

Concord Covenant

January 2012

*****CBA MISSION TRIP 2012*****

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Important Dates

JANUARY


- 2 Office closed
- 3 CBA Office reopens
- 7 Hispanic MMBLC
- 13-14 Mental Health First Aid Seminar
- 15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 16 Office closed, MLK Day
- 17 Discipleship Council mtg.
- 19 Leadership Team mtg.
- 22 Executive Council, 2 p.m. Salem Baptist
- 23 CBA Staff Prayer Journey
- 23 MMBLC Spring Semester begins
- 28 VBS Open House
- 29 Day of Prayer for SBC

FEBRUARY


- 4 Hispanic CLD
- 7 Pastor/Staff/Spouse V/Day Date Night
- 12-18 WMU Focus Week
- 18 Children's Share-A-Song
- 20 Office closed-Pres. Day
- 21 Nominating Team Mtg.
- 27 Wild Game Supper
- 29 It's Leap Year!




LONDON




Fascinating Landmarks










A Queen



City of Many Cultures

2012 Olympics



Minister during the 2012 Olympics
CBA Mission Trip to London
July 26-August 5, 2012

Work alongside members of Gold Hill Baptist Church in West London

Cost: Approximately \$3000 includes most meals, travel and lodging
 Registration Deadline is January 10, 2012-\$200 deposit due at that time

Team meeting is Jan. 15. Call 573-635-4832 if you are interested in going.

Ministry Projects will include:

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| Child care | Sports Ministry |
| Activities for children and youth | Creative Arts |
| Prayer | Music Ministry |
| Evangelism | Social Action Work |

Go to www.goldhill.org, click on *Run the Race* for more information.

Calvin's Corner:



***“Now may the
God of peace
Himself sanctify
you entirely;
and may your
spirit and soul
and body be
preserved
complete,
without blame
at the coming
of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
Faithful is He
who calls you,
and He also will
bring it to
pass.”***

***1 Thessalonians
5:23-24
(NASB)***

The beginning of a New Year is often symbolized by the birth of a child, representing all the new opportunities and challenges that lay before us. Of course, the New Year really does not bring anything new. As Solomon said, “What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun” (Eccl. 1:9). Within the association, this New Year will bring some new things. They’re not really new ideas but refreshed for a new day and time.

The first new approach will be to design the association strategy around the church. That is not really new since the very purpose of the association is to support and strengthen the churches that make it up. In the past, committees and teams decided the strategy for the association each year. Even though these folks are members of our churches, they only know the needs within their own congregations. With the support of these teams and in keeping with our Transform initiative, I plan to meet with every pastor before the end of March to discuss the uniqueness of their church.

The information gathered will be shared with the Outreach and Discipleship Councils who will work hard to discover resources in order to meet as many needs as possible. This may take the form of encouraging a church already strong in a certain ministry to link up with one that desires to grow in that ministry. It may be that several churches with the same need are brought together in a conference or leadership training they request.

Where will the resources be found for such a diverse task? It may be, as already stated, that it will come from another church or member in our association or from beyond. It may come from a state or national convention agency or it may come from some other biblically based ministry. For example, a church might desire to develop a strong outreach ministry. That church would be presented with several options and resources that would meet its unique need. The goal will be to strengthen one another as churches for the sake of God’s Kingdom

The second new approach will be the opening of a branch association office in California, thanks to the generosity of FBC California that has offered space to make this possible. This will not be a duplicate of our main office but a place for me to be more accessible to the churches in the western part of the association. Plans are that I will be in California on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. That does not mean I will be in the office all that time because my commitment to meet with anyone at their convenience wherever they are in the association will be continued. However, this will provide a base for me to work from and hopefully more contact with the churches. There will not be a new telephone number, so all calls still need to go through Juanita at 573-635-4832. Most pastors have my cell phone number so they can get reach me directly.

We may have to experiment with what will work and what will not, but the goal in both of these new approaches will be to be more accessible and responsive to the churches we serve.

Have a Blessed New Year!!!

Calvin

TRANSFORM
Mobilization. Cooperation. Celebration.

Multicultural Ministry

Carolyn and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year 2012! With this new year many would like to know how to improve on the experiences they had in 2011, specifically, how to become more prosperous and successful. Personally, 2011 was a great year for missions and mission involvement and for multicultural ministries developing new leaders for Hispanic congregations.

This year can be even better if we do what the Lord asked of Joshua. In Joshua 1:8 we are told, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (KJV).

As we move into a new year, God asks us to be strong and of good courage. His promise: "...for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9b). I trust that God will be your guide in the coming months; that every church, every church member and every pastor and leader will depend on Him. I pray that Concord Baptist Association will be blessed and be a blessing to you in 2012.

J. Mauricio Vargas
Multicultural Ministries



Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Students have left for Christmas break and will be gone until the end of January. I am keeping in touch with those who have remained, planning fellowship, counseling and an occasional small group Bible study. A few international students will be spending the holidays in homes of Russellville Baptist Church members. The football coaches are in and out and we are also meeting periodically for Bible study. We will be working on a schedule for next semester for Bible studies for both coaches and players.

The sweet ladies of First Baptist Church-Tipton again delivered to us hundreds of knit caps this year. We have distributed some of these with gospel tracts inside and plan to hand out all the others in the same way when the students return. One of our young lady international students has been handing out caps and gospel tracts on campus. She recently remarked at one of our Tuesday night Bible studies, "You know, I now have peace because of Jesus Christ in my life. I want each of you to have the same." This was directed toward several Islamic students who have been attending our studies. Though a few have returned to Pakistan, I am still in touch through Facebook. Last week one of them commented, "We miss all of you, especially the warmth and friendship when we gathered on Tuesday nights for Bible study!" Of course we miss them too. It is easy to learn to love them in a short time! Please pray that God will water these seeds and bring these precious young people to Himself.

David Phelps
Campus Pastor

SAVE THE DATE!

March 23-24

**Young's Women's
Retreat**

Theme:

Be Different!

Ages 12-20

Location:

Southridge
Baptist Church

- Speakers
- Exciting Music
- FUN! FUN! FUN!

All for the minimal
cost of only \$10

Registration infor-
mation and details
will be published
soon.

**Don't be left
out!**

**Gather the
girls and join
us!**

**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: \$2,495.00**



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, January 7, 2012**

9 a.m.-noon

HD 141 Historia de los Bautistas

1-4 p.m.

EM 124 La Organizacion de la Iglesia

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

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

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

2:00 PM, SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

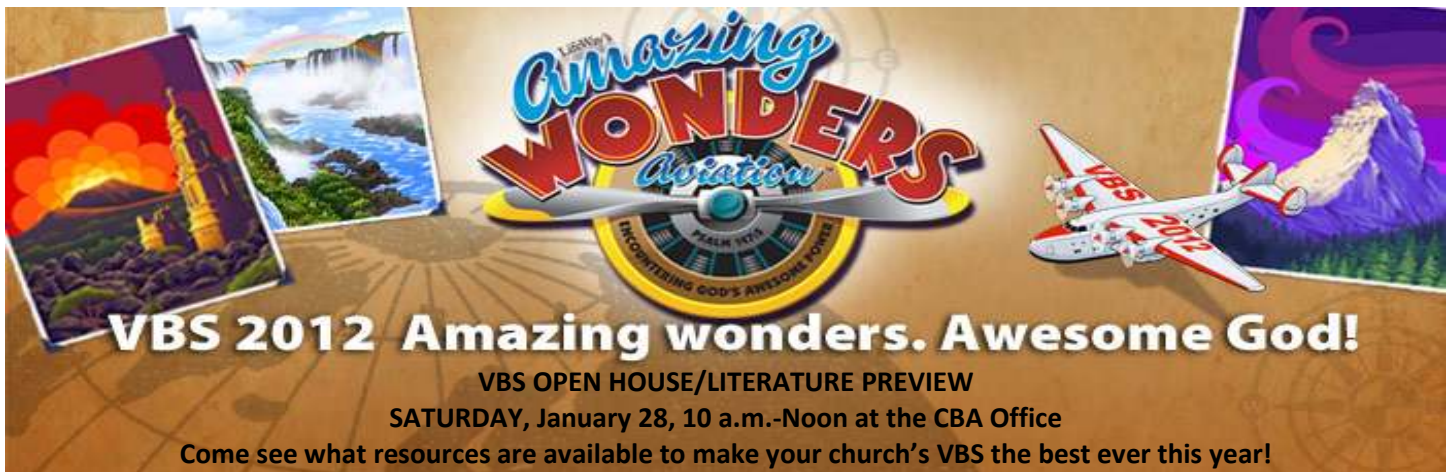
Who Should Come?

- Pastors
- Executive Council Members
- Visitors welcome

If your church has not yet elected a council member, please do so as soon as possible.

We need input from all of our churches to learn how to mobilize, cooperate and celebrate together.

If you are not sure who is listed on your Annual Church Profile as your Executive Council Member, call 573-635-4832 and Juanita will be glad to help answer your questions.



VBS 2012 Amazing Wonders. Awesome God!
VBS OPEN HOUSE/LITERATURE PREVIEW
SATURDAY, January 28, 10 a.m.-Noon at the CBA Office
Come see what resources are available to make your church's VBS the best ever this year!

Pastor/Staff/Spouses Valentine Date Night

"True Love Lasts"

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

FBC-California, 6:30 p.m

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Call 573-635-4832 to make reservations

Food, Fun, Games & Entertainment-Don't miss it!



COMING IN

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Share & Song



Concord Baptist Association

Hosted by

MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, February 18

9 a.m.- Noon

For all children, grades 1-6
and their leaders

No choir experience needed!



January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 CBA Office closed	3	4	5	6	7 Hispanic MMBLC
8	9	10 Deadline for registration for London mission trip	11	12	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Mental Health First Aid Seminar 5:30-9:30 PM and 8 AM-5 PM</div>	14
15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday London Mission Trip meeting	16 MLK Day Office closed	17 Discipleship Council 7 PM, CBA office	18	19 Leadership Team 6:30 PM, CBA office	20	21
22 Executive Council 2 PM, Salem	2 CBA Staff Prayer Journey MMBLC Spring Semester begins	24	25	26	27	28 VBS Open House 10 AM-Noon CBA Office
29 Day of Prayer for the SBC	30 Deadline for MMBLC Registration	31				
						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">We have no January Birthdays on our list in the office. If we have missed a pastor or staff birthday, please let us know.</div>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please put these important 2012 dates on your calendar!

Executive Council Meeting	Sunday, January 22, 2:00 p.m., Salem Baptist Church
VBS Open House-Literature Preview	Saturday, January 28, 10:00 a.m., CBA Office
Pastor/Staff/Spouses Date Night	Tuesday, February 7, details TBA
Men & Boys Wild Game Supper	Monday, February 27, 6:30 p.m., Memorial
Young Women's Retreat	Fri.-Sat., March 23-24, details TBA
Spring Annual Meeting	Sunday, April 22, Mt. Pleasant-Hartsburg, Time TBA
Transform Missions Banquet	Friday, April 27, details TBA
Transform Ministry Probe	Saturday, April 28, details TBA
Executive Council Meeting	Monday, June 25, 7:00 p.m., location TBA
Concord Builder's Team trip	July 8-14, details TBA
Children's Camp	Mon-Thurs, June 25-28, details TBA
3MT Youth Camp	July 21-28, details TBA
London Mission Trip	July 26-August 5, details at meeting on Jan. 15
Pastor/Staff/Spouses Retreat	Fri.-Sat., August 24-25, details TBA
Fall Annual Meeting	Saturday, October 13, Tipton, 9:00 a.m.
Joint Council Meeting	Thursday, November 8, 6:00 p.m., CBA Office

A more complete calendar as well as names and contact information for our associational councils and teams will be published in the 2012 Annual which will be available at the January Executive Council meeting.

If you know of others who would benefit from receiving this newsletter, please have them contact our office at 573-635-4832 or email juanitag@cbamo.org. We can mail a copy or, to save expenses, send an electronic copy via email. Thank you for helping spread the word!