



# The Messenger

## December 2024

### Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

### **Christmas is a time for giving.**

#### Hurricane Helene Update:

During the first six weeks after the hurricane, the TN Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers helped mud out close to 1,000 homes, multiple tree removals, mass feeding, showers and washing clothes, and many road repairs. Our association sent a chainsaw team and delivered donations to God's Warehouse. Several of our churches have responded directly with churches in East Tennessee that they have contacts with. We will be delivering toys to Trade, TN, to help New Beginnings Church serve many families in their area.

Now the Disaster Relief efforts have moved from the recovery period to the rebuild period. Tennessee Baptists formed the Arise and Build Task force to make plans for rebuilding in East Tennessee. Their theme is from Nehemiah 2:18, *"Let us rise up and build. Then they set their hands to this good work."*

"More than 1,500 families in East TN were devastated by the floods generated by Hurricane Helene in late September. Over 500 families had their homes completely destroyed. Tennessee Baptists have committed to build at least 40 new homes and repair as many others as possible. In collaboration with Appalachian Service Project (ASP), these homeowners will be vetted to ensure their true needs are met. To the extent possible, we want TBC churches to adopt these families and be with them through the entire process. Ideally, a church will adopt a family and contribute the cost of their new home (\$25,000) or adopt a family and contribute the estimated cost of materials for their repair."

Is our association ready to give? We are committing to adopting a family to help them get back into a home. This means that our churches will need to raise \$25,000. The good news is that we already have \$10,000 of this goal. We will need volunteers to go and help in the building process as that time will be scheduled.

So, during this Christmas season of giving think about ways that you and your church can be involved in helping to adopt a family in East Tennessee. How will you *"set your hands to this good work?"* Your church could receive an offering, a Sunday School Class or Small Group could adopt a room to refurnish, and volunteers will be needed to provide the labor to build the house. There are many ways that you can give towards this Arise and Build Project. Let's all help this family build a new home and help to restore this part of their lives.

How will you give this Christmas?

Kirk



**Arise and Build** Nehemiah 2:18

HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER REBUILD IN EAST TENNESSEE



## Send Encouragement

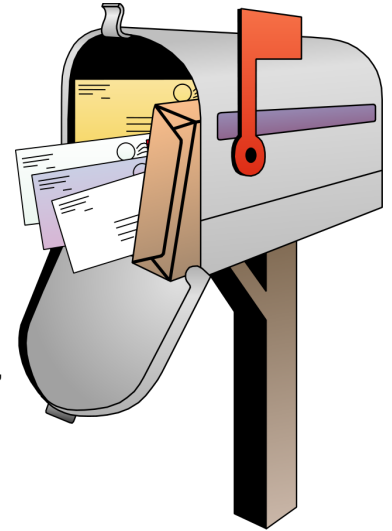
Each year, Tennessee WMU asks a few associations to “adopt” an MK (missionary kid) in college here in Tennessee (whose parents are serving overseas with the IMB.)

The purpose is for our churches to encourage these students while they are living in the US for the first time and are far from their family, often for the first time. It can be a difficult transition and it helps to know they are not alone. Parents have often told us how much it means to them that while they are serving overseas, they know their home churches are reaching out to their children.

We hope your churches will encourage the MK(s) throughout the school year with notes, emails, gift cards, goodie packages, etc. Thanks so much for all you and your churches will do to support your MK(s).

**Please include your cell phone number or email when you send something so he can easily let you know he has received it.**

Our MK is Fisher Heil who is a senior at Bryan College.  
His birthday was on Aug 13.  
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## Week of Prayer for International Missions Suggested Dates: December 1-8, 2024

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel? More information and resources can be found at <https://www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/>.

Standing orders for Week of Prayer/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering promotion materials have been shipped from the Tennessee WMU office. If you need to order materials for the week of prayer, please contact Charlene Jones at [cjones@tnbaptist.org](mailto:cjones@tnbaptist.org) or call 615-250-7231.

**Tennessee WMU scholarship information is available [here](#). Applications must be completed by January 25, 2025.**

# TENNESSEE WMU

## SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications must be completed online by  
**JANUARY 25, 2025**

Tennessee WMU offers a variety of scholarships to students attending TN colleges, universities, and Southern Baptist seminaries.

Visit [tnwmu.org](http://tnwmu.org) for more information and to apply.





## Missions Get-Together

Make plans now to attend Missions Get-Together on April 4-5, 2025, at Dickson First Baptist Church.

Missions Get-Together is an annual event for women 18 years of age and older. During this event, women will discover:

- JOY connecting with state, national and international missionaries & hearing their stories!
- JOY experiencing spiritual growth through Biblical truth!
- JOY considering new missions & ministry opportunities for you and your church!
- JOY uncovering fresh ideas & resources!
- JOY gathering with mission-minded women from all across Tennessee!
- JOY returning home inspired & empowered to connect, tell, disciple, lead, & serve!



The event features three General Sessions, five Breakout Sessions - (plus two bonus breakouts on Friday morning), and a Missions & Ministry Fair with a WorldCrafts store and the annual Silent Auction!

[Click here](#) for a printable promotion flyer with event details - registration costs and deadlines, theme, schedule, etc.

[Click here](#) for lodging recommendations.

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## 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](http://mbccrossville.com)

## End-of-Year Giving

If you are looking for a place to make a tax deductible donation before the end of the year, consider giving to our association's general fund.

Click [here](#) to donate to CPBA online.

Or, make checks payable to CPBA and add "General Fund" in the memo line.

Mail to:  
PO Box 2508  
Crossville, TN 38555

Or stop by in person  
Monday - Thursday from  
9:00am - 2:00pm.

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## Feeding Roane State on Wednesdays



One of the churches who served this month was Cumberland Fellowship.

Haley Kerley, Sheryl Donathan, Samantha Hollingsworth, Chad Donathan

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## Attention Carpenter - Electrician – Plumber

Would you be interested in helping a church planter in Denver, Colorado? We're looking at a possible mission trip in January or February to help remodel a worship center for a new church plant in Denver, Colorado. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kirk at 931-787-6565.







### December 2024 At-A-Glance

Dec 2	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Andy Weaver, Pine Eden
Dec 2-3	Love Packages trip
Dec 16	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Bob Hallatt, Plateau
Dec 20	Abbr. Day for students CC Schools
Dec 24	Christmas Eve, CLOSED
Dec 25	Christmas Day, CLOSED

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

### Looking Ahead to January 2025

Jan 1	New Year's Day, CLOSED
Jan 6	CC: School resumes for students
Jan 7	Executive Council Meeting
Jan 20	MLK Day
Jan 23-25	Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge
Jan 23-25	Youth Ministry Conclave, Chattanooga

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

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