

The Messenger

September 2011

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association



November 5th– 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 with Missionaries speaking

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

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

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

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.**

From the Pastoral Counseling Center September 2011

How important are the words we use each day? What difference does it make how we speak to each other, how we express our feelings, or how we approach interpersonal problems in the family or in the church? To gauge this properly, we can find no surer measure than the eternal Word of God. We find much there concerning proper use of language. To the extent that we pattern ourselves after the Bible's teachings, we will be effective in our communications. The book of Proverbs enjoins that our words are to be carefully considered:

15:1-2 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

15: 23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

16:24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Other Scriptures reinforce this theme. Wise words are inspiring and unforgettable:

Ecclesiastes 12: 10-11 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

Wise words are most comforting in times of distress. God speaks through His servants to lift and to heal:

Isaiah 50:4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

It was through the spoken words of the Creator God that the worlds were created and set in motion (2 Peter 3:5). In a similar fashion, our words have creative power. We create the atmosphere around us in the home or in the workplace by our words. We receive strength and hope through the encouraging words of friends and family. We set the stage for personal growth in character and wisdom by our words. We make boundaries to protect our loved ones by our careful use of words in communicating together in the home. Our businesses prosper or fail on the use of positive motivation and clear direction in supervisory work.

In the family situation, our choice of words makes all the difference. Yet we so often are careless in our speaking, even to those we love. Much of marital counseling focuses upon changing the quality of speech between husband and wife. There is tremendous benefit in daily affirmation of each other in the home. Assertive speech enables us to ask for personal needs, to express positive concern, and to refuse to do things that we believe would harm the family. Sadly, communication becomes difficult at the times when it is most needed. One role of the counselor is to help to close the distance between alienated, hurting partners in a troubled marriage. We teach active listening skills to ensure that each partner hears the other one's statements before speaking in reply. This one technique, if used at the onset of a difficulty, can prevent escalation into conflict.

Communication is crucial to parenting and learning. Infants bond with mothers and fathers through verbal cues and tone of voice of parents. Toddlers need clear verbal boundaries and parental support as they learn to control their powerful self-will and to submit to parental authority. Children in the elementary school years focus upon the mechanics of written and spoken language. This work lays the foundation of their intellectual lives. As our children move into adolescence, choosing wise words to counseling troubled teens can restore order and peace to the home. Parents who listen to teens, respond to their needs, and provide principled direction from God's Word will enable them to think critically and to make responsible choices in their own best interests when they are launched into adulthood.

We appreciate the support of pastors and congregations for this ministry. It is a great privilege to labor in this field. Together we are making an eternal difference as we proclaim the Word of Truth. – Rev Bob Ridley LPC.

Woman’s Missionary Union

Virginia Borsos

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is an important part of reaching Tennessee for Christ. Pay particular attention to the allocation of this offering, which has been designed to cover some 26 areas of service designed for this purpose. The suggested prayer pattern for this week of prayer also covers these areas, because as the theme states our “orders remain unchanged, even in times like these.” See Matthew 28:19-20 for the orders. Your offering will help carry them out.

Congratulations to the Cumberland County Christian Women’s Job Corps for their winning entry in the county fair. And kudos to all the women, men and young people from the different churches for planning and carrying out the ministry of the **Baby Comfort Station** for the tenth successive year, 2002--2011. It has come to be a regular institution at the fair and is truly a service to the community. Thanks to each of you!

Our next Missions Emphasis Meeting will be at Oak Hill Baptist Church on Genesis Road October 13 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your families and come for learning, sharing and fellowship – followed by refreshments. Yolanda will be in charge. Come and add your support.

Don’t forget that the 57th CPBA Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, October 16th at Central Baptist Church. Please make plans to attend now.

Business Session @ 4:00 p.m.

Dinner for Messengers @ 5:00 p.m.

Associational Rally @ 6:00 p.m. with Dr. Randy

Davis, TBC President speaking

Reports for Annual Meeting need to be submitted to the Associational Office by Monday, September 19th.



On Mission Celebration

We will have our next planning meeting on Tuesday, September 27th @ 10:00 a.m. Make plans now to attend this meeting. The On Mission Celebration will be a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about Missions.



LIVE EVENT WITH COMEDY, DRAMA, MUSIC, VIDEOS & TESTIMONIES

WHAT DEFINES YOUR IMAGINE?

- CUMBERLAND FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
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Annual Church Profile

A.C.P. packets were mailed the middle of June. All churches should have received their packet by now. If your church has not received theirs, please call me at 484-1858 for a replacement packet. If your church has not been filing an A.C.P., please start doing one this year. The information gathered helps the Association and TBC to better communicate with Church Leaders and shows church growth. It is very important that we have correct information on Church Leaders.

Deadline for this years A.C.P. is Thursday, September 15th. If you need any help or have any questions please call me.

If your church has not submitted a VBS report we need them as soon as possible.

Hodges Ministries Literature

Don't forget to drop off your old Sunday School literature, VBS materials, Bibles, Christian magazines and tracts to the Association Office for this Ministries. There are teams from our area that take these materials to Hodges Ministries quarterly. For a complete list of items they accept visit www.elhm.org.

If you have a team from your church interested in traveling to Alabama to work in the distribution center please contact the Association Office for more information.

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association
Treasurer- Angela Blalock
Financial Report- August 2011

<u>Church</u>	August	<u>Year To</u>
	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Date</u>
Abundant Life	135.40	643.83
Bethlehem	977.74	6,474.61
Calvary	173.19	959.53
Central	3,801.56	21,286.75
Clear Creek	-	-
Crossville, First	725.41	6,054.66
Cumberland Fellowship	527.68	3,790.33
Cumberland Homestead	419.98	3,049.70
Cumberland View	-	-
Emmanuel	102.00	1,024.00
Fairfield Glade, First	1,112.10	7,500.14
Fredonia	27.25	552.62
Friendship	50.00	300.00
Haley's Grove	111.02	981.87
Isoline	115.73	814.10
Lantana Road	940.67	6,686.20
Mayland	350.29	2,352.68
Memorial	427.84	3,103.70
Meridian	78.00	316.00
New Life	-	-
Oak Hill	300.00	1,220.00
Oaklawn	428.61	3,141.32
Pine Eden	1,271.18	5,826.10
Plateau	109.00	658.65
Pleasant Hill, First	-	-
Southwest	28.60	224.96
PCCCP Counseling	1,360.00	8,044.50
Associational Supplement	987.00	7,896.00
DOM Mission Trip		-
Reimbursements		4,830.37
Interest On Checking		57.19
Total	14,560.25	97,789.81
Beginning Total for August	86,829.38	
Total Contributions for August	14,560.25	
Less Expenses for August	16,861.75	
Total As Of August 31, 2011	84,527.88	



2011 Allocations for Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

CHURCH PLANTING FUND (50% of 2011 goal).....	\$875,000
* CHURCH REVITALIZATION PILOT PROJECTS.....	\$21,000
TENNESSEE REGIONAL MINISTRIES.....	\$98,000
• Appalachian Regional Ministry Projects.....	\$15,000
• Appalachian Regional Ministry Operations.....	\$25,000
• Cumberland Regional Ministry Projects.....	\$15,000
• Cumberland Regional Ministry Operation.....	\$ 3,000
• Mississippi River Ministry Projects.....	\$15,000
• Mississippi River Ministry Operations.....	\$25,000
DISASTER RELIEF.....	\$65,000
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS & CHRISTIAN MEN'S JOB CORPS.....	\$40,000
COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES WITH SPECIAL GROUPS.....	\$10,000
ETHNIC/LANGUAGE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES.....	\$60,000
• All Nations Camp.....	\$15,000
• Black Church Development and Training.....	\$15,000
• Conversational English Training.....	\$10,000
• Hispanic Leadership Development.....	\$10,000
• Language Church Leadership Development.....	\$10,000
MISSIONS AND MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIPS.....	\$51,000
• WMU Scholarships.....	\$26,000
• Theological Education Assistance.....	\$25,000
NURTURING TENNESSEE MISSIONARIES AND FAMILIES.....	\$15,000
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY.....	\$10,000
SPECIAL FRIENDS CAMP.....	\$85,000
TENNESSEE STUDENT SUMMER MISSIONS.....	\$50,000
• Tennessee Summer Missionary Orientation.....	\$20,000
• Traveling Student Summer Ministry Teams.....	\$30,000
TENNESSEE DRUG AWARENESS COUNCIL.....	\$35,000
PROMOTION OF STATE MISSIONS OFFERING.....	\$70,000
CONFERENCE CENTER INTERNSHIPS/FIELD PLACEMENTS.....	\$15,000
*CONFERENCE CENTERS/CAMP CAPITAL NEEDS.....	\$250,000
• allocations funded last	
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2011 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions Goal=.....	\$1,750,000

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Return Service Requested

Upcoming Events in 2011
CPBA 57th Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 16th @
Central Baptist Church
On Mission Celebration
November 5th– 9th



Dates to Remember

September 5th– Labor Day/ Office Closed

September 11th-18th– Season of Prayer for State Missions/
Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

September 12th– Pastors Conference

September 15th– ACP Deadline

September 19th– Pastors Conference
Deadline for Annual Reports
Executive Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

September 24th– Silver Ring Thing @ Cumberland Fellowship

September 26th– Pastors Conference

September 27th– On Mission Celebration Planning Meeting @
10a.m.