



The Messenger

November 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 it will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all humanity: then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams."
ACTS 2:17

Have you heard about the Summit? The Summit – the Gathering of Tennessee Baptist is what you probably know as the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Summit will take place at the convention center in Chattanooga on November 13-15. It will be closer to Crossville than it has been in many years. So, why not think about going this year?

A little over ten years ago the TBC put forth a ten-year plan called Vision 2021. At this year's Summit the TBC will be presenting a report from the Acts 2:17 Initiative Task Force. They will be recommending that the messengers of the 2023 Annual Meeting affirm and adopt the Acts 2:17 Initiative. Here are the vision and priority Statements:

Vision: EVERY

A collaborative network of spiritually healthy churches reaching Tennessee and beyond for Christ so that:

Every pastor is connected and supported for healthy ministry.

Every member has an active plan for spiritual maturity.

Every child has a home and gospel foundation.

Every parent has a biblical vision for their family.

Every church has growing leaders called to ministry.

Every city has effective, multiplying churches.

UNTIL Every Tennessean hears the gospel.

The Priority Statements include:

1. Fueling Church Collaboration - Establish a culture of Cooperation to advance the Gospel.
2. Catalyzing Spiritual Maturity - Equip Tennessee Baptist Churches with a plan to multiply disciples
3. Transforming Family Impact - Engage Tennessee Baptist parents toward intentional faith formation.
4. Confronting Mental Health - Expand mental health services for every church, pastor & staff member.

Why put forth this initiative? The Task Force lists the following urgency:

- Tennessee population growth will increase 500,000 over the next decade.
- At least 80 percent (5.6 million) of Tennesseans are unchurched.
- There are currently 9,000 children in the state DCS foster care system.
- There are 450-550 TBC churches currently without pastors.
- The mental health crisis is rising at an alarming rate among the general population and especially pastors/ministers.

Get your Summit messengers elected and load the church van or carpool to Chattanooga. The Summit this year will also kick off the 150-year celebration of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. If you need more information you can go to: www.tnbaptist.org/summit2023

Let me say a big THANK YOU to all those who helped make the CPBA Annual Meeting and Annual Worship Service a success! We appreciate Pastor Mark Bass and Bethlehem Baptist Church for hosting us. We were blessed with the presence of God in so many ways. From the quick and smooth business session to the fellowship of messengers during our dinner, God's presence was evident. Wow! What a worship service. Several people commented to me before the meeting began how they had already worshiped as the choir practiced before the service started. The choir and congregation worshipped loud and strong before the throne of God. God used Dr. Danny Siquefield to encourage us all through the message that he preached.

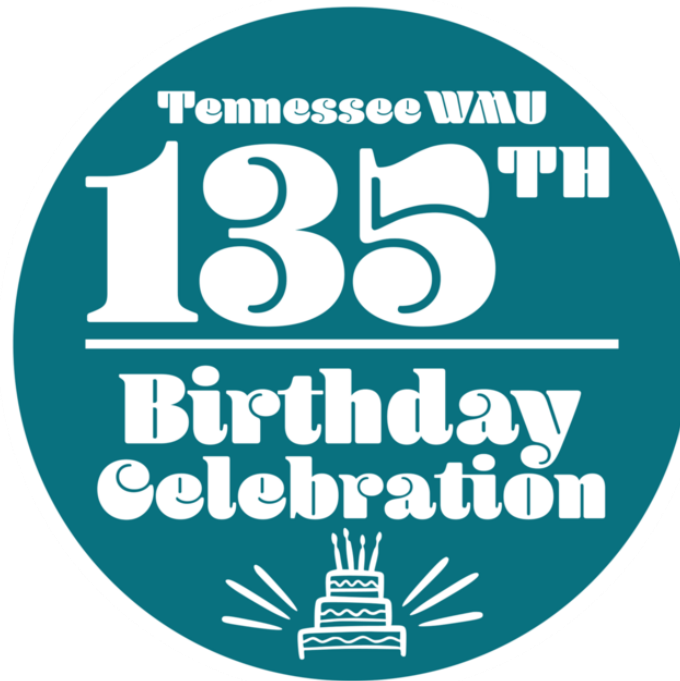
Hope to see you at the Summit in Chattanooga,

Kirk



Visit www.tnbaptist.org/summit2023 for more information including

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| ⇒ Registration | ⇒ Convention Schedule |
| ⇒ Pastors Conference | ⇒ TN Reunion at Summit |
| ⇒ Breakout Sessions | ⇒ Area Restaurants & Activities |



Happy 135th Birthday, Tennessee WMU!

On Friday, October 19, 1888, while the Tennessee Baptist Convention met in Columbia, the women met separately at the Garden Street Presbyterian Church and voted to organize Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union. They adopted a two-fold purpose: "To secure the earnest and sympathetic co-operation of the women and children in collecting and raising money for missions and to disseminate missionary information." For 135 years, Tennessee WMU has followed the lead of our foremothers in missions support and missions discipleship.

Suggestions for birthday gifts to honor Tennessee WMU's 135th Birthday:

- Donate \$35, \$135, or another amount to the Tennessee WMU Missions for Life Fund that is used for missionary care ministries and special projects. You can bring your donation to the November 4th Birthday Celebration or mail a check payable to TBMB (Missions for Life Fund in the memo line) and send to Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, PO Box 682789, Franklin, TN 37068.
- Ministry projects: Food Pantry Birthday Kits - Put together birthday kit(s) with the following items in a gift bag - cake mix, frosting, disposable cake pan, sprinkles, candles, birthday plates, napkins, cups, and decorations. Bring the assembled kits with you to the November 4th birthday celebration or donate them to a food pantry in your area.

God has done incredible things over the past 135 years...immeasurably more than all we could have asked or imagined...and we are pray He continues to do so for the next 135+ years!

Here are some upcoming dates for youth ministers. Please pray for our youth and our youth ministers.



Youth Ministry Luncheon 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.

- When: November 14th, 2023
- Where: Urban Stack, Chattanooga
- Time: 12:00pm
- Cost: \$10/per

[Register Here](#)

<https://tn.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236316>

You do not want to miss it!

YEC Mission Trip

- When: June 15-22, 2024
- Where: Vancouver, Washington
- With: Pastor Ryan Sidhom
River City Church

Contact Ministry Specialist Jay Barbier for more details

email: jbarbier@tnbaptist.org



•Registration to open October 1, 2023
•Prices: \$30 Oct. 1 - Feb. 14
\$35 starting Feb. 15

YEC 2024

Join us this Spring as we come together to for an incredible line up to celebrate Jesus!

Registration opens October 1st!



[Register Here](#)

<https://www.tnbaptist.org/yec>

FEATURING:

CONCLAVE
JANUARY 18-20, 2024
CHATTANOOGA, TN
YMCONCLAVE.ORG

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HONEST CONVERSATION
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\$189 AFTER JANUARY 2, 2024

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Conclave

Make plans now to gather with hundreds of Youth Ministry Leaders from all over. This Conference offers lots of breakouts, Worship gatherings, and opportunities to connect with Ministers and Leaders.

Don't forget to check out our free resources on the Conclave website.

[Register Here](#)

<https://ymconclave.org/>

Love Packages Trip: Coming December 4-5

In a recent newsletter from Love Packages, Director Steven Schmidt had an encouraging update for this ministry. Below is an excerpt.

“The good news is that we are on a record pace. As of this writing [Oct 2023], we have shipped out 1640 tons, with many more containers scheduled before the end of the year. I remind you that our goal for this year is to ship out 111 containers full of good Christian literature. That is 2,220 tons. Thanks for collecting and praying for us.

The testimonies that we receive tell us that the Church is growing and is alive, and that our literature is really helping them fulfill the purposes of God in their country. We are posting more and more pictures and reports on our Facebook page, so please follow us on Facebook and keep up with what God is doing with your material. You will see a lot of testimonies from all over the world on there. God truly is doing great things with the literature that you send. Keep up the good work folks!”

Remember that materials may be dropped off at our office Monday-Thursday. They especially appreciate Bibles, Sunday School literature, Bible study literature, and even devotional guides like Open Windows.

Contact Kirk if you would like to volunteer to go on one of these trips to deliver materials and to help sort and pack them for shipping.



CPBA Leadership Team 2024: L to R

Shaunda Brown Pine Eden BC, clerk; Libby DeMoss, Central BC, treasurer; David Mahan, Oaklawn BC, moderator; Mark Bass, Bethlehem BC, administration team leader; Scott Monday, Lantana Road BC, mission development team leader; Doug Elders, Fairfield Glade First BC, evangelism team leader; Andy Weaver, Pine Eden BC, ministries team leader; and Kirk Casey, director of missions



Kirk Casey receives a certificate thanking our association for its contributions to the Golden Offerings for Tennessee Missions in 2023. The churches in the CPBA contributed \$22,905.31 to support our state missions.

POSITION
AVAILABLE

Song Leader needed at Plateau Missionary Baptist for traditional music. Can be a paid position. Contact Pastor Bob Hallatt at 931-200-7416.

thank you

We are trying to make and fill 500 stockings!

May God bless you richly for all the work you do for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your sister in Christ,
 Carol Casby + daughter,
 Leri Matthews
 (I am Jean Smith's sister.)
 Thank you so much.

Dear Mr. Kirk Casey,
 sending you warm,
 HAPPY THOUGHTS
 AND HOPES AS BRIGHT
 AS SUNSHINE!

You certainly brought us a big ray of sunshine when you sent us the box of material to help with our Christmas Stocking Ministry for needy children here in Mergeron, N.C.



Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

By Henry Smith



November 2023 At-A-Glance

- Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 9 WMU Mission Emphasis Meeting
- Nov 11 VETERANS DAY
- Nov 13 Mon Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM @ The Summit
- Nov 13-15 Summit—The Gathering of TN Baptists
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day—CLOSED
- Nov 28 Tues Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Scott Johnson

Looking Ahead to December 2023

- Dec 4-5 Love Packages Mission Trip
- Dec 11 Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Sing Oldham (TBMB)
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas—CLOSED

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