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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
December 2023 / January 2024**

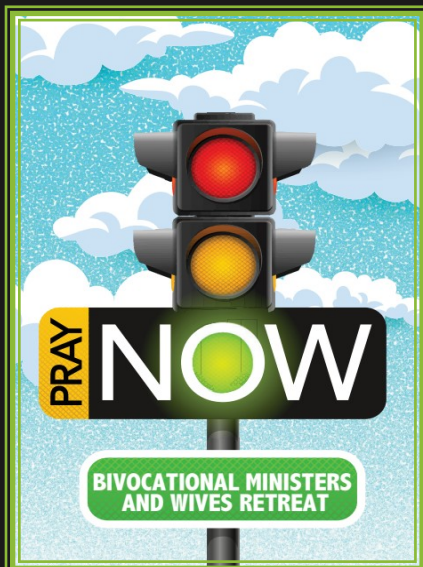
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Registration Ends on December 10, 2023



**Music Road Hotel &
Convention Center
Pigeon Forge, TN
January 25 - 27, 2024**

*Rejoice in hope, be
patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.
Romans 12:12*

tnbaptist.org/event/bivocational-ministers-wives-retreat/

**The
CBA Office
will be closed
Thursday,
December 21, 2023
through
Monday,
January 1, 2024**

From the Missionary



Rick Stevens

CBA Church Family,

December is upon us and so is the Christmas Holiday season with the wrap up of the year. As I consider this season, I was thinking about something I heard in a Psychology class in college.

From what I recall, there was a list compiled that listed incidents of life change and the amount of stress that those items placed on our lives. The list was used in mental health care and in the insurance industry to consider the dangers of high stress seasons on a person's health, including a shorter life span. The death of a spouse would be an example of one of the most highly ranked events. Moving to a new house was stressful, but not among the highest scored events on the list. I mention this because change is happening all around us. It is happening at speeds we are not used to seeing and on multiple fronts in ways many of us have not experienced before. This leads us to the story of Christmas. God did not wait until things "settled down" to send His Son, Jesus. Jesus was born under difficult physical circumstances and under a time of unquestioned political difficulties. Day-to-day life was challenging at best for most people. Yet, Galatians 4:4 tells us that "at just the right time, God sent His Son." Jesus is "God with us!"

If God is aware of all world circumstances, this season is a time to celebrate and worship. The presence of war, ineffectiveness of government, cultural discard of moral values, and technological change do not indicate that God has fallen off His throne. Indeed, the Biblical record tells us not only that Jesus came in Bethlehem, eventually went to the cross and left an empty tomb. It also tells us that He will settle accounts and that Jesus will return. I invite you to do two things this season. Worship Him and Serve Him. Take time to worship the Lord, considering all that He is and has done for us. Serve Him by not putting obedience off until things "settle down." They won't settle down. What are we doing to obey and serve Him today? He is worthy of worship and worthy of our service!

As we move forward into the Christmas season and wrap up 2023, I want to express to you that it is an honor to serve the CBA! I pray for you the best of Christmas seasons and a Blessed 2024!

In Christ,

Bro. Rick Stevens

Churches Without Pastors

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

HILDALE.ORG/LIGHTS



These *Christmas* Lights

MUSICAL

Dec. 8 | 7:00pm-8:30pm
Dec. 9 | 7:00pm-8:30pm
Dec. 10 | 3:00pm-4:30pm
2001 Madison Street Campus

Mark Your Calendars!



Guest Speaker: Jay Strack
February 16-18, 2024

DECEMBER 3rd | 6 p.m.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
WORSHIP

Jeff Stansberry
Michael Bryant
Sheryl Neal
Chris Latham

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Available for Pick-up



Donations Appreciated

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IMPACTING
LOSTNESS TOGETHER



GOD'S WORK THROUGH US IN
2022

122
Countries
728,589
People heard the gospel
178,177
New believers

21,231
New churches
102,417
Baptisms

100% of your gifts to the
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enable gospel transformation
among the unreached.

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Trinity Baptist

4924 Hwy 41 - A South
Clarksville, TN 37043

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A Love Offering
will be collected each day.

Sunday Morning
January 14th @ 11:00 a.m.
Tim Graves & The Farm Hands
Potluck Lunch



Saturday Night
January 13th @ 6:00 p.m.
GladHeart
BBQ Sandwich Dinner

Local Mission Trips



Good News Clubs

are designed to teach kids about Jesus. They meet after school once a week in public elementary schools, daycares, apartment complexes and other places.

YOU can help reach kids for Jesus.

Christian Youth in Action

12-20 year olds are trained to effectively teach children about Jesus. Join us throughout the year for periodic group activities, training camp and summer 5-Day Clubs.*

Young people can help reach kids for Jesus, too!

*Adult chaperones and drivers needed, too!

 **CEF Greater Clarksville**
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ReachingKidsForJesus.com

Christian Counseling

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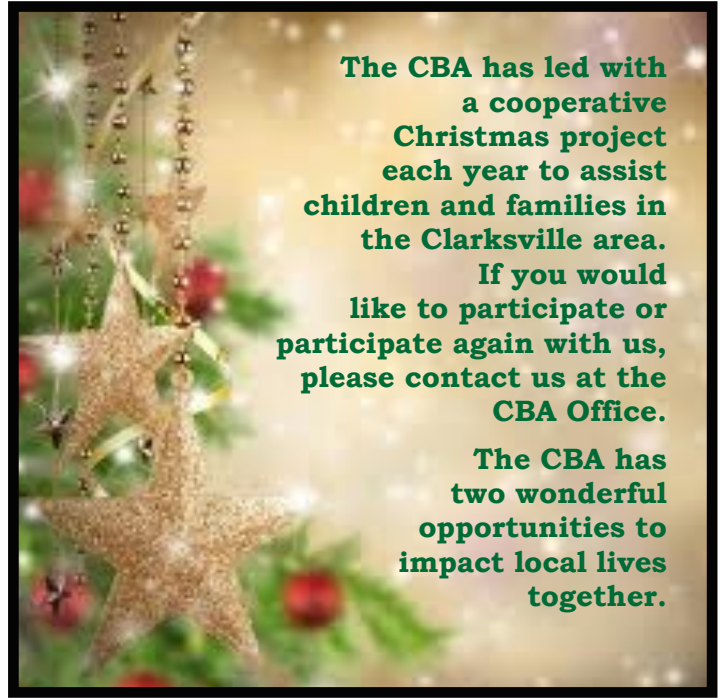
Appointments available

Tuesday/Thursday

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

by appointment only

Call (931) 358-9036



The CBA has led with a cooperative Christmas project each year to assist children and families in the Clarksville area. If you would like to participate or participate again with us, please contact us at the CBA Office.

The CBA has two wonderful opportunities to impact local lives together.



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Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
November 27 - 30, 2023 December 4 - 7, 2023	CBA Christmas Project Dropoff Please call first!	CBA	Contact CBA for Details
December 2, 2023	Christmas Parade	Downtown Clarksville	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
December 3, 2023	A Night of Worship	Bethel BC	6:00 p.m.
December 8 - 10, 2023	These Christmas Lights - Musical	Hilldale BC	8th & 9th @ 7:00 p.m. 10th @ 3:00 p.m.
December 10 - 16, 2023	IMB & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering - Week of Prayer		
January 13, 2024	Weekend of Worship - GladHeart	Trinity BC	6:00 p.m.
January 14, 2024	Weekend of Worship - Tim Graves & The Farm Hands	Trinity BC	11:00 a.m.
January 25 - 27, 2024	Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat	Pigeon Forge, TN	See Website for Details.
February 3, 2024	Ladies Valentine Coffee	2nd Mile Church	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
February 16 - 18, 2024	DNOW	Clarksville, TN	Contact CBA for Details
February 22 - 23, 2024	Church Revitalization Conference @ Victory Baptist	Mount Juliet, TN	See Website for Details