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

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**INDIANAPOLIS**  
2024  
ANNUAL MEETING & PASTORS' CONFERENCE  
JUNE 9-12, 2024

**JOIN US FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING & PASTORS' CONFERENCE  
JUNE 9-12, 2024**

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**ONE MIND  
ONE VOICE**  
ROMANS 15:5-6  
JUNE 9-12

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**The CBA office will be closed Monday, May 27, 2024 for Memorial Day.**

## From the Missionary



**Rick Stevens**

CBA Church Family,  
One of the things we have talked about lately is Church Revitalization. One of the most important aspects of seeing a church experience renewal and new levels of health is a culture of evangelism. For a church to prioritize this critical aspect of the Christian life, there are some keys that are simple and customizable for individuals and churches. I will mention three here in this brief word.

First, one of the barriers to sharing Christ is that some believers do not spend time around unchurched people as a matter of common practice. Coaching a kids rec league sports team, volunteering in the community, and getting to know one's neighbors are a few of the ways a person could connect with people. It is also important to notice people that we can easily overlook in daily interactions. A restaurant server, someone doing work on our house, or talking to a co-worker can be an opportunity to get to know someone and be a verbal witness. By being intentional, one can suddenly notice people who God brings our way.

Second, preparing to be able to share the Good News is important. There are many good tools to share Christ with people. If you need help with preparation, ask your pastor or reach out to others for assistance. When you take time to get to know people, it is amazing how often a conversation can turn to the Gospel. Asking questions and showing people respect can truly open doors. While tracts, marked Bible verses, and personal testimonies can be helpful, the key is

showing people that they have such value to us and to God that we want to share the Good News without twisting arms.

Finally, prayer is very important. We can pray for people by name. We are responsible to share the Gospel, but God does the saving. There are some conversations that may be a one-time encounter between people. There are others that may develop over time with multiple encounters. Whatever the case, when we pray for those who don't know the Lord, we can look for the ways that God will arrange moments as only He can. We can all make a difference by sharing the gospel.

Who is God putting on your heart today??

In Christ,

Bro. Rick Stevens

## Churches Without Pastors

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



**LIFT UP THE WORD  
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**





Week of Prayer for the  
Local Baptist Association

May 19 - 25, 2024

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

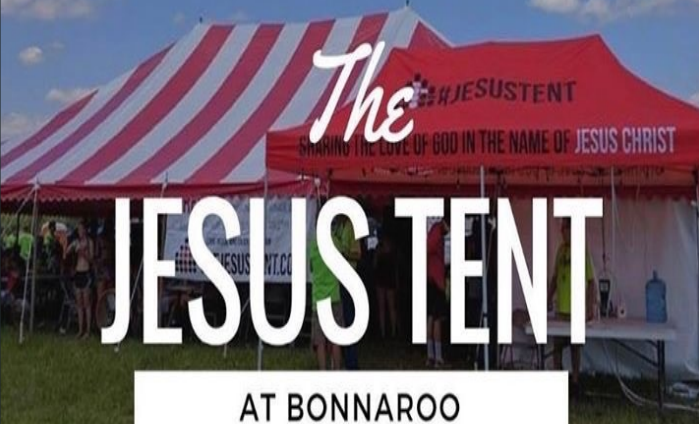
Evangelism is simply the sharing of God's love by engaging our communities. Each of us has a community: our neighbors, our workplaces and even our families. We are each called to engage the world. This year, the prayer emphasis for Southern Baptist associations, churches and church members is Community Engagement. Each of us can strengthen the work of the gospel with a simple commitment to pray and engage others.

"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God. If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:8-11, CSB).



North American  
Mission Board

# June, 13 - 15, 2024



## The JESUS TENT

AT BONNAROO

A Network of Area Churches Sharing the Love of God  
in the Name of Jesus Christ to the Bonnaroo Community.

HBC WOMEN

# Women of the Word weekend

[yourhbc.info/womenoftheword](http://yourhbc.info/womenoftheword)

# 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

"City of Prayer could well be a spark to ignite a firestorm of prayer the likes of which our nation has never seen." -DICK EASTMAN from the Foreword

## CITY of PRAYER

Transform Your Community through Praying Churches



Video Feed with Author  
Kie Bowman

City of Prayer  
Lunch

Second Mile  
Church

804 S Riverside Dr.  
Clarksville, TN  
37040

Thursday, May 9th  
11:30 a.m.

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### Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
May 2, 2024	National Day of Prayer		
May 9, 2024	<a href="#">City of Prayer Lunch</a>	2nd Mile Church (931) 218- 3384	11:30 a.m.
May 10 -11, 2024	<a href="#">Women of the Word</a>	Hilldale BC	See Website for Details
May 12, 2023	Mother's Day		
May 19 - 25, 2024	Associational Week of Prayer		
May 27, 2024	Office Closed for Memorial Day	CBA	
June 9 - 10, 2024	<a href="#">SBC Pastor's Conference</a>	Indianapolis, IN	See Website for Details
June 11 - 12, 2024	<a href="#">SBC Annual Meeting</a>	Indianapolis, IN	See Website for Details
June 13 - 15, 2024	The Jesus Tent @ Bonnaroo	Manchester, TN	
June 16, 2024	Father's Day		
June 19, 2024	Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth	CBA	
July 13 - 19, 2024	Chosen Children Nicaragua Mission Trip	Nicaragua	
August 22, 2024	Pastor/Staff Lunch	FBC Clarksville	noon