



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission



**Your word is a lamp to my
feet and a light to my path.**

PSALMS 119:105 (NKJV)

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Dear CBA Churches,

Perhaps you know the name "Eric Liddell". Whether you remember his name or not I am confident that you know some of his testimony. Eric was the favorite to win the Gold Medal in the 100-meter race at the 1924 Paris Olympics, but Eric never ran the race. The reason he did not run had nothing to do with an injury, sickness or travel problem. The qualifying heat for the 100-meter race was held on a Sunday. Eric was a devoted Christian, and his conviction had always been not to compete in sports on a Sunday out of respect and honor for the Lord. For Eric the fact that the biggest race of his career had no bearing on his conviction. Eric Liddell loved, revered and respected the Lord and no race, no matter how big, would allow him to compromise his conviction to honor the Lord. Many people were disappointed that Eric did not run the 100-meter race and bring home a gold medal for England. But Eric Liddell never expressed disappointment.

The story doesn't end with the 100-meter race. God displayed His Grace. Eric competed in two additional races for which were not his best races. He was not expected to medal in the 200-meter race or the 400-meter. But he was reminded of a portion of I Samuel 2:30 which says in part, "...for those who honor me I will honor...". God means what He says. Eric Liddell won a bronze medal in the 200-meter and a gold in the 400-meter.

Everyone thought it was impossible, but nothing is impossible with God. How are our true convictions for the Lord? Are we sometimes willing to compromise and cave when everyone around us scoffs or laughs at us? God is always faithful, are we?

As Paul Harvey would say, "Now for the Rest of the Story." You may find Eric Liddell's name familiar because of the movie about this experience. "Chariots of Fire" was based on Eric Liddell's life. Eric Liddell's faith remained strong to the end. Instead of leaving his missionary work in China during WW II, he stayed and eventually lost his life in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp on February 21, 1945 at the age of 43. He was faithful to share his faith until the very end. What a beautiful story, truth and inspiration. May God find all of us faithful.

Thanks for all you and your church are doing to serve the Lord in good times and hard. Thank you for standing strong on the convictions of God's Word.

In Christ,
Bro. Alan

MINISTRY & JOB OPENINGS

Full-Time Pastor- Cornerstone Baptist Church, a traditional, mid-sized, multigenerational Southern Baptist congregation in Jefferson City, Missouri, is prayerfully seeking a **Full-Time Pastor**. Candidates should hold a seminary degree and have **at least ten years of ministry experience**. We are looking for a **servant-hearted leader** who excels in **expository preaching**, embraces the **2000 Baptist Faith & Message**, and values **cooperation within the Southern Baptist Convention**. Please send your résumé and sermon links to pastorsearch@cornerstonejeffcity.org. Learn more about our church at www.cornerstonejeffcity.org.

LINCOLN BAPTIST STUDENT UNION MINISTRY

As the summer of 2026 comes to a rapid close, we have been working to purge and clean the BSU to receive both new and returning students from August 12-16. We have a prep and paint day scheduled for Saturday, August 8th, from 9am to 3pm with lunch and drinks included for those who join us in the adventure. We are also seeking the following items to dress up our basement area for students to gather, study, engage and grow together. Please let us know if you have any items or suggestions:

- Area Rug (2)
- Neutral Colored Couch
- Neutral or olive green comfy chair
- 3-6 neutral or olive green throw pillows
- Cocktail table or two
- TV - for programming, events, announcements, worship lyrics, etc
- 2 matching counter lamps
- Dark wood coffee table
- Black curtain with ceiling or free standing rod to close off a corner for storage
- 5 Black picture frames 11 x14 or 8x10
- Warm string "edison" lights
- Fake plants

We are also excited about positioning ourselves on campus with once a month a cookie and booth tabling event on September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd. We are seeking 25 - 30 dozen cookies (even better if homemade) to offer and interact with students on the campus quad. If you would like to help me coordinate those 4 Thursday events this semester to have 5 churches make 5-6 dozen cookies each month, that would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we are looking to have a free dinner for students on 4 Sunday nights this semester as well. Those are currently calendared for August 23rd, September 20th, October 18th and November 15th (special Thanksgiving meal). Again, I would love to help coordinate with 1-2 churches each month to join with us in preparing and serving those events as well.

Blessed to partner together,

Christ

CBA CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES



*Help Prep & Paint the BSU Saturday,
August 8th 9am-3pm*

Cookie & Tabling Events:

Seeking 25 - 30 dozen cookies:

* September 3rd

* October 1st



* November 5th

* December 3rd

FREE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS

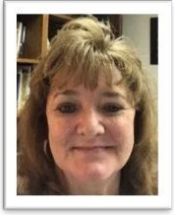
* August 23

* September 20

* October 18

* November 15 (Thanksgiving Meal)

THE PORCH



Hello, I am Paula, wife of your Director of Missions, Alan Earls. I enjoy sharing a little about us, so welcome to our porch.

Welcome back to the porch!

August has always been like a yearly fork in the road.

Growing up, the end of summer meant going back to school. The fun of summer was over, and shopping for new bookbags and school clothes never quite made up for it. It was time to settle back into schoolwork and routine, while the holidays still felt far away.

I've always felt a particular nostalgia at summer's end. There is something about saying goodbye to summer that feels different from every other change of season.

At the beginning of August, I often find myself in a pensive frame of mind, but by the time fall arrives in September, I'm ready for long walks with golden, red, and russet leaves crackling underfoot. I love autumn, but I still mourn the passing of summer.

The end of summer has always felt like losing something, almost like saying goodbye to a dear friend. Still, I know I'll soon be embracing fall and all its festivities.

As I stand at this year's fork in the road, I'll wave goodbye to my friend and say, "See you next summer."

That reflection brings me to one of my favorite verses in the Bible: *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and*

a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Until we visit again, may we be thankful for every season of life.

Thanks for stopping by the Porch.

Blessings,

Paula



ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

ACP packets have been mailed out to churches. We encourage you to submit your ACP data and leadership changes with a **desired completion date of August 31st**. The ACP information provided helps affirm that each congregation is active; updates organization records, i.e. changes in address phone, email or website; churches can look back at statistics from the previous year and; it keeps updated church leadership names and contact information. If you have questions regarding the ACP or need Workspace database training, please contact Pam Jeffries, State ACP Coordinator at 800-736-6227 ext. 337 or the Concord Baptist Association at 573-556-0379 ext. 335. **Thank you** for your assistance in completing the ACP this year.

BOOK REVIEW



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

THE HOLY SPIRIT

BY BILLY GRAHAM

If you have ever had any question regarding the Holy Spirit, this is absolutely the book you should read. Billy Graham has given us a comprehensive look at this sometimes overlooked third person of the Trinity, beginning with who He is. "The most important point I can make...is this: there is nothing that God is that the Holy Spirit is not," (Graham 1978, p 23). From this established fact, Graham moves to important, foundational truths concerning the Holy Spirit and the Bible, the Holy Spirit and salvation, and the Holy Spirit and baptism, including the difference between being baptized in the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit.

Graham spends time teaching us the difference between spiritual gifts and the fruit of the Spirit as well as the sins against the Holy Spirit. Everything Graham teaches is solidly based on Scripture which he quotes liberally throughout the book. There are several reminders that occur frequently in the book as well, particularly on the subject of sin and the importance of dealing with sin. "We have two natures within us, both struggling for mastery. Which one will dominate us? It depends on which one we feed," (Graham 1978, p.81).

Billy Graham left behind an impressive legacy and this book is a part of that legacy. If you were going to read just one book on the Holy Spirit, this should be the one.

It will teach you and convict you not only of sin but of the importance of putting our gifts to work for Him. "We are filled by the Spirit to serve," (Graham 1978, p.107). Graham focuses not on what divides us but on what unites us in the Kingdom of God. In my humble opinion, every believer should seek more of the Holy Spirit and this book is a perfect place to start.

CHURCHES IN TRANSITION:

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

- **Cole Spring - Rev. Mark Donnell retiring August 30th**
- **Concord - Dr. Robert Matz, Interim**
- **Cornerstone - Transitional Pastor Rev. Kenny Martin**
- **Enon**
- **High Point**
- **Immanuel - Transitional Pastor Rev. Steve Sowder**
- **Jamestown - Rev. Ken McCune retired July 26th**

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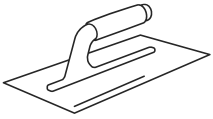


August Question: Where did the Pharisees claim Jesus got his power from?

July Question: Which disciple was put to death before Peter was seized during the Festival of Unleavened Bread?

Answer: Acts 12:2-3 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was *during* the Days of Unleavened Bread. (NKJV)

CONCORD BUILDING TEAM



PROJECT: HILLSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH SPRINGFIELD, MO



The Concord Building Team just finished its annual building trip from July 5th to July 10th. This year the building team went to Hillside Baptist Church in Springfield Missouri. There were 54 registered for this year's project with an average age of 45. Hillside Baptist Church is adding about 20,000 square feet; including a gym, kitchen, bathrooms, storage, classrooms, two missionary apartments and a stage area. The team worked on hanging and finishing drywall. Team members provided morning and evening devotions each day. A highlight of this year's trip was a Hillside church member provided an evening adventure to Fantastic Caverns for all of our Building Team members. Those participating in this year's trip voted to set next year's trip for July 5th to the 10th. Since the 4th of July is on a Sunday, the team decided to travel on Monday July 5th and work through Saturday July 10th.



CBA CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS



AUG 2026

FLAG SPRING VBS 2026



**Praise
THE Lord**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
					Ladies Night Out-Hickory Hill Women in Ministry-Serving Sinclair Well	
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
						WMU Conferences at MBC
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Pastor Round Table 12:00pm			Newsletter Deadline	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**CELEBRATING
VBS**



SEP 2026

HIGH POINT VBS 2026



I am the light of the
world. Whoever follows
me will never walk in
darkness, but will have
the light of life.
John 8:12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
				BSU Cookies & Milk Tabling Effort		
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	Labor Day - CBA Office Closed				Disaster Relief Training-Fulton	→
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Pastor Round Table 12:00pm		CBA Leadership Team Mtg- 8:00pm at MBC	Newsletter Deadline	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
BSU Connection Dinner with Church Partnership						
27	28	29	30			

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE OUR CITY
One broken life at a time.

**Join us for Revival
with John Stroup!**

August 6 - 8 | 6:30 pm



Concord Baptist Church
3724 W. Truman Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65109
573-893-2876

concordjc.org/freewayjc



Join us!

Pastor Appreciation Lunch

THURS., AUGUST 20 @ 11:30 AM

**Come hear how
*one simple
shoebox can
reach more than
just a child with
the Gospel of
Christ!***

Pastors,
Children's
Directors, and
interested staff
are all welcome to
attend!

Free lunch
provided with
delicious
homemade
cinnamon
rolls!

Concord Baptist Church
3724 W. Truman Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65109
RSVP to Nichole @ 573-480-0448 by August 13

WMU EVENT



WHAT JOY! BE STILL AND KNOW
A WMU REGIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE AND
TRAINING EVENT

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2026
9 AM - 3 PM
(DOORS OPEN 8:30)
400 E High Street
Jefferson City, MO

With Missionary Speaker Michael Byrd

[HTTPS://MOWMUCENTRALREGION.WEEBLY.COM/](https://mowmucentralregion.weebly.com/)



REGISTER NOW!



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SHOULD YOU COME?
IF YOU ARE A...

- WMU Group Leader
- Church Leader Looking for Discipleship Materials
- Pastor who loves missions, discipleship, & evangelism
- Sunday School or Children's Church Teacher or Volunteer
- Children's Ministry Teacher/Leader/Volunteer
- Youth Pastor or Youth Volunteer
- Missions and/or Evangelism Leader

THEN YES, JOIN US!



Register Online

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

 **Wed, August 26th**
6:30-8:00 PM

 **Memorial Park Pavilion**
 111 Memorial Park Dr. Jefferson City, MO 65109

All Students
 6th-12th Grade
 Welcome!

Back TO School

Invite your
 friends - we'll
 see you at
 the park!

WORSHIP NIGHT

A Community-Wide Student Ministry Worship Night

HELP. HOPE. HEALING.

MISSOURI BAPTIST Disaster Relief Training

FIRST TIME: \$45 | RE-CERTIFYING/CROSS TRAINING: \$25

NEXT OPPORTUNITY:

TBD

FULTON

September 11-12, 2026

SCHEDULE ONLINE

DINNER, BREAKFAST, & LUNCH
INCLUDED. LODGING AVAILABLE

TRAININGS WE OFFER

- CHAPLAINCY**
- MASS CARE/FEEDING
- ASSESSMENT**
- FLOOD RECOVERY
- CHILDCARE
- CHAINSAW
- COMMUNICATIONS
- SHOWER/LAUNDRY
- HEAVY EQUIPMENT SAFETY**
- INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (IMT)**
- ADVANCED IMT**

** PREREQUISITES REQUIRED



modr.org

REGISTER ONLINE AT
MODR.ORG/TRAINING

ADDITIONAL TRAINING INFORMATION AND
ONLINE REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND ON
OUR WEBSITE. ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
CAN BE EMAILED TO

DISASTERRELIEF@MOBAPTIST.ORG
OR BY CALLING 1-800-736-6227 EXT. 317

 **CBA**

El Salvador

Mission Trip
 2026



December 1st-8th | approx. \$1,700

Calling on mission-hearted volunteers to:

- 1) Lead & assist VBS
- 2) Share the gospel & pray with others
- 3) Work church construction projects
- 4) Train churches on biblical church leadership

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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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 Alicia Amos 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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