



# The Messenger

June 2023

## Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

*"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." II Timothy 4:6-8*

Our Ministry Assistant, Alta Wagner fought a valiant fight with cancer, and now she has received the ultimate healing by standing in the presence of her Savior. She served our association well as ministry assistant and treasurer for over nine years.

I remember very quickly realizing Alta's spirit of servanthood during my final interview with her. As I looked at her work background, some of the jobs that she had held, and the office skills that she possessed, I told her that we could not pay her what she was worth. I'll never forget her reply, "That is okay as long as I can pay for gas and pantyhose, we'll be just fine." She did not view this new job as work to receive a paycheck but as ministry where she could serve the Lord.

I'm thankful that God saw her through her first battle with colon cancer several years ago. But as she so often feared the ugly plague of cancer returned to her body with what seemed like vengeance.

In the beginning of her last fight with cancer she often talked with me about the fear of dying that gave her great concern. We would remind each other of God's promises and course that brought assurance. I saw her fear diminish into faith during our last visits together. In particular, she reminded me of the song, "It Is Well With My Soul," while pointing to her heart and saying, pastor it really is well with my soul.

Alta is certainly going to be missed in our association, but praise be to God that we can say with Paul, "there is *laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.*"



Kirk

Submitted by Ronda Padgett, Association Director



# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO LIVE ON MISSION



## Missions Fair

Thank you for visiting the WMU booth at the CPBA Worship Rally & Missions Fair!

Congratulations goes out to Christine Filburn the winner of the WorldCrafts

Gift Basket Give-A-Way!

WMU Leadership Team pictured from left to right: Judy Hedgecoth, Edith Maddox, Ronda Padgett, and Joyce Jewell.

## Encouraging Collegiate MKs/TCKs

Each year TN WMU assigns a Missionary Kid/Third Culture Kid who is attending college in Tennessee to every association.

For the past two years, we have had the privilege of encouraging and supporting Fisher Heil, IMB MK (pictured to the right).

It was a pleasure to meet Fisher at his booth at the Missions Fair. He just completed his sophomore year at Bryan College. His parents serve as IMB missionaries in Brazil. Please pray for Fisher as he seeks God's calling on his life to help fulfil the Great Commission.



Please give generously to the annual Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes Father's Day Offering  
Or visit [www.tnbaptisthomes.org](http://www.tnbaptisthomes.org) and click "donate now."

**Save the Date!**  
**TENNESSEE WMU 135<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
**AND SUMMER MISSIONS EMPHASIS**

An Event for Everyone!

Thursday, July 13 @ 6:00 pm

Food & Fellowship @ 7:00 pm

**HOPE ANCHORS THE SOUL**

-Hebrews 6:19

**DRAMATISTS/STORY TELLERS**

Matt & Darlene Tullos

Planned by WMU hosted by

Calvary Baptist Church

4617 Creston Rd, Crossville

**MISSIONS PROJECT**

We are collecting NEW  
 Christian Literature for the  
 Baby Comfort Station at the fair:

English Bibles

Spanish Bibles

Adult Christian Books

Children's Christian Books

DVDs & CDs

**BABY COMFORT STATION SIGN-UPS**

Sign-ups to serve a shift at the Cumberland  
 County Fair will begin.

Fair Dates: August 14-19, 2023

Free Bibles, Christian books, water, coloring  
 books & crayons, and freezer pops will be  
 given out.

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We would like to share your missions story.

Send photo & description to [refpad@citlink.net](mailto:refpad@citlink.net).



Birdhouses for Annie Armstrong

Children are one of God's greatest blessings. It's so important to help them grow in faith. Our kids are a top priority at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Crossville. Teaching missions is especially a priority, and our Mission Journey Kids group meets every Sunday evening to learn all about missions. Two years ago, we started a very fun project that affords the kids an opportunity to earn funds to donate to Annie Armstrong. In March 2022, we started our first birdhouse project. What a fun way to get the kids involved in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. They were so excited, and you could see the creativity wheels turning as we discussed and planned our first year's project. Several weeks before the Easter offering, we collected old license plates for roofs on the houses. We spent time each week working on the houses. First sanding, next priming, and finally decorating. The kids were very excited and took lots of time uniquely painting and decorating their birdhouse. When finished, the houses were placed on display in the lobby for a silent auction. After a few weeks the winners are announced at our Sunday service and the kids deliver the birdhouse to the winner during the worship service. It is a very fun project and gives the kids an opportunity to participate directly in the mission offering. The 2023 auction earned \$630 dollars for the kids to donate to Annie Armstrong and the 2022 birdhouses earned \$615. The true lesson for our kids is to see that they can serve the Lord now and make a difference now. Some of our other projects we have participated in are Pure Water Pure Love, Lottie Moon tea cookie fundraiser, food drives, and project help. Each of these projects help the kids learn that helping others to see Christ is the most important thing.

By Patricia R. Cordell

Bethlehem Baptist Church

# Worship Rally & Missions Fair 2023

April 30, 2023



Rows 1-3: Missions Fair

Bottom Row, Left: Jeremy Busler leading the Central Baptist Church Choir during worship.

Bottom Row, Center: Kirk Casey interviewing missionaries. Fisher Heil, Nathen and Amber Harden, and Lee and Tim Shaw

Bottom Row, Right: Dr. Paul Chitwood, President of the SBC International Mission Board, guest speaker



# Senior Adult Get-Together

May 1-2, 2023



Monday at Memorial Baptist Church

Sam and Cathy sharing about their work with international students.

Monday's Lunch Fellowship



Tuesday at Bethlehem Baptist

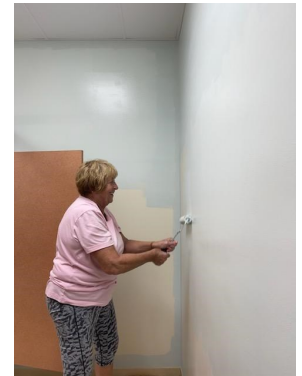
First Row: The Perryman Sisters singing

Second Row: Randy Roper, guest speaker



# Work Week @ Lighthouse Christian Camp

May 8-12, 2023



During our week at Lighthouse, we helped them rebuild their outdoor chapel. We also took care of some painting and added several new bunkbeds.

## In Honor of Alta Wagner



Far Left: Kirk Casey making a presentation at the Worship Rally (April 30) in honor of Alta Wagner to Kelly Campbell with the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.

Center: Scott White praying for Alta Wagner with Kirk Casey and Kelly Campbell.

### Ozone Work Week Follow-up

(April 24-28)

Thank you to ALL of our amazing volunteers for a great week. Each of you are greatly appreciated and the investment of your time here will impact generations beyond, we pray. In total, we had 41 volunteers plus staff help out 1 or more days in the week! Our biggest week yet. Projects worked on or completed were 20 and included new decks in front of 2 cabins, roof work, painting inside the duplex, other painting, a new automatic gate installed, landscaping, improvements on the waterfront shelter, pressure washing, gutter clean out, brush cleanup, mowing and other grounds work, activity repairs, interior cleanup and organization, office work, and more!

Please pray for our summer needs as it is quickly approaching. Full time staff, summer staff, speakers, campers, families and all the details that will go into making this a memorable week for each of them and a lifetime of a growing relationship with our Creator.

— Brent Woodard  
Area Director  
Children's Bible Ministries, Camp Ozone

## Thank You!

Dear CPBA,

Please accept our gratitude and appreciation for your gift of \$900. Your gift in honor of Alta Wagner is already being used to provide safe campus and foster homes for children across Tennessee.

Sincerely,  
Greg McCoy  
TN Baptist Children's Homes

Dear CPBA,

We would like to thank you for your generous gifts toward our time in Tennessee. It is a tremendous blessing to see our daughter graduate from Liberty University. Thank you for all you did. We sure enjoyed our time with you! Thanks again!

Nathan, Amber,  
and Faith Harden

# Teachable Moments

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

PROVERBS 22:6

This **Weekday Early Education Conference** is for directors and teachers of any part-time or full-time preschool program. Valuable training is available for anyone working with preschoolers, regardless of the type of program or curriculum used. The conference schedule provides six (6) hours of approved professional development clock hours, approved through TrainTN.

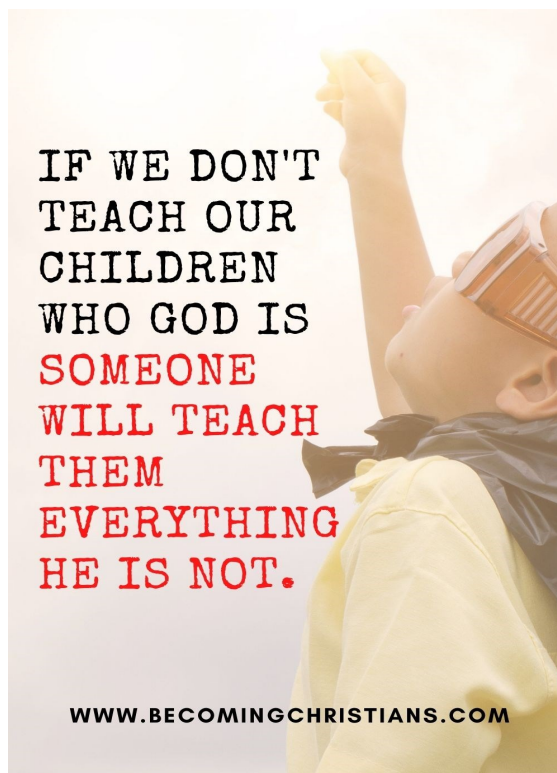
**Registration Fee:**

- ☐ \$65 per person if registered by June 15, 2023.
  - ☐ \$75 per person if registered after June 15, 2023.
- No refunds after July 1, 2023. However, the registration fee may be transferred to another member in your group.

For more information or to register, go to <https://tn.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55235019>

For questions or changes in an existing registration, contact Marybel Sotomayor at 615-371-7916 or [msotomayor@tnbaptist.org](mailto:msotomayor@tnbaptist.org).

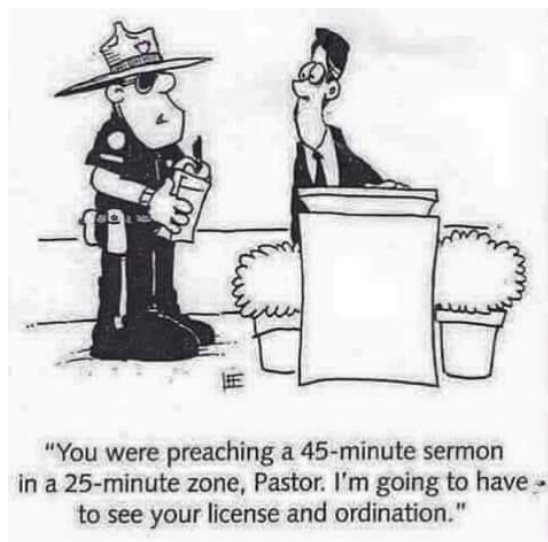
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board  
Weekday Early Education Conference  
**Saturday, July 15, 2023**  
9:00AM - 4:30PM Central Time  
First Baptist Church Hendersonville  
106 Bluegrass Commons Blvd.  
Hendersonville, TN 37075



Please be praying for all of the VBS programs, children's camps, youth camps, etc. that will be held this summer.

Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors (high school and college) across our association.

Have a safe summer!







## Coming in June: The Down East Boys in concert

WHERE: Lantana Road Baptist Church

WHEN: June 25th

TIME: 5pm

Bring a friend and join us!

## Coming in August: Priscilla Shirer Simulcast

### Details

We are so excited to host the Going Beyond Simulcast event at Cumberland Fellowship on **August 26th**. The Lord is stirring the women today to go beyond what our eyes see, what our ears hear and to seek, run after and pursue what lies ahead.

This will be an awesome day of great teaching, praying and praising God in one place as ONE. The event is all day, starting at 9:00 and ending around 3:45 P.M, and filled with great teaching by Priscilla Shirer, worship/music by Anthony Evans and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

The event ticket cost is \$12.00 and we will be providing a Chick-fil-la lunch with your event ticket and t-shirts will be available to pre-purchase as an add on for \$15. We will also have a Snack Bar and Coffee Café available. This event is open to all ladies from across the Upper Cumberland, so you will want to register early to ensure ticket availability. We are limited to 500 attendees. Registration is open now through **August 9th** to include lunch.



### **YOUR REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION EMAIL WILL SERVE AS YOUR TICKET.**

Childcare is available for \$5 per child. Must pre-register for childcare.

We are soooo looking forward to spending this awesome day with you'll. Doors will open and childcare (for those pre-registered) will be available at 8:45 am. Any questions please call Beth McDonald at 931-261-8175 or email [bethmcdonald56@gmail.com](mailto:bethmcdonald56@gmail.com).

## Coming in September: 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.



Our association has been blessed to support the Pastoral Counseling Center of the Cumberland Plateau as one of the ministries of Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association. Carolyn Scott has faithfully served as a contract counselor with us for over seven years. She has recently resigned to focus more on family, her health, music ministry, and a full-time job at Good Samaritan Society at Fairfield Glade. We are very thankful for her time of ministry here and the many lives that God touched through her giftedness in counseling. I know that you'll pray for Carolyn as well as future decisions concerning our association's counseling ministry. May we be reminded of our counseling ministry's purpose, "That no one might say; 'No man cared for my soul.'" Psalm 142:4

Kirk

### June 2023 At-A-Glance

June 5-6	Love Packages Mission Trip
June 11-14	Southern Baptist Conv—New Orleans
June 18	FATHER'S DAY
June 25	Down East Boys concert, Lantana Road Baptist, 5 pm

**\*\*Note:** There will be no Pastors' Conferences for the month of June. A new schedule is being considered for July.

### Looking Ahead to July 2023

July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (Closed)
July 10	Leadership Team Meeting 11:30 AM
July 11	Executive Council Meeting 6:00 PM
July 13	WMU Mission Emphasis Meeting

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YOUR LIFE, REST IN  
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