

Concord Covenant

November 2011



PRAYER DRIVE

Friday

11-11-11

SCHEDULE:

8:30 a.m. Meet at Memorial Baptist Church, 1120 Madison Jefferson City, MO

9:00 a.m. Team up and drive
We need enough people to cover the 13 zip code areas within our association

Noon Praise Reports
All teams report back to Memorial for lunch and a time to share what God is doing

*"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)*

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Important Dates

NOVEMBER

1-2	MBC Annual Meeting
5	Hispanic Institute
7	Baptist Women's Day of Prayer-Enon, 6:30 p.m.
10	Joint Council Meeting
11	Veterans Day Advance Transform Survey
14	CBA Staff Prayer Journey
16	Pastor Fellowship
23	Office closes at noon
24-25	Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

3	Hispanic MMBLC
4	Begin Week of Prayer for IMB and LMCO
12	CBA Staff Prayer Journey
13	Winter Bible Study Overview with Ken Lupton
22	CBA Office closes at noon

Calvin's Corner:



The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed....when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants....the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

***Matthew
13:31-32
(NASB)***

The final trilogy of commands Jesus gives us in the Great Commission states, “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:20 NKJV). The requirement is to teach what Jesus taught. Have you considered what Jesus taught? Without doubt He taught salvation and discipleship, but the focus of His message that encompasses everything was the Kingdom of God. In obedience to Christ’s command, the church’s focus must be God’s Kingdom.

In his book, *The Kingdom Focused Church*, Gene Mims gives this description of God’s Kingdom:

“The Kingdom of God is the reign of God in today’s world. The Kingdom is the ultimate reality and sovereign movement of God in the universe. This is expressed in the transforming truth that Jesus Christ rules over all things and is evidenced by God’s supernatural work in and through believers in the local church. The Kingdom of God must be the central life focus that every person should seek and align with in order to know the full and abundant life God created people to experience in Christ.” (ix)

A Kingdom-focused church recognizes that for the church to transform our society, Christ must rule in all we do. In the Kingdom-focused church, the God of worship is more important than the form of worship, spiritual growth is more of a lifestyle than an activity, and outreach is more concerned with bringing people into the Kingdom than into the church. A church with such a focus finds that Christ adds to their number often.

As we move into the Thanksgiving season let us praise God for the churches of the association. Let us praise Him for the ministry to which He has called us. Then let us be committed to His Kingdom’s work.

Cal Brown

TRANSFORM
Mobilization. Cooperation. Celebration.

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2 NASB)

Multicultural Ministry

One of the choruses I love to sing is "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul. Thank you, Lord, for making me whole. Thank you, Lord, for giving to me thy great salvation so rich and free." Aren't you glad we can take time during this month to really say, "Thank you, Lord." Thanksgiving Day is an American tradition. I remember how, as a foreign student, I looked forward to meeting my host family to celebrate this holiday; not just to have a good meal, but to really appreciate what God has done.

I would like to say, "Thank you!" to the churches that opened their doors to welcome the Salvadoran leaders during the Concord Baptist Association annual meeting and Missouri Baptist Convention. They enjoyed visiting and speaking in our churches. Several pastoral families hosted David Ayala, Otoniel and Elizabeth Calderon, Sonia Valiente, Raul Abrego and Medardo Hernandez. When I asked them what surprised them about the State of Missouri and Missouri Baptist churches, they told me, "Missouri is a big state with a lot of open spaces, nice highways and farms. The churches are blessed with a lot of space, nice sanctuaries and buildings. People are friendly and love to worship. We have learned a lot about how God has blessed this country."

PRAY FOR EL SALVADOR. As these leaders return home they will find a country that experienced 10 days of rain with over 60 inches falling. Fourteen bridges were destroyed by flooding. Many families lost loved ones, crops were destroyed, houses washed away, and many lost jobs on the farms that were affected. The Missouri Baptist Convention will collect donations to send to the Baptist Association of El Salvador to assist in 4 feeding stations currently operating in the country. If you can help, send your donations to the MBC, %Linda Stockton, 400 E. High St., JCMO 65101

Thank you for being a great host!

J. Mauricio Vargas

Multicultural Ministries

Baptist Collegiate Ministry

The ministry to Lincoln U. involves being a "free-lance" pastor or evangelist most of the time. Two weeks ago, while pumping gas, I noticed some young men in a car at the next pump. My presumption was that they were Lincoln students. When asked, they confirmed my thoughts. I soon learned they were all from Jamaica. They were extremely friendly and when I told them I was the campus pastor for Lincoln they began talking. One even said something to the effect he was needing to find change for his life! This same young man came by a week later and without any hesitation, committed his life to Christ. The next night he brought 4-5 of those friends to Tuesday night Bible study. When a couple of them had to leave early, I asked if another time might be better. Thus, we began a 2nd Bible study on Thursdays at noon. We call it *Jamaicans for Jesus* but everybody is welcome and other students are coming as well. These men are all on the track team and have secured permission from their coach to have me do a devotional occasionally for team members. We have also been invited to provide a chaplain for the basketball team.

Last week I counseled with 6 different students and also a faculty member. We held 2 Bible studies, a chapel service for the football players, and a football coach's Bible study. As team chaplain, I led the pre-game prayer on Saturday and was with them on the sidelines during the game. We provided sock hats knitted by the dear ladies of FBC, Tipton for the Jamaican students. I also took a couple of these guys out to buy winter clothing.

God is moving and it is thrilling to see! Please consider how you may partner with us in this great ministry:

- Our greatest need is for FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- Provide snacks for Bible studies
- Sponsor an on-campus free lunch during the day
- Invite them and provide transportation to your church's services and events

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Charitable Contributions Records

Information regarding changes in the guidelines for the substantiation for Charitable Contribution Deductions have been posted on our web site cbamo.org.

This information came from our Treasurer and CPA Bobby Medlin.

All persons with the responsibility of preparing end-of-year contribution statements should be aware of these regulations.

Be in prayer for our churches without pastors:

- FBC Elston
- Enon
- Friendship
- Hickory Hill
- Jefferson City Bapt.
- Lebanon
- Pleasant Hill

**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: \$2,270.00**



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, November 1**

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.
Contact Mauricio Vargas for additional information (573-690-5195) or email him at jmvargas@cbamo.org.

**Thursday, November 10
Concord Assn. Office**

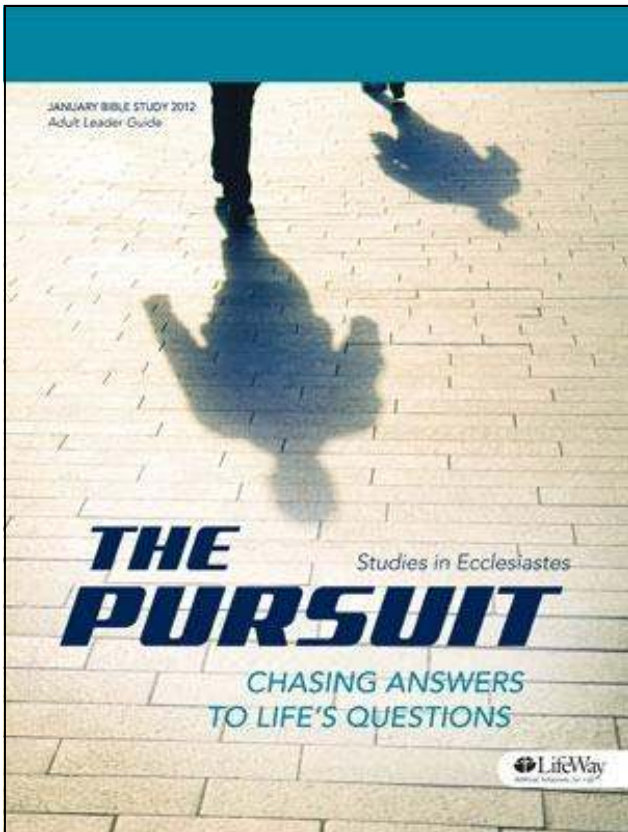
Agenda:

- 6:00 p.m. Meal and Fellowship
- 6:45 p.m. Transform Challenge
(We will start this earlier if everyone is finished eating.)
- 7:00 p.m. Team Meetings
- 8:30 p.m. Joint Sharing & Planning
- 9:00 p.m. Dismiss

All Joint Council members should have received a letter with full details. Please RSVP by Nov. 9, 2011.



Joint Council Meeting



**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 in light of the challenges of secularism
- 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.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Continued:

- Provide a free meal at our monthly evangelism service
- Provide homes for International Students during the holidays
- Begin an "adopt-a-student" ministry with church members and students
- ABOVE ALL, PRAY FOR THIS GROWING MINISTRY !





David Phelps, Campus Pastor



Dinzel Webb with international student Tatiana Dormenco



November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Hispanic MMBLC
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> ---Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting--- Osage Beach </div>					
6 DST Ends 	7 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Enon 6:30 p.m. MMBLC	8	9	10 JOINT COUNCIL MEETING, 6 P.M. CBA Office	11 VETERANS DAY  Advance Transform Survey	12
13	14 CBA Staff Prayer Journey Office closed at 11:30 a.m. MMBLC	15	16 Pastor Fellowship with Walter Coplen noon, CBA office	17	18	19
20	21 MMBLC	22	23 CBA Office closing at noon	24 THANKSGIVING  Office closed	25 CBA Office closed	26
27	28 MMBLC	29	30			
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> Happy Birthday! 10 Jeanie McGowan, Singles Min., FBC-JC 17 Mauricio Vargas, CBA MC Ministry 28 Pastor Monte Shinkle, Concord </div>				

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

November 7, 2011

6:30 p.m., Hosted by Enon Baptist Church

This will be a wonderful time of music, devotion and prayer. All ladies of the association are invited to come. Light refreshments will be served after the program. For more information or directions to the church, call Hazel Rea, 573-782-3182.

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. Anyone interested in learning about this ministry is welcome. Lunch will be served following the program. Please call the church office to RSVP for the meal, 573-796-3534.

If your church has special services you would like publicized during the coming holidays, please call 573-635-4832 or email juanitag@cbamo.org with all the details and we will do our best to help spread the word.



From: Calvin, Juanita, Mauricio & David