

The Messenger

April 2022

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

"The Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association is a network of Churches committed to evangelizing, teaching and ministering to our World."

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:16-17

Our Association hosted the group "Adam's Road" in the Spring of 2016. Many have commented that they were one of the best ministries that have shared during our Annual Spring Worship Rally. In fact, I would say that I had more positive reactions to Adam's Road from individuals that I would bump into weeks after our event than from any other group that has shared during our Spring Worship Rally.

Well, ADAM'S ROAD is COMING BACK! Adam's Road will be with us for our Spring Worship Rally on April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.

You might ask, "Who is Adam's Road?" Adam's Road is a Christian, non-profit ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song and testimony. Jesus unshackled four people and filled them with the knowledge of God's amazing grace. Adam's Road is made up of these four individuals, whom God rescued out of Mormonism and brought into a personal and saving relationship with Jesus. Through the transformative power of the gospel, four individuals who once were blind, lost, and dead are now trophies of God's immeasurable grace.

Since last year's emphasis was on missions, this year's Spring Worship Rally emphasis is on evangelism. I want to encourage all of our churches to be a part of our Spring Worship Rally. But more than that, wouldn't it be great if we had a room full of people that needed to hear the gospel? If we are truly burdened to reach the lost for Christ than bring a friend, family member, or neighbor that needs to hear the gospel clearly presented. Who do you know that might be held in a false belief or indoctrination? Invite that person to come and hear the stories of God's grace that Adam's Road has to share.

In fact, think about how many ways you can encourage others to attend this year's Spring Worship Rally. Print out invitations to hand to friends and family. Announce the Spring Worship Rally in your church, Sunday School Class, or Small Group. Give a personal invitation by word of mouth, text, or phone call. Be creative and let's have a great response to the sharing of the Good News through song and testimony by Adam's Road.

Imagine seeing God unshackle someone you know and fill them with the knowledge of God's amazing grace. Praying for a great response to the gospel of Jesus Christ,

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DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

A Mission Project For Your Church, Sunday School, or Small Group

Ukraine has been in the news for a month now with no end in sight. Millions of refugees have gone to neighboring countries to flee the war and millions remain in the country that are trying to survive. The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board through Disaster Relief has already sent \$70,000.00 in funding to assist those on the ground to help meet the needs of these refugees.

On behalf of Dr. Randy Davis and Disaster Relief, we are inviting Tennessee Baptist Churches to partner with us on a project that we will be supporting through trusted partners. Please remember financial gifts are always the best way in a situation like this to get supplies to where they are needed in the most efficient way. However, due to the world coming out of the Pandemic and resources being strained around the world, the following items have been requested from partners in the area.

We are going to collect very specific items that have been requested.

All supplies will need to be at the CPBA Office by April 21, 2022.

Please go only from this list.

Project Moldova –Moldova is a small country of 1.5 million people and has taken in over 300,000 refugees.

We have been asked to ship a container filled with NEW items only...

- Linens for single beds
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Towels and washcloths
- Clothing-All ages all sizes
- Underwear
- Socks
- Thermal wear
- Basic first aid items
- Baby diapers
- Food (Tender Mercies Meals) From our partner Midwest Food Bank. We have ordered 12 pallets that will feed over 120,000 meals and cost right at \$8,000.00. If you would like to contribute towards that, please specify that on your gift.

Any questions call 931-484-1858

**Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association
Spring Worship Service
April 24, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Central Baptist Church**



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Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

2022 Senior Adult Get-togethers



The Bilbreys —Family Bluegrass Harmony at its Best.

Memorial Baptist Church

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Special Guests—Dr. Joe Wiles and
The Bilbreys Bluegrass Band



David Turner is a performing ventriloquist that will entertain you through humor and song.

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Special Guests: David Turner &
Friends

Lunch to follow each day

Pastoral Counseling Center of the Cumberland Plateau

Submitted by: Carolyn Scott, Pastoral Counselor

April, 2022

“He’s Alive! He’s Alive! and I’m forgiven!”

Easter

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. - Proverbs 30:5

And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. - Jeremiah 24:7

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. - Isaiah 55:11

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. - Hebrews 11:3

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts. - Proverbs 21:2

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. - Philippians 4:4

Growing up in a Christian home of seven children, we always looked forward to the new set of clothing we would receive at Easter time; well truthfully, they were hand-me-downs, but to us they were new! The boys would receive new shirts, blue jeans, shoes, and socks. The girls would receive frilly dresses, bonnets, socks, shoes, and of course we all received an Easter basket.

Momma would always prepare our baskets with real dyed Easter eggs that we children had worked so hard the night before coloring and she would add a few Jelly Beans just for the fun of it. I can still hear the roar of laughter in our home as our fingers would turn all kinds of colors from the dye (some were pink, sky blue, grass green, lavender, and yellow).

We would hurry to church the next day Sunday morning for the Easter Celebrations. After all, we had studied all week remembering our scriptures for the big contest the children had every year for the chance to win a large, delicious chocolate bunny and a new Bible for the one who remembered the most scriptures! Well, you don’t have to guess who would pursue that gift! LOL! At that time as young children, we didn’t really understand the meaning of the story of the crucifixion; we just knew we had a loving father and mother who knew it was important to take their children to church to hear about Jesus. The preacher would preach a “Hell and Brimstone” message that would scare anyone to death and we rarely heard the message of “Love,” at least not in the context we hear today. We never really comprehended the meaning of the crucifixion and its meaning of love until we became much, much older. Nonetheless, the altars were full of people calling after God for forgiveness of sins. And, as soon as the last Amen was spoken, all the children would participate in the annual Easter egg hunt with special prizes to the one who found the most.

Momma would have us return home with our found eggs and she would make the most delicious “Holy Eggs” for our Easter meal. There was never a mention of the devil in our home; not even in “deviled eggs”. Daddy always said if the name “devil” was used, it better be “Get out of here devil, you don’t belong here!” I loved that about my Daddy that he and Momma taught us that God was loving towards us and would always provide just in time.

Unfortunately, not all children grow up in a good Christian home. Many come from broken homes and they mature into adults with real problems like co-dependency, low self-esteem, depression, anxiety, or addictions. We work with adults, ages 18 and over, teaching them what it means to have a “relationship” with Jesus, because most of them come from homes that the father has walked out on and/or the mother is strung out on drugs and they have no idea what having a real relationship with someone is like. We also have many strong Christians who attend counseling for the sake of overcoming life problems and needing direction in their lives.

At the counseling center, we dedicate the ministry to reaching the lost for Jesus Christ and teaching others that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. He is the truth and the Light (John 14:6)! **We also teach others that God is the healer of broken hearts because God is a God of *Pure Love* and He is Faithful to save, redeem, heal, and deliver us from our sins. He is close to the brokenhearted, He cares about our pain, He cares about our journey in life, and He has a wonderful plan that He will cause all our hardships to work together for the good when consecrated at the feet of Jesus (Romans 8:28).**

It's important for Christians to be the Light of the World, illuminating the character of God through both our words and actions. We must not misuse the message of *Being the Light of the World* (Matthew 5:14-16), to becoming gossip tellers of our brothers and sister's mistakes and sins or judging them for their sins or weaknesses! And that's why **confidentiality is a sacred trust at the counseling center**. The word tells us that we are to use introspection and then repentance to first cast out the beam out of our own eye, and then we shall see more clearly (Matthew 7:3-5). Only by the Grace of God do we!

Easter has come to mean so much more to me. It's not about the chocolate bunnies, or marshmallow peeps, or the frilly dresses and socks, it's about a King of Kings who loved us so much that He sent His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die in our place for our sins. That whosoever shall call upon His name, Jesus, shall be saved and have eternal life with Him (John 3:16).

Jesus knows how we feel. One day the community is shouting, “Hosanna, Hosanna to the King,” but don't you know that Jesus knew the entire time he was riding that donkey, being praised, those shouts of praise would quickly turn to “Crucify him?” Isn't that the way we feel sometimes in our daily lives? We are suspicious of people and what they are conspiring behind our backs. One day people love us and the next they are shouting ugly things at us, and we feel the death of low self-esteem, bitterness, and anger taking over. God has a message to help us pursue the things of God and stop looking to men for acceptance. It amazes me how Jesus loved us so much that he still bore the cross for our sins in spite of how he was mistreated, abused, and tortured. **Could we ever grow to love God in this fashion? That we have one goal in mind, never allowing what others think about us to hinder accomplishing the very Will of our Heavenly Father working in our lives?** May it be so Lord!

Lastly, here's the good news! Jesus is no longer in the grave; He is risen and alive forevermore (Matthew 28:6)! Scripture tells us that on the third day, Jesus arose from the grave as He said He would!

“He's alive, He's alive, and I'm forgiven!”

If you are struggling and need someone to talk with, contact the counseling center. Limited hours. Call Carolyn Scott at 931-787-9033 to schedule an appointment. Donations are encouraged to continue providing this service to others in need.



Remember: April is Income Tax Month

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association is a non-profit organization, and as such, your donation is tax deductible.

Submitted by Ronda Padgett

April 2022



Tennessee WMU Ministries

Christian Women's Job Corps and Christian Men's Job Corps are ministries of WMU that seek to help men and women break the cycle of poverty through job and life skills classes, Bible study and mentoring. There are currently 21 CWJC/CMJC sites in Tennessee.

Spring Missions Emphasis Meeting. The theme for the meeting was "Changing Lives!" Janice shared stories of how lives have been transformed through this ministry. Please pray for the Crossville site to re-open and consider how God might be calling you to be involved in this transformational ministry.

Special thanks to Oak Hill Baptist Church for hosting our meeting and for the 46 in attendance, representing 8 of our CPBA churches. We celebrated what God is doing through WMU and missions ministries in our churches. Thank you for donating gift cards for the mission project. Gift cards will be included in the Silent Auction baskets to be delivered to the Missions Fair at the Missions Get-Together to support the TennesseeNTouch Endowment Fund

Important Dates for 2022

- April 1-3:** Missions Get-Together, Gatlinburg Convention Center
- May 8:** Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
- May 14:** World Fair Trade Day
- June 12-13:** National WMU Celebration & Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA
- June 14-15:** Southern Baptist Convention, Anaheim, CA
- June 19:** Father's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes
- June 20:** World Refugee Day
- July 14:** Summer Missions Emphasis Meeting, Oaklawn Baptist Church
- August 15-20:** Baby Comfort Station at the Cumberland County Fair
- Sept 30-Oct 2:** Connection, Missions event for girls 6-12, First Baptist Sevierville. For more information, contact Kim at kcruse@tnbaptist.org
- October 14-16:** RA Camp-O-Ree, Linden Valley Conference Center
- Nov. 10:** Fall Missions Emphasis Meeting, Bethlehem Baptist Church



WMU Summer Missions
Emphasis Meeting
July 14, 2022

Oaklawn Baptist Church
3977 Hwy 70 East
Crossville, TN 38555

Theme
"Be Blessed by Helping Others"

Verse
Proverbs 31:20

Speaker
Michael Kilgore, Executive
Director of Lighthouse Christian
Camp, Inc.

Mission Project
Donate NEW Spanish & English
Bibles, Christian CD's & Movies,
and Christian Adult & Children
Books for the Baby Comfort
Station.

THE JOY OF MISSIONS

Get involved in what God is doing through the Christian literature ministry! Love Packages currently sends 20 foot ocean going containers to port cities around the world. These locations act as distribution points and have the capability to distribute these materials to thousands of churches overseas to fill eager hands with the Word of God.

How can your WMU or missions groups get involved? Pray for the work, the distributors, and the people who read the material. Collect donated bibles and other used Christian Literature. Take the literature quarterly to the CPBA. Volunteer with a missions group to deliver to Love Packages Ministry in Decatur, AL where it is sorted, packed and shipped.

It was all joy on a two-day Mission Trip to Love Packages in Decatur, AL with Central Baptist Church working together for God's Kingdom! We transported literature and packaged 11 tons of recycled gospel literature to be shipped to missionaries and pastors around the world.

Help reach "the ends of the earth" in Jesus' name.

Ronda Padgett

Associational WMU Director



March Love Packages Trip-Rob & Debbie Deans, Steve Martin, Susan Smith, Tom Rice, Ronda Padgett and Billy Kemp.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Don't forget the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering! This is our mission Field—to support those missionaries who are in the field for Christ! Please be in prayer.





A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

***Join us and find out why you should take the
Matter of Balance class.***

Each Monday beginning APRIL 4TH THRU MAY 23RD from 10 am to 12 noon at Memorial Baptist Church, 1858 Sparta Hwy.

Who should consider signing up to take the class?

Anyone concerned about falls, anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength, anyone who has fallen in the past and anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns.

To register, call Nancy Busbee at Memorial Baptist Church 931-484-9278.



Lighthouse Christian Camp Work Week

May 9– 13



Camp Ozone Work Week



April 18-22

232 Camp Ozone Rd. Rockwood, TN 3785

Register at: www.campozone.org/work-week/



Our Mission: Reaching children and families, teaching them to love God, His Word and His created world.

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April 4	Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.
April 11	Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 18-22	Camp Ozone Work Week
April 18	Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.
April 19	Ministers/Spouse Appreciation Dinner
April 24	CPBA Spring Worship Service Central Baptist Church
April 25	Senior Adult Get-Together Memorial B.C.
April 26	Senior Adult Get-Together Bethlehem B.C.