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The Monthly Newsletter of the Cumberland Baptist Association



Dr. Rick Stevens, Associational Missionary

*Our Mission is
Strategically Resourcing
Churches to Carry out the
Great Commission*

Cumberland Baptist Association April 2024

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VBS Training & More

Better Together

Multiple Curriculum Ideas

Saturday • April 13th
9:00 - 11:30 AM

Register Here

Hilldale Baptist Church • 2001 Madison Street • Clarksville

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 22, 2024

Church Revitalization Team

Let's move those mountains and sail together into the future of your healthy, growing church!

TMB
Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

6:30 p.m.

Speaker:
Larry Murphy

Northeast Baptist Church
3900 Trenton Rd.
Clarksville, TN 37040

Sign up for the State Secretary Conference
April 8 - 10, 2024
See Website for Details!

Sevierville First Baptist Church
317 Parkway
Sevierville, TN 37862

From the Missionary



Rick Stevens

CBA Church Family,

Sometimes we are tempted to think back about the “good old days” of many aspects of life. The reality of those past memories is that lots of things were not as sweet as we remember. This may be true of our perspective about the early New Testament Church.

While we may think of the early church as being pure and much less complicated, they did deal with many challenges in their day. Both Corinthian letters in the scripture deal with problems and challenges in the early church. There is one thing, however, that we can see about the early believers. They did not live in a culture that was particularly friendly to the church, nor have a government that valued their presence. They were consistently having to focus on the mission and the task of living out the call of Christ in local churches amid the culture around them. That focus can help us nearly 2000 years after they lived.

Among the many resources that help with Church Revitalization, one of them is the book entitled, *The Autopsy of a Deceased Church*, by Thom Rainer. In that book, he describes a series of realities for churches that eventually died. They include a lack of focus on The Great Commission, living in the past, prayer that becomes focused on the physical needs of the people who remain in the church, budgets that focus on maintaining the current building and ministry to the members, lack of engagement with the community, and an inability to articulate the purpose of their church consistent with scripture. These priorities will, over time, ensure decline. On the other hand, when a church addresses these concepts and sets out, asking the Lord for His guidance, amazing things can happen. When we make sure the main thing is the main thing, God can do miracles.

This year, we are trying to make sure we point our CBA churches toward resources, ideas, and questions that can help with this concept of Church Revitalization. Our Spring Meeting at Northeast BC on April 22 with Bro. Larry Murphy will provide another of those opportunities. Come and join us and we will get to see some of the ways that every church can refocus ministry toward increased church health. If you would like to see some more resources, you can always reach out and we will be glad to point you to some helpful tools that can help every church see revitalization take place.

In Christ,

Bro. Rick Stevens

Churches Without Pastors

*Cumberland City, Dotsonville, Excell,
Hillcrest, Little West Fork & Trinity*

Please Welcome to the CBA Family!

Rev. Seth McDowell
Erin Baptist Church

WELCOME

HOSTED BY



Pastors, Leaders & Staff

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Complimentary Lunch

WITH

Tim Muñoz

**HOW ALL PASTORS CAN BECOME
THE KEY TO EFFECTIVE
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!**

THURSDAY, 18 APRIL @ 11:30 A.M.

HILLDALE BAPTIST CHURCH - BLDG. B
2001 MADISON STREET - (TURN ONTO MAXWELL DRIVE &
BUILDING B IS THE 2ND BUILDING ON THE LEFT)

RSVP AT: CBA@CBATN.ORG, TEXT (270) 719-1161
OR CALL (931) 358-9036


IGNITE
T E N N E S S E E

Central Baptist Church

1346 South Main Street

Crossville, TN 38555

Sunday, April 28, 2024

6:00 PM - 800PM

Message presented by Dr. Roc Collins

FOR HIS GLORY

MISSIONS
GET-TOGETHER
April 11-13, 2024
Brentwood Baptist
Brentwood, TN

Missions Get-Together is an annual event planned and hosted by Tennessee WMU for women 18 years of age and older to:

- Experience Personal Growth
- Engage in Meaningful Worship
- Discover Missions and Ministry Opportunities
- Enjoy the Fellowship of Other Christian Women

The event features four General Sessions, Six Breakout Session times with over 20 choices, and Missions & Ministry Displays with over 35 exhibitors!

THEME: FOR HIS GLORY

SCRIPTURE: "...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11c

REGISTRATION:

- REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 2, 2024
- No registration at the event - everyone must pre-register
- Registration Fee (includes a box lunch on Friday & Saturday):
 - \$125 per person from: Jan 2 - March 8, 2024
 - \$150 per person from: March 8 - 28, 2024

(ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE)

(GET-TOGETHER IS FOR WOMEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER)

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- **BRENDA CROSTON**
Bible Study Leader
- **WORSHIP LED BY:** Tim Paul and Sarah Mentzer
- **MISSIONARIES:**
 - Kevin Godin - NAMB Denver
 - Kerry Jackson - NAMB Atlanta
 - Liz & Jack - IMB, South Asia
 - Charissa - IMB, Asia-Pacific Rim
 - Emily - IMB, Asia-Pacific Rim



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Ladies' Spring Coffee



Saturday, April 20 10:00 AM - Noon

Hillcrest Baptist Church
380 Dover Rd, Clarksville

Music: Diane Carroccia

Speaker: Stacy Murphree

Baptist Collegiate Minister, APSU

Deadline to Register: Thursday, April 11th.
Call / text Sandra, 931-449-0083 (Leave msg.)

Email: womensoutreach.cba@gmail.com

Sponsored by Women's Outreach Ministry,
Cumberland Baptist Association

*God uses ordinary Women
to achieve Kingdom purposes!*

Evangelism Training with Tim Dowdy | April 29

First Baptist Clarksville

NAMB
EVANGELISM KIT
TRAINING

Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Registration &
Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Noon Evangelism Training

The Evangelism Training is for pastors, staff members, and lay leaders. The goal of the day is to increase awareness of how to turn an everyday conversation into a gospel conversation. There's no cost to attend!

They could be following Jesus at a

5-DAY CLUB



5-Day Clubs are a great way to teach children about Jesus during the summer, wherever they are.

Will you host a club? Could your church sponsor a club? Will you donate funds to help support this important mission? Will you pray for the children and those teaching them?

**How might God use YOU this summer
to change a child's life and eternity?**

ReachingKidsForJesus.com
reachingkidsforjesus@gmail.com

931-241-8202



Christian Counseling

Biblical Counselor

Dr. Melvin Felts

Appointments available

Tuesday / Thursday

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

by appointment only

Call (931) 358-9036



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Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
April 07 - 08, 2024	State Evangelism Conference	New Vision BC Murfreesboro, TN	See Website for Details
April 08 - 10, 2024	State Secretary Conference	Sevierville First BC	See Website for Details
April 11 - 13, 2024	For His Glory Missions Get - Together	Brentwood BC	See Website for Details
April 13, 2024	VBS Training & More Clinic	Hilldale BC	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
April 18, 2024	Pastor/Staff Lunch	Hilldale BC - Building B	11:30 a.m.
April 20, 2024	CBA Ladies' Coffee -	Hillcrest BC	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
April 22, 2024	Executive Board Meeting	Northeast BC	6:30 p.m.
April 28, 2024	Ignite Tennessee	Central BC Crossville, TN	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
April 29, 2024	NAMB Evangelism Kit Training	First Baptist Clarksville	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
May 2, 2024	National Day of Prayer		