



The Messenger



Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

November 2025

- WMU Get-Together
- TN Summit
- Outreach Opportunity (MK)
- Roane State
- Annual Meeting

A Word from Kirk

"Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation!" Psalm 68:19

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psalm 103:2

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." James 1:17

Our churches' Fall Festivals and Trunk or Treats are over with, the weather is making a change, and it's time to change the clocks. All of this is a sign that the end of the year is approaching fast, and wonderful times of celebrating holidays are almost here. Now, before we mention Christmas, November is the month to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Let's remind ourselves of a few things:

Thanksgiving begins with recognizing the giver. We recognize that God is the giver of all things and that He is the source of all our blessings. Don't get caught up in being thankful for the gift without recognizing the giver.

Thanksgiving should be an act of worship. As you worship this month remember, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Thanksgiving is not optional; it is the will of God.

Thanksgiving will flow from our salvation. Salvation is the ultimate gift. As Paul writes, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Thanksgiving leads to generosity. Paul said it like this, "While you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God."

Thanksgiving unites us. Gratitude is amplified when shared. When we gather together for thanksgiving, we proclaim that all we are and have, is from God alone.

One final thought about Thanksgiving from a wonderful hymn:

Count your blessings, name them one by one.
Count your blessings, see what God hath done.
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

I'm thankful for the privilege to serve this association of churches,

Kirk



Make plans now to attend **Missions Get-Together** on April 17-18, 2026, at Dickson First Baptist Church.

Missions Get-Together is a weekend for women 18 years and older to come together with women from across the state to worship, learn what God is doing in Tennessee and around the world, meet new friends, hear powerful testimonies from missionaries and ministry partners, participate in relevant breakouts, open God's Word, have fun...and so much more!!!

The event features four General Sessions, four Breakout Sessions - with an additional TWO BONUS Breakouts on Friday Morning, a Missions & Ministry Fair with a WorldCrafts store and the annual Silent Auction!

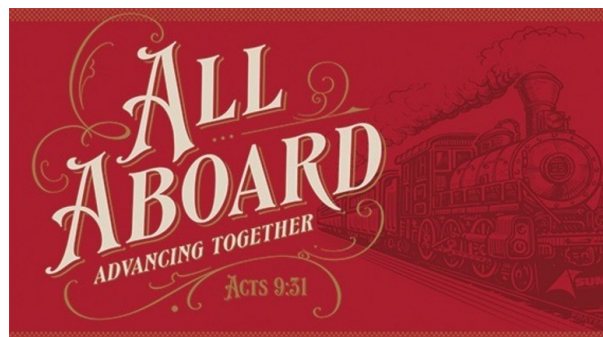
[Click here](#) for lodging recommendations.

Stay up-to-date on the latest information by visiting the event [website](#).

Summit

The Summit is the annual gathering of Tennessee Baptists. You probably know it as the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Summit includes the Pastors Conference, the annual meeting, and everything in between. The 2025 Summit will be held November 9-11, at West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, TN

Visit tbcs Summit.org for more information.



Each year Tennessee WMU asks a few associations to "adopt" a Missionary Kid (MK) whose parents are serving overseas with the IMB. These students are often away from their family for the first time and in a country they did not grow up in. College can often feel lonely and isolating to them. The purpose of this MK Adoption is for the associations to nurture and encourage these students while they are far from family and hopefully for the church to see missions more personally. We are being asked to offer encouragement to our MK throughout the school year.

Our assigned MK is a young man named Sage, who is a freshman at TN Tech. I am asking our churches to sign up for one month to minister to him by sending notes, emails, gift cards, goody packages, etc. And, it would be nice to reach out to him several times over the course of your month, if possible. Unfortunately, we just missed his birthday (Oct 25), but perhaps whoever takes November could acknowledge a belated birthday wish. This could be a church-wide project, a youth project, a seniors group project, etc.

Would a group from your church be willing to commit to "adopting" our MK for one month? If so, please pick a month from November through May. That's only 7 slots to fill. Let me know, and I will coordinate the schedule. I can also reach out to Sage for a little more introductory information that I can then pass along to everyone at once, things like his interests and such. Once you sign up, I can also send you Sage's mailing address and his email address.

Of course, if your church wants to correspond with Sage for more than "your" month or for the entire 7 months, that would be wonderful. I just wanted to spread out the request across the churches to make sure he doesn't fall between the cracks and get overlooked.

I sent this request earlier to each of our churches, but individuals are welcome as well! Just let me know you'd like to get in touch with Sage, and I will send you more information.

--Libby

Roane State Meals



Tina Casey and Tim DeMoss ready to serve lunch. (Sept 18)



Kirk Casey and Terry May cooking the burgers. (Sept 18)



Lantana Road Baptist serving lunch. (Sept 25)



Students are lined up. (Sept 25)



Carrie Johnson and Shaunda Brown representing Pine Eden Baptist. (Oct 9)



More students lined up for lunch. (Oct 9)

2025 Annual Meeting Worship Service



Brian Campbell and the Bethlehem choir lead worship.



Kirk Casey welcomes everyone.



Mark Bass, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist, opens the service in prayer.



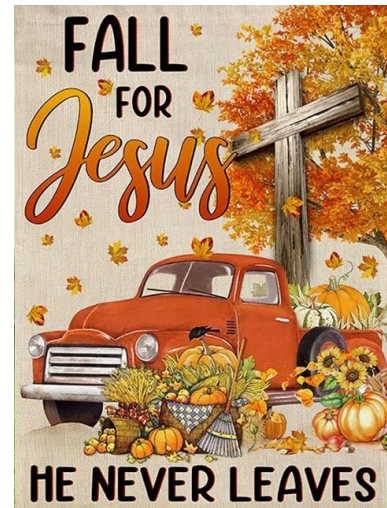
Guest Speaker: Phillip Smith



Dismissing in prayer.



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November 2025 At-A-Glance

Nov 2	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov 3	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: Andrew Lewis, Southwest Baptist
Nov 9-12	TBC Summit Jackson, TN
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 17	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: Andy Weaver, Pine Eden
Nov 26	CC Schools closed
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

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Looking Ahead to December 2025

Dec 1	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: Doug Elders, Fairfield Glade First Baptist
Dec 8-9	Love packages trip
Dec 15	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: Robert Hallatt, Plateau Missionary Baptist
Dec 19	CC Schools: Abbr. Day
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Office Closed
Dec 25	Christmas Day Office Closed

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