



# CONCORD COVENANT

*Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission*

# JESUS



***And now abide  
faith, hope and love,  
these three; but the  
greatest of these  
is love.***

***1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJV***

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## **DEAR CBA CHURCHES,**

As we think of the month of February and the theme of Love that is generally associated, do we take the time to recognize the incredible and genuine love of God?

When we read Galatians 5:22 we see the fruit of the Spirit. **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..."** Galatians 5:22-23a. When we concentrate on the term "love" like we see in Galatians 5, we are recognizing the highest standard of love which is reflected in the Greek word, "agape". Agape love is often described as the highest level of love. We can certainly see agape love expressed in John 3:16. In its purest definition, agape love occurs when someone recognizes the value of a person, which then causes the viewer to uphold the person in great esteem, admiration, and sincere appreciation. This is how God views His creation. God stood in awe of mankind even though man was separated and lost in sin. His love compelled Him to send Jesus as a solution for our sin problem for which we cannot resolve on our own. The human race is

precious to God. The way that God loves us is agape love. Agape love has no strings attached. God does not love us with contingencies. We must love Him and others in the same. We don't love for personal gain. If we do, that is not agape love.

Churches, our communities see us by the character and love of Jesus. With those that live around our churches, we see brokenness, lostness and hurting people. Agape love compels us to reach out and encourage and serve them with no strings attached. So the month of February is a great time to take inventory of our love. How are we doing as churches within our association? Are we loving God, each other and the lost without attaching strings? Do we find ourselves asking what does this ministry get us, or rather, what can this ministry give, so that God can be glorified? No String attached. Assess your love and your motivation. No strings. Let's not be consumed of what we get, rather what can we give?

May God richly bless you, your family and your church as you seek to be His witness and share His love in our community, state, nation and world.

In Christ,

Bro. Alan



# LINCOLN BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

## MINISTRY

As the snow continues to fall outside this weekend, I am enjoying a peaceful day of updates, house chores and food prep. We are off to a great start this new year and we had our biggest group yet of 30 athletes last week. We had around 20 students at our first Thursday gathering. Some of our leaders are enjoying a student led dorm study on Tuesday nights as well. Our time during the week is spent with various studies, discipleship, planning missions, international student drivers' education and student leader development. Our semester series we are calling Dressed for Success - the new you in Christ. How are you being shaped and transformed each new day into the likeness of Christ? It takes a daily intentional choice, and Jesus invites us to step into our spiritual clothes just like we do our physical clothes each morning. Are you stepping in and trusting Him for growth, guidance and protection?

### *A few prayer requests to highlight:*

1. We have our Denver SendRelief mission in March during spring break. We are trusting God for 3 more students by the end of January and can find the QR code attached. Would you pray for scholarship resources for a few students totaling \$1,500 - \$1,800?;



2. I'll be headed to San Francisco the first week of February for our annual Super Bowl Outreach. You can check it out at [superbowlbreakfast.com](http://superbowlbreakfast.com) Please pray as the Gospel is shared and good follow up happens with local churches;

3. On February 12th, for our Thursday gathering at the BSU, we are sharing about Love a couple days before Valentine's weekend. We are decorating Valentine sugar cookies if you have interest in baking a few dozen plain sugar cookies for fun that evening.

Blessings and grateful for your prayers and partnership,

*Christ*



# EVANGELISM



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

The Georgia Baptist Mission Boards Evangelism Ministry teaches a class called, "No Sweat Evangelism." It is an excellent training on how to share the gospel. I am always looking for fresh innovative ways to sharpen my skills on how to share the good news. I highly recommend that you go on their website and look at this training. It is free.

Jesus has given us the mandate in Matthew 28:18-20 to make disciples. It is not a suggestion but a command.

The church has the greatest news that anyone has ever been given. So why do we stay so quiet about it? How can we overcome our reluctance to share this good news?

No Sweat Evangelism teaches that we must kill the, A. N. T. S. This stands for any negative thoughts.

The devil puts a lot of negative thoughts into our minds to keep us from sharing the gospel.

There is the "ant" of, "I can't." That is a lie. You can! In fact, we are commanded to. If we don't, we are being disobedient. There is also the "ant" of comparison. We tend to compare ourselves to others. Any time we

compare ourselves with others we lose. We will either be prideful or pitiful. God wants to use you. If you take a step of faith He will use you and sharpen your skills of sharing the gospel the more you try. There is also the "ant" of fear. If I share the gospel with this person they may make fun of me, or they may not be my friend anymore. Friends don't let friends die without hearing the good news that Jesus died and rose again from the dead. He is the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father except by Him (John 14:6). There is the fear of saying the wrong thing or I just don't know enough.

Bill Faye in his evangelism training, *"Share Jesus Without Fear,"* says the only way you can fail at being a witness is to remain silent. He calls it the sin of silence.

My prayer for you and for myself this year is that we will be busy sharing the greatest news of all. Let's kill the A.N.T.S. and share what the Apostle Paul shared, "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

Blessings,  
**Brother Mike Quinn**

## BOOK REVIEW

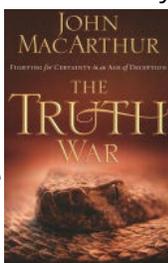


*This book review was submitted by Sarah Kennedy. Sarah is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.*

### THE TRUTH WAR

BY JOHN MACARTHUR

In this book, John MacArthur addresses the presence of false teaching in our world today and the dangers involved when we ignore that fact. MacArthur does not make gentle suggestions, he makes bold declarations: that as believers we need to be aware teaching exists today and step forward and do something about it.



MacArthur begins by explaining modernism and postmodernism thought prevalent today and the ways these philosophies have crept into our churches. He defines truth and reminds us that truth and God are inseparable, "...truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God. Even more to the point: truth is the self-expression of God," (MacArthur 2007, p. 2).

Using the book of Jude as his guide, MacArthur presents a powerful reminder that we are mandated to address false teaching in our society just as they were in the New Testament. Along the way, MacArthur defines apostasy and gives a history of Gnosticism and Judaism, the prevalent false teaching addressed in Scripture.

MacArthur leaves no doubt as to the gravity of the state of the church today. "For the past two decades or more, the evangelical movement has been pounded with an unrelenting barrage of outlandish ideas, philosophies, and programs. Never in the history of the church has so much innovation met with so little critical thinking," (MacArthur 2007, p. 146).

There were times this was a difficult book to read, but readers will find much that is informative and convicting. MacArthur tends to make sweeping statements of condemnation, painting a bleak picture of Evangelicals today. However, he addresses a fact that cannot be argued, many churches today veer away from the unpleasantness of addressing fallacy. This is not a feel-good, uplifting read, it is a call to arms.

### 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...



**February Question:** God blinded Saul on the road to Damascus. For how many days was he blinded?



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

**Answer:** *Levi, the son of Alphaeus*  
Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27

# CBA CALENDAR, EVENTS & DEADLINES



## FEB2026

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
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President's Day-  
CBA Office  
Closed

Resound Summit  
at Concord  
Baptist Church

Newsletter  
Deadline

**February CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**  
 Feb. 16th - CBA Office Closed  
 Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - Resound Summit at Concord Baptist Church  
 Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Deadline

**\*\*February Pastor Round Table-  
Cancelled**



## MAR2026

**MARCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kids Camp Registration Opens  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> - Men & Boys Wild Game Supper  
 March 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - MBC Worship Conference  
 March 20<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Deadline  
 March 24<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Round Table

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Kids Camp  
Registration  
Opens

Men & Boys Wild  
Game Supper

BSU Student  
Mission Trip to  
Denver

MBC Worship  
Conference-  
Concord Baptist

Newsletter  
Deadline

Pastor Round  
Table 12:00pm

2026  
**RESOUND  
 SUMMIT**  
 with DR. CHUCK LAWLESS



**February 17, 2026**

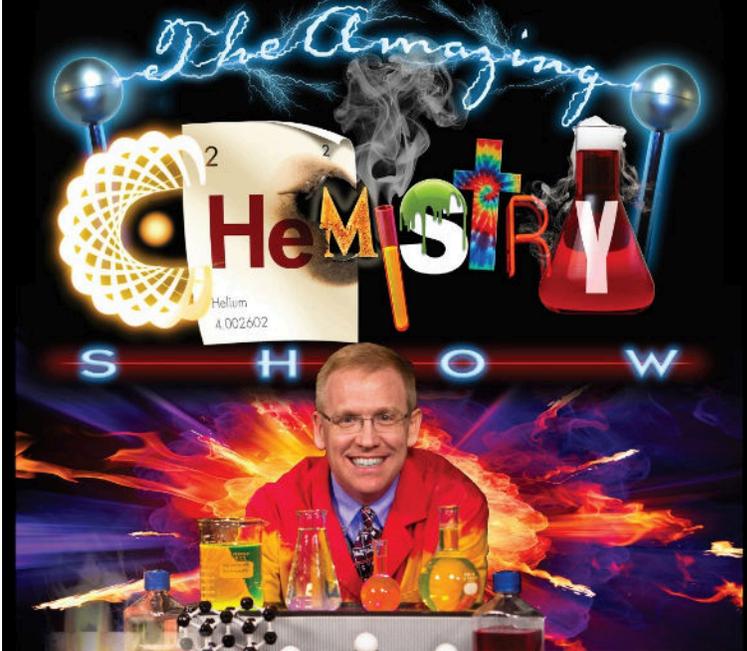
Concord Baptist Church  
 Jefferson City, MO

Register Online  
[resoundnetwork.com/register](https://resoundnetwork.com/register)






*The Amazing*  
**CHEMISTRY**  
 SHOW



"The Amazing Chemistry Show" is an educationally entertaining stage production filled with explosions, colored foam, liquid nitrogen, and glow-in-the-dark solutions, all set to up-beat music. This high-energy science show is fast-paced, provides hilarious audience involvement and an inspirational message for all ages!

**Monday February 23 6 pm**  
**Memorial Baptist Church**  
 1120 Madison St, JC  
 Free tickets @ [www.memorialchurch.net](http://www.memorialchurch.net)

Website: [KidMinScience.com](http://KidMinScience.com) Email: [Josh@KidMinScience.com](mailto:Josh@KidMinScience.com)

**mbWorship**  
 CONFERENCE

**THE  
 Worship  
 TARGET**

**MARCH 13-14, 2026**

**WORSHIP LEADER** | **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
 TRAVIS COTTRELL | DR. BRAD NEWBOLD

**\$50 PER ATTENDEE, INCLUDING SATURDAY LUNCH**  
 (early bird rate of \$35 by Jan. 1, also available for groups of 10 or more and those only attending Saturday)

PRESENTED BY THE MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION & MBC WORSHIP LEADERS  
 HOSTED BY CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY  
 REGISTER AND FIND MORE INFORMATION AT [CONCORDJC.ORG](http://CONCORDJC.ORG)




# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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.



## WKND.26 PREACHER

Brandon Winkler serves at O'Fallon First Baptist Church as their Student and Family Pastor. Brandon has been in ministry for over 17 years, serving churches all across Missouri and even in Texas.

He's passionate about helping students fall in love with Jesus and live out their faith boldly. Brandon has a Bachelor's in Christian Ministry from Southwest Baptist University and a Master's in Theological Studies from Midwestern Seminary—but more than that, he just loves people and pointing them to Christ.

When he's not preaching or leading, you'll find him hanging out with his wife Caitlin, cheering on his kids Mason and Emersyn, or showing up at students' games and performances to support them.

We can't wait for Brandon to bring the Word at WKND.26.



## WKND.26 CHRISTIAN COMEDIAN

Jaron Myers is a stand-up comedian from Missouri whose viral videos have racked up over 1 billion views across social media. With a dedicated following of more than a million fans, Jaron is known for his joyful energy, sharp storytelling, and clean comedy that connects with audiences of all ages.

His breakout special *The Blind Date* — where Jaron went on a real first date in front of a live audience — captivated millions online and ended in a surprising twist: he married her.

Jaron has two stand-up specials on Amazon Prime, a *DryBar* Comedy special, and co-hosts the hit educational comedy podcast *Things I Learned Last Night*. He tours nationally, delivering live shows that are hilarious, heartwarming, and rooted in a message of hope.



# 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**

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

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

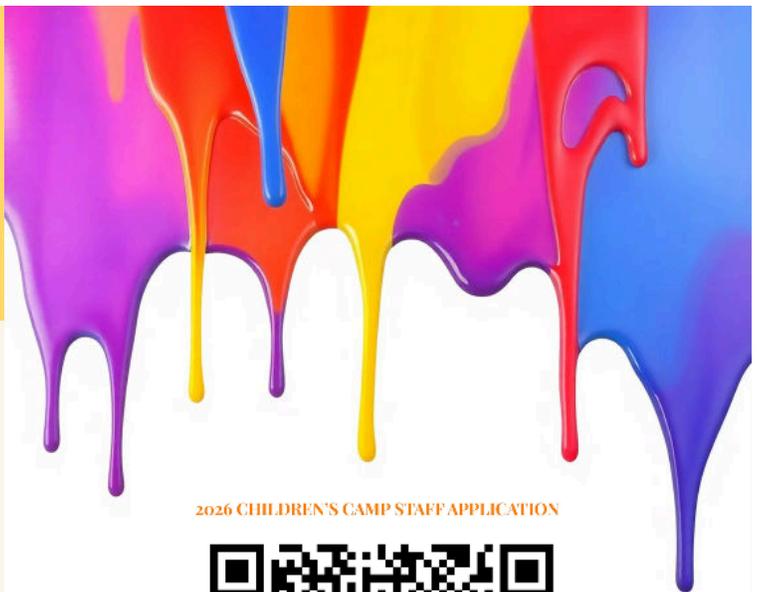
**REGISTRATION OPEN MARCH 2**

Register at [www.cbamo.org/childrens-camp](http://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 ?s Call the CBA Office (573) 556-0379    Camp ?s Call Director (573) 291-1313



2026 CHILDREN'S CAMP STAFF APPLICATION





*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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<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](mailto: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](http://cbamo.org/200th Anniversary) to order your copy. Cost: \$70.



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