

# CBA MISSIONAL INSIGHTS

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## Missions Focus:

On June 29, the CBA sponsors a lunch for First Responders in the Clarksville community. A great meal is provided for the first responders and we attempt to show our appreciation for their work. This event requires many volunteers to deliver to those who cannot leave their station to come to First Baptist Church of Clarksville to get the meal in person. Please pray for our outreach to them and for opportunities to share Christ as we serve our community. Please consider coming to help if you could deliver meals to a site. Also, consider sending messages from your church to those who serve the community.

## Sermon Ideas

As our culture becomes less familiar with the Bible, the task of the church and her pulpit is to keep God's Word in front of people. People who do not come from a church background will not have a familiarity with even the most commonly used scriptures and Bible stories. Amazingly, even some people who are in our churches are not as familiar with the Bible and its contents. For that reason, a great series or set of teaching lessons might be on Classic stories of the Bible or Famous texts of the Bible. Consider a series with David and Goliath, Jonah, Daniel and the Lion's Den, Noah, and the creation story. Consider a series of texts like Psalm 23, John 3:16, Matthew 28:19-20, Proverbs 3:5-6 and the texts of the Roman Road. You might be surprised at the impact of a review of the things we may take for granted.

## Servant Evangelism Ideas

How is your church building being used to serve the community? One of the great resources that most churches have is a building. Very often the building is empty much of the week, or mostly empty. Resources belong to God. We are to be stewards of resources that have been entrusted to us. Have you considered the possibilities of allowing your building to be of service to the local school, club, community association or even an exercise class? Now, it is true that issues of risk should be considered and it is ok to set some guidelines (actually really necessary) for its use. However, there are some creative ways your building could help you engage with the community. If it is not used to serve, you are very likely missing out on ways to connect with your neighbors.

## Children's Connection

One of the great things about our day and time is that in spite of the challenges of our culture, God is doing some really good things. In the current moral and ethical situation of America, many parents and churches are having concerns about the traditional groups Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts. It should be noted that there are now two wonderful new groups that exist. American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA are family friendly and Christian friendly organizations. They have great new materials, a clear moral foundation that is Bible compatible, and they make transition from the traditional organizations to the new organization smooth. If you have questions about this, please call us at the CBA office.

## Book Nook

One of the handiest little books to come out from Thom Rainer is the book, I Am a Church Member. This little book of 79 pages is a useful tool for communicating the role of a church member who has come to serve. It teaches the basics of avoiding a consumer mentality for those who are part of a local church. Rainer deals with prayer, unity, service, and the value of the local church. If you have not read the book, please do that. You will find that this book is valuable for teaching and could easily be material for a small group or new member class. It can be purchased for as little as \$5 a copy through Lifeway when you buy ten.

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