

CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11 KJV

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DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

As November and the celebrations of Thanksgiving moves forward, we are able to look to December. Paula and I really enjoy celebrating Jesus during the December month. But of course we also enjoy celebrating Jesus the rest of the months too. There is something special about taking time to remember the birth of Jesus, that excites us.

When we celebrate Christmas, we are really celebrating God's Salvation. Prophesied throughout the Old Testament and seeing the event unfold in the Gospels, reminds us the desire for God to have a real and personal relationship with His creation.

As the angels declared the shepherds, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11. The truth that God knew, and many to this day remain ignorant to, is that mankind needs saving. We cannot save ourself, we can not find our own remedy. So God gave us the perfect gift. He sent His very own son to save us from our What a gift. But a gift means nothing if we don't accept it and treasure it.

I sure hope you have accepted God's gift and I hope you treasure it. The Christmas season can become busy. Busy with a lot of things. Many of those things are good. But we must protect our heart to make sure we don't get too busy for God's gift.

Paula and I as well as the staff of the Concord Baptist Association, wish you a Merry Christmas. May our Savior, Jesus, be the light of your life, family, church, community and world.

God Bless and Merry Christmas,

Bro. Alan





MURAL CREATED BY AMY POTTS AT CBA ANNUAL MEETING IS NOW DISPLAYED IN THE CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FRONT OFFICE.

LINCOLN COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

PLANS MISSION TRIP TO DENVER PARTNERING WITH SEND RELIEF

"This Spring Break, the Lincoln University Baptist Student Union (BSU) will partner with **Send Relief's Denver Ministry Center** for a week of service and spiritual growth. Our students will spend their time meeting real needs, sharing meals, engaging with those seeking assistance, and participating in meaningful outreach throughout the Denver community.

The trip provides both hands-on ministry and practical training, equipping students to bring the hope of the gospel to their campus and communities long after the trip ends.

While in Denver, the team will work alongside **Jesus on Colfax**, local nonprofits, schools, and churches through ministries such as:

- Supporting refugees and internationals adjusting to life in the U.S.
- Providing safety and care for women impacted by the sex industry.
- Offering hospitality and resources to those facing homelessness and poverty.

Our prayer is that each student returns with a renewed sense of calling and a deeper love for Christ and His mission.







We invite our partner churches and friends to support the Lincoln University BSU through both prayer and financial gifts. Contributions can be made directly to the Concord Baptist Association (CBA) on behalf of the BSU to help make this trip possible.

To give or learn more, please contact the CBA Office or visit <u>Denver 2026 Missions</u>.

Together we're helping a new generation of leaders live out the gospel - locally, nationally, and around the world.

Soli Deo Gloria Pastor John Nelson



EVANGELISM



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

ALWAYS BE READY

There is probably no Christian discipline that brings more anxiety to a Christian than evangelism. When we ask people to share their faith, most will break into a cold sweat. It has been my observation that many people in the church will take a class on how to share their faith but when they are asked to practice what they have learned, they freeze up. Why is it so difficult to share our faith? Why are we so timid to tell others about the gospel?

I completely understand the fear that grips a person's heart when challenged to go and share the gospel. When I was first saved my pastor told me that I needed to join them on Thursday evenings for outreach. I had only been saved two weeks the first time I showed up. The pastor asked me when I got there if I knew a certain individual and if I knew where they lived. I was more than eager to tell him in the affirmative to both questions. As soon as I did fear began to overtake me. Why? I realized he was going to send me there to talk to this man whom I knew very well. I used to drink with him in the local tavern. All the way to his house I was praying that he would not be at home!

The pastor sent me with another man who knew how to share the gospel and told me to just go as a silent prayer partner. This was how I could learn to witness. When we

arrived that evening the man met us at the door with a cold beer in his hand and said, "Mike, how are you doing. Come on in. Who is your friend? Can I get you a cold beer?" I didn't know what to say, other than, "No, thank you. I trusted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior a couple of weeks ago, and my friend is going to tell you all about it!" That is all I knew about being a witness at that time.

My friend didn't get saved that evening, but that experience really nailed down my commitment to Jesus and to become a soul winner. I knew from that time forward the old crowd was talking about me, and they were watching me. They were taking bets on how long this religious thing was going to last. By the grace of God, it has lasted for 43 years!

1 Peter 3:15 tells us, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." Peter tells us to always be ready, always prepared. Preparation takes time. I want to challenge us to stop making excuses of why we can't tell others the good news of the gospel, and to take the time to prepare. The more we prepare and make ourselves available, the more the Lord will be able to use us to lead others to Himself.

God didn't take us to heaven the moment we were saved because He wants us to share the "Good News" with the lost so that they may be saved!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED



On Monday evening, November 3rd Mt. Olive Baptist Church hosted a get together to fellowship and observe a Women's World Day of Prayer to pray for women all around the world. There were 51 ladies in attendance with seven churches represented.



















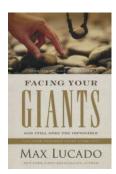
BOOK REVIEW



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

FACING YOUR GIANTS

By Max Lucado



Sometimes we perceive the characters we meet in the Bible as larger than life, almost perfect and certainly not like us. David is one of those characters. When we read of his encounter with Goliath, it is easy to forget that David was a teenager,

holding a slingshot and a bag of rocks, facing a nine foot bully who had taunted the army of Israel for forty days. Max Lucado takes us into the life of David and gives us a glimpse of the power behind David's sling. "David majors in God. He sees the giant, mind you; he just sees God more so," (Lucado 2006, p. 5).

As Lucado takes us through the events of David's life, we see David's triumphs but we also see his failures. David did fail at times, and when he did, his failures were huge. But the constant in David's life was his relationship with God. What motivates and encourages us about David's story is the fact that even though he sometimes strayed from God's path he always found his way back. "He returns his focus to God and finds refuge. Refuge surfaces as a favorite word of David's," (Lucado 2006, p. 39).

In each chapter of David's life, Lucado teaches us how to apply what David learned to our own lives. He reminds us that we all face giants, the question is do we run or do we start looking for rocks?

The life of David is always a fascinating study and Max Lucado gives us a reader-friendly look at the life of this famous man. There is a study guide at the back of the book and also a study guide available separately.



"THE LORD IS MY ROCK AND MY FORTRESS AND MY DELIVERER,"

2 SAMUEL 22:2 NKJV

CHURCHES IN TRANSITION:

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

Churches without Pastors:

- Concord
- Cornerstone
- Immanuel Transitional Pastor Steve Sowder

TURN THE PAGES ...



Question: Upon what mountain was Israel cursed

for disobedience?

A. Mount Moriah

B. Mount Zion

C. Mount Carmel

D. Mount Ebal

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

Answer: The gold jar of manna; Aaron's staff that had budded and; the stone tablets of the covenant. Hebrews 9:4

CBA CALENDAR, EVENTS & DEADLINES





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
	Newsletter Deadline	12:00PM Pastor Roundtable				
21	22 Christmas	23	24	25	26	27
	Holiday-Office Closed					•
Christmas Holiday-Office	29	30	31			
Closed						



JAN2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
				CBA Office Closed-New Years		
04 05	06	07	08	09	10	
				Leadership Team Mtg 6:00pm at MBC		
11 12	13	14	15	16	17	
		Executive Council Mtg 6:30pm - Salem			Newsletter Deadline	
18 19	20	21	22	23	24	
	MLK Day – CBA Office Closed	Pastor Round Table 12:00 pm				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Menny Christmas and a

Happy New Year!



MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



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



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 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

If you need assistance in ordering materials, please contact the Missouri Baptist Convention at (800) 736-627. For questions not related to your order, contact Sarah Schmitt via email (sarah schmitt 777@gmail.com) or call 636-399-9471.





STUDENTS

\$55 | APRIL 10-11, 2026

Contact:

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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

WKND.26 THEME

"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

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



2026 CHILDREN'S CAMP STAFF APPLICATION



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Have an event to share? Please submit to office@cbamo.org by the newsletter deadline!



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. Contact Concord Baptist Church for further information.

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 to order your copy. Cost: \$70.

