



# The Messenger

## November 2024

### Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

*"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"*  
Matthew 25:40

I would like to say "Thank You" to all who made our 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting a success.

As we all left our annual meeting most of our thoughts and prayers were for the people suffering because of the recent damage brought on by Hurricane Helen. As an association we were responding to this huge disaster in several ways. Our disaster relief team was packed to leave early the next morning, a collection of donated items was being received at the CPBA office, and an offering was being collected to help those affected by the storm. Our association of churches responded wonderfully to each of these requests.

Ten Disaster Relief volunteers left early Monday morning heading to Mountain City, TN, to spend the next week cutting and clearing trees. Here is what they accomplished:

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|--------------------|-----|------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Volunteer hours    | 454 | Volunteer days   | 64 | Ministry contacts  | 11 |
| Chaplain contacts  | 8   | Gospel presented | 4  | Bibles distributed | 9  |
| Tracts distributed | 9   | Chainsaw jobs    | 21 | Equipment hours    | 62 |

Our biggest chainsaw job took 11.5 hours. The owners had been working on clearing their yard for five days. When we arrived, the house could barely be seen because of the number of trees that were blown down. I put my arm around the husband and told him his yard would be clear by tomorrow. Our DR team accomplished more in one hour than the couple had finished in five days. Sure enough, we were able to have the yard finished the next day. You can see the before and after pictures on page 6. We were able to share the Gospel, love on this couple, and leave a Bible with them. The local pastor then followed up by making a visit to this couple later the next week.

On Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> several volunteers loaded a pickup truck and a sixteen-foot trailer with all the donations from our churches for Hurricane victims. We then drove two hours to God's Warehouse located in Morristown, TN. Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers greeted us at the warehouse and helped us unload all the donations that we had collected. The warehouse stopped receiving donations the next Monday because of the overwhelming response of our churches.

I was expecting a few thousand dollars would be received in our special offering. Maybe, at the most we might receive \$5,000. However, I was pleasantly surprised when Libby told me that after the offering and subsequent donations in the weeks following, we have now received more than \$10,000! We are looking forward to helping one of our Baptist churches damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Helene. We might even partner with a church to help in the rebuilding process. TBMB leadership and Disaster Relief have already put together a task force for the rebuild phase.

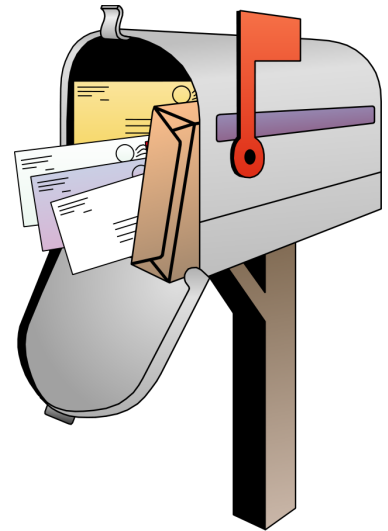
Thanks again for your loving response to the Hurricane Helene disaster,  
Kirk

## 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 they can easily let you know they have received it.**

Our MK is Fisher Heil who is a senior at Bryan College. His birthday was on Aug 13, and he can be reached at [fisherleeh@gmail.com](mailto:fisherleeh@gmail.com).

## 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)



# CPBA's 70th Annual Meeting and Worship Service



Joe Sorah presents Kirk with a certificate for CPBA's participation in the Golden Offering for TN Missions.

2025 Leadership: Scott White (Central)-Vice Moderator; Libby DeMoss (CPBA)-Treasurer; Shaunda Brown (Pine Eden)-Association Clerk; Raymond Phillips (Crossville First)-Moderator; Kirk Casey (CPBA)-Director of Missions; Scott Monday (Memorial)-Mission Development; Doug Elders (Fairfield Glade First)-Evangelism; and Andy Weaver (Pine Eden)-Ministries



Kirk welcomes everyone to the worship service.



Mike Shinn and the Lantana Road choir lead the music.



Dr. Randy Davis brings the message.



***Donated items for victims of Hurricane Helene were collected and taken to God's Warehouse in Morristown, TN.***



Quilts



Pulling into God's Warehouse



Preparing to unload



Unloading with Brian Jenkins



Unloaded!



Heading out of the warehouse



## ***The Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team headed to Mountain City, TN.***



Before: A road half blocked



After: Clear Road. Bryan Cumming, Kay Lynn Elders, Scott Monday, Ricky Lennard, Doug Elders, Donna Cumming



Trees in a back driveway. Scott Monday



Clearing brush. Doug Elders, Bryan Cumming



This is someone's driveway.



We cleared about 30-35 trees blocking this driveway. Arlin Phillips, Bob Dockery



## The Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team headed to Mountain City, TN.



Trees are all dropped. Now the tractor can clear the driveway. Arlin Phillips



Cleaning off the church's roof.



We loaded the tractor close to 20 times from this spot 75 yds above the road. Arlin Phillips, Doug Elders



Taking a load 75 yds back down to the road. Arlin Phillips



Before: Do you see the house?



After: There's the house.



## The Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team headed to Mountain City, TN.



Hickory tree for firewood



Limbs of the hickory tree



Lunch break

Click [here](#) to donate to CPBA's Disaster Relief online.

Or, make checks payable to CPBA and add "Disaster Relief" in the memo line.

You can also share our relief updates and donation info with friends by sending them to our [Helene Relief](#) page online.

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## Feeding Roane State on Wednesdays



Pictures shared by Bethlehem Baptist.

## 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.



**YOUTH**

# MINISTRY

**TMB** Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

**GATHERING AT SUMMIT**

*Join us and connect with Youth Ministry Leaders from around the state for a time of fellowship and encouragement. This will be a time for you to be poured into and connect with other leaders exchanging ideas and encouraging one another.*



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 12:00 - 1:30PM**  
**CAJUN STEAMER | 2108 Medical Center Pkwy G | Murfreesboro, TN 37129**

[Register Here](#)

## WMU Gathering at Summit Sunday, November 10 Northside Baptist Church, Murfreesboro 3:30-5:00 p.m. central time

Tennessee WMU and Concord Baptist Association WMU invite you to join us 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 in advance to help with planning.

[Click here to register](#)

Make plans to also attend the IMB Sending Celebration at New Vision Baptist Church in Murfreesboro at 6:00-7:30 pm. It will be a wonderful time of worship as we listen to stories of how God has called the newest International Mission Board missionaries and hear a challenge from IMB President Paul Chitwood.





**People ask "Do I really  
need Jesus to go to  
Heaven?"**

**Bro, you need Jesus  
just to go to Walmart.**

### November 2024 At-A-Glance

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| Nov 3     | Daylight Savings Time Ends   |
| Nov 4     | Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM<br>Speaker: Scott Johnson, Lantana Rd |
| Nov 10-12 | 150th TBC Summit (Murfreesboro)                                    |
| Nov 11    | Veterans Day   |
| Nov 4     | Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM<br>Speaker: Mark Miller, TBMB         |
| Nov 28    | Thanksgiving Day—CLOSED  |

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

### Looking Ahead to December 2024

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

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

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