

# The of the CBA

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 October 2023

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CUMBERLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2023

Living Hope @  
Dunbar Cave  
300 Dunbar  
Cave Road  
Clarksville, TN  
37043

152ND ANNUAL MEETING


Resourcing  
Churches to Call  
out the Called

"who (God) has saved us  
and called us with a holy  
calling, not according to our  
works, but according to His  
own purpose"  
2 Timothy 1:9

Monday  
October  
23RD @  
6:30 p.m.

MARK  
YOUR  
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Dinner  
Served @  
5:30 p.m.



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**We are encouraging our churches to submit their ACP's by Friday, October 6th. This helps us prepare for the Annual Meeting. Let us know if you need assistance.**

## From the Missionary



**Rick Stevens**

CBA Church Family,

October is upon us, and I am excited as I look forward to our annual meeting at Dunbar Cave on October 23. Our theme for the meeting is “Calling out the Called.” 2 Timothy 1:9 speaks of God who “has saved us and called us with a holy calling.” We will celebrate answering God’s call to serve Him and talk about practical ways we can encourage people hearing and considering God’s call to ministry and service. As I look across the landscape of church life, I see the need for more people to answer His call to a variety of ministry and missional role. Come out and join us as we conduct business, share testimonies of ministry and give practical points of application regarding helping churches to Call out the Called.

Last month, in this column, I addressed the foundational purpose of the CBA. Our stated mission is to “**Strategically Resourcing Churches to Carry out the Great Commission.**” We do that by **Connecting, Equipping, and Going.** You can see a bit more about that by looking at last month’s column. However, for this month, I want to share some **future points of emphasis** for us as an Association. First, is the need to help declining and struggling churches to do three things. These churches need to be able to clarify their current health, consider practical avenues of revitalization, and in some cases partner with another church to receive an influx of healthy resources and vision. Second, we need to be able to clarify strategic groups of people and even areas of town that need the ministry of a new work or a connection with an existing church. For example, the Hispanic population of our area is beyond 10% of our population. However, we only have one Hispanic work among our CBA church family. Third, is the area of encouraging the most basic of needs for churches today. We want to encourage and resource churches and their people in

Evangelism. Fourth, is the need to help our churches to Call out the Called by helping them train people about missions, clarifying the very real call of God to ministry, and giving them practical roles of service that can help them prepare. Finally, we want to see cooperative ways we can impact the community through cooperative ministry and local projects that align churches together to meet needs and share Jesus.

Finally, Jesus said “without me you can do nothing.” Let’s pray together that God will use us to make a difference with His agenda. The best days can be ahead of us as an Association. God is bringing the world to Clarksville. Let us be ready to meet those people with the Good News of Jesus!

See you at Dunbar Cave,  
Bro. Rick Stevens

### Churches Without Pastors

*FBC Ashland City, Cumberland City,  
Erin, Excell, Gum Springs, Little West Fork,  
One Heart, Spring Creek & Northeast*

### ACP Information

**The ACP packet was be either delivered or mailed in August. Please contact the CBA office if you have not received your church’s ACP packet.**

**They are due back to the CBA office by Friday, October 06, 2023.**

**Please contact the office if you need any assistance in completing this vital information.**

## Abuse Awareness Training

*With Attorney, Author, & Survivor, Rachael Denhollander*

HILLDALE BAPTIST CHURCH 2001 MADISON ST. OCT. 2 | 6PM-8PM



**This event will be a simulcast at Hilldale’s main campus starting @ 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023.**

**MEN'S**  
Conference

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2023 @6PM  
FBC WOODLAWN, TN  
2751 Woodlawn Rd  
TN, 37191

Guest Speaker Adam Cutshaw of Tullahoma, TN

**IMPACTING  
LOSTNESS TOGETHER**

INTERNATIONAL  
MISSION BOARD

**GOD'S WORK THROUGH US IN  
2022**

<b>122</b> Countries	<b>21,231</b> New churches
<b>728,589</b> People heard the gospel	<b>102,417</b> Baptisms
<b>178,177</b> New believers	

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Steadfast and Immoveable  
1 COR. 15:58

**SUMMIT**  
THE GATHERING OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS  
Chattanooga Convention Center  
**November 12-15, 2023**

*The Summit is the annual gathering of Tennessee Baptists - (TBMB).  
The Summit includes the Pastors Conference, the annual meeting, and everything in between.*

*Register online for the 2023 Summit today at <https://www.tnbaptist.org/summit2023>.*

# 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**

## **"A Different Christmas!" Ladies Coffee**

Sat, Nov. 4, 2023

1:30PM-3:30PM

Hilldale Baptist Church, Bldg. B

Fun and fellowship with new friends  
while learning ways to Impact your  
community this holiday season!

Save your spot by Monday, Oct 28

931-449-0083 or

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### **Schedule of Events**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
October 2, 2023	Abuse Awareness Training	Hilldale BC- Main Campus	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
October 6, 2023	ACP Packet Due	CBA Office	
October 6, 2023	Men's Conference	FBC Woodlawn	6:00 p.m.
October 23, 2023	CBA Annual Meeting Dinner - Please RSVP by calling (931) 358-9036 or emailing <a href="mailto:cba@cbatn.org">cba@cbatn.org</a>	Living Hope at Dunbar Cave	5:30 p.m.
October 23, 2023	CBA Annual Meeting	Living Hope at Dunbar Cave	6:30 p.m.
November 4, 2023	"A Different Christmas" Ladies Coffee	Hilldale BC- Building B	1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
November 12 - 15, 2023	<a href="#">Summit—The Gathering of Tennessee Baptist</a>	Chattanooga, TN	See Website for Details.
November 22 - 24, 2023	Office Closed for Thanksgiving		
December 1 - 8, 2023	CBA Christmas Project	CBA	Contact CBA for Details