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STRENGTHENING CHURCHES



In the spring, we sponsored two events reinforcing our "Strengthening Churches" strategic focus on discipleship.

John McClendon, Executive Director of the Disciples Leaders Network, and Team Leader of the CBA Strengthening Churches Team skillfully conducted the D5 Framework Workshop.



The second event, titled "Breakthrough" was guided by Ken Braddy, who holds the position of Director of Sunday School at Lifeway. Both events were well attended and valued by participants.

UPCOMING CHURCH STRENGTHENING EVENTS



Your Group Matters
Sept 10, 2023
5:30pm-7:30pm
Belle Aire Baptist

On September 10, the Concord Baptist Association is sponsoring a Sunday School and Small Group Leader Training called Your Group Matters. The conference will be held at Belle Aire Baptist Church from 5:30pm-7:30pm. For more information and to register, visit: www.concorderbaptists.org/your-group-matters



Church Renewal Workshop
October 18, 2023
9:00 am - 12:00pm
Lunch Provided

On October 18, the CBA will be sponsoring a Church Renewal Workshop. Phillip Smith, Lead Pastor, Faith Harvest Church, Lenoir City, TN will be leading. Phillip was able to lead his declining church to health, growth, and mission. He will be sharing with us some transferable principles that will work across contexts. Registration coming soon.



CBA CHURCH RENEWAL TEAM

Our CBA Church Renewal Team has received invitations from two of our churches to conduct assessments and propose a path forward that maximizes the potential for health, vitality, and long-term sustainability. Our team remains committed to collaborating with these churches to identify the best solutions for their future. The CBA Church Renewal Team is prepared to engage with CBA churches that extend invitations for a comprehensive assessment, offering recommendations aimed at fostering health, growth, and long-term sustainability.



CBA Annual Meeting

October 15th, 2023

6:00pm

Third Baptist Church

Theme: Deeper

Annual Sermon Presenter: Ben Morrow,
Pastor of Miracle Baptist Church

SENDING PARTNERSHIPS

CHICAGOLAND

A team from Lascassas and Crossway BC went to Chicago the first weekend in August for the Chicago Send Relief Serve Tour. They served with Ashburn Baptist Church in Chicago by cleaning and painting community viaducts. The team also helped Valparaiso Baptist Church in Indiana with their VBS.



Northwest Indiana Mission Trip

We have planned for a CBA team to visit Northwest Indiana from October 2-9 with a twofold ministry focus: construction and a fall festival. During this time, the team will undertake construction projects at Ross Baptist Church, including bathroom remodeling, while also contributing to the Fall Festival activities at Valparaiso BC. Those interested in participating may reach out to the CBA office for further information.

REACHING SOUTH ASIA



A team from the CBA traveled to Kathmandu, Nepal, from May 23 to June 1. Their purpose was to engage with the children of South Asia IMB personnel, enabling these parents to receive vital professional and strategic training. Additionally, this team accompanied local pastors engaging the Nepali people in gospel conversations. The Mission Ministry Assistance Fund (MMAF) provided financial support to several members of this team.

Another small team traveled to Mumbai from April 23 to May 1. Their objective was to equip national pastors and church planters, focusing specifically on instructing them about the roles of elders and deacons.

The CBA is planning for another small team to return to Mumbai in early February, potentially February 4-12 to work with our IMB partners in training pastors/planters for outreach in the local community. Please contact Dr. Wes Rankin if interested.

IMB SOUTH ASIA EVENT IN CHATTANOOGA



On September 28-29, the International Mission Board will be hosting two events at Brainerd Baptist Church, aimed at providing insights into their work and ways for churches to engage with South Asia. The event scheduled for Thursday is titled "Together for the Nations: South Asia," with the purpose of equipping churches with the knowledge to get involved. On Friday, the event shifts focus to "South Asia: Is God calling you?" This session is tailored for prospective missionaries in the process of discerning the Lord's calling. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to Dr. Wes Rankin for further information.

CBA CHURCHES MINISTERING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



This summer CBA churches partnered with Re-Vision to serve hundreds in the Dominican Republic. Crossway Baptist, Blackman Baptist, and One Church - Calvary all sent teams while Mission Point Community helped by sending funds to complete construction of a Christian school in their partner community in La Antena.

The teams led kids' clubs, women's ministry, sports and youth ministries, construction projects, home visits, worship services, leadership development activities and evangelistic/outreach activities. Through their efforts, the local churches were

strengthened, relationships were built, and eternities were changed. Several partners are gearing up to serve for Re-Vision's multi-church, multi-community "Christmas" trip on November 30 through December 4. Mission Point, Blackman Baptist, One Church, and Crossway are all considering sending team members along with 1st Baptist Shelbyville, Rover Baptist, and Calvary Baptist (Williamston, SC). This is a great opportunity for CBA churches to send individuals or small groups to experience a "low-impact" international mission experience.

For more information, contact Doug Campbell - doug.campbell@fortheleast.com or (615)848-3834.



STARTING CHURCHES



Our Starting Churches Team has worked over the last few months in developing a strategy to promote church planting in Rutherford County.

You can visit this link on our website to the Plant Rutherford page to learn more: www.concorderbaptists.org/plant-rutherford

We are ready to share our strategy and to invite all our churches to be involved at different levels of engagement.

On November 1st, we will have a Plant Rutherford luncheon at the CBA office at noon. We encourage all pastors, staff members, and interested laypeople to participate in this event, regardless of church size—whether from small, medium, or large congregations.



NEW CHURCH ENTERING WATCHCARE

The City Church, of Murfreesboro, is seeking entrance into the CBA. Our Administrative Leadership Team met with Lead Pastor, Trevor Atwood, and Executive Pastor, Jeremy Young, to discuss issues of doctrine and other qualifications for membership in the CBA. Upon conclusion of our interview, it was the unanimous recommendation of the ALT to present City Church at our annual meeting in October for a year of Watchcare. Subsequently, if the church fulfills the membership criteria, it will be welcomed into the Concord Baptist Association.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Churches throughout the association kicked off the summer with VBS having one common goal: to point kids to the life-changing truth of Jesus Christ. Lifeway's Twist & Turns was the featured theme at many churches this year focusing on the life of Peter. Children learned that "following Jesus changes the game."

Hundreds of children, adult volunteers, and students participated across the association. Students stepped up and served at several churches, even leading worship for children at VBS. New families were connected to churches as this high energy ministry continues to shape the lives of the next generation.

If you haven't reported your VBS numbers to the TBMB, please do at this link: www.vbs.lifeway.com/churchreports



Children participate in recreation at Southeast



Students help lead songs at Belle Aire

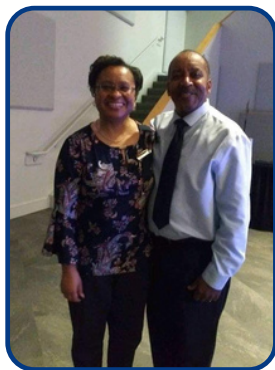


Children worship at Northside

THE CBA WELCOMES NEW PASTORS



Dr. Charlie Howell
Grace Baptist Church
Murfreesboro



Jeff Brown
Jackson Ridge
Baptist Church
Rockvale



Brent Brewer
Harvest View
Baptist Church
Readyville



Dwayne Ewers
Bradley's Creek
Baptist Church
Lascassas



NEXT PASTORS' & LEADERS' LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 6th, 12:00PM

Dr. Carl Duck will speak on "Longevity in Ministry"

Don't miss this free lunch hosted at the CBA office!