

# C B A

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### STRENGTHENING CHURCHES

The CBA Church Renewal Team, which is a sub team of our Strengthening Churches Team, has been invited by one of our CBA Churches to do a thorough assessment and provide a path forward that has the best possibility to lead to health, vitality and long term sustainability. With 85% of SBC churches in decline, teams like the CBA's Church Renewal are essential for finding solutions for churches in need. The CBA Church Renewal Team will respond to CBA churches that reach out and invite them in to do a full assessment and give recommendations for health, growth, and sustainability.

### STRENGTHENING CHURCHES EVENTS



March 23, 2023  
8:30am - 2:30pm  
Lunch Provided

The Concord Baptist Association is sponsoring the D5 Framework Workshop that is designed by the Disciple Leaders Network and will be led by John McClendon, Executive Director of the Disciples Leaders Network, and Team Leader of the CBA Strengthening Churches Team. Churches will be able to walk away from this workshop with a more focused and integrated discipling plan for their congregations. Register at [concordbaptists.org/d5-registration](http://concordbaptists.org/d5-registration)



May 11, 2023  
9:00 am - 3:00pm  
CBA Office

Ken Brady will lead a Breathing Life into Sunday School Workshop at the CBA office from 9AM to 3PM with lunch provided. Ken is the Director of Sunday School & Network Partnerships for Lifeway Christian Resources.



Disciple Leaders Network Conference  
April 20-21, 2023  
Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, TN  
For more information visit:  
[www.discipleleaders.com/conference](http://www.discipleleaders.com/conference)



# SENDING PARTNERSHIPS

## CHICAGOLAND

A team from several CBA churches went to Chicago in January to do work of tearing out carpet, painting, laying down new floor, and assembling new bunk beds on the Chicago Metro Baptist Association building. This work will prepare the building to be used to host multiple teams coming to serve and share the gospel in Chicago.

A team from Northwest Indiana (part of the Chicagoland Partnership) came to the CBA the first week of January to do some renovation projects on Oaklands Restoration Church as well as sending out prayer teams to pray for several of our churches and staff.

Two teams from the CBA at the end of March will be participating in the Chicagoland Partnership - one will be returning to Chicago to work with Pastor Jorge Rodriguez of the Grace Family Church in Rogers Park. The other team will be headed to Northwest Indiana to work with Pastor Ralph Wilcox of the Portage Baptist Church and will be doing remodeling work on their fellowship hall.



## REACHING SOUTH ASIA

A group from New Vision will be going to Kathmandu, Nepal, May 23-June 1, to work with children of IMB personnel (ages birth to 12th grade). The team will minister to the children through Bible study, recreation, encouragement, and fun, while their parents attend professional and strategic training to enable them to be better equipped to reach the vast lostness of South Asia.

A small team will be going to South Asia, April 21st-29th to train national church planters/pastors in what our IMB partners call the Great Commission Residency. The Great Commission Residency is a time (usually around 10 days) when leaders (usually 10-15) come to Mumbai for church planting and bible training.



## THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Last summer, Mission Point and Blackman Baptist helped with the construction of the 4th Refugio Christian School addition. Though it isn't complete, it is already in use this semester. The addition is also one of the sites of December Christmas parties.

If your church would like to support this trip, you could do so by ordering supplies from the Amazon wish list Re-Vision Christmas Parties. You may also sponsor a child's Christmas party experience for \$25 at the donate tab on the Re-Vision website ([www.forthelast.com](http://www.forthelast.com))



4th Refugio Christian School

The 6th Refugio Church was the summer construction project for Rover Baptist and 1st Baptist Shelbyville. It was later finished by Dominicans under the direction of Re-Vision staff and partners. This was also a ministry site of the December trip which included Crossway, Mission Point and Blackman Baptist

### UPCOMING TRIPS

- June 10-17      Moscú
- June 17-24     Haina (4th Refugio)
- June 24-July 1 Haina (6th Refugio)
- Sept 31-Oct 7   La Cumbre
- Nov 30-Dec 4   Multiple Communities

For more details on serving, contact Doug Campbell (615) 848-3834 or [doug.campbell@forthelast.com](mailto:doug.campbell@forthelast.com)



6th Refugio Church

## STARTING CHURCHES

Crossway Baptist Church with assistance from 3rd Baptist Church will be launching a hispanic ministry on April 7th in a special Good Friday Service at Crossway. Carlos Zamora will be the planter/pastor of this new work. Carlos comes out the Hispanic ministry of 3rd Baptist Church and has worked under the mentorship of Jorge Arenivas, pastor of the Hispanic congregation at 3rd Baptist. We're excited about this opportunity to reach the growing hispanic populations in Rutherford County.



Carlos Zamora, Hispanic Minister, Crossway



# THE CBA WELCOMES NEW PASTORS TO THE ASSOCIATION



Joseph "Cody" Lee Turner  
New Hope Baptist Church



Josh Hogue  
Walter Hill First Baptist



Nathan Velasquez  
LaVergne Community Church  
(formerly 1st Baptist LaVergne)



## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MAY 10 AT THE CBA OFFICE**

**12PM LUNCH**

Provided by  
Living Springs

**1PM MEETING**

