The Messenger

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

November 2026

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A Word from Kirk

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

As I write this month's article, we have a Disaster Relief chainsaw team packing and preparing to spend the week serving in Pensacola, Florida. Someone heard we were going to Florida and wanted to know if their daughters could go with us. At the mention of Florida, he was probably thinking about the beach. I told him we would more than likely not even see the beach. In fact, our view would be from the handle of a chainsaw as we will be cutting up trees blown down by Hurricane Isaias.

We are trusting that "God will supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The Old Testament term for "God, our provider" is Jehovah-Jireh. Most of us remember this from the short praise chorus about Jehovah-Jireh that we sang as children.

Sadly, we probably don't think much about God being our provider when resources are plentiful. However, when resources start to get a little scarcer our leaning into Jehovah-Jirah becomes more prevalent. We trust him to provide all that we need and anticipate how He might meet our needs.

When resources are not plentiful it becomes easier to not respond to requests to serve others who are in need. We ask the immediate question, "How are we going to pay for that?' Sometimes it might be a little easier by not responding to the requests to serve others because it just doesn't look like you have the resources to move forward and serve. However, God calls us to trust Him, Jehovah-Jireh.

As needs arise, God chooses to use His people to help meet those needs. I saw this firsthand this week. The other day I was preparing our van and chainsaw trailer for our trip this week down to Florida. I had the trailer hitched to the van and stopped to have lunch before buying fuel for our trip. Two men from one of our churches noticed the van parked out front then saw me inside. As I was leaving, they motioned for me to come over to their table. They inquired about the van and trailer. I told them about our upcoming disaster relief trip and that I was about to purchase fuel for the van and chainsaws. One of them immediately asked where I was getting fuel and told me that he would like to purchase the fuel for us. All I could say was thank you and praise the Lord!

I'm grateful to serve in an association of believers who obey Jehovah-Jireh by sharing their resources He has given them. I also know that you are praying for our disaster relief ministry and those who can volunteer and serve when needed.

Thank you for praying for our team in Florida,

Kirk



Stay tuned to https://tnbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together/ for updates.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SPREAD THE WORD!

Missions Get-Together
March 12-13, 2027
Cookeville First Baptist Church

This is an exciting weekend to join women from across the state to worship, learn what God is doing in Tennessee and around the world, receive valuable information and resources to take back to your church, meet new friends, hear powerful testimonies from missionaries and ministry partners, open God's Word, and so much more!

More information coming soon: suggested lodging list, Bible Study leader, worship leader, and schedule.

Connection 2026 Report

Nearly 100 girls and their leaders gathered together for Connection on September 11-13 at the Tennessee Tech BCM in Cookeville. The event is a special time for girls and their leaders to connect and bond with one another, grow spiritually, develop ministry skills, and learn about missions by hearing personally from a missionary to Southeast Asia.

This year's theme, GIFTED, focused on how we are each uniquely shaped for ministry according to our spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences. In addition to learning about each of these categories, they also attended breakouts about creative ways to communicate the gospel through puppets, clowning & balloon animals, which can be used at church plant block parties, in nursing homes, hospitals, at fairs and festivals and parades, VBS, and other outreach events.

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for praying for and giving toward this event through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions so that middle & high school girls can continue to develop a missions lifestyle.

MK Project

Click for Sign-up Sheets

Please pray for our "adopted" MK Sage Suiter. He is currently a sophomore at TN Tech.

If anyone could sign up for one month this fall to minister to him by sending notes, emails, gift cards, and/or one care package, just let me know.

December, January, March, April, and May are available.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

2027 Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat
Theme: "Joy in Every Season"
John 15:11

Music Road Hotel & Convention Center
303 Henderson Chapel Road, Red Light #1
Pigeon Forge, TN

January 28-30, 2027
Begins at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday
Concludes at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday

Cost: $275 per couple
(Includes hotel, breakfast meals and Thursday night meal, breaks & materials)

We must have complete registration & full payment to reserve your room.
Due to circumstances beyond our control, No Refunds can be issued after **December 8, 2026**.

Brochures with the full program have been mailed.

Click the button below to **register** for the retreat!

Click here to register.

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Roane State Meals



Ladies from Cumberland Fellowship





Cumberland Fellowship ladies serving lunch.



Volunteers from Lantana Road Baptist Church.



Volunteers from Lantana Road Baptist Church serving students.

Habitat for Humanity would like to personally invite you to our Family Partnership Lunch & Learn on **Tuesday, November 10**, from **10 AM to noon**, in the Upper Room at First National Bank of Tennessee.

We're looking for compassionate, community-minded individuals who would enjoy walking alongside Habitat families as they work toward homeownership. It's an opportunity to build relationships, offer encouragement, and make a lasting difference right here in Cumberland County.

We'd love for you to join us, learn more about the role, and see if it's something that speaks to you. There's no commitment to volunteer just by attending!

Please feel free to call or email to **RSVP** or ask any questions.
We hope to see you there!

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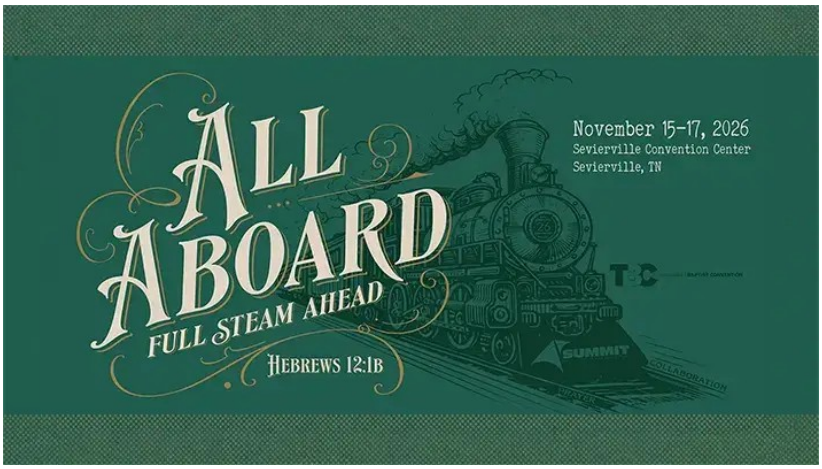
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72nd Annual Meeting for CPBA



Association Leadership for 2027

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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.

Messenger registration now open.

https://tnbaptist.org/event/summit2026/

Tennessee WMU invites you to join us for WMU Gathering at Summit* on November 15 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Sevierville First Baptist Church for fellowship and inspiration as we hear from missionaries and explore ministry opportunities. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with other mission-minded people who share a passion for the gospel and for missions!

Registration is free, but please **register here** to help us with planning.







November 2026 At-A-Glance

Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 2	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: Phillip Smith
Nov 15-18	Summit Sevierville, TN
Nov 16	Pastors' Conference - CANCELLED TN Baptist Summit
Nov 25-27	Thanksgiving Break – CC Schools and Roane State
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day – OFFICE CLOSED

Looking Ahead to December 2026

Dec 7	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: Erik Christensen
Dec 7-8	Love Packages Trip
Dec 18	CC Schools: Abbreviated Day
Dec 21	Pastors' Conference Guest Speaker: TBA
Dec 24	Christmas Eve – OFFICE CLOSED
Dec 25	Christmas Day (Closed)

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