



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission



**So why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they
grow: they neither toil nor spin.
Matthew 6:28 NKJV**

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God's blessing as we work for God's harvest time of the fall!

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.

Preschool and Children's Ministry Director - Concord Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Missouri seeks a full-time Children's Ministry Director with a passion for discipling children and equipping families. Responsible for providing leadership, vision, and oversight for programming and events for children from birth through 6th grade. Successful candidate will exhibit spiritual maturity, integrity, and a servant-leadership mindset. Bachelor's degree in ministry, education, child development, or related field and previous experience leading a church children's ministry preferred. Successful candidate will demonstrate strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills; ability to recruit, train, and motivate volunteers; experience in curriculum planning and event coordination; and proficiency with church management software and basic technology tools. Competitive salary and generous benefits provided. More information at cbamo.org. Please send letter and resume to: info@concordjc.org.

Greetings CBA Churches,

Summer has finally bowed to fall. But as we look back over the past few months the churches of our association have been working hard for the Kingdom. Vacation Bible Schools, Camps, Mission Trips and so many other activities. Sometimes we are so engaged in ministry that we forget to take the time to rest. I wanted to take a moment to remind myself as well as our churches that Jesus taught us about resting in Him.

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Resting in Jesus is what we all need to remember. There is a lot of Kingdom work to be done. It is such a privilege that God invites us to be involved in His work. But let us remember as we work for the Lord by preaching and teaching the Gospel and making disciples that we must not do so in our own strength. Jesus is present and desires to give rest to our very soul. You can't get better rest than that. And Jesus wants to personally give it to us.

So churches, thank you for your hard work for the Lord, now let us make sure that we find our rest in Jesus. He will replenish us. He will encourage us. He will motivate us and He will give us the strength that our rested souls need, so we can continue to do God's work without growing weary, tired or worn!



LINCOLN BAPTIST

STUDENT UNION MINISTRY

From new student move-ins to pancake dinners and ice cream socials, we made it through the first two weeks on campus. Many new and returning students started back to school on August 17th. Thanks to Jake Carlisle and his wife from Concord Baptist and a handful of students who brought good energy for our pancake dinner.



Please connect with me for any questions about this tasty way to serve our students!

We also have spent many hours updating the BSU basement for a fun spot to hang out and study! We'll be filling the cabinets and pantry with Ramen, chips, snacks, etc if you're excited to partner in that way!

Grateful to partner with each of you,

Chant

Our BSU Fall Getaway is the last weekend in September happening the same weekend as Homecoming activities, so prayers are appreciated there. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for divine connections and student leaders to emerge after many graduates and transfers have moved along.

We are also hosting homemade cookie tabling events on the First Thursday of the month where we hand out 25-30 dozen cookies, pray over students and staff while engaging in spiritual conversations. **PRAISE**, we already have our Thursday, September 3rd and November 5th dates covered! We would like to invite our CBA churches to consider the dates of October 1st and December 3rd. **Would 5-6 of our churches or small groups be willing to bake 5-6 dozen cookies to get us to the 30 dozen for each of those two dates?**



TURN THE PAGES...



September Question: What name was Gideon given for breaking down Baal's altar?

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

Answer: Matthew 12:22-24: ...But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons. (NIV)



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.

Summer is ending, and vacations, bike rides, mission trips, swimming, and Bible school are now sweet memories.

What a blessing it is to enjoy those memories while serving the Lord. Labor Day marks the unofficial close of summer fun. Growing up in Kentucky, we never started school before Labor Day, but times have changed. Many children now return by early August. They miss some of those long summer evenings, but important lessons can still be learned in everyday life.

A mission trip is a great example. Serving on a team teaches us in many ways. Some people build; others teach, sing, or play an instrument. No matter the role, everyone can share a testimony and lead a devotion.

Every Christian should be ready to do that. Sharing your testimony simply means telling your story of how Jesus has changed your life. Have you shared your testimony? Do your children or grandchildren know how you came to faith? Before summer ends, consider sharing your story with family.

When we talk about what God is doing in our lives, we encourage one another to keep serving Him.

Until we visit again, take time to share your testimony with someone you love.

Thanks for stopping by the Porch.

Blessings,
Paula

"Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for my soul." Psalm 66:16



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child has been reaching millions of children each year with the love of Jesus, through simple shoebox gifts. Partner with us by packing a shoebox with fun toys, school supplies and personal care items and bring joy to children around the world with the Gospel. Connect with the local team at an upcoming workshop to learn more about Operation Christmas Child and how to get involved this season! September 12 from 10 am-12 pm at Southside Baptist Church - [395 Country Meadows Lane, Fulton, MO 65251](#).

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BOOK REVIEW



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

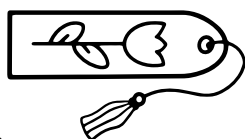
Have you ever struggled to find something to read or wished you had better choices or more godly books to read? Autumn Wenger did and instead of complaining she did something about it. She decided to write the kind of books she wanted to read. Autumn is a teenager from Fortuna, Missouri, and she has written two books.

The first one is ***Celia's Wish***. This is a children's book about a girl named Celia. When we first meet Celia, we learn her parents have indulged and spoiled her. We then follow Celia through a series

of adventures and tragedies where things go from bad to worse before she finally gives her life to God. Be wary with younger readers that death does occur. It would be a good opportunity to initiate a conversation about death and Heaven. Celia's journey is one of faith and a final surrendering to Jesus.

Faith in the Dark is the second book and it is written for teenagers. We meet brothers Aaron and Joe who are out on a double date with sisters Ashley and Emily. Of course, things do not go smoothly for them. We follow them through series of adventures where they are forced to rely on God.

I encourage you to support this local young author, and I suspect we will see more books from her in the future. Her books can be purchased from Amazon where they are available in paperback or on Kindle.



AUTHOR:

AUTUMN WENGER

My name is Autumn Wenger, and I'm a 14 year old published, Christian fiction author.



I've always loved stories— reading them and writing them. I used to spin tales for my sisters as we lay in our room at night trying to fall asleep. I started writing them down, but I didn't finish any— until I was 11. That year I wrote and published my first book, *Celia's Wish*. Since then, I've started several more stories, and I just recently published my 2nd book: *Faith in the Dark*. Currently I'm working on my third— a fantasy this time.

My goal is to write enjoyable, page-turning books that share the Gospel and are full of good morals. I bring God directly into my books, and they all have some sort of redemption story, sometimes multiple. I want to provide other Christian teens with wholesome Christian books that are fun to read, because I don't believe there are enough of those books in the world.



As for what genre I write— I'm still kind of figuring out what my main genre is. *Celia's Wish* is a children's book; *Faith in the Dark* is a middle grade action/adventure; and my work in progress is a juvenile fantasy. Most of what I write has at least a hint of romance, save *Celia's Wish*, but I write only no-spice romance. Nothing in my books is overly graphic: romance or violence.

I don't think anyone is too young to write and publish a book. In today's world, with all of the self-publishing platforms that are out there, it's actually pretty easy to publish a book—once you've written it of course. But even that is just a matter of sticking to it and getting it done.

If you want to learn more about me and my books I'd love to talk with you. Check out my website: autumnwenger.wordpress.com or on Instagram: @authorautumnwenger.

I'm also holding a book signing Saturday, September 5, at Emme's Boutique in Versailles. See my website or my Instagram page for more details on that. I'd love for you to come!!

FRESHWATER CALIFORNIA: REPLANTING MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



I wanted to take a few minutes to share with our sister churches in the Concord Baptist Association about an exciting opportunity the Lord has placed before us.

Freshwater Church has been asked to replant Main Street Baptist Church in California, Missouri. We are grateful for the trust Main Street has placed in us and excited about what God may do through this partnership. Our goal is to launch Freshwater California in January 2027, and I wanted to share a little about what that process will look like so that you can pray with us.

Our hope is to send a significant group of people from Freshwater to join with the existing people at Main Street. Together, they will become the core of a new Freshwater campus in California. Because we believe strongly in live, local ministry, this means sending and developing people for every area of church life—a pastor, worship team, kids ministry volunteers, missions, first impressions, and more.

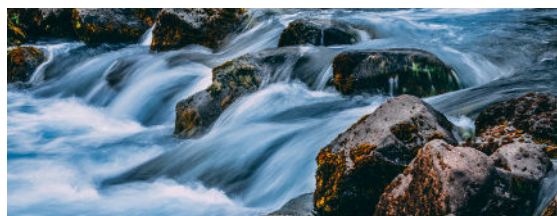
We also plan to complete a substantial remodel of the Main Street facilities before launch, making major updates to prepare the building for this next season of ministry.

While Main Street will initially become a Freshwater campus, our long-term goal is autonomy. Our vision is not to accumulate an ever-growing number of Freshwater campuses. We want to help replant churches, strengthen them, build healthy leadership, and eventually release them to once again operate as autonomous local churches.

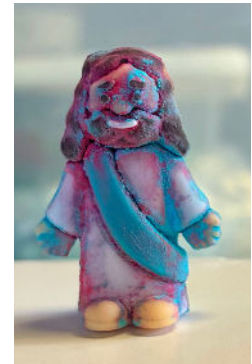
Our heart for replanting really comes down to two things. First, we want to see struggling churches thrive for the gospel again. Second, we want to send our people out to impact new communities with the gospel. We believe replanting gives us the opportunity to do both.

Would you pray with us and with the people of Main Street over the coming months? Pray for a healthy transition. Pray for the January launch. Pray for the people God will call to go. Pray for two groups of believers coming together as one church family for the sake of reaching California with the gospel. Most importantly, pray that through all of it, God would receive all the glory. We are grateful to be part of an association of churches that believes we can accomplish more for the Kingdom together than we ever could alone.

Robert Strong, Lead Pastor
Freshwater Church – Jefferson City



CHILDREN'S CAMP 2026



We had an amazing and messy time at camp this year! Pastor Dawson Giles, Russellville Baptist, walked us through several verses in 1 John and we really focused on how sin is a mess, but Jesus is with us in that mess and only he can clean it up. The kids got to play with oatmeal, spaghetti noodles, colored cornstarch, water, and mashed potatoes! It was a lot of fun to let loose during Wreckreation. They got to design their Camp shirt, make crafts, share some gospel tricks to show their friends, and hear about missions. We got to worship indoors and outdoors and enjoy the beautiful state park with fishing caving, hiking, swimming, games, and art. Every night we had a game show that they really enjoyed and some free time. Many great conversation conversations were had with their cabin leaders and each other. We ate very well thanks to our kitchen crew and we're kept safe by our camp nurse. Thank you to every church that organized their kids going to camp and also to the churches who supported camp by sending supplies and fans. It was a great year!

Kari Sullivan
Children's Camp Director



CBA CALENDAR

AND UPCOMING EVENTS



SEP2026

CHURCHES IN TRANSITION:

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

- Cole Spring
- Concord - Dr. Robert Matz, Interim
- Cornerstone - Transitional Pastor Rev. Kenny Martin
- Enon
- High Point
- Immanuel - Transitional Pastor Rev. Steve Sowder
- Jamestown

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
				BSU Cookies & Milk Tabling Effort-BSU Event		
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- 6:00pm at MBC	Newsletter Deadline	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Finance Team Mtg				
27	28	29	30			

NEW HOPE VBS 2026



OCT2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
				BSU Cookies & Milk Tabling Effort-BSU Event		
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
CBA Annual Meeting-Fortuna					Newsletter Deadline	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Pastor Round Table-12:00pm				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	MBC Annual Meeting-St. Charles	Women in Ministry-Ministry Wives Luncheon				

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Something New

Hosted by Southridge Baptist Church
1815 Vieth Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109

Something New
IS COMING TO
Jefferson City

TUESDAY EVENING
6:00 PM
Men & Women Co-locating
Men and women meet separately but at the same church location.

THURSDAY MORNING
9:30 AM
Women's Class
A convenient morning option just for women!

A NEW BSF Women's Class IS FORMING!

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH. BUILD COMMUNITY. STUDY GOD'S WORD. *Together.*

♥ ALL ARE WELCOME! LEARN MORE OR REGISTER AT joinbsf.org

ShowMe

Christian Youth Home
RESCUE AND RESTORE

Children are often caught in the crossfire of our broken world.

Children in circumstances beyond their control can find hope at Show-Me.



Join us to Support the Show -Me Christian Youth Home

Centertown Baptist Church is hosting a Fish Fry & service partnering with the Parton Family from Show-Me Christian Youth Home

Location: Centertown Baptist Church
1213 Broadway Street
Centertown Mo 65023
September 19, 2026

Doors will open at 5:00 Dinner will be served at 5:30
Services at 7:00
With Love Offering

There is a place..

Going beyond the limits of traditional foster care, children living at Show-Me Christian Youth Home receive therapeutic benefits from specialized programs in a Christ-centered, family environment. Working together, we help each child—physically, academically, emotionally, and spiritually—overcome the struggles of their past and prepare for a successful future.

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



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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