



The Messenger

July 2023

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

"But Jesus called them to Him and said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.'" II Timothy 4:6-8

We are in the middle of the summer schedule for our churches. Many of our churches have already had VBS with other churches soon to host their VBS. Our churches are sending their kids and youth off to many different camps throughout the summer months. These are all great opportunities for the spiritual development of our children and youth.

For many years, our churches have practiced great measures to protect and keep safe their youth and children. Our churches should share in the common practice of background checks for their volunteers as well as having good policies and procedures in place.

Our Southern Baptist Convention organized a Sexual Abuse Task Force to help our churches continue to keep our churches a safe place for children and youth as well as protecting adults. One of the items that the SATF presented at the SBC this year was "Essentials to Prevention & Protection". Following are the five essentials in short explanation:

TRAIN – Provide initial and ongoing training for staff, volunteers, and church members that raises awareness and shares effective actions to help prevent incidents of abuse in the church.

SCREEN – Adopt a careful vetting process for all those working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Screening should include an application, interview, references, social media review, and background checks.

PROTECT – Create and implement policies that protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults from grooming and abuse.

REPORT – Have a written plan in place to communicate with both the church and appropriate government authorities in the event of an abuse allegation.

CARE – Identify and offer resources that will provide victims, survivors, and their families with options for on-going care.

An expanded explanation of these essentials and many resources can be found at the SBC Abuse Prevention Web Site - [Ministry Toolkit | SBC Churches \(sbcabuseprevention.com\)](https://www.sbca.org/ministry-toolkit)

Also, every church should have a copy of the TBC booklet: Ministering Well, Best Practices and Resources Related to Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response. Or you can find more resources at the TBMB website at: [Abuse Resources - Tennessee Baptist Mission Board \(tnbaptist.org\)](https://www.tnbaptist.org/abuse-resources)

May we all stay diligent in keeping our churches safe,

Kirk

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO LIVE ON MISSION.

WMU® God's mission.
Our passion.

HEBREWS 6:19

HOPE ANCHORS THE SOUL

TENNESSEE WMU 135TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
SUMMER MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Thursday, July 13th at 6:00 PM | Food & Fellowship at 7:00 PM

Calvary Baptist Church | 4617 Creston Road | Crossville, TN

SPECIAL GUESTS

Dramatists/Story Tellers Matt & Darlene Tullos, a husband-and-wife ministry team from Murfreesboro, who have been sharing the message of Jesus through story telling and drama for 36 years. Darlene is a family counselor and Matt serves as the Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.



Photo by Tennessee WMU

MISSION 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 are August 14-19. Free Bibles, Christian books, water, coloring books & crayons, and freezer pops will be given out.

This event is planned by CPBA WMU and hosted by Calvary Baptist Church.
This missions event is for ALL who are passionate about missions!

DISCOVER THE JOY OF MISSIONS

WMU



Youth Venture Team

Please join us in praying for members of the 2022-23 Youth Venture Team as they prepare for the Go Impact trip to Batangas Court, Philippines from July 11-22. The three team members are Emma Henley and Lydia Nakamine from Red Bank Baptist in Chattanooga and Pierce McNew from Mount Harmony Baptist in Strawberry Plains, along with Kim Cruse, TN WMU Missions Discipleship Specialist. They will be doing campus and park evangelism, along with five additional people from Tennessee.



We've A Story to Tell

The annual Tennessee Baptist Fellowship of the Blind Retreat will be held at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center July 21-23. Tennessee WMU is partnering with TBMB Compassion Ministries, who help host the retreat, to provide gift cards to stores and restaurants for participants to receive prizes.

Below is a photo sent to CPBA WMU of the campers playing bingo last year. The campers all love to play bingo. I wish we could be there to share the joy and happiness that these simple gift cards gave the folks. It is a blessing to continue to provide gift cards for the campers to receive as prizes to help make camp a memorable experience.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **August** Christmas in August
- **August 27** Global Hunger Sunday
- **September 7-11** Denver Mission Team Trip
- **September 10-17** Week of Prayer for State Missions/GOTM
- **September 15-17** Connection, missions event for girls in grades 6-12, TN Tech. Univ. BCM, Cookeville
- **September 16** Children's Missions Day
- **October 1** Cooperative Program Sunday
- **October 20-22** RA Camp-O-Ree, Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center
- **October 22** Day of Prayer for Baptist Associations
- **November 6:** Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- **November 9:** CPBA WMU Fall Missions Emphasis, Lantana Road Baptist Church
- **November 12-15** Summit – Annual Meeting of Tennessee Baptists, Chattanooga Convention Center
- **December 3-10** Week of Prayer for International Missions/LMCO

Love Packages Trip—June 5-6 with Bethlehem Baptist



PARTICIPANTS: Donny & Judy Hedgecoth, Keith & Sandra Donathon, Janis Collins, Paul & Dorothy Ely, Glenn & Jane Wyatt, Kirk Casey

Convention Highlights

SBC 2023



Messengers gathered



NAMB Luncheon
(North American Mission Board)



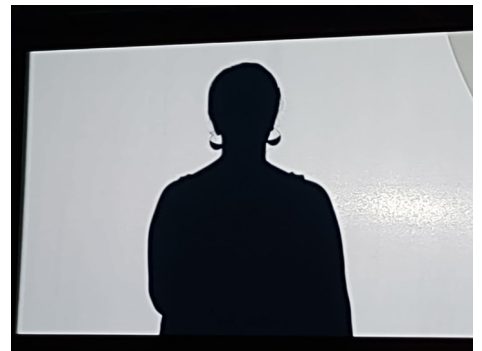
Luncheon performance by
Dustin Tevella
winner of America's Got Talent



IMB President, Paul Chitwood
speaks to the convention



NAMB commissions 79 new board
missionaries



Convention Highlights—Crossover Event

SBC 2023

SBC Crossover Event - a luncheon for the New Orleans Police Department was hosted at NOBTS.
(New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary)



NOBTS Luncheon

Chapel at NOBTS

VIDEOS FROM SBC2023

Message from Dr. Randy Davis, TBMB - <https://vimeo.com/839332406?share=copy>

Video of the SBC in New Orleans, LA - <https://vimeo.com/836393272>

New Orleans Food!

SBC 2023



MIDDLE EAST FUND RAISER **SPECIAL GUEST**

PINE EDEN Church



JULY 2ND 6pm **MUSIC COMEDY**

CAMPER FUNDS NEEDED \$7,000

100% TOWARDS GOSPEL IMPACT IN THE MIDDLE EAST!

DAVID TAYLOR

Coming in July: Fundraiser

We at Pine Eden would like to invite you to enjoy some singing and comedy as we raise funds to send young adults in the middle east to camp where they will receive the Gospel. This will take place on Sunday night July 2nd at 6pm.

Thank you so much!

Coming in August: Idaho Mission Trip

We still have 2 slots open for the Idaho Mission Trip coming up August 21-30.

Cost: a plane ticket and a few meals

Contact Kirk if you have any questions. cpbadom@gmail.com or 931-787-6565

Coming in August: Worship Summit

The TBMB is offering an excellent opportunity for the church worship teams to have practical training

- worship leaders/ministers of music
- worship bands and worship teams
- choir leaders and members
- children's choir/worship leaders
- pianists and keyboardists
- bi-vocational worship leaders
- audio-visual teams
- and more!

www.worshipsummits.com

West TN: August 12 (A few different guests)

Middle TN: August 19 (Pictured here)

**Middle TN
REGIONAL
WORSHIP
SUMMIT**

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LOCATIONS/DATES

EAST TENNESSEE
Saturday, August 5
First Baptist, Seymour
11621 Chapman Hwy

WEST TENNESSEE
Saturday, August 12
Englewood Baptist, Jackson
2239 N Highland Ave

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Saturday, August 19
Belle Ave Baptist, Morristown
1307 N Rutherford Blvd

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WWW.WORSHIPSUMMITS.COM

Speakers listed on the poster include: Mark Blair (Worship Leaders), Tony Cooper (Worship Teams), Megan Allen (Choirs), Darlene Abbott (Preschool/Children), Amy Tate Williams (Keyboard Ministry), Tim Hammond (Audio-Visual), Roger Britton (Educational Worship), Matt Tullos (Creativity), and Scott Shepherd (Worship Speaker).

Coming in August: Priscilla Shirer Simulcast



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 sooooo 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.

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.

TN Disaster Relief 2023 Training Opportunities.

See their website for details: tndisasterrelief.org/events

June 24

[Ham Radio Communications Field Day](#), Missions Mobilization Center, Mt. Juliet

July 21

[Introduction to Disaster Relief/Chainsaw Operation & Safety/Damage Assessment](#), East Athens Baptist Church, Athens

July 22

[Introduction to Disaster Relief/ Chainsaw Operation & Safety/Flood Recovery/Shower and Laundry/Skid Steer Classroom and Hands-On \(must pass exam first\)](#), First Baptist Church, Lenoir City

July 29

[Hands-On Specialized Classes](#), Missions Mobilization Center, Mt. Juliet

- Bucket Truck Classroom (1 1/2 hours) and Hands-On Training (1 1/2 hours) – includes test – Must have current Chainsaw Operations & Safety classroom training (repeated in the afternoon) OR
- Chainsaw Hands-On Training (morning class or afternoon class) – Must have current Chainsaw Operations & Safety classroom training OR
- Forklift/Skid Steer Classroom (1 1/2 hours) and Hands-On Training (1 1/2 hours) – includes test (repeated in the afternoon) OR

Mass Feeding Hands-On Training (all day) – Must have current Mass Feeding classroom training

August 26

[Introduction to Disaster Relief/Chainsaw Operation & Safety/Damage Assessment/and Flood Recovery](#)

First Baptist Church, Millington

September 9

[Hands-On Specialized Classes](#), Missions Mobilization Center, Mt. Juliet

- Bucket Truck Classroom (1 1/2 hours) and Hands-On Training (1 1/2 hours) – includes test – Must have current Chainsaw Operations & Safety classroom training (repeated in the afternoon) OR
- Chainsaw Hands-On Training (morning class or afternoon class) – Must have current Chainsaw Operations & Safety classroom training OR
- Chainsaw Repair & Maintenance – Must have current Chainsaw Operations & Safety classroom training (*Please bring a chainsaw, basic toolset, and manual, if available. This will be a hands-on class and you will be taking your chainsaw apart for the various maintenance tasks.*) OR

- Forklift/Skid Steer Classroom (1 1/2 hours) and Hands-On Training (1 1/2 hours) – includes test (repeated in the afternoon) OR

Mass Feeding Hands-On Training (all day) – Must have current Mass Feeding classroom training

September 16

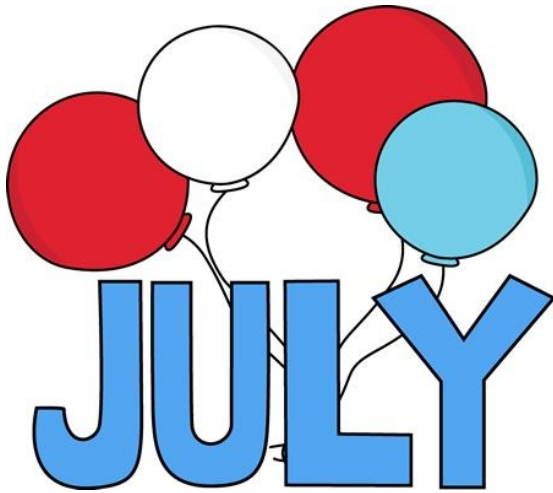
[Introduction to Disaster Relief, Flood Recovery, and Chainsaw Operation & Safety](#)

Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown

September 30

[Introduction to Disaster Relief, Chainsaw Operation & Safety, and Flood Recovery](#)

Long Hollow Baptist Church, Hendersonville



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The pastor's wife agreed to give him a subtle signal whenever he started to "chase rabbits."

July 2023 At-A-Glance

- July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (Closed)
- July 10 Leadership Team Meeting 11:30 AM
- July 10 Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM
Speaker: Joe Sorah
- July 11 Executive Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- July 13 WMU Mission Emphasis Meeting
- July 25 Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM
Speaker: TBA

NOTE to Pastors: The Pastors' Conferences are currently scheduled for the 2nd Monday and 4th Tuesday of each month. Hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead to August 2023

- August 3 First Day of School
- August 14 Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM
Speaker: TBA
- August 22 Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM
Speaker: TBA
- August 26 We Are One
Community Event, 9AM-1PM

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Mon.-Thurs.

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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