



The Messenger

October 2024

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

“I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you” — Isaiah 41:10

Imagine you wake up after listening to a storm rage around you all night. You quickly realize that you have no electricity, no running water, and no cell service. You then survey your house and discover three large trees have fallen into your house. Your young adult son is working in a remote area of the mountains, and it will be another 24 hours that you hear about his horrifying story. Finally, at 11:30 p.m., you find out that at 2:30 a.m. a swift water team reached your son. However, it would be 11:30 a.m. before he would be airlifted by the US Army to a city 60 miles away because all roads to where you are, are blocked.

Now imagine that you pastor the FBC in a county that has severe flooding with roads and bridges washed out. Along with all the destruction that many in your congregation are facing, the county has absolutely no running water because the water treatment plant was washed away in the flood. How can you help when you need help yourself.

Please pray for these fellow ministers and friends of mine in Biltmore, NC, and Greenville, TN. Pray for all the individuals that have lost loved ones and homes. Pray for the first responders that have been working around the clock now for several days. Pray for disaster relief volunteers that have responded and many that are preparing for deployment.

I know that you have seen all the devastation in upper East Tennessee from Hurricane Helene. You might have been asking how you and your church can help. Of course, financial assistance is always needed and is the quickest way to help in a time of disaster. You can help financially at: <http://tndisasterrelief.org/contributions/>

If you would like to help in a more specific way with donations, here is a list of items that our office will be collecting and taking to the field where it will be handed out to those in need:

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Toilet Paper	Paper Towels	Paper (plates, cups, napkins)
New Dishes	New Towels, Washcloths	Plasticware (forks, knives, spoons)
Laundry Detergent	Fabric Softener	Dryer Sheets
Shampoo	Conditioner	Body wash, Soap
New Hairbrushes	Deodorant	Toothpaste
Toothbrushes	Feminine Hygiene Products	Baby Formula (within date)
Baby Food (within date)	Baby Wipes	Diapers
Adult Diapers	Box Knives	Hammers
Flat Pry Bar	Flat Shovel	Tyvek Suits
Wheelbarrows	Floor Squeegees	Large Heavy Duty Garbage Bags
Water Hoses	Mosquito Repellant	Cleaning Supplies
Mops, Brooms, Buckets	Scoop Shovels	Rakes
Safety Glasses	Leather Gloves	Long Rubber Gloves
Small Scrub Brushes	Push Brooms	Box Fans

USED CLOTHING IS NOT ACCEPTED

Please box up the items that you can and bring them to our annual meeting or to the CPBA Office by October 15, 2024.

Pray also for our CPBA Disaster Relief team that will be going somewhere to help on October 7th for 7-10 days.

Let me know if you have any questions,

Kirk Casey
Director of Missions
931-787-6565

The Christmas Backpack ministry is entering its 7th year. As you consider joining in this ministry effort, please know the following:



Learn More

- 89 of 95 counties in TN have double-digit poverty rates
- 19 counties have poverty rates at more than 20%
- 13.3% of Tennesseans are living below the poverty line
- 10% of all Tennesseans live in extreme poverty
- 14% of the population lives with food insecurity
- **Every Christmas Backpack given this year will be given to children in Tennessee**
- Every church/ministry that signs up to give out Christmas Backpacks is asked to do three things:
 - ⇒ Have a Christmas event
 - ⇒ Present the gospel to each child and family.
 - ⇒ Follow-up with each child that accepts Christ.

To assist you in shopping, please consider these possibilities:

- For backpacks and contents, see www.DollarDays.com.
- Mark McSwain has a ministry called *The Slip Disc: The Original Gospel Tract Flying Disc*. You can purchase discs complete with an attached gospel presentation through his website: slipdiscministries.com

Churches can contact TBMB for free copies of "The Christmas Story" to insert in each backpack. **Backpacks will be collected October 21-23 at Oaklawn Baptist Church.**

Bivocational Retreat

For Bivocational and Part-time Pastors and their Wives

The 2025 Bivocational Retreat has been set for January 23-25 in Pigeon Forge, TN. The deadline for registration and full payment is December 8.

Learn More



Memorial Baptist Church is prayerfully searching for our next part-time Worship Leader to lead blended congregational worship on Sunday mornings.

Qualified candidates should also be able to lead and direct a worship choir.

For more information please contact Pastor Scott Monday at 931-484-9278. There is a link to the job description on our website: mbccrossville.com

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association 70th Annual Meeting & Worship Service

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Lantana Road Baptist Church

4:00 pm – Business Session

6:00 pm – Worship Service

Dr. Randy Davis - guest speaker



Dr. Randy C. Davis became the executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board in 2010 (formerly Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention) after 34 years of pastoral ministry, serving churches in Mississippi and Tennessee. Forever a pastor at heart, Davis feels most blessed that more than 100 young men under his leadership have entered the ministry during that time.

Davis has a passion for evangelism, discipleship and stewardship. Both FBC Morristown, Tenn., and FBC Sevierville, Tenn., increased annual Cooperative Program giving to approximately 10 percent during his ministry at those respective churches while contributions to both the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering also significantly increased under his leadership.

Davis is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.; and Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies, Jacksonville, Fla. He has served as a board of trustee member for the International Mission Board and two Baptist universities. Davis and wife, Jeanne, have two adult daughters, Wendy and Beth, and four grandchildren.

**Messengers please RSVP by October 2
at 931-484-1858 or cpba4ma@gmail.com.**

**Dinner provided for Messengers only
between business and worship.**

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WMU INVITES YOU

MENTAL HEALTH MISSION FIELD

MOBILIZING THE CHURCH FOR HEALING



OCTOBER 12, 2024, 9AM-3PM

REGISTER NOW!
DOORS WILL OPEN AT 8AM

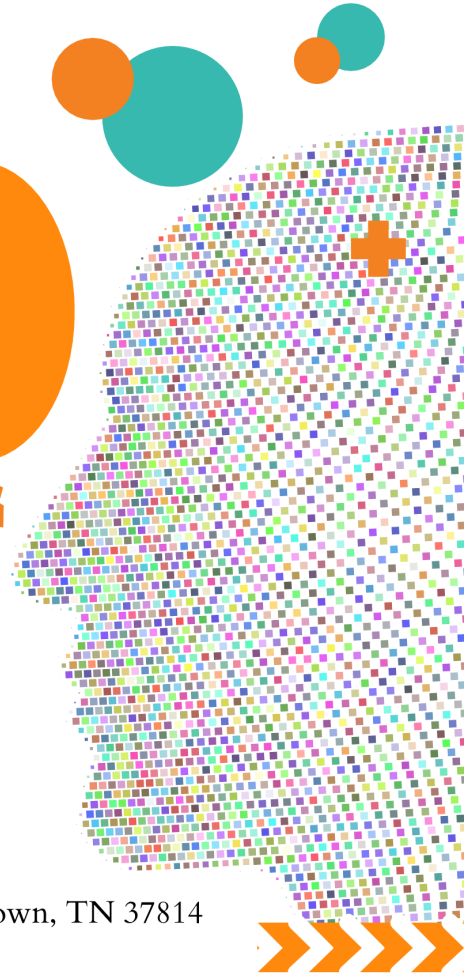
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Alpha Baptist Church
245 St John's Rd, Morristown, TN 37814



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Dr. Heather Evans, LCSW**

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 20 years' experience specializing in sexual trauma & sex trafficking. She authored two books on complex trauma & post-traumatic growth in sex trafficking survivors & is the creator of the Voices of Survivors Project. She is devoted to training & equipping service providers, organizations, & communities in trauma informed care. She is Co-Founder of Valley Against Sex Trafficking & fellow of Global Trauma Recovery Institute, traveling internationally to train trauma healing caregivers. Heather also served on the SBC Sexual Abuse Task Force in 2021-2022 & as an advisor to the SBC Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force in 2022-2024.



RESOURCE FAIR

Connect with mental health providers, therapists, and professionals. Consult with organizations, private practices, community resources, and faith-based programs. Build relationships, resources, & tools.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Rev. Chris Alford
"Emotionally Intelligent Living: A Biblical Model for Emotional Resilience & Spiritual Growth"

Leigh Howel, LPC-MHSP
"Pathways to Healing: the Intersection of Addiction, the Brain, & Spirituality"

Bailey Baker, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC
Walking Together: Faith & Psychiatric Medication

Rachel Collins, LMFT
"Healing Spaces: Creating Safe Trauma-Conscious Environments"



REGISTER NOW!!! SPACE IS LIMITED

Love Packages Trip— September 16-17



Before loading the trailer.
Possibly our largest
collection yet.



We recruited some help with the
loading.



Kaden Barnes, Thomas Baker, Colton
DeMoss, Joseph Baker, Seth White
(all from Central)



Our office is clean again — and ready
for new donations



Boxes in the van...



...and in the trailer.



Ready for unloading



Tom Rice and Bonnie Peterson



Feeding Roane State on Wednesdays



Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Adam Strayer, Tasha Gunter, Susie Stewart, Patty Strayer, Carolyn Reed



Fairfield Glade First Baptist
Linda York, Linda Schaffer, Lori Richards

Join CPBA in Making a Difference



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We would love to have you join us as volunteers as we work to minister to our area and beyond. Examples include

- Donating to Love Packages
- Traveling to deliver items to and volunteer at Love Packages
- The Baby Comfort Station at the county fair each year
- **Disaster Relief teams** (heading out soon!)
- Smaller projects helping members of our community

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to support us. A monetary donation not only helps with projects like those above, but they also help with our daily operations as we support our local churches. All donations are tax deductible. You can donate by mail, in person, or even online. We would greatly appreciate your help.

[Donate online here.](#)

Golden State Offering for TN

Of the churches in our association who reported their giving for the past year, we gave \$24,798. **Thank you!** Click the video to watch a statewide "thank you" from Randy Davis, president of the TBMB.



Church Spotlights

Friendship Baptist Church

Located at 1987 Westel Rd (Rockwood, TN 37854)
 Phone: 865-354-8957
 Email: firewife1018@gmail.com
 Website: (none)
 Pastor: Bo Hughes
 Year Established: 1983



Mayland Baptist Church

Located at 135 Mayland Ballfield Dr (Crossville, TN 38571)
 Phone: 931-484-9225
 Email: mreagan93@gmail.com
 Website: (none)
 Pastor: Mike Reagan
 Year Established: 1921



New Life Baptist Church

Located at 5422 Sparta Hwy (Crossville, TN 38572)
 Phone: 931-277-3955
 Email: (none)
 Website: (none)
 Pastor: Woody Hurst
 Year Established: 1997



Plant Grow Harvest Church

Located at 2656 Hwy 70 N (Crossville, TN 38571)
 Phone: 931-260-9153
 Email: amybethstrong@gmail.com
 Website: www.plantgrowharvest.org
 Pastor: Dale Braun
 Year Established: 2014





Does anyone else just wish that Jesus would walk into your kitchen, sit down with a cup of coffee, look at you and say “ok, here is what we are going to do”.

October 2024 At-A-Glance

- Oct 6 CPBA Annual Meeting & Worship Service
- Oct 7 Pastors' Conference 10:30am
Speaker: Josh Wiley & Anthony Ricker, Sermon Shots
- Oct 21 Pastors' Conference 10:30am
Speaker: Phil Young, Carson Newman

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



Looking Ahead to November 2024

- Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 10-12 150th TBC Summit (Murfreesboro)
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day—CLOSED

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

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