

# 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  
September 2023**

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**FREE ADMISSION** ←----- UNITED




**CLARKSVILLE  
UNITED**

→ CITY WIDE STUDENT EVENT (6TH-12TH)  
DOWNTOWN COMMONS ← 6:30-8:30PM  
WEDNESDAY 9/27

**CLARKSVILLE  
COLLECTIVE  
WORSHIP**



**NATHAN PEARSON  
SPEAKER**



**FOOD TRUCKS**

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**The CBA office  
will be closed  
Monday,  
September 04, 2023  
for  
Labor Day.**



## From the Missionary



**Rick Stevens**

CBA Church Family,

This month in our newsletter I want to remind you of a basic purpose for our work together. In Southern Baptist life in previous generations, connection to a local association like ours was often marked by large gatherings that involved the physical presence of both pastors and church members. Themes and activities were

emphasized and celebrated in a context of mutual fellowship and common investment. Our culture inside and outside the church has changed radically. Gone are most large physical gatherings and numerous big events in Associational life. The causes of this shift are complex, but they include the rapid changes of technology, communication methods, and patterns of engagement of members and their churches. In the midst of this change, the Association remains an important part of our cooperation and connection. The CBA is supported to this day, primarily by the generous support of our member churches. Allow me to say a word about our current work.

If we are not seeing large gatherings and multiple physical events every month, what are we doing to carry out our purpose? First, what is our purpose? **The stated mission of the CBA is “Strategically Resourcing Churches to Carry out the Great Commission.”** We primarily do this in three ways. We **equip** in ministry by providing training, information, various types of resources, and serving in a role of encouragement. Secondly, we **connect**. This is the work of helping churches and people to be introduced to people, processes, relationships, and ministry partners that can serve to mutually benefit that leader or church and others. Third, we **go**. By this, we want to physically go in the process of carrying out the Great Commission. We want to collaborate with churches in partnership with other churches in doing hands on ministry. We go in the form of Disaster Relief, Mission Trips, Evangelism Projects, Church Planting/Replanting, Campus Ministry, and other types of work that are both evangelistic and mission minded. Those three general expressions of our work allow us to serve the variety and uniqueness of our 45+ congregations in a multitude of ways. However, one thing that is essential for success is a relationship. My desire and goal, as your Associational leader, is to be in healthy relationships so that I can be of assistance and serve you well. We are a group that is voluntarily associated together, as opposed to a structure of hierarchical authority.

This month marks 11 years that I have served the CBA. It is my joy to continue to pursue God’s calling with you here. God is bringing the world to Clarksville. I am grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him here as we seek to make a gospel impact on our community and beyond. In preparation for the Annual Meeting on October 23, my article next month will focus on where our priorities are for the future.

In Christ,  
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

**Be on the lookout for your  
ACP Packet soon.**

**The packet will be either delivered or  
mailed by August 25th.**

**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.**

**Leaders'**  
ENCOURAGEMENT DAY WITH  
**JIM CYMBALA**  
BROOKLYN TABERNACLE PASTOR

**SEPTEMBER 7** [FBCT.ORG/CYMBALA](https://fbct.org/cymbala)

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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  
CALENDAR

CBA

Women  
**IN MINISTRY**

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Need a little encouragement? New to Ministry?  
Trying to start a new ministry or don't know where to start?  
Looking to sharpen your ministry skills?  
Or maybe hoping to connect with other women in ministry?  
Whether it's WMU, Women's Ministry, or  
a Ladies Bible Study,  
come join us!

Saturday, September 30th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Hilldale Baptist Church, Bldg. B., 2001 Memorial Dr.  
No cost. Free lunch provided.  
Register by Sat, Sept 23 at [www.yourhbc.info/wim](http://www.yourhbc.info/wim)  
Sponsored by Women's Outreach Team,  
Cumberland Baptist Association  
Questions: Sandra Mackens, 931-449-0083 or  
[womensoutreach.cba@gmail.org](mailto:womensoutreach.cba@gmail.org)

MEN'S  
Conference

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH 2023 @6PM  
FBC WOODLAWN, TN  
2751 Woodlawn Rd  
TN, 37191

Guest Speaker Adam Cutshaw of Tullahoma, TN

Side by Side

Steadfast and Immovable  
1 COR 16:13

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

*The Summit is the annual gathering of  
Tennessee Baptists - (TBMB).  
You probably know it as the Tennessee  
Baptist Convention.  
The Summit includes the Pastors  
Conference, the annual meeting, and  
everything in between.*

Online Pre-Registration for the  
2023 Summit is now open at  
<https://www.tnbaptist.org/summit2023>.



# Christian Counseling

**We are here to help.**

**Dr. Melvin Felts**

**Appointments available**

**Tuesday/Thursday**

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

**by appointment only**

**Call (931) 358-9036**

TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS  
2023-2024

"WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE."  
MATTHEW 19:26

WEEK OF PRAYER  
September 10 - 17, 2023

**ALL THINGS  
Tennessee**

ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT...  
TENNESSEE IS A MISSION FIELD



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## Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
September 7, 2023	<a href="#">Leader's Encouragement Day with Jim Cymbala</a>	FBC Clarksville	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
September 10 - 17, 2023	Tennessee Missions Emphasis Week of Prayer		
September 27, 2023	<a href="#">Clarksville United</a>	Downtown Commons	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
September 30, 2023	<a href="#">Women in Ministry Leadership Training - Register by Sept. 23rd</a>	Hilldale BC - Building B.	10:00 a.m. - 2:15 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	Living Hope at	6:30 p.m.
November 12 - 15, 2023	<a href="#">Summit—The Gathering of Tennessee Baptist</a>	Chattanooga, TN	See Website for Details.