



The Messenger

September 2023

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are Gods fellow workers;" I Corinthians 3:5-9a

As I write this article, there are several of us preparing and packing for a mission trip to Jerome, ID to help put a new roof on Northridge Fellowship. I'm asked from time to time why we continue to do these types of short-term mission trips. Are they worth the time, money, and effort put into them? Couldn't you just send the money your team is spending to the church and let them be blessed that way? You're just doing a construction project, how is that evangelism? Isn't there plenty to do here at home?

Well, the Bible gives us the answers we need. Both Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8 is still true for us today. We are given examples throughout the New Testament of churches helping other churches and sending teams to reach others for Christ. One doesn't have to read beyond Acts to see many of these examples. Think about the sowing and reaping principle found in Scriptures.

When the association organizes a mission trip it gives mission volunteers an opportunity that they may not ordinarily have. Thank God that many of our churches organize their own mission trips. The association can offer the same missions experience for someone whose church might not be able to offer them.

Let's consider two of the mission partnerships that our association has had in the past. The first one to examine is Grandview Church in Mead, Colorado. Seven years ago, this church did not exist. I met Bruce and Lisa Headrick through our state convention and felt lead to help them as they committed to be church planters in Mead. Their need at the time was for the basement of their home to be finished to start Bible Studies and kids Bible clubs. So, our association sent teams to accomplish that. Seven years later God has established the Grandview Church. This summer the church had to cap their sports camp outreach at 250 participants! They are consistently running 110-130 in church every Sunday. Bruce is looking at fully retiring at the end of the year and is in transition with a new pastor named Ryan Singleton to accomplish this.

The second mission partnership we can evaluate is Clark Fork Fellowship in Superior, MT. The past two years our association has sent teams out to Montana to help this church with several needs. The church needed many repairs including the portico that we raised over \$11,000 to build. Our first Sunday with them our team made up more than half of those attending. They have grown since then and in July were able to baptize six new Christians!

God is faithful when we invest in His Kingdom! From these small mission seeds we have truly seen *God give the increase.*

Keep Going,

Kirk

Submitted by Ronda Padgett, Association Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Director

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Baby Comfort Station

Thank you for "Chicking Us Out" at the Cumberland County Fair! We hope the free Baby Comfort Station made an evening at the fair even more enjoyable for families and fairgoers. The trailer was equipped with private curtains with two baby-changing stations and a private nursing area.

Praise God for blessing this ministry with 42 volunteers from our CPBA churches to help us share the gospel message during the week of the fair. We gave out 55 Bibles, 18 DVDs, 107 Christian books, 123 coloring books & crayons, 734 Freezer Pops, 416 Dum-Dums suckers, 66 gospel tracts, and 594 waters with 43 diapers changed and 3 babies nursed.

Please pray for each fairgoer that stopped by the Baby Comfort Station and heard the gospel. Special thanks to our volunteers for making this happen!



MISSIONS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITES



Photo provided by Tennessee WMU

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is named after W.C and Mildred Golden.

In 1902, Mildred suggested a special season of prayer with an offering for state missions just as churches prayed for and gave to home missions and foreign missions.

The GOTM is collected all year, from September 1 through August 31, with special emphasis during the month of September.

Visit <http://www.goldenoffering.org> to learn more about the Golden Offering.

BCM Ministry

WMU is partnering with Baptist Collegiate Ministries to feed the students lunch at Roane State of Crossville. Contact David Mahan at 931-456-0754 for more information on serving our local BCM.



Pictured are Joan Vest & Edith Maddox from Pine Eden serving the students lunch.

We Are One

“That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.” -John 17:21

The Baby Comfort Station was up and running at the We Are One Community Event. Over 700 items were given out to plant powerful seeds of the gospel.

Pictured below are Donna Lacy & Joyce Jewell from Oak Hill Baptist Church hosting the Baby Comfort Station.



Collection dates are October 23-25, 2023, from 9am-3pm at Oaklawn Baptist Church, 3977 Highway 70-E, Crossville. Contact: David Mahan 931-456-0754

For more information and resources, visit tnbaptist.org/backpacks

Women's Retreat



September 22-23, 2023

Friday, 4:30pm - 8:00pm (dinner included)
Saturday, 7:30am - 1:30pm (breakfast included)



Sandy Payton
Speaker



Teresa Borton
Soloist

Sandy Payton is a most unusual lady who has travelled around the world telling her story through singing a heart-changing song, playing a B-3 organ, making a foot patting memorable moment, or just sitting down to the piano and sharing her heart.

Her passion for the past thirty years was directing the renowned Glen Haven Celebration Choir, doing musicals, and working with churches of every size, bringing them exciting new music and teaching them how to minister it to others. Another ministry that is dear to her heart is Good Samaritan Missions, where she visits Honduras periodically to sing and love the people, adopting children and seeing them become professionals in the business world, changing their lives in such a powerful way, as they surrender their lives to the Lord.

She has accompanied many famous people: Mahalia Jackson, Dale Evans Rogers, Mark Lowery, Greater Vision, and Doris Akers, to name a few. But she is quick to tell you that her greatest thrill comes from speaking or singing into the heart of one who needs that message of hope.

She has recently been playing organ on the Hymn Sing Tour with Gerald Wolfe and many of the top gospel artists in the country.

Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church

130 Town Centre Way, Crossville, TN 38571

www.onhisrock.org

Info: Contact Linda York, justnm4@gmail.com, 731-363-1959

Registration Fee: \$25

Make checks payable to: Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church
Mail to: 130 Town Centre Way, Crossville, TN 38571



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Custodial Need - Part-time, flexible hours (possible increase of hours in the future)

Call Jose' Barreto at Central Baptist Church 931-484-8426 M-F 8:00-4:00 if interested.





<https://www.tnbaptist.org/event/pastors-prayer-gathering-training/>

The CPBA will be taking a van to this event for any pastor or staff person that would like to join us. Also, a hotel room will be provided if you would like to share a room, or you can pay the difference for a single room. So, the only other cost to you would be two meals. Call Kirk Casey (931-787-6565) to reserve your spot and for any questions that you may have.

AN URGENT CRY TO GOD FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Thompson Station Church near Franklin, Tennessee, will host "An Urgent Cry for Spiritual Awakening," a region-wide Prayer Gathering for Pastors, those they are mentoring for Pastoral Ministry, and other Pastoral Staff.

Bill Elliff, founding and National Engage Pastor of The Summit Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, will facilitate the Prayer Gathering. He will be joined by other pastors from Tennessee and across the Mid-South.

When:

Wednesday, September 27, 6:00–9:00 pm

Registration Begins at 5:00 pm

Thursday, September 28, 8:00 am–12:00 pm

Where:

Thompson Station Church

2604 Thompson's Station Rd E, Thompson's Station, TN

Two miles south of Exit 28, Interstate 840 in Middle Tennessee

Who:

Pastors, Men Sensing God's Call to Pastoral Ministry, other Church Pastoral Staff, Evangelists, and Prayer Ministry Leaders across Tennessee and Surrounding States

What:

A Prayer Gathering, including Replicable Training Experiences for use in churches

Why:

To Seek the Face of God for Spiritual Awakening

A Training Guide will be made available for pastors to equip lay leaders to conduct Wednesday night prayer services on September 27, allowing their pastors to join countless others from across Tennessee and surrounding states in prayer for spiritual awakening.

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association 69th Annual Meeting & Worship Service

Sunday October 1, 2023

Bethlehem Baptist Church

4:00 pm – Business Session

6:00 pm – Worship Service

Dr. Danny Siquefield - guest speaker



Dr. Danny Siquefield and his wife, Rhonda, have been married for 42 years. They have 3 adult sons (Jon, Josh, and Joey) and they have 7 beautiful grandchildren (5 boys and 2 girls).

Danny is a graduate of the University of Central Florida (BA), New Orleans Baptist Seminary (Master of Divinity) and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry)

Harvest Field 1 Team Leader with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (January 2022 to present) - Responsibilities include connecting, coaching, and consulting with over 500 churches and pastors in 15 counties of West Tennessee.

Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett, Tennessee, 1994-2022. (28 years) – a church that baptized more than 2300 people during that time and planted several mission churches.

**Messengers please RSVP by September 27 for dinner
at 931-484-1858 or cpba4ma@gmail.com**

TN Disaster Relief 2023 Training Opportunities.

See their website for details: tndisasterrelief.org/events

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

October 7

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

True Light Baptist Church, Jamestown

YA Podcast is here!!!

We are excited to announce the launch of the first YA podcast with Ryan Keaton and Lorenzo Baylor. The YA Podcast is NOW available everywhere you listen to podcasts. Search “Young Adults TN” to find it in your podcast app of choice. Don’t forget to subscribe and share with a friend.

Check out our first episode as we discuss the Winning Young adults in your harvest field book. Season 1 will have 9 episodes that will release bi-weekly.



Do you ever wonder if your prayers and contributions really make a difference? Check out this update from our IMB President, Paul Chitwood.

I'm not sure if you've been able to read this yet, but I want to make sure you get your hands on the latest [Global Impact Guide](#).

Your support, both through prayer and financial gifts, make an immeasurable impact in the lives of individuals around the world. We are grateful for your partnership in solving the world's greatest problem—lostness.

The Global Impact Guide is a testament to the power of collaboration, reflecting the tremendous achievements made possible by people like you who have chosen to follow the Lord's leading.

In the Global Impact Guide, you'll discover how God is moving as we work together for His glory. Here are just a few of the remarkable highlights from this year's report:

1. **728,589 People Heard the Gospel** - You helped us reach out and share the message of hope with over 700,000 individuals, spreading the love of Christ to the far corners of the earth.
2. **67 New People Groups and Places Engaged** - We've been able to expand our reach to 67 new communities, establishing meaningful connections and opportunities for church planting.
3. **102,417 Baptisms** - Through your partnership, we have witnessed over 100,000 baptisms, marking the beginning of transformed lives.

These are just a few snapshots of the ways that your partnership with the IMB is reaching the lost. Your commitment to our mission has created ripples of change that extend far beyond what words can express.

To access the full Global Impact Guide and witness the profound impact of your partnership, simply visit this page: https://www.imb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/IMB_GIG-2023-Eng_FINAL_spreads.pdf

Thank you once again for being an invaluable part of the IMB. We couldn't do it without you, and we look forward to achieving even greater milestones as we work toward the vision God gives us in Revelation 7:9.

With deep appreciation,

Paul Chitwood
IMB President





Forwarding
All
Issues
To
Heaven

September 2023 At-A-Glance

Sept 4 LABOR DAY—Office Closed
Sept 5 Leadership Team Meeting 11:30AM
 Executive Council meeting 6 PM
Sept 11 Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM
 Speaker: TBA
Sept 18-19 Love Packages Mission Trip
Sept 22-23 Refreshed & Renewed (Ladies
Retreat)
Sept 26 Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM
 Speaker: TBA
Sept 27 Prayer Gathering, Thompson Station

Looking Ahead to October 2023

Oct 1 CPBA Annual Meeting (4PM) &
 Worship Service (6PM)
Oct 2 Pastor's Conference 10:30 AM
 Speaker: TBA
Oct 9-13 FALL BREAK
 Cumberland Co. Schools
Oct 24 Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM
 Speaker: TBA

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Mon.-Thurs.

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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