



The Messenger



Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

A network of churches committed to evangelizing, teaching, and ministering to our world.

July 2026

- Support Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Baby Comfort Station
- Early Education Conf.
- One more VBS

A Word from Kirk

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 'For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things?'" Romans 10:9-10, 13-15

We Need Volunteers Who Will Bring Glad Tidings of Good Things

The pulpit is not the only place for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed. In fact, after hearing the message from the pulpit, we leave the gathered congregation and are sent out as individual messengers. I have visited several churches that display a sign at the exit of their parking lot that reads, "You are now entering your mission field."

Each Sunday, as we leave our local church, we are being sent out as messengers of the Gospel. So, let me ask you: where have you been preaching lately?

Our association's mission statement reminds us of this calling: The purpose of the Association is to glorify God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ by assisting, encouraging, and strengthening member churches to reach evangelistic, educational, missionary, and other ministry goals in a cooperative relationship.

As an association, we desire to help our churches succeed in sharing the Good News. From time to time, we offer opportunities for you to step into that calling—to be sent out as a messenger of the gospel of peace. We all know our world desperately needs to hear the message of Jesus Christ. As Scripture asks, "How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

So, we need volunteers who will bring glad tidings of good things.

Here are two opportunities for you to serve as a messenger of the gospel of peace:

1. Cumberland County Fair (August 17–22, 2026)

We will once again host the Baby Comfort Station. We need volunteers willing to serve a two-and-a-half-hour shift one evening during the fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister to the thousands who pass by our trailer. You can serve young mothers while also engaging others by offering cold water, freezer pops, literature, and—most importantly—the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2. Roane State Community College (Fall Semester)

We also have the opportunity to serve lunch to students between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We are looking for groups to commit to providing and serving one lunch per week during the fall semester. As students come through, you will have the chance to engage in meaningful gospel conversations. You may be surprised at how open many of them are to talk.

Would you prayerfully consider serving?

Please contact the association office and volunteer to be a messenger,

Kirk

You're Invited to CPBA's

Support Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, July 16, 2026
12pm
CPBA Office
291 Sparta Hwy, Crossville
(Use the back door.)



We hope to see you there!

Who is invited?

- Secretaries
- Assistants
- ACP Contacts
- Pastors who fill these roles

What is it for?

- Showing our appreciation
- Addressing ACP Changes and Questions
- Food
- Fellowship

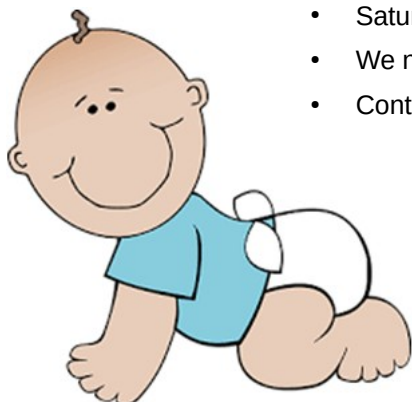
RSVP by Wednesday, July 8

RSVP Libby at
cpba4ma@gmail.com

Baby Comfort Station at the Cumberland County Fair

The most important thing we can do is share the Love of Christ with those around us. The CPBA will again be hosting a Baby Comfort Station at the Cumberland County Fair. This year's fair will be held August 17-22, 2026.

- Pick a day: Monday through Saturday.
- Pick a shift: Early (4:30-7:00pm) or Late (7:00-9:30pm)
- Saturday also has an Afternoon shift available (2:00-4:30pm)
- We need exactly 2 volunteers for each shift.
- Contact Libby to sign up. 484-1858 or cpba4ma@gmail.com



The Baby Comfort Station provides a clean and comfortable place for parents to bring their babies to change them and feed them. In addition, we also provide free water, suckers, and freezer pops. Through your donations, we are able to give away NEW English and Spanish Bibles, Christian books, movies, and CDs with a brochure listing our associational churches.

This is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and to plant Gospel seeds in a lot of hearts and minds. Our desire is to see many come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!

WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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This is an annual statewide conference for the purpose of providing training for directors and teachers in Weekday Early Education/Preschool ministries.

When: Saturday, July 11, 2026
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM Central Time

[Register Now](#)

Where: Grace Baptist Church
1510 Old Hickory Blvd., Nashville, TN 37207

Theme: Planting Seeds of Faith; Teaching from a Biblical Worldview

This Weekday Early Education Conference is for directors and teachers of any part-time or full-time preschool program. Valuable training is available for anyone working with preschoolers, regardless of the type of program or curriculum used. The conference schedule provides six (6) hours of approved professional development clock hours, approved through TrainTN.

Registration Fee

\$75 per person if registered by June 2, 2026.

\$85 per person if registered after June 2, 2026.

No refunds after July 1, 2026.

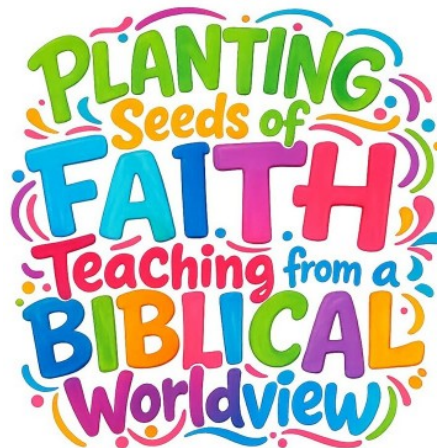
However, the registration fee may be transferred to another member in your group.

Looking forward to seeing you in July!

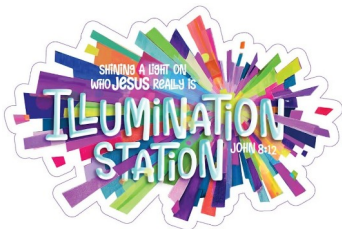
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Oak Hill Baptist Church

Dates: July 13-17

Times: 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Theme: *Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is*

ROANE STATE MEALS

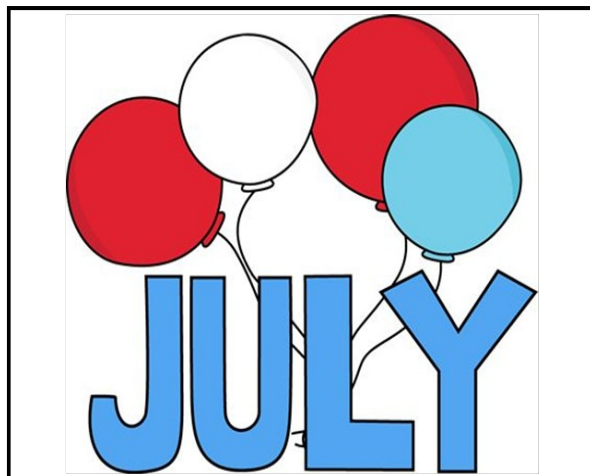
It's time to start planning food for the fall semester at Roane State.

Lunches will run August 19 through December 3, except for Fall Break (Oct 12-16) and Thanksgiving week. Pick a week and let us know if you plan to provide lunch on Wednesday or on Thursday of that week.

We usually plan to feed about 75-100 people including students, faculty, and staff. Once the semester is underway, we might be able to fine tune that estimate.

If you have a group from your church that would like to help with this ministry, please contact Libby to be added to the schedule.





July 2026 At-A-Glance

July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
July 7	Executive Council Meeting, 1PM
July 13-14	Love Packages Trip
July 16	Support Staff Luncheon, 12PM

DONATE

Please consider donating to support CPBA. All donations are tax deductible. Donate by mail, in person, or online at www.cpbaptists.com/donate

Looking Ahead to August 2026

Aug 3	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: TBA
Aug 7	CC Schools: First Full Day for Students
Aug 17	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: TBA
Aug 17-22	Baby Comfort Station at the Cumberland County Fair

More information about many of our calendar events can be found on the [EVENTS](#) page of our website.

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