

Concord Covenant

December 2011



*May God richly bless you during this season
as we celebrate our Savior. Merry Christmas!*

From: Calvin, Juanita, Mauricio & David

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- 4 Begin Week of Prayer for IMB and LMCO
- 6 BCM Pancake Feast
- 12 CBA Staff Prayer Journey
- 13 Winter Bible Study Overview with Ken Lupton
- 22 CBA Office closes at noon
- 23-Jan. 2 CBA Office closed
- Reopens Tues., Jan 3

JANUARY

- 2 Office closed
- 3 CBA Office reopens
- 7 Hispanic MMBLC
- 13-14 Mental Health First Aid Seminar
- 16 Office closed, MKL Day
- 19 Leadership Team mtg.
- 22 Executive Council, 2 p.m. Salem Baptist
- 23 MMBLC Spring Semester begins
- 26 Outreach Council Mtg.
- 28 VBS Open House
- 29 Day of Prayer for SBC



National Goal: 175 Million

**Week of Prayer for the International Mission Board and the
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 4-11**

For photos, videos and other helpful resources, go to www.imb.org.

Resources for the 2011 International Mission Study focusing on London can be found at www.wmu.com. Scroll over "calendar" you will see "International Missions Emphasis" in the drop-down menu.

Calvin's Corner:



“And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.”

***Luke 2:17-18
(NASV)***

Glory in the highest!

Can you imagine being with the shepherds as they heard the announcement of the birth of Jesus: *“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord”* (Luke 2: 10-11). Wow, a message for the ages for all people that the Savior is born!

The message of the Savior is just as real today as it was on that glorious day. But today it is not angels who declare the message of the Savior, it is us, His disciples. Over the last several months, you have been hearing our association leaders talk about Transform. Transformation can only take place as individuals accept the message of the Savior. We know what we are to do: “Make disciples” and “be witnesses,” but how are we to do this in a world where it seems few are interested in the message of Christ? Let me suggest the following:

Identify—In order to reach people, we need to know who they are. It is not enough to say we want to reach the lost. We must know who they are in order to carry the message to them. The Transform team is working on identification through the demographics of our area, but only you can identify people you know who need a relationship with the Savior.

Intercede—Once identified, we must pray these folks will be open to receive the gospel. R.A. Torrey said, “The most important human factor in effective evangelism is PRAYER.” Often our intercessory prayer list focuses on the sick. Let us commit to making spiritual needs our longest prayer list.

Invest—Reaching the lost takes effort. We must invest ourselves in reaching out to them. It will take an investment of our time, energy, and resources. Such investment will build relationships and trust with those who need the Lord. How much are you investing into the lost that they may come to know Christ?

Invite—To continue building trust, we need to invite people to be a part of our life. Find common interests and invite them to share those with us. For example, invite those needing Christ to share a meal, to play golf, or to just sit and chat. Invite them to be your guest at special activities at the church. Doing these things will then lead you to invite them to have a relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ.

Instruct—Remember a person once they accept Christ. Our commission is to make disciples, not merely converts. Help new Christians learn how to follow Christ. We do this by being available to them as they learn and by being an example of a faithful life. In order to make disciples, we must be a disciple.

Involve—Growing as a disciple does not take place only in a classroom. What we learn must be applied in our daily life. Just as Jesus taught, greatness is not measured by who we are or what we know; it is measured by being a servant. Our task is to make disciples who, in turn, will make disciples.

Glory in the highest! As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us follow the words of the great carol: “Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.”

Calvin

Multicultural Ministry

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2: 14

Carolyn and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The year 2011 was a good one for Multicultural Ministries. Many church members volunteered to travel at home and in foreign countries to minister to people in need and present the good news of salvation to hundreds of people. Many served in Jefferson City with the ministry of kindness to families next door.

I would like to share with you two events that happened in November. First, representing the association, Rev. Glen Golden, Pastor of High Point Baptist Church, presented to Rev. David Ayala an appreciation plaque that said, *"From Concord Baptist Association to Pastor David Ayala in appreciation for his dedication to the Lord's Ministry and assisting CBA teams in the many projects of 'Mi Casa Es Su Casa.'"* Pastor David welcomed every team that travelled to San Vicente, El Salvador into his church. Second, on Friday, November 11, 2011, a group of leaders met at Memorial Baptist Church for a prayer drive in two areas of the association. The intention was to visit and pray for the churches; to see new areas of growth in the county and to better know our mission field.

Would you please pray that in 2012, every church in the Association will take part in the "TRANSFORM" emphasis: Every church reaching our communities thru Mobilization, Cooperation and Celebration.

May Our Lord bless in the coming year.

J. Mauricio Vargas



Baptist Collegiate Ministry

The annual Thanksgiving break begins Nov 23. Last week the new BCM Council met with a group of students to plan various ministries for the coming year. On Dec 6, BCM will sponsor a "pancake feast" during finals week for a study break from 9 - 11 P M. We will hand out "goodie bags" to everyone that will contain snacks and information about the BCM ministry and a gospel tract. Students are exploring various ideas such as movie night, a talent show, road trip and a spring retreat in their planning for next semester.

During the football season I enjoyed being with the team for home games and away games when possible. Over one hundred Bibles and tracts were given to players and coaches. Players participated in "chapel" Bible study on Friday nights prior to games on Saturday. Coaches attended an early morning Bible study on Thursdays. The coach's study will continue all year and a players' Bible study will be scheduled weekly.

Adrian Hendrickson, faculty member and Baptist pastor of the newly formed "Joshua House" church recently attended training in Alabama for chaplains and will serve as chaplain for the basketball team. "Tuesday Nite Live" continues with students from Pakistan, Moldova, Taiwan and Jamaica attending. Former student, Josh Arthur, cooked a pizza supper for this event in October.



We are, at this season and always, thankful for all our Concord Assn. churches faithful support. Please continue to pray for us and help in the following ways: Financially, provide snacks, purchase Bibles, tracts and books, provide a meal at our monthly evangelism services.

David Phelps, Campus Pastor

Olympic mission Opportunity

Mission teams are needed to serve at the **London Summer Olympics**. Some will partner with More Than Gold, a ministry organization that has been an SBC partner during several Olympics. Others will work with local Baptist Churches. Ministries include projects like handing out water and witnessing to people from 217 nations. **Teams will work one of two ten-day periods between July 24 and August 12.** Reservations made before the end of the year will cost around **\$3000. Cost includes airfare, lodging, and most meals.** Call Calvin if interested. Cost may go up after Jan. 1. Call today!

MID-MISSOURI BIBLICAL LEARNING CENTER Spring 2012 Semester Registration now open

Personal Discipleship and Evangelism

Mondays, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 Taught by Pastor Greg Morrow
 Location: First Baptist Church of California

Survey of New Testament Literature

Mondays, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 Taught by Dr. Calvin Brown
 Location: Concord Baptist Association Office



Class dates: January 23- April 30, 2012. For more information or to pre-register, call 573-635-4832 or email juanitag@cbamo.org.



Concord Builders' Team Bill Payne Memorial Fund Received to date: **\$2,470.00**



The CBA Builders' Team is sponsoring a special fund to be named in memory of Bill Payne. Bill was a long-time member and leader of the team. The goal of the fund is to purchase a 6' X 14' or 16' trailer (similar to the one pictured) for use by the building team. Once a new trailer is purchased and outfitted for service, the existing trailer will be dedicated to Disaster Relief. Anyone desiring to contribute to this fund should send their check to Concord Baptist Association, noting Bill Payne Memorial Fund on the memo line.

Centro de Desarrollo para Lideres
Hispanic Bible Institute
Saturday, December 3

9 a.m.-noon	HD 142 Doctrina Cristiana
1-4 p.m.	EM 123 Homiletica

The cost is \$25.00, meeting at the association office. Books will be available for purchase. *Contact Mauricio Vargas for additional information (573-690-5195) or email him at jmvargas@cbamo.org.*

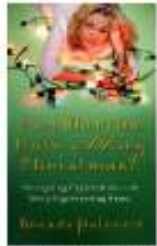
LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

First Baptist Church, 208 S Oak St., California, MO 65018

Can Martha Have a *Mary* Christmas?

Saturday, December 3 Pre-Register by
 10 AM—1 PM November 28
 Cost: \$8.00 (includes lunch) (No children please, high school age & up)

Author and speaker Brenda Poinsett will share how women can have a meaningful Christmas in a way that will bring tears to your eyes and a smile to your lips. This year, you can truly experience Jesus and have a *Mary* Christmas.



Having a Mary Christmas means seeing Jesus, listening to Him, learning from Him, and interacting with Him.

To register call the church office at 573-796-4452 or email womensministry@fbcoalfornia.com

Books will be available to purchase.

Mental Health First Aid

Training for those with a caring heart such as teachers, deacons, family members, emergency workers, ministers or chaplains

Friday, Jan. 13 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 14 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Location: Concord Baptist Church

\$10 Registration Fee includes a light meal on Friday as well as snacks and lunch on Saturday. Class size limited to 25.

Learn to

- recognize the signs and symptoms of common mental disorders
- develop a 5-step action plan to connect to professional care
- know what resources are available

Contact the association office to register:
 573-635-4832 or email juanitag@cbamo.org

First 20 to pre-register with the association office will receive the leader book with CD-ROM FREE!

WINTER BIBLE STUDY OVERVIEW

Taught by Ken Lupton from Lifeway

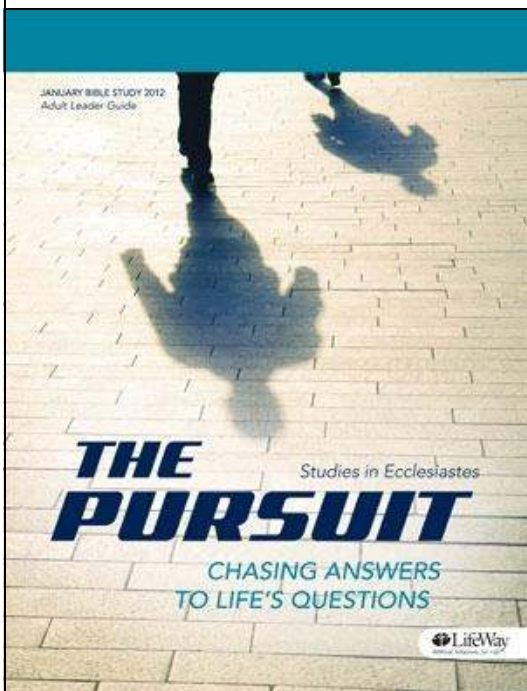
2 sessions available

Tuesday, Dec. 13 10 a.m.-noon at the CBA Office
 in Jefferson City

Tuesday, Dec. 13 6:30-8:30 p.m. First Baptist Church
 California, MO



This study will:

- Raise the most challenging questions we face in life in a very realistic way
- Remind us what life is really like when we choose the pattern of this world rather than what God has to give
- Help us develop an everyday theology, showing us how to shape a Christian worldview
- Serve as a guide for us as we seek to learn how to engage culture in an effective way
- enable us to see afresh our need for the gospel of Jesus Christ.





December 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Hispanic MMBLC
4	5	6 BCM Student Pancake Feast, 9 PM	7	8	9	10
-----Week of Prayer for International Mission Board and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering-----						
11	12 CBA Staff Prayer Journey	13 Winter Bible Study Overview	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 CBA Office closes at noon	23	24 Christmas Eve
CBA Office closed for Christmas break until January 3, 2012						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
-----CBA Office closed until January 3 for Christmas break-----						
 CBA Office closed for Christmas break	Jan. 2	Jan 3 CBA Office reopens 8:00 a.m.	Happy Birthday! 11 Brint Hilliard, Assoc. Pastor-FBCJC 11 Randy Smith, Pastor-Hopewell Union 15 Kevin Kohler, Pastor-Calvary 16 Noah Angel, Pastor-FCI 26 J. Wayne Merrill, Pastor-Wooldridge		27 Tim Redmond, Pastor-Lupus 1 Doyle Sager, Pastor-FBCJC	

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Missions Event

Salem Baptist Church

Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.

International missionaries Robert and Peggy Mulkey will be sharing about their ministry in Ecuador with the deaf. Lunch will be served following the program. Please call the church office to RSVP for the meal/

Christmas Programs

Friday, Dec. 2	“Living Windows” in Jefferson City	6:00 p.m.	
	Southridge on the NE corner of Madison & High Streets		
	FBC-Jefferson City at 314 E. High Street		
Sunday, Dec. 4	Hanging of the Greens Service	10:30 a.m.	Mt. Olive
Sunday, Dec. 4	Puppets Christmas Performance	6:30 p.m.	Southridge
Sunday, Dec. 4	Children’s Cantata, “All I Want for Christmas”	6 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant-Hartsburg
Sunday, Dec. 4	*Christmas Cantata “Mary, Did You Know”	6 p.m.	Immanuel
Friday, Dec. 9	“The Gift of Christmas” Festival of Lights	7 p.m.	Concord
Saturday, Dec. 10	“The Gift of Christmas” Festival of Lights	3 and 7 p.m.	Concord
Sunday, Dec. 11	“The Gift of Christmas” Festival of Lights	7 p.m.	Concord
Sunday, Dec. 11	“Tapestry of Light, A Celtic Christmas”	8:15 & 10:45 a.m.	FBC-Jefferson City
Sunday, Dec. 11	*Christmas Cantata “Mary Did You Know”	6 p.m.	Hickory Hill
	*Presented by the combined Adult Choirs of Immanuel and Hickory Hill		
Sunday, Dec. 11	“The Saints & Angels’ Song” Children’s Cantata	6:30 p.m.	Southridge
Sunday, Dec. 18	“Searching for the King” Adult/Youth cantata	6:30 p.m.	Southridge
Sunday, Dec. 18	Adult & Children’s Christmas Program	6:30 p.m.	Mt. Olive
Sunday, Dec. 18	“Mary Did You Know” Adult Cantata, 10:30 a.m.		Mt. Pleasant-Hartsburg
Sunday, Dec. 18	Christmas Drama followed by Candlelight Service	6 p.m.	Immanuel

Christmas Eve Services

First Baptist , Jefferson City	6:00 p.m.	Concord Baptist	4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
High Point	5:30 p.m.	Cornerstone	6:00 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant-Hartsburg,	7:00 p.m.	Memorial	5:00 p.m.
Southridge, 6:00 p.m.		Mt. Olive	8:00 p.m.

This is the list that was turned in to the association office. There may be others of which we are not aware.

Enjoy the season!