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Sunday
March 10, 2024
Daylight
Savings
Time
Begins

From the Missionary



CBA Church Family,

Last month in this column, I brought up the term "church revitalization." This month, I want to mention that there are some keys to a church that goes through a process of revitalization. One of the key

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elements is a renewed emphasis and application of evangelism. I had the privilege of attending the Church Revitalization conference in February with the TBMB. They had two terrific speakers. One of them was Jeff Iorg, President of Gateway Seminary in California. He shared a key takeaway for churches regarding outreach and evangelism. I want to recap his concept.

When you look at scripture, Acts gives us great examples of evangelism. One of the best is the story of the church at Antioch in Acts 11. He says there are 3 ways that churches can emphasize evangelism. First, they can attract. This strategy involves and event or program to accommodate and gather people, including outsiders to be able to share the gospel. This is like having a famous figure in for a men's night, so he can share his testimony. The second is to engage. This strategy is to extend ministry to unbelievers to introduce them to Jesus. Upward Basketball or after school tutoring are examples of this strategy. The third is infiltration. This is the deployment of trained disciples out into the community to share the gospel in the pathways of life where most unchurched people can be found. An example would be a believer coaching a regular little league team so they might build relationships and share the gospel. The first two have some value, but the first one is especially harder to pull off for a small church, or any church in an increasingly secular culture. However, infiltration can be done by people from any size church with limited resources. What strategy is your church employing? Our spring meeting on April 22 will be themed with this concept at Northeast Baptist Church.

One obvious example of outreach can be employed this month. The Resurrection is not on the radar of most people in our culture. Is there someone you could engage in conversation asking them what Easter is about? Praise the Lord that the Cross was not the end of the story. He is risen!

In Christ,

Bro. Rick Stevens

Churches Without Pastors

Cumberland City, Dotsonville, Erin, Excell, Hillcrest & Little West Fork



CBA Summer Missionary Program

*Time Frame: June and July

*Application Period February 1st - March 15th.

*Explore different types of ministry and service.

*Work with children, students and explore missions.

College students, what does your summer look like? We have a way for you to stay based in Clarksville with a measure of flexibility and explore God's call on your life, while helping churches and beyond! You will get to learn about sharing your faith, see what ministry looks like in several settings, and get to meet some great people. We do provide a small weekly stipend for our missionaries. Our missionary program last year was a great success! If you would be interested in applying, check out the CBA website or contact the Cumberland Baptist Association office to learn more about this opportunity.

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LeAnn Fambrough *Memorial Sch*olarship

We will be accepting applications February 1st

through March 15th. To apply, you must be a member of a cooperating Cumberland Baptist Association Church.

The Application can be found under the "resource" tab at

www.cbatn.org.

Please mail completed application to: P.O. Box 3837 Clarksville, TN 37043 or email to cba@cbatn.org.

Ladies' Spring Coffee Saturday, April 20th 10:00 - Noon

Hillcrest Baptist Church 380 Dover Rd, Clarksville

Deadline to Register:

Thursday, April 11th

Call / Text Sandra Mackens, 931-449-0083 or

Email:

womensoutreach.cba@gmail.com

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CBA Executive Board Meeting

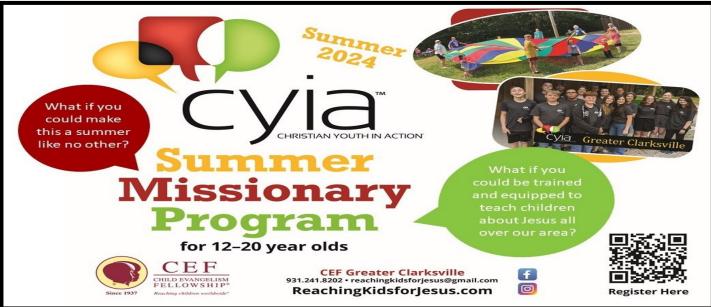
Monday April 22, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Larry Murphy

Northeast Baptist Church

3900 Trenton Rd. Clarksville, TN 37040



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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



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Week of Prayer • March 3 - 10, 2024







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Schedule of Events			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
March 3 - 10, 2024	Annie Armstrong - Week of Prayer		
March 15, 2024	LeAnn Fambrough Memorial Scholarship Applications Due	СВА	
March 15, 2024	Summer Missionary Program Applications Due	СВА	
March 22 - 23, 2024	YEC - Youth Evangelism Conference	New Vision BC Murfreesboro, TN	See Website for Details
April 07 - 08, 2024	State Evangelism Conference	New Vision BC Murfreesboro, TN	See Website for Details
April 13, 2024	VBS Training & More Clinic	Hilldale BC	9:00 a.m.
April 18, 2024	Pastor/Staff Lunch	Hilldale BC - Building B	11:30 a.m.
April 20, 2024	CBA Ladies' Coffee - Registration Deadline: April 11th	Hillcrest BC	10:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
April 22, 2024	Executive Board Meeting	Northeast BC	6:30 p.m.
April 28, 2024	Ignite Tennessee	Central BC Crossville, TN	6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.