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The Monthly Newsletter of the Cumberland Baptist Association

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

Cumberland Baptist Association June 2023

June 9-11 will be a weekend of Kingdom impact as you and your church serve hurting communities in New Orleans. There are multiple ways to get involved. By partnering with Louisiana Baptists, New Orleans Baptist Association, Bayou Baptist Association, Send Relief is making it easy for you and your team to have a real, lasting impact in the lives of New Orleans' most vulnerable. Register your team now for early access to get started with free access to resources like prayer guides, online trainings and more!





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The CBA office will be closed Monday, June 19, 2023 for Juneteenth.

From the Missionary



CBA Church Family,

I recently had an "eyeopening" experience. I went to the eye doctor for a checkup and to get a prescription for some new glasses. They asked me, upon arrival, when was the last time I had an eye

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checkup?

exam. I told them 2 or 3 years ago. When we checked, it had been 5 years. Secondly, when they asked if I was having issues with my vision, I responded by telling them things were good. When they did the exam and eventually, I got my new glasses, I could not believe the difference. I really am amazed at how much clearer my vision is today. I would suggest that in our churches, a similar thing can potentially take place. We get so used to the routines and the patterns of our church that we may fail to ask the right questions. Instead of simply asking if we had services on a Sunday or how many attended, we may need to be asking more important questions. Ken Braddy wrote a book called **Breakthrough**. In that book, he talks about the fact that we may not be asking the right questions about the health of our churches. When we ask the right questions, we can work on the right priorities in ministry. Oh, by the way, Ken will be with us on August 14 at First Baptist Church St. Bethlehem for a training event based on this book. Plan to join us. This is very helpful for Pastors, Lay Leaders and Sunday School or Small Group leaders. How

Summer has brought a whole of host ministry opportunities our way. Activities are planned, but they are of little value if we don't share Jesus with people. Please pray for our Nicaragua Team, our Summer Missionaries, VBS events around the area, for your sister churches and community outreach events that can impact our area. Please reach out to us if the block party trailer can be of use to you this summer if you would like to do an event like this that could help you connect

long has it been since your church had a

with people. Having said this, there is no substitute for having conversations that turn into gospel conversations with people in your circle of activity. I am amazed at the frequency of times that people are willing to have a discussion where one can share the Good News of Jesus. The future of our next generations really rests on the Gospel. May we be faithful with that message and with the opportunities God is giving us!

In Christ, Bro. Rick Stevens

Churches Without Pastors

FBC Ashland City, Erin, Little West Fork, Spring Creek & Northeast



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Nicaraguan Mission Trip

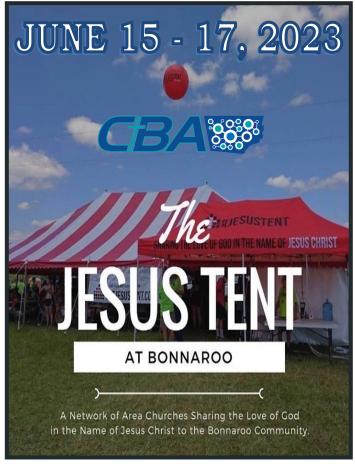
The Cumberland Baptist Association has partnered with Chosen Children this summer as we take a team of 29 from our associational churches to Nicaragua. Please be in prayer as they travel July 14 - 21, 2023.

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that is age group specific, one is being planned in partnership with the TBMB.

Please contact the CBA office for details.







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

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Schedule of Events			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
June	ASAP Staff	APSU	тва
June 9 - 11, 2023	Crossover	New Orleans, LA	See Website for Details
June 11 - 12, 2023	SBC Pastor's Conference	New Orleans, LA	See Website for Details
June 13 - 14, 2023	SBC Annual Meeting	New Orleans, LA	See Website for Details
June 15 - 17, 2023	Bonnaroo - The Jesus Tent	Manchester, TN	
June 18, 2023	Father's Day		
June 19, 2023	Juneteenth - Office Closed		
July 14 - 21, 2023	Nicaragua Mission Trip	Nicaragua	Please Pray
August 5, 2023	Additional Opportunity for Age Specific Training	тва	Call The CBA office for Details
August 13, 2023	BCM - Collegiate Day of Prayer		
August 14, 2023	Sunday School & Small Group Training	St. Bethlehem	6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.