



The Messenger

November 2011

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

On Mission Celebration

November 6th – 9th

Schedule of Events

November 6th – Missionaries speaking in Churches during the Morning Service

5:00 p.m. Missions Fair at Central Baptist

6:00 p.m.– Celebration Service at Central Baptist with Dr. Richard Land

November 7th – 10:30 a.m. Pastor’s Luncheon at Memorial Baptist

November 8th – 10:30 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon at Bethlehem Baptist

November 9th – 10:30 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon at Lantana Road Baptist

Monday, November 7th – Wednesday, November 9th

Missionaries speaking in participating Churches

The Association Office needs a count on all Luncheons
so please RSVP by Wednesday, November 2nd

Introducing our missionaries

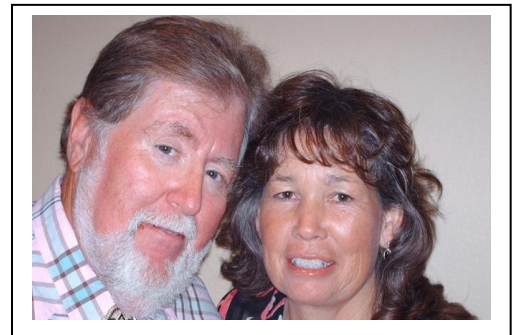


Dewey & Kathie Aiken
Mission Service Corps
Appalachian Regional Ministry
Brevard, NC

Sunday	FBC Crossville	8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Monday	Bethlehem BC	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Memorial. BC	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Calvary BC	6:30 p.m.

Jim & Myrtle Ballard
ADOM/Church Planter Strategist Eastern Idaho SBA
Blackfoot ID, 83221

Sunday	Meridian BC	8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Monday	Lantana Rd. BC	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bethlehem. BC	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Central BC	6:00 p.m.





Randy Bonner
 North American Mission Board
 Ministry Evangelism Director for the Bradley Baptist Association,
 Cleveland, TN
 Sunday Bethlehem BC 10:15 a.m.

Mark Busby
 Church Planter in Tokyo
 Team Leader for the IMB missionaries in North Tokyo
 Tokyo, Japan (Huntsville, AL)
 Sunday Lantan Rd. BC 10:00 a.m.
 Monday Oaklawn BC 6:30 p.m.



Robert and Ronnie Erwin
 Brasil
 Knoxville TN
 Sunday Calvary BC 11:00 a.m.
 Monday Lantana Road BC 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Memorial BC 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bethlehem BC 6:00 p.m.



Carroll & Mitzi Golden
 Costa Rica / Mexico
 Knoxville TN
 Sunday Pine Eden BC 10:00 a.m.
 Monday Bethlehem BC 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Lantana Rd. BC 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Memorial BC 7:00 p.m.

Lewis McMullen
 Church Planter Strategist
 Nashville Baptist Association
 Nashville, TN
 Sunday Oakhill BC 11:00 a.m.





Sierra Owens-Hughes
 MK from Bogota, Columbia
 Union University Student
 Jackson, TN

Sunday Fairfield Glade FBC 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Randy Pool
 Mississippi River Ministry of Tennessee
 Associate to the Director of Missions for the Gibson Baptist Association
 Trenton, TN

Sunday	Oaklawn BC	11:00 a.m.
Monday	Memorial B.C.	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Lantana Road BC	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Meridian BC	6:30 p.m.



Ed and Sharon Smith
 Japan 1970 -2009
 Lenoir City , TN

Sunday	Southwest BC	11:00 a.m.
Monday	Memorial B.C.	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bethlehem BC	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Pine Eden BC	6:00 p.m.

Shannon Washam
 Western Heights Baptist Center
 Knoxville, TN

Sunday Memorial BC 10:30 a.m.



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Dwight Bass	IMB Missionary	Wednesday	Cumberland Fellowship	6:00 p.m.
Alan Duncan	IMB Missionary	Wednesday	Cumberland Fellowship	6:00 p.m.
Larry McCrary	The Upstream Collective	Wednesday	Lantana Road BC	6:00 p.m.

From the Pastoral Counseling Center November 2011

Something that happened today at the checkout area of a big-box retailer in town has caused me to ponder blockages to communication. Having fewer than 20 items, I went to the express register, which is adjacent to the self-checkout machines. I would rather wait in line a bit to interact with a person than to record my purchase impersonally on the machines. The customer ahead of me continued to discuss some business on her cell phone throughout her checkout process. I watched the cashier seek unsuccessfully to engage the customer as the items flowed across the belt. The customer swiped her debit card, entered her PIN, received her receipt, gathered her purchases, and left, still talking with an unseen listener, never once speaking to or acknowledging the cashier who was serving her. It occurred to me and the cashier that this customer had actually used the flesh-and-blood store employee like the automated checkout machines in the adjacent aisle. The cashier observed that if she had been that impersonal and non-communicative with a customer, it would have been grounds for disciplinary action.

Feeling self-righteous, superior and emotionally sensitive, I strode out to my car with my groceries, thankful that I was not like that insensitive lady with the cell phone addiction. Then the LORD quickened my conscience about the many times that I have gone through the motions in Bible reading, prayer and worship, mindlessly treating my precious Saviour like an ATM machine or an order entry service. How must He feel at those times? Do I really hear His voice? When have I missed His call?

In counseling couples, I seek to promote communication and to remove the barriers to intimacy. I prod couples to spend more time together on purpose, to set aside the busy activities of the week long enough to enjoy a meal together, to do things that build romance and joy between them. Then I look at my own schedule and see that I need to take my own advice.

There is a gripping passage illustrating “failure to communicate” in *Luke 4:16-29*. In this story, our LORD has just read aloud the prophecies concerning Himself in *Isaiah 61*. Here standing before the people was the most powerful communication of God’s Word ever given to man. Yet they missed His entire point and were ready to kill Him when he pointed out that they had rejected every prophet sent to them, while foreigners were hearing and responding to His call:

22And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? 23And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. 24And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. 25But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; 26But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. 27And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. 28And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

Let us all take note of this and resolve that we will truly listen to each other and not take for granted the precious family members and Christian friends that are in our lives. There is an epidemic of loneliness in this lost and dying world. God has set us as lights in the darkness, to model better ways of living by following the guidelines of His Word in our homes and businesses. We can make a vital difference simply by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking through the Word of God, and by hearing the heart-cry of those around us. With communication technology more abundant than ever before in human history, should we allow our vital relationships to dry up and blow away through non-communication?

The Pastoral Counseling Center is bustling with new activity already as the two additional providers that the LORD has sent to us have begun meeting with clients. It is exciting to see what is happening and to envision what the LORD will do in the coming year. We are grateful for the support of pastors and congregations for this vital work. I pray God’s blessing on Andy Loomis and Carolyn Scott as together we develop and expand this ministry. Good things are happening!

–Rev Bob Ridley LPC

Woman's Missionary Union

Yolanda Heuser



November is here, where has 2011 gone? What is the first thought that comes to your mind when you think of November, for me it is "Thanksgiving".

November brings another prayerful time as well, *Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer*, is Monday, November 7th, 2011. The theme is "*In Step with The Spirit*". This is a day for Baptist women around the world to pray simultaneously. Information on this day can be found on the website at: www.bwawd.org

Our October WMU emphasis meeting was held at Oak Hill Baptist Church. It was an informative and sometimes funny meeting, as well as a new beginning for Virginia and myself. Thank you everyone for coming and if you missed it, we missed you. Congratulations to Oak Hill for winning the attendance banner, they were "neck and neck" with Calvary. I can't wait to see you at the January meeting and hopefully you can't wait to come. That meeting will be January 19th, 2012 @ 6:00 @ Memorial. This is not just for women, it is for anyone that wants to pray for missionaries, be educated in missions, live and promote a missions lifestyle. Please bring your families, refreshments always follow the meeting.

News has just come in for the Missionary House as of 9/12/2011, \$62,375.01 has been given. \$300,000 in monetary contributions and in-kind gifts are needed by 2012. March 24th has been set as the in-gathering time. Contact Candy Phillips for more information at cphillips@tnbaptist.org or call 800-558-2090 ext. 2039 to see if every WMU member gave only \$7.00 the goal could be reached! It is my understanding that the plans are finished and as soon as I get a copy I will share them with you, hopefully at our January meeting.

It is my pray that each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving and will have some time to reflect on all the many blessings that God has given you. We need to remember all our missionaries serving Him. Please pray for their safety and a special blessing on Thanksgiving as they are away from their families serving Him and obeying His commands to go.

Men's Discipleship Conference 2011

When: November 4th-6th

Where: Central Baptist Church

Times: Friday 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Featured Speakers: Pastor Herb Hodges

Soup Campbell

Dr. J.B. Selecman

Champion disciple maker, Pastor Herb Hodges, along with Downline Ministries disciples Soup Campbell and Dr. J.B. Selecman will teach biblical discipleship with clarity and passion **UNLIKE YOU HAVE EVER HEARD IT BEFORE!!!** Brother Herb has been on over 188 international mission trips teaching and training others how to make disciples.

Come Learn How To Make Disciples From Men Who Are Getting It Done!

If you have any questions or would like more information contact 931-200-5718 or www.cbccrossville.com

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Introduction to Disaster Relief Training

Saturday, November 12th
8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Chainsaw Training
Saturday, November 12th
1:00 p.m.

Please call the Associational Office to
sign up for these trainings.

Dates to Remember

November 2nd– Deadline to RSVP for Luncheons
November 6th– 9th– On Mission Celebration
November 6th– Missions Fair & OMC Celebration Service at
Central
November 7th– Pastor & Staff Luncheon at Memorial
November 7th– Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
November 8th– Senior Adult Luncheon at Bethlehem
November 9th– Senior Adult Luncheon at Lantana Road
November 11th– Veteran's Day
November 12th– Disaster Relief Trainings @ Association Office
November 14th– Pastors Conference
November 15th– 16th– TBC 137th Annual Meeting in
Hendersonville, TN
November 21st– Pastors Conference
November 24th– Thanksgiving
November 28th– Pastors Conference