



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper
you and not
to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and
a future."*
Jeremiah 29: 11 nIV



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DEAR CBA CHURCHES,

I am thankful for the blessings that God has given us during 2025. There has been joy and there has been heartache, but God and His love remain true. What a blessing to mediate on His word, ***The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*** Lamentations 2:22-23.

I am excited to see what God has in store for the churches of Concord Baptist Association in 2026. We have appreciated Living Word joining the association in 2025 and look forward to seeing opportunities to see more churches planted. I have been in discussion with a few of our churches who are seeking renewal through the Resound process. I look forward to seeing our churches continue to grow in faith and knowledge of God and His word and to put that faith into action.

As we look at our community, state, nation and world, we see lostness. I am thankful for churches like yours that see it too and instead of ignoring it, you are choosing to engage, share the Gospel and make disciples as Christ commands.

I am looking forward to revival within our churches and communities in the year ahead.

I am anticipating Christ's return soon. I am also thankful for the trust that God has put into us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that God may draw those who are lost to Himself. Only God knows how much time we have to share the Gospel before the return of Christ. What a privilege we have in these last days to profess Jesus, be His witness and to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to move within us to do His great work.

May God richly bless you, your family and your church in 2026. Thank you for all you do to honor and serve our Lord!

In Christ,

Bro. Alan



Fortuna Baptist Church
"He Before Me" Women's Event

LINCOLN COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

**Happy New Year,
CBA Churches!**

I trust that y'all will enjoy and celebrate Jesus over this upcoming holiday season with fresh excitement. Having returned in early December after concluding my sabbatical, I was grateful to get some time with our students during their final week of studies and Christmas gift exchanges. We loved a night of snacks, sharing stories, comedic gift exchanges and thanking and praying over Pastor Jon before a week of finals and projects to finish off the semester.



Returning in January, we will take a walk through His Word surrounding topics of Abiding, Bearing Fruit and Identity in who Jesus says we are as His children. We also are excited to partner with churches and a rescue mission in my Mile High City of Denver over Spring Break in March. Would you please prayerfully consider partnering with us in prayer and resources as we prepare our hearts and stories to share His love in East Denver?

Blessings and Happy New Year,

Chut

WELCOME BACK: CLEAN UP

Our spring semester starts Monday, January 12th with the Lincoln University students gathering for a few studies that first week back. I would love to get a solid group of 15 - 20 folks from our CBA churches to come help deep clean the BSU on Saturday, January 10th from 10am to Noon. Would you please kindly respond if you're interested and available to serve and partner with us?

If so, please wear your grubby clothes and bring your rubber gloves and a couple cleaning supplies along!

Grateful,

Chut

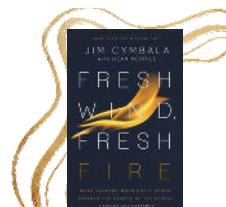


BOOK REVIEW



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

**FRESH WIND,
FRESH FIRE**
BY JIM CYMBALA
WITH DEAN MERRILL



Jim Cymbala is the pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York City. This book, written in 1997, recounts the early years when he and his wife, Carol, were called to what was then a small, struggling church located in a very rough part of Brooklyn. Many of you will have read this book as I did, years ago, however, I found it a valuable reminder of what our focus should be as a church.

What stands out as we read this book is not the size of their mission field but the commitment this church made to prayer and evangelism. One of the first changes Cymbala made in this congregation was to begin a weekly prayer meeting. He quickly realized that prayer was the most important activity of the church. "You can tell how popular a church is by who comes on Sunday morning. You can tell how popular the pastor or evangelist is by who comes on Sunday night. But you can tell how popular that Jesus is by who comes to the prayer meeting," (Cymbala 1997, p. 28). This commitment to regular, fervent prayer led to a sense of unity and purpose. As a group, they became more open to the needs of those living in close proximity to

their church and more open to welcoming these individuals despite their lifestyle, their smell, their clothing, or their habits.

his book is a powerful reminder of God's work through the church today and our participation through prayer, evangelism and outreach. I encourage you to pick up this book again; you won't be sorry you did.

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...



January Question: What other name was the disciple Matthew known as?



December Question: Upon what mountain was Israel cursed for disobedience?

A. Mount Moriah; B. Mount Zion; C. Mount Carmel; D. Mount Ebal

Answer: D. Mount Ebal Deuteronomy 27:13

CBA CALENDAR, EVENTS & DEADLINES



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 | | Lincoln BSU Clean Up 10:00am-12:00pm | |
| 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 |

GET INVOLVED!

BAPTIST HOME-ASHLAND, is looking for churches to become involved with their Worship (Sunday afternoons) and Bible Study (Thursday's). Contact Katie Goodsell, Activities Director, if your church would like to engage throughout the year with the Baptist Home.

Contact Katie at: **(660) 238-6217** or Ash-Activities@bhhm.org



FEB2026



CBA PASTORS: Please note
February Pastor Round Table has been moved to February 24th



| 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 | 21 |
| President's Day- CBA Office Closed | Resound Summit at Concord Baptist Church | | | Newsletter Deadline | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | | Pastor Round Table 12:00pm | | | | |

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

The image is a promotional poster for the 2026 Resound Summit. At the top, the year '2026' is in a small, dark font. Below it, the word 'RESOUND' is in a large, bold, black serif font, and 'SUMMIT' is in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Underneath 'RESOUND' is the text 'with DR. CHUCK LAWLESS'. To the right of the text is a circular inset featuring a portrait of Dr. Chuck Lawless, a man with glasses and a blue shirt, smiling. To the left of the text is a photograph of a church interior with many people seated in wooden pews, looking towards a stage area. The bottom of the poster features the date 'February 17, 2026' in a large, bold, black font. Below the date is a box containing the text 'Concord Baptist Church' and 'Jefferson City, MO'. To the right of the date is another box containing the text 'Register Online' and a website URL 'resoundnetwork.com/register'. At the bottom left is the Missouri Baptists logo, and at the bottom right is a QR code.

CBA Kids Camp

What a Mess!

Who made this mess?
Jesus loves a good mess

Confess your mess
Address your mess
Address their mess

JULY 19-23

COMPLETED GRADES 3-6

**CAMP RISING SUN
LAKE OF THE OZARKS
STATE PARK**

**"ALL HAVE SINNED
AND FALL SHORT OF
THE GLORY OF
GOD."
ROMANS 3:23**

**REGISTRATION
OPEN
MARCH 2**

Register at www.cbamo.org/childrens-camp

Early Bird March 2- May 25 \$100 May 26-June 30 \$110

Payment is through your church. Please seek any scholarships needed through your church.
Registration 7s Call the CBA Office (573) 556-0379 Camp 7s Call Director (573) 291-1313



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 we 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.



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