



The Messenger

August 2023

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

“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.”

I am often asked, “What is an association?” Always a good question and one that we need to continue to answer. Let me defer the answer to a friend of mine that just gave a good reply recently in their association’s newsletter. This is from my friend, Mitch Martin, Executive Director of the Mid-South Baptist Association in Memphis, TN:

Here are three descriptions of what an association is and is not.

First, an association is not one person. How can it be? Association implies connection or relationship. Association can never be a solo activity. Associations may employ a lead missionary, but the association is much more than one person. Regardless of how gifted the Director of Missions is, he does not and can never embody the association.

Second, an association is not an office building. Association describes the relationship among church leaders and members. The Baptist association may or may not have an office – that’s optional, but the true headquarters for the association is out in the harvest among the congregations.

Third, the association is not an afterthought of the Southern Baptist convention. Just the opposite, by many years, associations pre-date state conventions and the Southern Baptist convention.

So, if a Baptist association is not an afterthought, not a person, nor a building, what is it?

First, a Baptist association consists of churches who voluntarily choose to work together. For kingdom purposes they collaborate. Cooperatively they freely dream, design and conduct ministry in ways they believe will best advance the cause of Christ in their region.

Second, a Baptist association is a group of churches with an agreed-upon theology. For us it is the *Baptist Faith and Message, 2000*. On primary doctrines associations agree, on lesser matters they extend grace.

Third, a Baptist association cares for one another. Rooted in shared purpose and doctrine, the churches and pastors love their extended Christian family. And it is through this community of godly relationships that ministry multiplies.

Associations are as old as the Bible. Since the birth of the church in the Book of Acts, like-minded churches have been working together. Denominations may rise and fall but associations of one kind or another will continue until the end of time; yes, and what a privilege it is to work with sister churches!

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO LIVE ON MISSION. **WMU**® God's mission. Our passion.

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association WMU to Host Annual Baby Comfort Station

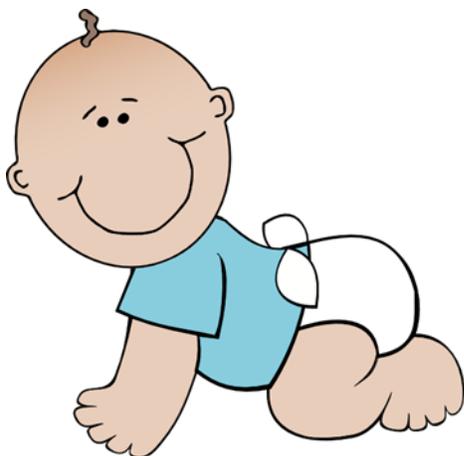
**at the Cumberland County Fair
August 14-19, 2023**

The station will provide a clean and comfortable place for parents to care for the needs of their babies while attending the fair. Diaper changing stations and a nursing area will be available.

Sign-up to serve a shift at the station to welcome parents and most importantly share the love of Jesus. Free water, freezer pops, coloring books & crayons, Bibles & Christian books will be given out.

Men and women can both sign-up to serve a shift. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Free passes will be provided for volunteers to enter the fairgrounds. Various shifts are available for you to serve.

Contact Ronda Padgett to sign-up to work a shift at 931.335.6444 or email refpad@citlink.net.



During the Summer Missions Emphasis in July, special guests Matt & Darlene Tullos used storytelling to share the Gospel around the theme "Hope Anchors the Soul."

Tennessee WMU had hope 135 years ago when the organization formed in 1988. We were filled with hope celebrating TN WMU with 56 in attendance from 9 churches hosted by Calvary Baptist Church.

Make plans to attend the Fall Missions Emphasis on November 9th at Lantana Road Baptist Church. Let's be on mission together, in and through Tennessee!

Christmas in August

Are you looking for a missions project for the people in your church or small group?

Every year WMU and the North American Mission Board partner to provide churches a simple way to directly help a NAMB missionary by collecting and shipping items they need for ministry and outreach.

Visit wmu.com/ChristmasinAugust to select missionaries, for instructions, and a video.

Your gifts will have an eternal impact!

MISSIONS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES




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 DO YOU GET JESUS?
 september 15 - 17
 cookeville, tennessee
 tennessee tech bcm
save the date
 JOIN US FOR THE 2023
connection
 missions event
 for girls in
 grades 6-12

Register now for the missions event for middle and high school-aged girls! The weekend will be filled with missionary speakers, Bible study, discipleship breakouts, worship, mission projects, and activities.

Information & registration at:
tnbaptist.org/event/connection



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS
 FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Tennessee Baptists are challenged to provide 7,000 backpacks for children living in poverty regions in Tennessee. Churches and associations will partner with ministries in these regions to impact the lives of children and their families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Collection dates are October 23-25, 2023, at 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at Oaklawn Baptist Church, 3977 Highway 70-E, Crossville.
 Contact: David Mahan 931-456-0754

For more information and resources, visit tnbaptist.org/backpacks



Global Hunger Sunday
 AUGUST 27, 2023
 Global Hunger Relief

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35

Tennessee is one of the hungriest states in the country. Many people in our communities do not have enough to eat or lack the financial resources to buy adequate food for their households.

Join us on August 27th as we give to fight hunger here and abroad on Global Hunger Sunday. Check out various resources to help promote this special day of giving at GlobalHungerRelief.org



"WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE." MATTHEW 19:26
ALL THINGS TENNESSEE
 ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT...TENNESSEE IS A MISSION FIELD.

The 2023-24 Golden Offering begins September 1st.

The Week of Prayer for State Missions suggested dates are September 10-17.



Special Community Event
With FREE SERVICES
 FREE SERVICES (While Supplies Last)

- Hot Lunch
- Family Portraits
- Haircuts
- Groceries
- Health Services
- Breast Health Services
- Kids Zone
- Children's Shoes
- Community Services
- Veterans Services
- Prayer

NO transportation? CALL UCHRA at 931-456-0691.
 UCHRA will pick you up and take you home!

COMMUNITY COMPLEX
 August 26 | 9AM - 1PM



COMMUNITY EVENT
 At the Community Complex 1398 Livingston Rd., Crossville
AUGUST 26, 2023 9:00am to 1:00pm

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

FREE bouncy houses for the kids! **FREE** Family Pictures! **FREE** Haircuts!
FREE Lunch! And Much, Much More!

Thousands of bags of **FREE GROCERIES!** Approximately 5000 pairs of **FREE NEW SHOES!**

Need a ride? CALL UCHRA at 931-456-0691 They will pick you up and take you home!

Several of our churches are already involved and plan on participating with the We Are One Community Event coming up on August 26th.

A few weeks ago, I submitted a request to our TBMB Compassion Ministries for a grant to help pay for some of the food costs. I am thankful to share with you that our association has received \$5,000 that has already been donated to We Are One. These monies are from the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. I am thankful for the churches of our association that give to the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. I would especially encourage GOTM recipient churches and Ministries to give through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

“We will need an army to give out the items God has provided and love on the people we believe will attend this event.” We Are One

The We Are One Community Event will need many volunteers from our churches. In fact, the leaders of We Are One estimate that they will need 1500 – 2000 volunteers to help serve our community on August 26th.

Thank you for loving our community,

Kirk



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Coming in August: Idaho Mission Trip

We still have 2 slots open for the Idaho Mission Trip coming up August 21-30.

Cost: a plane ticket and a few meals

Contact Kirk if you have any questions. cpbadom@gmail.com or 931-787-6565

Coming in August: Worship Summit

The TBMB is offering an excellent opportunity for the church worship teams to have practical training

- worship leaders/ministers of music
- worship bands and worship teams
- choir leaders and members
- children's choir/worship leaders
- pianists and keyboardists
- bi-vocational worship leaders
- audio-visual teams
- and more!

www.worshipsummits.com

West TN: August 12 (A few different guests)

Middle TN: August 19 (Pictured here)

**Middle TN
REGIONAL
WORSHIP
SUMMIT**

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LOCATIONS/DATES

EAST TENNESSEE
Saturday, August 5
First Baptist, Seymour
11621 Chapman Hwy

WEST TENNESSEE
Saturday, August 12
Englewood Baptist, Jackson
2239 N Highland Ave

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Saturday, August 19
Belle Ave Baptist, Nashville
1307 N Rutherford Blvd

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MISSION BOARD**

WWW.WORSHIPSUMMITS.COM

Speakers listed on poster:
 MARK BLAIR (Worship Leaders), TONY COOPER (Worship Teams), MEGAN ALLEN (Choirs)
 DARLENE ABBOTT (Preschool/Children), AMY TATE WILLIAMS (Keyboard Ministry), TIM HAMMOND (Audio-Visual)
 ROBER BRITTON (Educational Worship), MATT TULLOS (Creativity), SCOTT SHEPHERD (Worship Speaker)

Coming in August: Priscilla Shirer Simulcast



We are so excited to host the Going Beyond Simulcast event at Cumberland Fellowship on **August 26th**. The Lord is stirring the women today to go beyond what our eyes see, what our ears hear and to seek, run after and pursue what lies ahead.

This will be an awesome day of great teaching, praying and praising God in one place as ONE. The event is all day, starting at 9:00 and ending around 3:45 P.M, and filled with great teaching by Priscilla Shirer, worship/music by Anthony Evans and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

The event ticket cost is \$12.00 and we will be providing a Chick-fil-ia lunch with your event ticket and t-shirts will be available to pre-purchase as an add on for \$15. We will also have a Snack Bar and Coffee Café available. This event is open to all ladies from across the Upper Cumberland, so you will want to register early to ensure ticket availability. We are limited to 500 attendees. Registration is open now through **August 9th** to include lunch.

YOUR REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL SERVE AS YOUR TICKET.

Childcare is available for \$5 per child. Must pre-register for childcare.

We are sooooo looking forward to spending this awesome day with you'll. Doors will open and childcare (for those pre-registered) will be available at 8:45 am. Any questions please call Beth McDonald at 931-261-8175 or email bethmcdonald56@gmail.com.

Save the Date in October: Annual CPBA Meeting & Worship Service

Sunday, October 1, 2023
Bethlehem Baptist Church

Business meeting @ 4 PM
Worship @ 6 PM

TN Disaster Relief 2023 Training Opportunities.

See their website for details: tndisasterrelief.org/events

August 26

[Introduction to Disaster Relief/Chainsaw Operation & Safety/Damage Assessment/and Flood Recovery](#)

First Baptist Church, Millington

September 9

[Hands-On Specialized Classes](#), Missions Mobilization Center, Mt. Juliet

- Bucket Truck Classroom (1 1/2 hours) and Hands-On Training (1 1/2 hours) – includes test – Must have current Chainsaw Operations & Safety classroom training (repeated in the afternoon) OR
- Chainsaw Hands-On Training (morning class or afternoon class) – Must have current Chainsaw Operations & Safety classroom training OR
- Chainsaw Repair & Maintenance – Must have current Chainsaw Operations & Safety classroom training (*Please bring a chainsaw, basic toolset, and manual, if available. This will be a hands-on class and you will be taking your chainsaw apart for the various maintenance tasks.*) OR
- Forklift/Skid Steer Classroom (1 1/2 hours) and Hands-On Training (1 1/2 hours) – includes test (repeated in the afternoon) OR

Mass Feeding Hands-On Training (all day) – Must have current Mass Feeding classroom training

September 16

[Introduction to Disaster Relief, Flood Recovery, and Chainsaw Operation & Safety](#)

Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown

September 30

[Introduction to Disaster Relief, Chainsaw Operation & Safety, and Flood Recovery](#)

Long Hollow Baptist Church, Hendersonville



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Custodial Need - Part-time, flexible hours (possible increase of hours in the future)

Call Jose' Barreto at Central Baptist Church 931-484-8426 M-F 8:00-4:00 if interested.



Women's Retreat Refreshed & Renewed

Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church
September 22 & 23



Sandy Payton - Guest Speaker



Teresa Borton - Soloist

Registration Form

Send Registration Form Back To:
First Baptist Church
130 Town Centre Way
Crossville, TN 38571

\$25.00 Registration Fee
Make checks payable to:
Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home Church: _____

Registration Form

Women's Retreat Refreshed & Renewed

September 22-23, 2023

Friday: 4:30pm - 8:00pm
Dinner Included

Saturday: 7:30am - 1:30pm
Breakfast Included

Questions: Contact - Linda York

Email: justnm4@gmail.com

Phone: 731-363-1959



Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church
130 Town Centre Way
Crossville, TN 38571
931-484-6927
www.onhisrock.org



<https://www.tnbaptist.org/event/pastors-prayer-gathering-training/>

The CPBA will be taking a van to this event for any pastor or staff person that would like to join us. Also, a hotel room will be provided if you would like to share a room, or you can pay the difference for a single room. So, the only other cost to you would be two meals. Call Kirk Casey (931-787-6565) to reserve your spot and for any questions that you may have.

AN URGENT CRY TO GOD FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Thompson Station Church near Franklin, Tennessee, will host "An Urgent Cry for Spiritual Awakening," a region-wide Prayer Gathering for Pastors, those they are mentoring for Pastoral Ministry, and other Pastoral Staff.

Bill Elliff, founding and National Engage Pastor of The Summit Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, will facilitate the Prayer Gathering. He will be joined by other pastors from Tennessee and across the Mid-South.

When:

Wednesday, September 27, 6:00–9:00 pm

Registration Begins at 5:00 pm

Thursday, September 28, 8:00 am–12:00 pm

Where:

Thompson Station Church

2604 Thompson's Station Rd E, Thompson's Station, TN

Two miles south of Exit 28, Interstate 840 in Middle Tennessee

Who:

Pastors, Men Sensing God's Call to Pastoral Ministry, other Church Pastoral Staff, Evangelists, and Prayer Ministry Leaders across Tennessee and Surrounding States

What:

A Prayer Gathering, including Replicable Training Experiences for use in churches

Why:

To Seek the Face of God for Spiritual Awakening

A Training Guide will be made available for pastors to equip lay leaders to conduct Wednesday night prayer services on September 27, allowing their pastors to join countless others from across Tennessee and surrounding states in prayer for spiritual awakening.



*Let us know how
we can serve you!*

July 2023 Newsletter

A Message From Baptism-Discipleship Team Leader: Mark Miller

The summer has been filled with camps, VBS, and other events and God has been moving. Seeds have been planted and many decisions have been saved. I would love to hear your reports, but here are a few things that are happening:

- Over 852 children and youth attended Journey and YEC Camps at Linden Valley and Carson Springs.
- At least 78 middle and high school football teams participated in twelve Night of Champion Events featuring former college and current professional players. Host churches across Tennessee reported 554 decisions.
- An estimated 17,000 Bonnaroo festival goers received acts of kindness and had gospel conversations with 219 volunteers from 40 churches at the Jesus Tent.
- Ignite TN Pastor dinners and rallies were conducted in Alpha and Beulah Associations. As of July 24th, 27 Ignite Tennessee Rallies and Pastors Meetings have been conducted representing 28 Associations. Currently 232 pastors have committed to leading a 30-Day Evangelistic Challenge.

God is using you to impact lostness in Tennessee. The 2022 Baptism total as submitted by Lifeway Christian Resources to the Southern Baptist Convention was 15,975, an increase of 1810 over 2021's total of 14,165. Tennessee ranked third in reported baptisms among the State Conventions. Let's win TN for Christ and see at least 50,000 Tennesseans saved, baptized, and set on the road to discipleship in 2024.



August 2023 At-A-Glance

August 3	First Day of School
August 12	West TN Worship Summit
August 14	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Doug Elders
August 19	Middle TN Worship Summit
August 21-30	Idaho Mission Trip
August 22	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Andy Weaver
August 26	We Are One Community Event, 9AM-1PM
August 26	Priscilla Shirer Simulcast 9AM
August 28	Leadership Team meeting 11:30 AM

Looking Ahead to September 2023

Sept 4	LABOR DAY—Office Closed
Sept 5	Executive Council meeting 6 PM
Sept 11	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: TBA
Sept 18-19	Love Packages Mission Trip
Sept 22-23	Refreshed & Renewed (Ladies Retreat)
Sept 26	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: TBA
Sept 27	Prayer Gathering, Thompson Station

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Office Hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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