

# The Messenger

## August 2021

### Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

***"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place – unless you repent." Revelation 2:4-5***

On my morning walk I observed a mother getting her three children ready for their first day of school. Before getting into the car, she lined them up in front of a nice background and took their picture. She wanted a record of this first experience so she captured their first day back to school in a photograph.

I posted on Facebook a recent first experience that I just accomplished. A Facebook friend commented, "It's great to still have first's at our age." I really didn't know how to reply. I wasn't upset that the friend commented about our ages. It just baffled me that my friend thought that first experiences had to be a rare occurrence at "our age."

This whole incident caused me to start thinking about the new things that God continues to give us. Every day that we wake up God gives us the blessings of a new day for us to experience. I'm reminded of Lamentations 3:22-23, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17 Recent reports from VBS and camps indicate that salvation experiences were up this summer. It is very exciting to see that God still takes an old sinner and transforms him into a new creation.

Peter reminds us of the new things to come in the future. "Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. II Peter 3:13

So, has it been a while since you considered the new things that we have in our relationship with God? Maybe you should reflect on whether you have left your first love in your relationship with Christ. Do you recall the excitement and freshness you had when you first entered a relationship with Him? *"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works. . ."*

Keeping it new,

Kirk



A patriotic service presented by the Children's Choir at Lantana Road Baptist Church.



Harvest Field 6 Directors of Mission get together for a lunch after a meeting. Kirk Casey, Randy Roper, Jim Synder, Phil Holmes, Phil Young and Joe Sorah with TBMB.



WMU Mission's Emphasis meeting hosted by Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church.



Cutting the cake in celebration of Yolanda Heuser's 11 years with the Association's WMU.



All smiles are Ronda Padgett, new Association WMU President and Yolanda Heuser, past Association WMU President and new Tennessee Baptist State WMU President.





Yolanda Heuser is presented with a commemorative silver tray for her years of service.



Joyce Jewell, Edith Maddox, Yolanda Heuser, Ronda Padgett, and Judy Hedgecoth.



Volunteers taking a break at Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church during Sports Camp.



Presenting a plaque celebrating a 100 year anniversary of Mayland Baptist Church. Kirk Casey is presenting the plaque to Pastor Mike Reagan.

# Mission Trip to Montana

## Clark Fork Fellowship

### Superior, MT

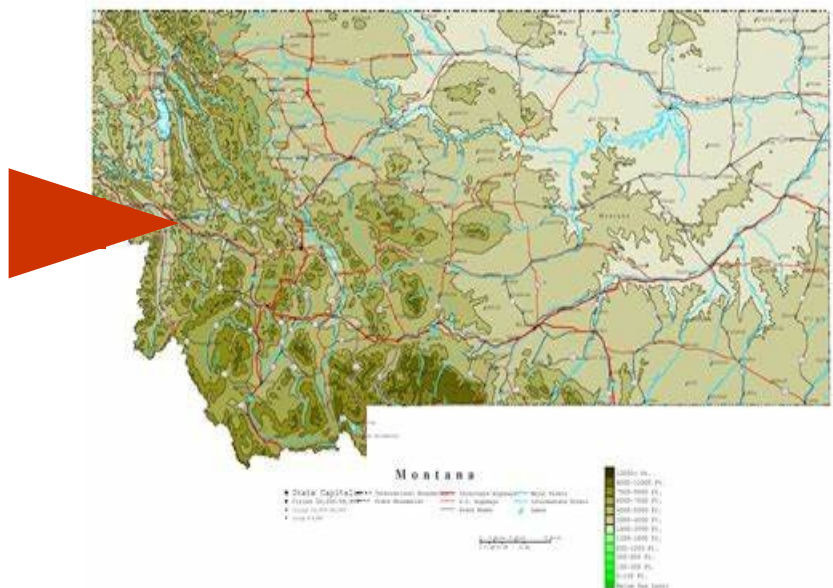
Pray for our mission team that will be working in Superior, Montana with Clark Fork Fellowship during September 11-18, 2021.

Our work will include putting a new roof on the Pastor's home, building a back porch on the church building, and other small projects around church.

Pray for us! We will be responsible for any building materials that we will need (except shingles). Also, it would be great to deliver a gift of \$20,000 to Clark Fork Fellowship to pay for a new portico.

Questions: Contact Kirk Casey at 931-787-6565

Montana Mission Goal for New Portico: \$20,000  
Offering so far totals: \$250.00



Pastoral Counseling Center of the Cumberland Plateau  
Submitted by: Carolyn Scott, Pastoral Counselor, August 2021

## Is Your Anger Out of Control?

Anger is something we all experience at one time or another. Anger arises when we perceive a situation as being bad for us or those we love. Anger can have emotions that range from mild annoyance to frustration, or aggravation to intense rage.

God created us with these emotions to help us survive this world; so, in a sense, it is part of our life support system. Our negative emotions such as anger, fear, or anxiety are reactions that tell us when something might be wrong. Our positive emotions can also tell us when something good is happening, through emotions of joy and happiness.

Emotions come from the heart, whereas logic and thinking come from the brain. Luke 6:45 tells us that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. What's in our hearts? Are we storing up God's Word so that we do not sin in our anger? Are we guarding our hearts by replacing the negative words with positive words that are pleasing to God? Are we letting go of judgments and assumptions of others and even towards ourselves? Are we practicing it daily? (Philippians 4:7, Psalm 119:11, Ephesians 4:26, Matthew 7:1-3, Proverbs 3:7-17).

One important step we can take when we sense anger, is to evaluate if the thoughts we are thinking are past, present, or future (Colossians 3:2, Philippians 4:8). If our thoughts are from the past, we must acknowledge the thought and accept that we cannot change our past. Paul urges us to forget those things of the past and to press in towards Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14).

We can ask the Holy Spirit to heal us (Psalm 147:3) and to guide us into better directions for our lives, so we do not place ourselves in similar situations that allow that same painful situation back into our lives.

If the thoughts we are thinking are current, examine if they are fearful thoughts. 2 Timothy 1:7 tells us that God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guard your thoughts and immediately shift your thoughts, with purpose, onto the promises of God, setting your mind on things above (Colossians 3). Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to know how to handle what is happening. Remind yourself that God is with you, and He will never leave or forsake you.

When we have thoughts and fears of the future, we can remind ourselves of Psalm 91:14-15 "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."



The Serenity Prayer is prayed in many support groups, and I keep a copy handy to refer to during stressful times, or times where I sense anger.

God grant me the **serenity** to accept the things I cannot change, **courage** to change the things I can, and the **wisdom** to know the difference, **living** one day at a time; **enjoying** one moment at a time; **taking this world as it is** and not as I would have it; **trusting** that You will make all things right if I **surrender** to Your will; so that I may be reasonably **happy** in this life and **supremely happy** with You forever in the next. Amen.

– Reinhold Niebuhr

If you are struggling with anger and need help in finding your way to a happier, more peaceful life, contact Carolyn Scott at 931-787-9033 for appointments.



## Revival

Southwest Baptist Church  
11178 Eastland Rd, Sparta  
August 8-14, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Good old-fashioned preaching, music, food, fellowship.



*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.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

<https://www.tnbaptist.org/summit2021>



## What is the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions?

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is the annual state missions offering that provides invaluable financial support for ministries that help reach Tennesseans for Christ.

The offering is named after W.C. & Mildred Golden, who suggested the week of prayer for state missions and a state missions offering in 1902.

Tennessee Baptists contributing through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions provide support for Tennessee ministries; sustaining state ministries not funded through the Cooperative Program.



The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is meeting human needs through Compassion Ministries. It's Disaster Relief helping restore a community after a storm. It's Baptist Collegiate Ministries sharing the hope of Jesus on Tennessee college campuses. It's reaching the spiritually lost in Tennessee through evangelism. And so much more.

The Golden Offering is collected all year, from September 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 31<sup>st</sup>, with special emphasis during the month of September.

The Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions is a concentrated time of prayer for Tennessee Baptists which coincides with the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. While traditionally observed during the second week in September, churches can choose any week of the year that is convenient to them.

Submitted By Ronda Padgett

August 2021



## MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO LIVE ON MISSION.

### Christmas In August



#### Emphasis Meeting

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Pine Eden Baptist Church

976 Genesis Road

Crossville, TN 38555

Speaker: Kim Cruise, Former  
Missionary & Tennessee WMU  
Missions Discipleship Specialist

ALL MEETINGS START AT  
6:00 PM and last 60/65 Minutes.  
Enjoy a meal and fellowship fol-  
lowing the meeting. MEN,  
WOMEN & CHILDREN ARE  
WELCOME!

Mission Project: CANS of  
Spaghetti sauce, Spaghetti pasta,  
Cans of soup- NO cream of mush-  
room soup, please. These items  
will be for the Annual Project sup-  
plying a Christmas dinner box with  
extra food for at least one student  
in each of the Cumberland County  
Schools.

Looking forward to at the seeing  
you at the meeting.

Christmas in August is a fun and simple way you and your church can directly help a North American missionary. Through a partnership with NAMB, selected missionaries provide a list of items they need for ministry and outreach. Collect the requested items as a group or family and send the items to the missionaries directly. Visit [wmu.com/christmasinaugust](http://wmu.com/christmasinaugust) to get started today!

By National WMU

#### **Baby Comfort Station**

Monday – Sunday

August 23nd through August 29th

- ☐ BIBLES, CHRISTIAN CD'S, MOVIES, ADULT & CHILDREN'S BOOKS, TRACTS, WATER, FREEZER POPS, AND SUCKERS to be given out at the Baby Comfort Station.
- ☐ Saturday, August 28th and Sunday, August 29th shifts are still available. Please call/text Ronda Padgett at 931-335-6444 if you would like to sign up.



## The Joy of Missions

Congratulations Yolanda Heuser on becoming our new Tennessee WMU President! I think I speak for the entire CPBA WMU when I say how grateful we are for Yolanda and her devotion, tireless efforts and vision over the past 11 years as our Associational WMU Director. Please pray for Yolanda in her new role as our Tennessee WMU President.

Thank you Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church for hosting our Summer Mission Emphasis Meeting in July. We had 59 in attendance with 6 churches represented. It was good to be back together again. A special thank you to our guest speakers: James (Ed) & Sharon Smith, retired missionaries. Christian books and Bibles were collected to give out at the Baby Comfort Station and sign ups for shift workers began. Yolanda introduced the new leadership team and Bro. Kirk presented Yolanda with an engraved tray for her 11 years serving as our Associational WMU Director.

I feel highly honored to be filling in as Associational WMU Director. Our new CPBA WMU Leadership Team. Edith Maddox will continue her role as WMU Administrative Assistant & WOM Consultant, Judy Hedgecoth will serve as Children's and Adult Missions Consultant, and Joyce Jewell will serve as Treasurer. I look forward to serving alongside this leadership team as we encourage and equip our WMU directors and mission leaders to engage in missions in order to fulfill the Great Commission.

*"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2*

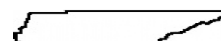
May God bless you,  
Ronda Padgett

### Don't Forget the Golden Offering for Tennessee State Missions

As stated by Randy Davis/TBMB "The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is to Tennessee what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is to International Missions and what the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is to North American Missions".

### Are You GOLDEN?

Going  
Offering  
Loving  
Doing  
Excited...or  
Not  
For  
Tennessee



# In Memory of....

## Dr. Charles Hendrix Christopher.

February 9, 1945 ~ July 3, 2021

Charles Christopher served as a full time pastor for several churches. In 1988, he became the psychiatric chaplain of South East Regional Correctional Facility in Pikeville, where he enjoyed serving both the staff and inmates. While still serving as chaplain, he continued to pastor. C.H. and Classie started a church plant in the mountains of the Cumberland Plateau, where he served as pastor for 18 years until retirement earlier this year. Charles was also a very active member in our association.

We, at CPBA, mourn the unexpected passing of this Christian man. He is sorely missed here, but we know the angels are rejoicing in heaven as "C .H." is in the presence of Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior.

**He was the pastor of my church—*my* pastor. He was my friend. He was my spiritual leader, my teacher and my confidante. He was all those things to so many others yet made each person feel as though they, like me, were the only one— *my pastor* .**  
— Alta Wagner



## Help Wanted: Music Director

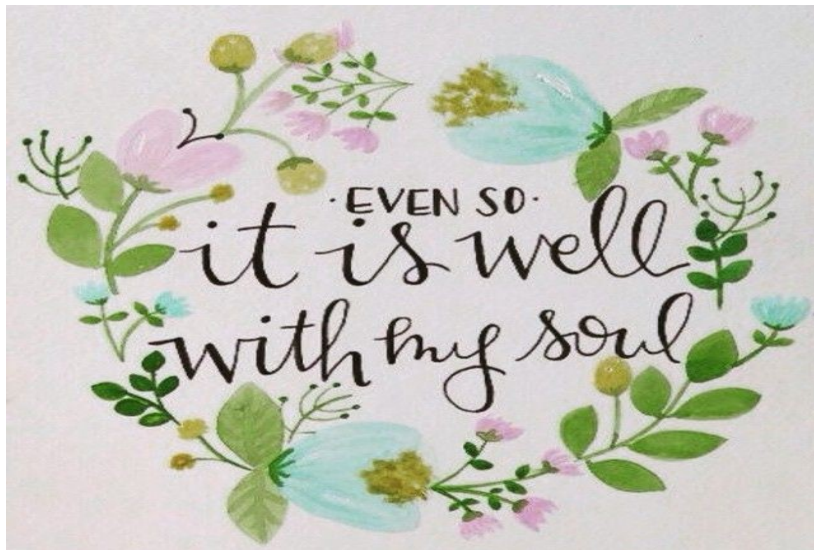
Fairfield Glade FBC is seeking a Full-Time Music Director skilled in developing and leading worship experiences with traditional choirs and contemporary praise and worship teams. The position would include a secondary emphasis dependent on the successful candidate's spiritual gifts. See our website: [onhisrock.org](http://onhisrock.org) for more information.

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August 2	Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.
August 3	Leadership Meeting 19:00 a.m.
August 9	Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.
August 16	Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.
August 16	Leadership meeting 11:30 a.m.
August 23	Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.
August 30	Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.