



The Messenger

April 2024

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

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

*"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your **fellowship** in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1: 3-8*

Can you hear the desire in Paul's words to the Philippian church? It's as if Paul has a deep fondness for fellowship with the church. Listen to the ache in his heart to be with the church: *"how I greatly long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ."*

Does this kind of love and affection still exist in the church? Do we experience and express this type of fellowship throughout our churches? Does the world, especially our community observe us as we share and extend God's grace and love? Remember Jesus said, *"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Our association of churches is dispersed across Cumberland County. Our churches reach from Westel in the east to Mayland in the west and from Isoline and Fairfield Glade in the north to Pleasant Hill, Southwest, and Lantana in the south with many in between.

How are we able to have fellowship with each other with all our churches so scattered?

Glad you asked! Keep in mind, fellowship is one of our stated purposes as an association. So, several times a year the association has agreed to come together for fellowship and worship. Two dates are usually the same every year, the last Sunday of April and the first Sunday of October. These two dates should already be on your church's yearly calendar. Occasionally we will get together for other times of fellowship.

Do you long for fellowship with other believers? Seize the opportunities for fellowship that are coming soon. On April 27th we are inviting all our churches' ministry staff members and their spouses to our annual Ministers and Spouses Appreciation Dinner at First Baptist Church of Crossville at 6:00 p.m. Our churches will gather for a time of Fellowship and Worship at the Spring Worship Rally on April 28th at Central Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Roc Collins will be our guest speaker. (see pages 5 and 6 for more information)

"How greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ."

Kirk

April 11-13, 2024 Missions Get-Together

Brentwood Baptist Church 7777 Concord Rd, Brentwood, TN
www.tnbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together

Missions Get-Together is an annual event planned and hosted by Tennessee WMU for women 18 years of age and older to: Experience Personal Growth Engage in Meaningful Worship Discover Missions and Ministry Opportunities

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- ◆ BRENDA CROSTON – Bible Study Leader
- ◆ FIRST BAPTIST CONCORD WORSHIP TEAM – Worship Leaders
- ◆ MISSIONARIES:
 - ◆ Kevin Godin – NAMB Denver
 - ◆ Kerry Jackson – NAMB Atlanta
 - ◆ Liz Harper – IMB, South Asia



The women of Southern Baptist Churches have a long history of coming together to serve others. For many years, this was through the WMU (Woman's Missionary Union). Today, many churches have a Women's Ministry instead of specifically a WMU group. That does not mean that they do not share a common heart for missions. Just look at the ways our Tennessee WMU is serving. Perhaps you or your church would like to get involved. More information about any of these can be found at tnbaptist.org/tnwmu-ministries. Or by contacting Jacki Holleman at jholleman@tnbaptist.org.

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| ◆ Christian Job Corps | ◆ Compassion Ministries |
| ◆ Project HELP: Mental Health | ◆ Denver Prayer Advocacy Partnership |
| ◆ Missionary Houses in Mt. Juliet | ◆ TN Baptist Children's Homes |
| ◆ Encouraging Collegiate MKs/TCKs | ◆ Bible Storying |
| ◆ Snacks for TN BCMs | |

Camp Ozone

Camp Ozone is currently taking registration for their annual Work Week. If you'd like to help out during the week of April 22-25, use the registration link below to complete their form.

www.campozone.org/work-week/

If you'd like more information about Camp Ozone and their ministry, check out their main page at

www.campozone.org

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

April 6 **9:00am—4:00pm** **Wallace Memorial Baptist Church** (Knoxville, TN)

Youth Mental Health First Aid is a 7-hour training for adults who regularly interact with young people ages 12 to 18 – youth ministers/workers, parents, teachers, school staff, etc. This training will introduce common mental health challenges for youth, review typical adolescent development, and teach a 5-step action plan to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders, and eating disorders.

Click below to learn more about the course. Cost is \$10 for lunch.

www.tnbaptist.org/event/youth-mental-health-first-aid-training/

Weekday Early Education Conference

July 13 **9:00am—4:30pm** **Hermitage Hills Baptist Church** (Hermitage, TN)

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 | \$75 per person

No refunds; however, the registration fee may be transferred to another member in your group.

www.tnbaptist.org/event/weekday-early-education-conference/

Connection

Missions event for girls in grades 6-12 and their leaders

September 13-15 **Tennessee Tech University BCM** (Cookeville, TN)

The weekend will be filled with missionary speakers, Bible Study, discipleship breakouts, worship, mission projects and activities.

Bring your girls to be encouraged and challenged on how to live a life that is VIBRANT, inside and out, to know God and reflect Christ's beautiful brightness to a hurting world.

Meet missionaries, get deep into God's Word, have fun together, participate in a mission project, and choose from a variety of breakout sessions to help teenage girls live life God's Way...VIBRANT!

www.tnbaptist.org/event/connection2024

Registration opens July 1 and closes September 1.

Church Spotlights

Central Baptist Church

Located at 1346 S Main St (Crossville, TN 38555)

Phone: 484-8426

Email: central@cbccrossville.org

Website: www.cbccrossville.org

Pastor: Roland Smith

Year Established: 1982

Ave Attendance in 2023: 650

Total Baptisms in 2023: 28

Service Times: Sunday 9:30am; Wed 6pm

God Is Working: The 23-24 Upward Basketball and Cheerleading season recently concluded at Central Baptist! This season was our largest with around 280 children involved! It was such a blessing to watch them play and hear them learn about Christ!



Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church

Located at 130 Town Centre Way (Crossville, TN 38571)

Phone: 484-6927

Email: ffgfbcc@onhisrock.org

Website: www.onhisrock.org

Pastor: Doug Elders

Year Established: 1972

Ave Attendance in 2023: 190

Total Baptisms in 2023: 6

Service Times: Sunday 9am, 10:30am, 6pm; Wed 9am, 5:30pm (wk1&3)

God Is Working: Our Piece Corps ministry completed their 7,000th quilt in 2023. Those quilts have been donated during the past 20+ years to hospitals, EMS, and shipped to other countries. We sponsor quarterly Southern Gospel Concerts, bringing in top-name groups to sing to capacity crowds. This year's Easter event drew over 80 children and their families. The Gospel was clearly presented and follow-up with the families is ongoing.



Crossville First Baptist Church

Located at 712 S Main St (Crossville, TN 38555)

Phone: 484-3532

Email: FBCCrossville@gmail.com

Website: www.firstbaptistcrossville.com

Pastor: Raymond Phillips

Year Established: 1912

Ave Attendance in 2023: 42

Total Baptisms in 2023: 2

Service Times: Sunday 10:30am

God Is Working: We hosted a Veterans Spaghetti Supper with over 125 veterans in attendance. We are planning an all-age Easter egg hunt following our morning worship on Resurrection Sunday. We have also doubled our average attendance in the first quarter of 2024.





**MINISTERS
AND SPOUSES
APPRECIATION
DINNER**

**April 27, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Crossville
First Baptist Church**

**Guest Encourager
Dr. Roc Collins**

For all ministers and spouses

Fun

Fellowship

Great Food

Relaxing Time

RSVP by April 18, 2024

cpba4ma@gmail.com

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Spring Worship Rally

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Special Guest

Dr. Roc Collins

Strategic
Objectives
Director for the
TN Baptist
Mission Board

Sunday
April 28, 2024

6:00 pm

Brought to you by:

Cumberland Plateau
Baptist Association

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Before



After



Ricky Leonard, Doug Elders



Ted Roaten, Carl Bell, Doug Elders



Carl Bell, Ted Roaten, Ricky Leonard, Doug Elders, Donny Hedgecoth, Kay Lynn Elders



Stretching the fence back in place.

Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team taking down trees for a local single mother

Spring Love Packages Trip



Nancy Lind, Terri Sanders, Chris Benson



Steve (Tom's cousin), Tom Rice



Skylar and Kelcey Scoville



We were joined by a mission team from Houston, TX.



Empty container arrives.



Begin filling the container with literature, Bibles, and books.



Taking a break.



"An empty hole is a lost soul." So fill all the spaces.



Our group along with a mission team from Houston, TX.



Praying over the container on its way to the Philippines.



Pushing the container doors closed.



Kelcey Scoville, Kirk Casey, Tom Rice, Terri Sanders, Chris Benson, Skylar Scoville, Nancy Lind (kneeling)



April 2024 At-A-Glance

Apr 1	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Gary Howard (church safety)
Apr 7-8	State Evangelism Conference Murfreesboro
Apr 8-10	Secretaries' Conference Sevierville
Apr 9	Leadership Team & Executive Council Meeting 2 PM
Apr 11-13	WMU Missions Get-Together Brentwood
Apr 15	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Roland Smith
Apr 22-25	Camp Ozone Work Week
Apr 27	Ministers and Spouses Appreciation Dinner Crossville First Baptist 6 PM
Apr 28	Spring Worship Rally Central Baptist 6 PM

Looking Ahead to May 2024

May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 6	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Scott Johnson
May 6-10	Lighthouse Christian Camp Work Week
May 12	MOTHER'S DAY
May 20	Pastors' Conference 10:30 AM Speaker: Andy Weaver
May 22	Last Full Day of School
May 22-24	State DOM Retreat, Pigeon Forge
May 27	MEMORIAL DAY (Closed)

More information about many of our calendar events can be found on our [EVENTS](#) page.

Pastors' Conferences are generally scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

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Mon.-Thurs.

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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