



# The Messenger

May 2023

## Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

*"And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20 24-28*

Who is serving today? Have you thought about how you might be serving? Do you remember the statistic that states, "Twenty percent of the people do one hundred percent of the work?" Well, sadly twenty percent is most likely high in today's church. Almost every time I visit one of our churches I encounter some type of request for help. I hear the appeals from the pulpit. I see the invitation to serve in the bulletin or on the announcements being projected on the screen. Churches are few that have a wealth of servants.

So, I ask again, "Where are you serving?"

Serving should start in the home. When was the last time you did something at home that needed to be done and no one had to ask you to do it? You know what I mean. Something needed to be cleaned, closed, picked up, washed, taken out, or even changed. A servant sees these things and quietly gets them done.

How are you serving daily through your area of influence? Do you reach out to the neighbor that could use help in some area? How about at work? Can you pick up part of someone else's load? What about at school? Ever ask a teacher if they needed help with anything?

And of course, how are you serving in the local church? Want to bless your pastor and church staff? Ask them how you can best serve the Lord in the church. What are the areas of greatest need that exist where you could serve the church? Or, discover what needs to be done and quietly start serving in that area.

Do you want to be like Jesus? *"- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."* Find your place to serve.

Kirk

Submitted by Ronda Padgett, Association Director



## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO LIVE ON MISSION

Tennessee WMU 135<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
and Summer Missions Emphasis

Thursday, July 13, 2023 @ 6:00 PM  
Calvary Baptist Church  
4617 Creston Rd, Crossville

DRAMATISTS/STORY TELLERS  
Matt & Darlene Tullos, *Murfreesboro, TN*



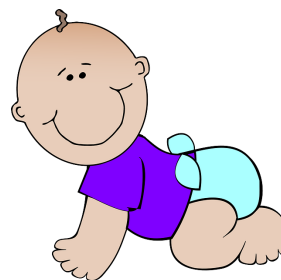
Come and enjoy great fellowship and missional inspiration at our Summer Missions Emphasis planned by WMU and hosted by Calvary Baptist Church. We will be celebrating Tennessee WMU's 135<sup>th</sup> Birthday with special guest speakers Matt and Darlene Tullos, a husband-and-wife ministry team who have been sharing the message of Jesus through the creative arts for 35 years. Darlene is a family counselor, and Matt is the Special Assistant to the Executive Director of Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. Program begins 6:00 PM with meal & fellowship 7:00 PM.

### MISSIONS PROJECT

Thank you for supporting this year's Summer Missions Emphasis missions project! Items will be used to minister to families at the Baby Comfort Station Trailer at the Cumberland County Fair, August 14-19, 2023. Drop off items in the designated area at the Summer Missions Emphasis.

Items we are collecting:

- New Christian Literature:
  - English Bibles
  - Spanish Bibles
  - Adult Christian Books
  - Children's Christian Books
  - DVDs
  - CDs



### BABY COMFORT STATION SIGN-UPS

We're thrilled to host a baby comfort station at the fair to provide a clean place for parents to care for the babies while enjoying an evening at the fair. Free Bibles, Christian books, water, and freezer pops will also be given out. Sign-ups will begin at the Summer Missions Emphasis.

## The Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

- TN Baptist Children's Home have several campuses across the state of Tennessee.
- They welcome children from hard places with the love of Christ through foster care, on-campus homes and family support.
- Because they are donor-supported and do not receive any government funding, they are able to focus on a Christ-centered model of care.
- Every dollar given goes directly to TBCH and can truly make a difference in the life of a child.

**We invite you to come have a seat at our table by giving generously to the Mother's Day Offering.**



"And they will come from east and west and from north and south and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God."  
- Luke 13:29

THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



BENEFITTING TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Donate at [TennesseeChildren.org](https://TennesseeChildren.org) or scan the QR code



### Building on the Foundation of Hope

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and fervent in prayer."  
Romans 12:12

WMU/WOM/Mission Leaders Workshop  
Session Topics: Joy, Hope, Patience, Prayer, Building Connections, WorldCrafts Ministry, and much more!

Special Guests: Ramona Hicks, President TN WMU  
Sheila Hall, Vice-President, East TN WMU  
Donna Blaydes, Children/Women's Ministry Specialist  
Anna Huggins, WorldCrafts Consultant/WMU Director Holston

Please pre-register by texting or calling  
Annette 423-385-7163 or Martha 423-312-3383  
A light breakfast and lunch will be served.  
T-shirts are available for purchase by pre-order through the website [www.crafthousedecor.square.site](http://www.crafthousedecor.square.site) and choose shop now

May 20, 2023 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Alpha Baptist Church (Summit Building)  
245 St. Johns Road, Morristown, TN

## clarity

DO YOU GET JESUS?

september 15 - 17  
cookeville, tennessee  
tennessee tech bcm

save the date

missions event for girls in grades 6-12

JOIN US FOR THE 2023 connection

## MISSIONS FAIR

Be sure to visit us at the MISSIONS FAIR at Central Baptist Church Sunday, April 30, 2023, from 5:00 - 6:00 PM & 1 hour after Worship Rally

Enter to win a WorldCrafts gift basket available at the WMU booth!

Meet our "Adopted MK" Fisher Heil - IMB Missionary Kid



# Lighthouse Christian Camp Work Week

May 8-12

Work One Day or the Whole Week



Contact Kirk at 931-787-6565 for more information or to sign up.



Check out the new [EVENTS](#) page on our website. List View or Calendar View, you can stay current with all of the events currently on our calendar. If you have events that you would like to have added, just email Libby at [cpba4ma@gmail.com](mailto:cpba4ma@gmail.com). It's a great way to let all the churches know about your events.

## TenneScene Article

Barry Bouchillon and Elliot Richards have recently joined the staff of Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church in Crossville. Barry is the new Minister of Music. He and his wife, Nancy, are from Mississippi, where he served several churches before moving to Tennessee. Elliot is the new Associate Pastor of Family Ministry and Education. Having moved from Michigan with his wife, Lori, Elliot is excited to be making the transition from a career in secular industry to full-time ministry. Welcome to Tennessee, Barry and Elliot!



Barry Bouchillon



Elliot Richards



Above: Jimmy Bilberry (Guest Encourager), Lori Richards, Barry Bouchillon, Elliot Richards, and Nancy Bouchillon.



Above: Tina Casey, Angela Shinn, Mike Shinn, Ron Scott, Scott Johnson, Carolyn Scott, Bob Hallatt, Jessie Hallatt, Donna Monday, Scott Monday, Michelle Strayer, and Adam Strayer.



Above: Scott Johnson, Donna Monday, Scott Monday, Tina Casey, Kay Johnson, Bob Hallett, Eric Hinson, and Jessie Hallett. Host church FFG FBC servers in the background.



Delicious cake presented for dessert.

A special **Thank You** to everyone who helped with the Ministers' Appreciation Dinner. The food was delicious, the company was enjoyable, and all around it was a wonderful evening.

# CPBA 2023 Senior Adult Get-Together

Memorial Baptist Church  
(Monday) May 1, 2023 — 10:30 a.M.



Music  
by  
The Bilbreys

Featured  
Speakers  
Sam & Cathy



Lunch to follow

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
(Tuesday) May 2, 2023 — 10:30 a.M.



Music  
by  
The Perryman  
Sisters

Featured  
Speaker  
Randy Roper



Lunch to follow



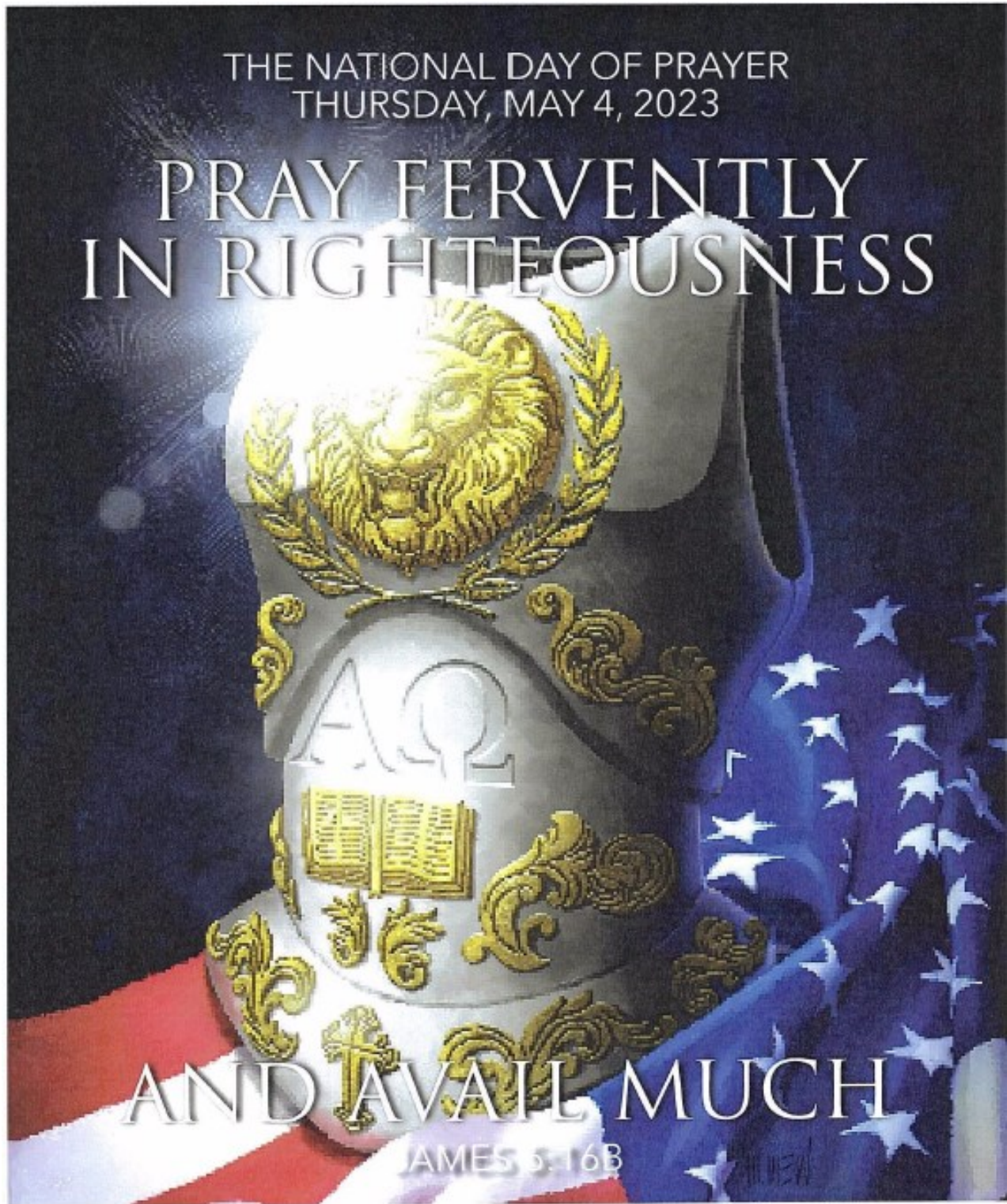
Refreshed and Renewed!

Be refreshed and renewed along with the ladies of First Baptist church of Fairfield Glade on September 22nd & 23rd. We are looking forward to a weekend of encouragement and love with the messages being brought by Sandy Peyton, talented speaker, pianist, and gospel music enthusiast from Knoxville, TN. Sandy, and our own Teresa Borton, will bring inspirational music throughout the weekend.

There will be a \$25.00 registration fee due by September 1, 2023. We will be looking for you!

For more information please call: Linda York 731-363-1959 or the church at 931-484-6927.





Join us for TWO Community  
Prayer Gatherings!  
12 PM and 6 PM

Private Prayer between  
9 AM - 12 PM  
1 PM - 6 PM



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Crossville, TN



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### May 2023 At-A-Glance

May 1	Pastors' Conference 10:00AM
May 1-2	Senior Adult Get-Together
May 4	National Day of Prayer — 12P or 6P @ Central Baptist
May 8	Pastors' Conference 10:00AM
May 8	Prayer Workshop @ Central 5:30 PM
May 8-12	Lighthouse Christian Camp Work Week
May 14	MOTHER'S DAY
May 15	Pastors' Conference 10:00AM
May 22	Pastors' Conference 10:00AM
May 26	DOM Retreat
May 26	Last Day of School
May 29	MEMORIAL DAY— Office Closed

### Looking Ahead to June 2023

June 5	Pastors' Conference 10:00AM
June 11-14	Southern Baptist Conv—New Orleans
June 12	Pastors' Conference 10:00AM
June 18	FATHER'S DAY
June 19	Pastors' Conference 10:00AM
June 26	Pastors' Conference 10:00AM

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**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

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