksgiving with our families and church may we be inspired like the psalmist, "I will praise the name of God with a song; magnify Him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

Paula and I, as well as the entire CBA office that includes Teresa and Clint, wish you, your families and our churches a Happy Thanksgiving for all the Blessings that Lord has given!

In Christ,
Bro. Alan



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



Pictured above: Amy Potts' rendition of the Missions Celebration.

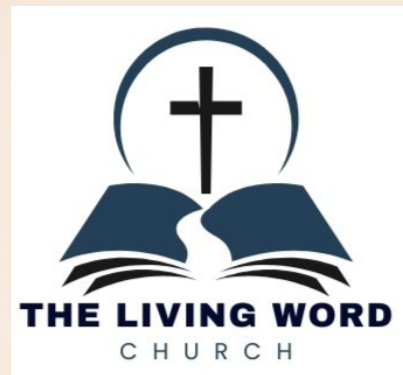


Pictured above, the Association's Annual Meeting was hosted by First Baptist Church of Elston.

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 5TH ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

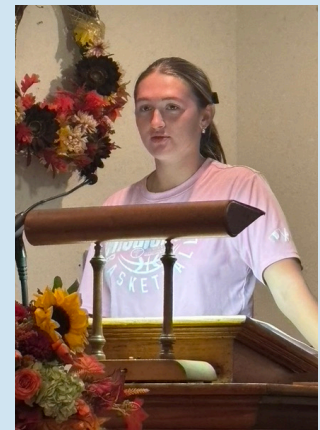


Pictured above left to right: The Association's Annual Meeting was presided over by President Kelly Myers (Southridge); Welcome & Prayer by Rev. Dr. Billy Bolden, FBC of Elston (host church); BSU Substitute Director Jon Nelson (Soma) and; Director of Missions Rev. Alan Earls.



Pictured above left to right: CBA Clerk Katie Richey (High Point); CBA Treasurer Liz Strobel (Corticeilli); Nick Swobode, (The Living Word Church) and Rev. David Griffith (Clarksburg) praying for The Living Word Church that was voted into the Concord Baptist Association at the Annual Meeting.

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 5TH WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



Pictured above left to right: Dr. Rob Pochek, MBC Prayer and Evangelism Team Leader brought the worship message; John Goad (FBC Elston) special music; Jaden Ratcliff (Russellville Baptist) Sports Crusader Missions Testimony.

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 5TH MISSION CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS



LINCOLN COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

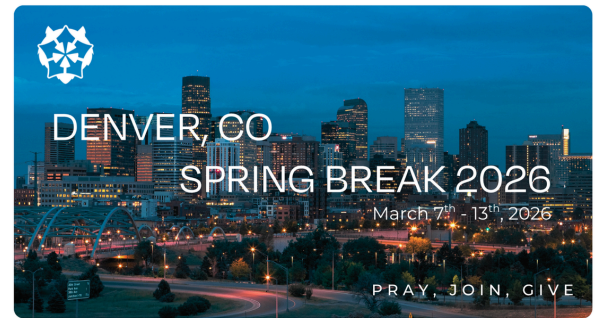
This Spring Break, the Lincoln University Baptist Student Union will partner with Send Relief's Denver Ministry Center for a week of hands-on ministry and training. Students will serve through local partnerships such as Jesus on Colfax, connecting with refugees, women impacted by the sex industry, and those facing homelessness and poverty.

Our goal is simple: to help students grow in faith as they share the hope of Christ through both word and action. We believe this experience will strengthen their walk with the Lord and ignite a lifelong passion for gospel service.

We invite churches and friends to support this mission through prayer and financial gifts given directly to the Concord Baptist Association (CBA) on behalf of the LU BSU.

Together, we're helping the next generation live on mission for Jesus."

Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor Jon Nelson



**SUPPORT
DENVER 2026
MISSIONS**



EL SALVADOR 2025 MISSION TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



Arizbeth Viveros (Familia Cristiana Internacional - FCI), Taylor Hampton (FBC Tipton), Rev. Noah Angel (FCI), Henry Leon (FCI), and Rev. Jared Rivera (FBC Tipton) traveled to El Salvador to lead a multi-church mission team to the Candelaria De La Frontera region of El Salvador from October 1-8, 2025.



EVANGELISM

"THE EARLY CHURCH WAS STRONG IN EVANGELISM"



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

The Bible says in Acts 2:47, "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." The early church had a passion for souls. They were committed to sharing the gospel. In Romans 1:16 Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

The churches priority should be winning the lost. Leonard Ravenhill said, "The early church had no great cathedrals in which to meet, no elaborate service, no ritual, no rigid liturgies, very little organization, no seminaries, hardly any New Testament Scriptures, but it had power. It had the power of an ungrieved Holy Spirit in its midst, and in less than 30 years it spread itself over the civilized world in face of entrenched dislike and growing hatred and scorn."

They had power because they were obedient. The inerrant Word of God demands obedience. Obedience demands evangelism.

I read that there are approximately 184,000 deaths per day worldwide. In the U.S. there are approximately 8,000 deaths per day. Every 12 seconds someone dies in the United States. Those statistics should drive us to share the gospel.

According to research that has been done among our Southern Baptist Churches, we have been told that most of our congregations are plateaued or declining. Several thousand of our churches did not baptize one person all year. Several thousand more baptized less than ten a year. We must ask ourselves what we are doing to reach the masses before it is eternally too late.

We need to ask God for an urgency and the boldness like a man I heard about during the Civil War. His name was Peter Apples. I do not recall what side he fought on. It was said of him that there was never any retreat in him. He always went ahead in the battle. The story went on to tell of a battle where Peter's side was way outnumbered. As they engaged in the battle the bugle sounded out for Peter's side to retreat. Everyone did except for him. He ran straight ahead into danger, being fired upon. He ran to the other side and jumped down into a ditch where his enemy was. He hit the man, knocked him out, and threw him over his shoulder and ran back towards where his company was. The enemy would not shoot at him because they were afraid, they would shoot their own man.

When Peter made it back to his comrades, they asked him where in the world did you get him? He said, "Over yonder in that ditch! There are plenty of them over there. You can have one too if you want one!"

Let's be willing to go! There are plenty of lost souls out there. If we are willing to go, we will catch some!

MINISTRY + JOB OPENINGS

Church Bookkeeper/Accountant

Concord Baptist Church has an immediate opening for experienced individual to perform bookkeeping and accounting functions for a church office. Responsibilities include recording income, reviewing, and paying bills, reconciling bank statements, payroll, preparing monthly financial statements, and assisting with budget preparation. Experience with QuickBooks Online is preferred. Accounting degree is desirable. Four-day workweek, competitive salary, generous benefits, and quality work environment. Please send resumes to: finance@concordjc.org

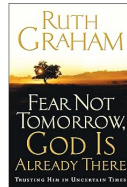
BOOK REVIEW



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

FEAR NOT TOMORROW, GOD IS ALREADY THERE

BY RUTH GRAHAM



First of all, a clarification: Ruth Graham's name may sound familiar because of evangelist Billy Graham as Ruth is Billy Graham's daughter. His wife, also named Ruth, and also an author, wrote her books under the name Ruth Bell Graham. In this book, Ruth Graham addresses how to trust God in uncertain times and how to deal with the fears that seem to follow us no matter what stage of life we are in. She explains the impact fear has on our lives, the antidote for fear, and God's desire for our lives to be free of fear. Throughout the book she uses examples from her life and her personal struggles to encourage us in our own circumstances. "Often in the Bible, when God exhorts people to 'fear not,' He gives this as His reason: 'I am with you' God's antidote for our fear is His presence—Himself," (Graham 2009, p. 31).

After reminding us of God's attitude toward fear, Graham turns her attention to how we should seek to replace fear with God's presence. "It is important to remember that it is not up to us to figure out how to achieve peace. Peace is not something that we do. It is something that He is," (Graham 2009, p.129). Graham gives us a powerful reminder that our focus should be on God and not on our fears.

Graham also has helpful suggestions on how to deepen your time with God including the value of personalizing scripture and an ABC list of God's attributes for use in prayer. In

every chapter she looks to Scripture and the encounters we find there shows us how to apply them to our situations.

Graham deals honestly with fear, uncertainty, and the questions each of us has had in the past or will experience in the future. She leaves us with this thought: "In the midst of our impossible circumstances, God extends His hope to us. The hope of a future. The hope of restoration....no matter how hopeless it may seem, no matter how grim the prospects, God can transform it for good," (Graham 2009, p. 224).

CHURCHES IN TRANSITION:

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

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: What were the contents of the Ark of the Covenant?

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

Answer: Abraham; Sarah (Abraham's wife); Isaac; Rebekah (Isaac's wife); Jacob; Leah (Jacob's wife). **Genesis 49:29-31**

CBA CALENDAR, EVENTS & DEADLINES



NOV2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
				6:30PM 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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DEC2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		12:00PM Pastor Roundtable			Newsletter Deadline	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Christmas Holiday-Office Closed			
28	29	30	31			
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MORE 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

573.303.6296 BSF IS A INTERNATIONAL MULTIDENOMINATIONAL STUDY. YOU MAY INVITE YOUR COWORKERS AND FRIENDS IN JEFFERSON CITY AREA TO ATTEND.

2025 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

FREE RESOURCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

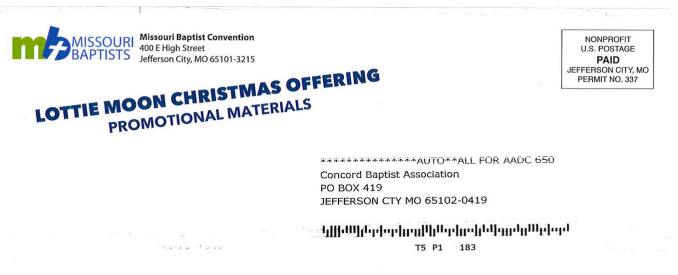
Visit our website to order posters, prayer guides, envelopes, and promotional DVDs.



Contact the Missouri Baptist Convention for help ordering materials: (800) 736-6227.



Additional resources are available for download at imb.org/lottie-moon



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*

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TOGETHER

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Thank you for participating in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) this year. Every dollar of your offering goes to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the globe. Your gifts impact the world with the gospel. It is critical for our international missionaries to receive your gifts so they can continue to reach the lost.

Instructions for ordering your LMCO promotional materials are on the other side of this page. Please order early to allow time for resources to be shipped to your church. It may take two weeks for orders to arrive.

If you need assistance in ordering materials, please contact the Missouri Baptist Convention at (800) 736-6227. For questions not related to your order, contact Sarah Schmitt via email (sarahschmitt777@gmail.com) or call 636-399-9471.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS expo **PREPARE FOR 2026**
TRAINING IN MULTIPLE CURRICULUMS



Missouri Baptist Convention
400 E High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101-3215

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? **Christy Nance**
Reach out now: cdnance@swbell.net
(314) 795-0676

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VBS expo **PREPARE FOR 2026**
TRAINING IN MULTIPLE CURRICULUMS

NOV. 21, 2025 @
The Baptist Building
in Jefferson City, MO



Join us for an overview of 2026 themes for Vacation Bible School offered by Lifeway, Group Publishing, and Answers in Genesis.

In addition, we will look at ways to expand churches reach into the community, build leadership in VBS, and help every church be successful in reaching kids and families.

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See reverse for details.



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YOUTH CONFERENCE

STUDENTS \$55 | APRIL 10-11, 2026

WKND.26 THEME

the WAY

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'" — John 14:6-7

We are all on a journey. Some wander without direction. Some run toward success, comfort, or control. Others don't even realize they're moving. But every path leads somewhere, and every heart longs for the same things: truth, purpose, and life that lasts. From the very beginning, there has only been one true Way: Jesus Christ. He doesn't just point to The Way—He is The Way. The life He offers isn't about empty religion or performance; it's about relationship. It's not a path we trek on our own, but one He's already walked for us and now walks with us.

The Way is not easy. It's narrow, countercultural, and often costly. But it leads to life, hope, and freedom. It's a path marked by faith, obedience, and the power of the Holy Spirit. It's a walk strengthened by community and anchored in truth. The Way of Jesus is not a momentary decision. It is a journey of becoming more like Jesus Christ by trusting Him step by step and choosing Him each day. The Way isn't just for the strong or the spiritual—it's for anyone willing to surrender and walk in truth. This is the journey we were made for.

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Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

6:15-6:45 pm: Registration (Lobby by Gym)
6:45 pm: Doors Open to Worship Center
7:00 pm: Main Session 1
8:15 pm: Small Group Session 1
9:00 pm: Jaron Myers (Christian Comedian)
10:30 pm: Pick-up your teenagers

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

8:30 am: Breakfast (Gym)
9:15 am: Doors Open to Worship Center
9:30 am: Main Session 2
11:00 am: Small Group Session 2
12:00 pm: Lunch (Gym)
1:30 pm: Saturday Afternoon Activities
5:30 pm: Dinner (Gym)
6:45 pm: Doors Open to Worship Center
7:00 pm: Main Session 3
8:30 pm: Small Group Session 3
9:30 pm: Saturday Activity
10:30 pm: Pick-up your teenagers

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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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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