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



BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS & WIVES RETREAT

Register @ https://www.tnbaptist.org/event/bivocational-ministers-wives-retreat/



Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. JANUARY 26, 2023 2:00 PM -JANUARY 28, 2023 11:00 AM

MUSIC ROAD HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, 303 HENDERSON CHAPEL RD, PIGEON FORGE, TN, 37863

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The CBA office will be closed Friday, December 23, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023

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From the Missionary



CBA Church Family,

One of the things I learned as a parent was that promises matter. As a dad, I could say we might do something with our kids. However, they learned that those words were not a commitment. They would say back to me, "Is that a promise?" As their Dad, if there was a promise, I really had to make sure I followed

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through. Our world today is very cynical about lots of issues. We live in a world where broken promises are everyday occurrences. Political campaigns are particularly areas of disappointment. However, personal relationships and consumer transactions are often huge sources of pain. One of the things that we celebrate in the incarnation of our Savior is the fact that His coming fulfilled a host of promises. He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. As we go through the season of Advent and into the New Year, we can focus consistently on the power of God in keeping His promises. He is faithful! It is also helpful to recall that the birth of Jesus was not the end of the story. His crucifixion or even the resurrection was not the end of the story. He is coming again! If you are a church leader, you are busy in this season. I have learned the value of the days after Christmas and before New Years Day. May you take time to draw strength from those promises this year.

As we celebrate the holidays and move into a blank 2023 calendar, we want you to know that we are here to serve our churches. We have some events planned for 2023, but we are ready to serve your church if we can do something that is specific to the needs of your church in equipping or connecting you to carry out your ministry. As we end the year, I also want to say to you that I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your church. God is so good and we are seeing ways that he is working in our churches and in our community. Do you have detailed demographics of your church and community? Is there a way we could assist in training? Is there a connection that would help you to move forward? These can be challenging days of ministry, but resources can help with the task.

Finally, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! May you enjoy time with church, family, and friends in this season. May you also enjoy time with the Lord!

In Christ, Bro. Rick Stevens



Churches Without Pastors FBC Ashland City, Legacy & Lone Oak BC



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Christian Counseling We are here to help.

Dr. Bowie sees clients on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. by appointment. Call (931) 358-9036

Dr. Felts sees clients on Tuesday/Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. by appointment. Call (931) 358-9036



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The CBA has led with a cooperative Christmas project each year to assist children and families in the Clarksville area. We have two opportunities to impact local lives together with these great projects. The projects include service, clothing and toys. **Clothes for boys or girls** ages 8-12 and toys 6-12. Please have the items at the CBA office by noon on Dec. 9th. Please see inside for our service opportunity.

Notice:

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| Schedule of Events | | | |
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| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | TIME |
| December 1 - 9, 2022 | CBA Christmas Projects | СВА | |
| December 3 - 11, 2022 | IMB & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering - Week of Prayer | | |
| December 3, 2022 | CYIA Christmas Celebration | | |
| December 3, 2022 | Las Posadas - Volunteers Needed | Belle Glade Mobile Home Park | 5:00 p.m. |
| December 9, 10 & 11, 2022 | The Wonder of Christmas | Hilldale BC | 9th & 10th @ 7:00 p.m. 11th @ 3:00 p.m. |
| December 23 through January 2, 2023 | CBA Office Closed | | |
| January 26 - 28, 2023 | Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat | Pigeon Forge | See Website for Details |
| January 29 - 30, 2023 | State Evangelism Conference | New Vision BC | See Website for Details |
| February 19 - 21, 2023 | DNOW - DiscipleNow 2023 | | |