



The Messenger



Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

June 2026

- VBS 2026
- Support Staff Luncheon
- Baby Station at the Fair
- Early Childhood Training

A Word from Kirk

*“But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’”
Matthew 19:14*

IT’S TIME FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Most of our churches will be engaged in VBS during the next three weeks. Just think about the number of children that will be attending these weeks of VBS.

For many of us, VBS brings back cherished memories: songs with motions, Bible stories that came alive, snacks shared with friends, and caring adults who took time to invest in our lives. But VBS is far more than a nostalgic tradition, it remains one of the most effective evangelistic tools in our local churches.

Each year, churches across our association partner with trusted resources like Lifeway Christian Resources to provide biblically sound, engaging, and gospel-centered VBS experiences. These materials help churches clearly present the message of Christ in ways children can understand and remember.

But why does VBS matter so much?

First, VBS creates intentional gospel opportunities. In a single week, churches often connect with children and families who may never attend a Sunday service. Seeds of the gospel are planted, and many children make first-time professions of faith in Christ.

Second, VBS strengthens the church family. It mobilizes volunteers of all ages—teachers, helpers, kitchen workers, decorators, and prayer warriors. When a church rallies together for a common mission, it builds unity and shared purpose.

Third, VBS opens doors to the community. Parents entrust their children to your care, and that trust often leads to deeper relationships.

Finally, VBS invests in the next generation. The truths children learn during this week can shape their lives for eternity. Scripture hidden in their hearts, lessons about God’s love, and examples of faithful believers leave a lasting imprint.

As our churches prepare for VBS, let me encourage you to pray diligently, plan intentionally, and serve joyfully. Pray for the children who will attend. Pray for the volunteers who will lead. Pray that God will use your efforts to draw many to Himself.

Let’s not underestimate what God can do in just a few days. VBS is more than an event, it is a mission field right in our own communities. Thank you for your faithfulness in sharing the gospel and investing in lives that matter for eternity.

Kirk

VBS! 2026



Bethlehem Baptist Church

Dates: May 31-June 4

Times: 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Theme: *Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23*



Register with Bethlehem



Memorial Baptist Church

Dates: June 7-12

Times: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

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



Oaklawn Baptist Church

Dates: June 7-11

Times: 5:15-5:50 Registration and Meal

5:50-6:10 Worship Rally

6:10-8:00 Classes and Activities

Theme: *Junkyard Redemption: God's Master Plan to Remake our Broken World*

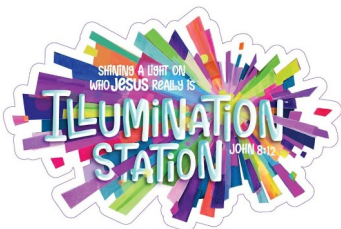


Pine Eden Baptist Church

Dates: June 15-18

Times: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

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



Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church

Dates: June 21-25

Times: 4:30pm light dinner

5:00pm-7:30pm VBS activities

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



Oak Hill Baptist Church

Dates: July 13-17

Times: 5:30pm – 8:00pm

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

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

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: Planing 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.

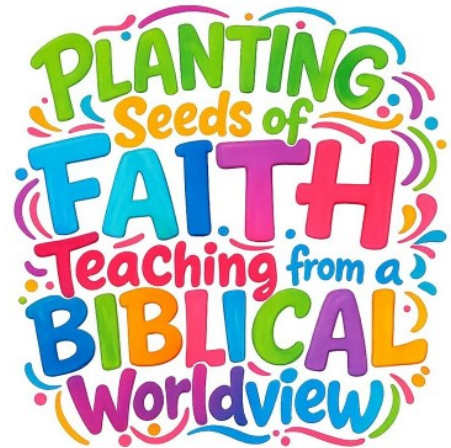
Registration Fee

\$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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Lighthouse Christian Camp Work Week



Back porch stained by Scott Monday and Kirk Casey. Doug and Patty Cooke, Kathy and Randy Hoover, Bob Martin, and Brian Jenkins all made up our mission team.



Doug and Patty Cooke staining a covered deck.



Scott Monday staining the rafters.



Doug Cooke and Scott Monday staining a covered deck.



June 2026 At-A-Glance

June 7-10 SBC at Orlando, FL

June 21 FATHER'S DAY

Looking Ahead to July 2026

July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 7 Executive Council Meeting, 1PM

July 13-14 Love Packages Trip

July 16 Support Staff Luncheon, 12PM

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