



# The Messenger

## February 2024

### Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

*"But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'" Matthew 22:34-40*

I believe that most of us have survived all that this past month has thrown at us. The weather did shut down almost all our churches for one Sunday. Our offices were closed as icy road conditions kept us in our homes for a couple of days. As usual for our weather pattern we did not have to wait too long before it warmed up and we returned to some semblance of normalcy.

Now February has arrived. We are on to a new month and all that each day will bring. One thing that we expect from this month is found in the word love. Jesus reminds us of the importance of love when asked a simple question. His answer pointed to our love in two areas.

We are to love God with all our being. Do you love God with all your mind? Consider the time you spend each day getting to know and understand God. Do you think about Him? How often do you demonstrate your love for Him through your intellect, with all your mind?

Do you love God with all your soul? Are you enthusiastic about God and what He is passionate about in your life? Do you have an emotional desire to know and serve Him? Let's test it. How do you respond to sin in your life? Is there immediate regret, shame, or guilt? And are you quick to seek His love and forgiveness? How about your soul response in worship? Because you love Him is there a natural response of praise and joy exhibited in your life?

Do you love God with all your heart? When a man and a woman are in love those around them can tell that they constantly think of each other and cannot wait to be together. These two love birds are determined to spend their lives together. The same should be acknowledged in our love relationship with God. Those around us should see that God is the central focus of our lives. Jesus said that the most practical indication of our love for God would be shown in our obedience to Him. Jesus said it, *"He who has my commands and keeps them is the one that loves me."* John 14:23 Do you love God with all of your being?

Jesus went on to say that we are also to *"love your neighbor as yourself."* If we absolutely love God, then that love will be exhibited in our love for others. Just like it is stated in I John 4:7-8, *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love."*

Let us show our love to God and others,

Kirk



## **February 15, 2024**    **Leader Connect – Associational WMU Leaders**

Online Event @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

[www.tnbaptist.org/event/leader-connect-associational-wmu-leaders/](http://www.tnbaptist.org/event/leader-connect-associational-wmu-leaders/)

For Associational WMU Missions Leaders and State Missions Advocates.

## **February 18, 2024**    **Focus on WMU Sunday**

[www.tnbaptist.org/event/focus-on-wmu-sunday/](http://www.tnbaptist.org/event/focus-on-wmu-sunday/)

Focus on WMU is an intentional time to celebrate what God is doing through WMU in your church to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

For ideas about celebrating Focus on WMU Sunday, click the link below or contact Vickie Anderson at [vanderson@tnbaptist.org](mailto:vanderson@tnbaptist.org).

## **April 11-13, 2024**    **Missions Get-Together**

Brentwood Baptist Church 7777 Concord Rd, Brentwood, TN

[www.tnbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together](http://www.tnbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together)

Missions Get-Together is an annual event planned and hosted by Tennessee WMU for women 18 years of age and older to: Experience Personal Growth Engage in Meaningful Worship Discover Missions and Ministry Opportunities



### **SPECIAL GUESTS:**

- ◆ BRENDA CROSTON – Bible Study Leader
- ◆ FIRST BAPTIST CONCORD WORSHIP TEAM – Worship Leaders
- ◆ MISSIONARIES:
  - ◆ Kevin Godin – NAMB Denver
  - ◆ Kerry Jackson – NAMB Atlanta
  - ◆ Liz Harper – IMB, South Asia

We are currently looking for someone to be our associational leader in women's ministry. If you (or someone you know) would be a good fit for this, or if you'd just like more information, please contact Kirk.



Here are some upcoming dates for youth ministers. Please pray for our youth and our youth ministers.



YOUTH  
EVANGELISM  
CONFERENCE

**2024**  
YEECTN.org

- Registration to open October 1, 2023
- Prices: \$30 Oct. 1 - Feb. 14  
\$35 starting Feb. 15



## YEC 2024

Join us this Spring as we come together for an incredible line up to celebrate Jesus!

Registration opens October 1st!

[Register Here](https://www.tnbaptist.org/yec)

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## YEC Mission Trip

- When: June 15-22, 2024
- Where: Vancouver, Washington
- With: Pastor Ryan Sidhom

River City Church

Contact Ministry Specialist Jay Barbier for more details

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## Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

**April 6**

**9:00am—4:00pm**

**Wallace Memorial Baptist Church (Knoxville, TN)**

Youth Mental Health First Aid is a 7-hour training for adults who regularly interact with young people ages 12 to 18 – youth ministers/workers, parents, teachers, school staff, etc. This training will introduce common mental health challenges for youth, review typical adolescent development, and teach a 5-step action plan to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders, and eating disorders.

Click below to learn more about the course. Cost is \$10 for lunch.

[www.tnbaptist.org/event/youth-mental-health-first-aid-training/](http://www.tnbaptist.org/event/youth-mental-health-first-aid-training/)

**YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

WHERE: GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE  
 WHEN: FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024  
 TIME: 8:00AM-5:00PM  
 COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON

SPEAKERS: PJ DUNN, ANDY ABRAMSON, RYAN KEATON  
 WORSHIP: DAVID DENNIS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY  
 TMB Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

[Register Here](#)  
[www.tnbaptist.org/event/young-adult-conference/](http://www.tnbaptist.org/event/young-adult-conference/)

**Disaster Relief Training Opportunities 2024**

([tndisasterrelief.org/events/list](http://tndisasterrelief.org/events/list))

- Feb 9-10: Middle TN Regional Disaster Relief Training — White House, TN
- Feb 17: Intro to Disaster Relief and Specialized Classes — Dandridge (East TN)
- Mar 8-9: East TN Regional Disaster Relief Training — Knoxville, TN
- Mar 15-16: Bucket Truck Classroom Training & Hands-on Training — Newport (East TN)

**CHURCH REVITALIZATION CONFERENCE**

February 22-23, 2024  
 Victory Baptist Church in Mount Juliet

**SPEAKERS & WORSHIP LEADER**



**Dr. Bill Ellif, Pastor**  
 The Summit Church  
 North Little Rock, AR



**Dr. Jeff Iorg, President**  
 Gateway Seminary  
 Ontario, CA



**Austin Clark, Worship Leader**  
 Seymour First Baptist

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Tennessee Baptist Churches giving through the Cooperative Program and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions make TBMB ministries possible



A conference for pastors, AMS/DOMs, transitional interim pastors, other church leaders, designed to offer practical insight and biblical solutions for spiritual renewal and strategic change essential to the revitalization process.

Cost: \$20 – includes all materials and meals  
[www.tnbaptist.org/event/church-revitalization-conference/](http://www.tnbaptist.org/event/church-revitalization-conference/)

## Week of Prayer for North American Missions/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

**March 3—March 10**

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 2,400 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada.

[www.anniearmstrong.com/](http://www.anniearmstrong.com/)

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## Weekday Early Education Conference

**July 13**

**9:00am—4:30pm**

**Hermitage Hills Baptist Church (Hermitage, TN)**

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

No refunds; however, the registration fee may be transferred to another member in your group.

[www.tnbaptist.org/event/weekday-early-education-conference/](http://www.tnbaptist.org/event/weekday-early-education-conference/)

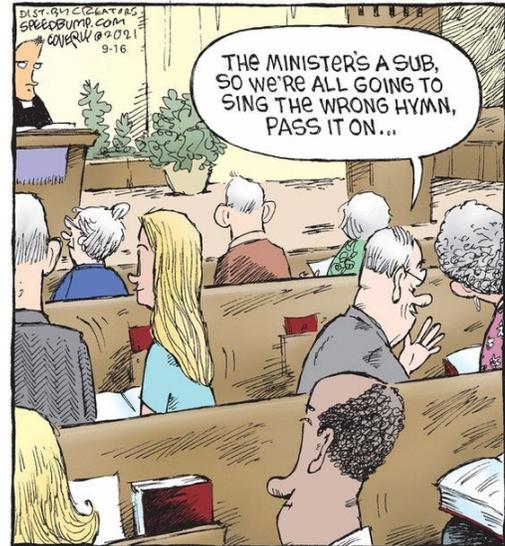
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Starting in the next issue of our CPBA Newsletter, I will begin introducing each of our churches. I'd like to include something special about your church. It could be a ministry that is particularly active. It could be a special project your church does every year, or it could be a special project you did once within the past year. I think we could all be encouraged when we see what God is doing through another church in our community. Maybe you will think, "We could do that at our church, too." Or maybe you already do something similar to another church and could share ideas or support. Maybe the ladies or youth at one church would like to get together with their counterparts at another church: for fun or for purpose.



Once I have introduced all of our churches, I hope this Church Spotlight segment will continue as a place to highlight how God is working in and around our community through your special events, projects, or ministries. You can help by keeping me informed about what your church is doing.

(Contact Libby at [cpba4ma@gmail.com](mailto:cpba4ma@gmail.com))



### February 2024 At-A-Glance

Feb 3	Young Adult Conference
Feb 5	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Doug Elders
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 19	Presidents' Day
Feb 19	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: TBD
Feb 22	Church Revitalization Conference Mt. Juliet
Feb 26-28	Transitional Interim Pastor Training (Linden Valley)

Pastors' Conferences are generally scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

### Looking Ahead to March 2024

Mar 1-2	Youth Evangelism Conf (EAST)
Mar 2-10	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: Week of Prayer
Mar 4	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: TBD
Mar 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 11-12	Love Packages Mission Trip
Mar 18	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: David Mahan
Mar 22-28	County Schools: Spring Break
Mar 22-23	Youth Evangelism Conf (MIDDLE)
Mar 29	GOOD FRIDAY
Mar 31	EASTER SUNDAY

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

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