



CONCORD COVENANT

Individual Churches United in Fulfilling the Great Commission

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV



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October has finally approached after a long and hot summer. The introduction of a cool and crisp fall morning is so very much welcomed. October also highlights an exciting and busy hub of activity. Our churches have planned fall revivals, fall retreats and exciting evangelistic outreach to their community, etc. As an association we look forward to our CBA Annual Meeting at Fortuna Baptist Church on Sunday October 11, 2026. As Missouri Baptist we are excited to participate in our MBC Annual Meeting on October 26-27, 2026 at St. Charles.

To see the Christ centered activity within our churches and association reminds me of the importance of each member of the church to work together to form the Body of Christ. Every individual has a part. Every part is important and when connected together in the Body of Christ, God will use His Church to do incredible things. ***Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*** 1 Corinthians 12:27.

It is a joy to see the structure of the Body of Christ within each of our churches. But recently I have seen this truth displayed not only in the local church but within the association as well. We have a number of churches that are pastorless. In order to worship on Sunday's there is a need for pulpit supply. Several of our churches have been investing in pastoral development. The men that have been trained to preach are needing opportunities to preach.

The churches in need of pulpit supply has been very willing to provide opportunities for these recently invested men to preach at their church. Each time one of these men has an opportunity to preach at one of our churches without a pastor, is an opportunity to see our CBA Churches working together for the Kingdom. The church who is without a pastor is encouraged and supported by a sister church, while in return serving the investing church by giving them an opportunity to allow one of their Bible students to preach. It seems there is a three step blessing. Blessing One: God's Word is being proclaimed even though the church is in transition. Blessing Two: the church without a pastor is encouraged and has a preacher available to preach even when there is no one within to do it. Blessing Three: The healthy church raising up pastors and preachers is encouraged and supported by having a sister church open their pulpit to allow these men to get experience preaching God's Word. That, my friends, is how God's church works. Each member called to do their part and when the parts come together it forms the incredible, effective and efficient Body of Christ. Thank you churches of the Concord Baptist Association that understand the importance of each member and how it works together to form one functioning Body.

I am also thankful for all the individual churches that are healthy and realize that through working together that we make ourselves stronger to be used by the Lord for His work.

God Bless and hope to see you on October 11 at Fortuna!

In Christ,

Bro. Alan





LINCOLN BAPTIST

STUDENT UNION MINISTRY

Having completed 6 weeks of classes already, our students at Lincoln University are settling into their fall semester schedules. We are being pruned as we study through John 15 and learning that God's shaping is often not punishment but protection and preparation. Finding that Jesus truly is our one True Vine and source of growth and strength. We have also engaged in great conversations on our first Thursdays of the month through tabling 25 dozen cookies and a game night at the BSU (pictured below: riveting game of spoons).



Additionally pictured, we had an incredible night on Labor Day when 15 athletes showed up for a prayer walk and left encouraging sticky notes all over campus.



This last weekend in September is our Fall Retreat getaway along with Homecoming festivities. We would appreciate your prayers as we follow up with students returning from both of those events and for our **October 1st** cookie tabling conversations. We are very excited for a Friendsgiving meal and Night of Worship on Sunday evening, **November 15th**. We would love to have several of our churches help us with this special meal and serve our students. If you would like to help us plan and prepare for this special evening, please let me know as we begin praying and providing the details.

Blessed to partner together,

Chant

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. I hope you are enjoying these cooler days!

October is here, school routines are settling into place, and many churches are beginning a new Sunday School year. (And if your idea of 'settling in' involves finding matching socks and reheated dinners, welcome to the club.)

There is something hopeful about returning to familiar rhythms. A new Sunday School year gives us a fresh opportunity to open God's Word with expectation, to listen together, and to remember that spiritual growth often happens one faithful week at a time — no gold stars required, though I never turned one down.

I love Sunday School. Growing up in Kentucky, it was more than a weekly class; it was a steady place where Scripture, caring teachers, and faithful church family helped shape my understanding of God's Word and His work in my life. I can hardly remember a time when I was not actively involved, whether attending a class or teaching one.

I often tell people that I learn even more when I teach. Preparation requires me to study deeply, pray carefully, and think about how the lesson will speak to real lives. I also treasure the opportunity to know each member of my class and to grow alongside them — even the ones who ask questions I have to look up later.

Sunday School also taught me to memorize Scripture, a practice that came more easily in my younger years, when I could recite almost an entire chapter from the Bible (my grown-up brain now negotiates hard for just a verse or two). Those verses did more than help me earn recognition or finish an assignment; they settled into my heart and became words the Lord could bring back to mind when I needed them.

*I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you. **Psalm 119:11***

Are you actively involved in Bible study? Maybe on Sunday morning, in a small group or with a group of friends at work. Do you look forward to digging into Scripture with fellow Christians in your church? If not, this may be a wonderful time to begin again. We are never too old to learn, grow, and hear from the Lord, and Bible study remains one of the best ways to listen for what He is speaking to each of us. Sometimes you may want to provide snacks. They often are a great way to get people engaged in the conversation and fellowship.

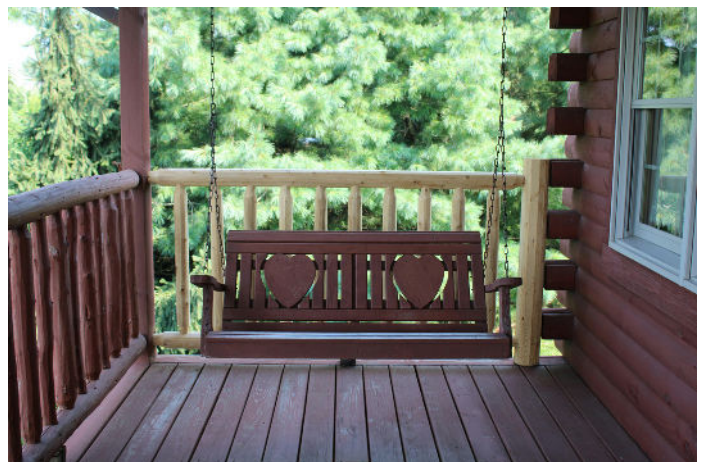
*And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

As we begin a new season, may we make room for God's Word to refresh us, shape us, and draw us closer to Him. Whether we are opening the Bible in a classroom, around a kitchen table, or in a quiet chair at home with a cup of tea growing cold beside us, His Word is still living, faithful, and able to help us continue growing in faith.

Thanks for stopping by the Porch.

Blessings,
Paula

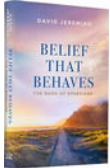
*Let my teaching fall on you like rain and my word settle like dew, like gentle rain on new grass and showers on tender plants. **Deuteronomy 32:2***



BOOK REVIEW



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



BELIEF THAT BEHAVES

By David Jeremiah

In this book, David Jeremiah gives us an in-depth look at the book of Ephesians. Paul's letters are always a valuable study but what is interesting about the book of Ephesians is that Paul was writing to encourage the church in Ephesus, not to correct a problem. "Rather than offering correction, it is filled with encouragement. Specifically, Paul sought to remind the believers in Ephesus—and by extension, those of us who are believers today—about the many blessings they had received through Christ," (Jeremiah 2024, p.4).

Jeremiah writes in a style that is engaging and easily understood by the average layperson. He takes us through Ephesians verse by verse guiding us to the realization that what we believe directly motivates our behavior. He gives us a solid foundation of salvation, blessings, and unity in our faith and then tells us, "our behavior is grounded in God's blessing," (Jeremiah 2024, p.9).

From the opening verses, when Paul lists our spiritual blessings, to the closing verses where he shows us how to deepen our relationships with God and with each

other, Ephesians is a worthwhile study for every believer, whether they are young or old, a mature believer or a new Christian.

Belief That Behaves is available to purchase from David Jeremiah's organization, the Turning Point website, which offers the book, study guides, DVD's, and CD's. It is also available on Amazon. I would highly recommend this book to any individual or small group that seeks to deepen their relationship with God.

CHURCHES IN TRANSITION:

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

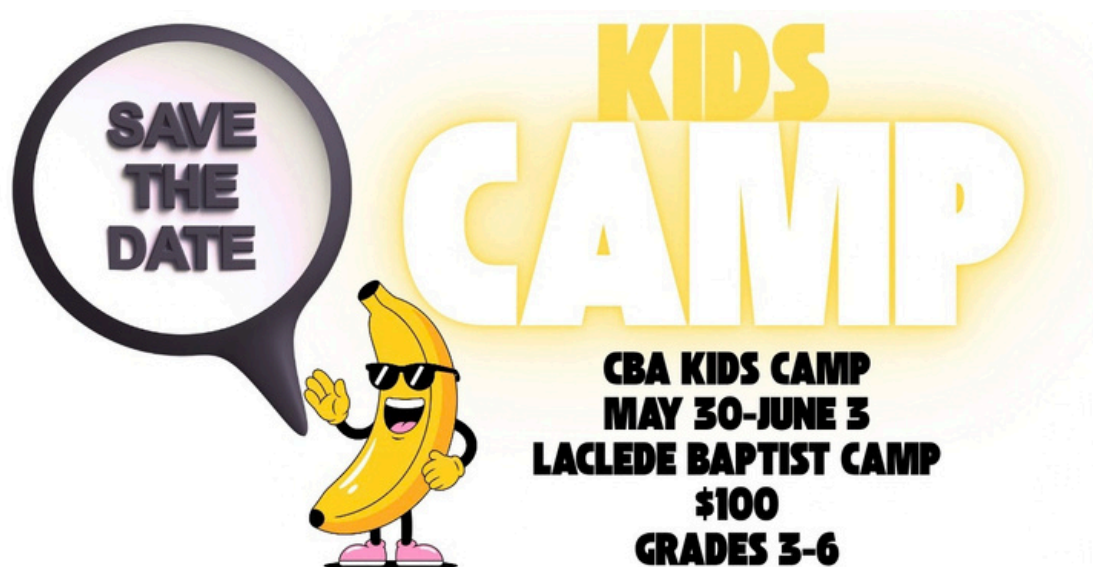
- **Cole Spring**
- **Concord - Dr. Robert Matz, Interim**
- **Cornerstone - Transitional Pastor Rev. Kenny Martin**
- **Enon**
- **High Point - Rev. Monte Shinkle, Interim**
- **Immanuel - Transitional Pastor Rev. Steve Sowder**
- **Jamestown**

TURN THE PAGES...



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

Answer: "So Gideon broke down Baal's alter, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal that day, saying, "Let Baal contend with him." **Judges 6:32**



KIDS CAMP 2027 IS MOVING!

Please save the dates for our 2027 camp for kids who are in 3rd-6th grade—Sunday, May 30, and Thursday, June 3! YES, this is Memorial Day Weekend. We debated end of school, summer school, family plans, sports, etc. We unanimously agreed on this camp week because of camp availability, cooler weather, and the least conflicts with VBS, other association events, and fairs. Our other options were the 4th of July week and the first week of August. Our regular week was not an option.

We are also moving locations to Laclede Baptist Camp in Richland/Stoutland, MO (15 minutes from Lebanon on I-44). Camp fees will remain \$100, but we will be adding AC in all buildings, a new pool, and safe and flat terrain to name just a few upgrades. Put this on your church calendars and get the word out to parents early! We wanted to give you plenty of time to budget for camp.

If you are interested in being a camp leader, reach out to Kari Sullivan by December 1st. Kari's number is [573-291-1313](tel:573-291-1313).

Keep an eye out for registration opening early February.



5th Annual Ladies Night Out

The 5th Annual Ladies Night Out was a big success with over 135 registered! We want to thank Hickory Hill Baptist Church for hosting and providing an exceptionally delicious meal. We also want to thank our speaker, Esther Wright (Hickory Hill) who brought an uplifting message and Bobby Underwood and the Freshwater Worship Team for leading us in praise and worship music.

Pastor's wives in attendance were recognized and congratulations goes to First Baptist Church Tipton for receiving the *Traveling Rolling Pin* award for most in attendance.

Each year the Ladies Night Out Team chooses a ministry to bless. This year's blessing went to *Dreams to Reality* in Jefferson City. Jaime Waltz, Executive Director explained to us how *Dreams to Reality* helps empower women in our community pursue meaningful and sustainable careers through professional attire, workshops and career development services that prepare them for the workforce. Along with the Concord Baptist Association gift of \$200 the Ladies at the evening event stepped up and individually donated over \$940 that will go towards the *Dreams to Reality* Bra Campaign. We want to thank each and every one who attended the event for an evening of fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for information on the 2027 Ladies Night Out event!



Pictured above (l-r): Esther Wright, Hickory Hill - Speaker; Prayer for Attending Pastor's Wives; Good Food & Fellowship!



Pictured above: FBC Tipton receiving the Traveling Rolling Pin Award for most in attendance.

Boutique Hours

Tuesday: 10am - 2pm
Wednesday: 9am - 6pm
Thursday: 10am - 2pm
And
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month
9am - 12 Noon

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Sep 16, 2026

Concord Baptist Association
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Dear Women's Baptist Association,

Thank you so much for inviting me to speak with the Missouri Baptist Association women in August! It was truly a pleasure to share the mission of Dreams to Reality with you.

Thank you for your donation of 200.00. Through all of your generous donations, you have contributed \$941 to Dreams to Reality's Bra Campaign! ♥

Our Bra Campaign is such an important part of what we do. Every woman who comes through our Fashion Fitting Program receives two brand-new, properly fitting bras—something that can make a tremendous difference in her comfort, confidence, and ability to feel prepared for work.

Thank you for helping us provide this small but incredibly meaningful gift to the women we serve. Your generosity is helping women feel confident and ready to take their next step toward a better future. We are so grateful for your support!

With deep appreciation,

Jaime Waltz
Jaime Waltz
Executive Director
Dreams to Reality and Resale Boutique

Part-Time Ministry Assistant - The Concord Baptist Association (CBA) is currently seeking a part-time Ministry Assistant. This part-time position consists of a flexible 24 hour work week, at the discretion of the Director of Missions, between the hours of 8:00-4:30 Monday-Thursday and 8:00-12:00 Friday. This position requires the ability to multitask, work with CBA leadership, pastors, other CBA church leaders and their members, along with the public.

For a full job description please go to our website at cbamo.org. Resumes should be emailed to alanearls@cbamo.org.

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 & Children's Ministry Director - Concord Baptist Church, Jefferson City 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.



CBA CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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				



NOV2026

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
BSU Thanksgiving Dinner		Pastor Round Table-12:00pm		CBA Leadership Transition Mtg- 8:30pm at MBC	Newsletter Deadline	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Thanksgiving Holiday-CBA Office Closed			
29	30					

PREPARE FOR 2027
 TRAINING IN MULTIPLE CURRICULUMS

NOVEMBER 20, 2026
 The Baptist Building
 in Jefferson City, MO

YOU HAVE CHOICES!

Join us from 9am - 2pm as we explore the top two VBS offerings for 2027 and find new ways to improve VBS planning, preparation, and follow-up!

Need information?
 Reach out now:

Christy Nance
 cdnance@swbell.net
 (314) 795-0676

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!

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2026

Concord Baptist Association's 203rd Fall Annual meeting will be held October 11, 2026. The event will be hosted by Fortuna Baptist Church, Fortuna, MO.

Beginning at 4:30 pm there will be an opportunity for membership to interact with ministry and partner booths followed by the meeting at 6:00 pm. The evening ends with all of our churches coming together in unity to worship our true living God at 7:00 pm.

The theme of our meeting and worship will be Charting the Course Together and the theme verse of Psalm 78:72 ***With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.*** (ESV)

We hope you and your church is planning to attend!

**FORTUNA BAPTIST CHURCH
72233 HIGHWAY W
FORTUNA, MO 65034-1039**



SCHEDULE

4:30 pm - Partner Booths ** 6:00 pm - Annual Meeting ** 7:00 pm - Worship

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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(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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