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# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*A welcoming community of Christian disciples seeking to love and serve God and neighbor*

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## LOOKING AHEAD WITH WONDER

As we close 2018, we look forward to 2019 and we wonder. We wonder like the wise men as they see the star in the sky. We wonder where we might be going and what is drawing us there. We wonder what will we find. We wonder: is it worth going forward, or should we go back? But can we ever really go back?

May we approach 2019 with the wonder of a star that leads us—to where, we may not be sure; but if we trust, the outcome can be amazing. And as we come, not only do we come bearing gifts to the God who created us, but we come and receive the greatest gift ever offered. The wise men could have looked back, fearing Herod, and never following the star. But instead, after their encounter, they looked ahead with wonder and amazement. May your 2019 be full of wonder and awe for you are a blessed child of God!

Grace and peace,

## A NIGHT FOR ALL AGES - SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 5:00 PM

Everyone is invited to the **A Night for All Ages Sunday, January 6 at 5:00 pm**. The evening kicks off with a **Family Dinner** where everyone eats together then:

**Kids of the Kingdom** kick off 2019 with the traditional *Drive-In Movie Night* held in the Children's Wing. So, KOK'ers bring your pillow, sleeping bag, or favorite blanket and get comfy on the floor. Get ready for a cartoon and feature presentation. You are invited to bring a favorite Christmas gift for show & tell. KOK for children Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Youth ROCKS** will meet in gather in the Older Youth Room. Ean always has something good going on.

**Adult Game Night** where adults will play games in the Fellowship Hall. Bound to be lots of laughter.

We hope you will all join us as we kick off 2019 with *A Night for All Ages!*

## 2019 CHILI COOK-OFF — JANAURY 23



Attention all Chili Cooks! The Brenthaven Chili Cook-Off will be held **Wednesday, January 23 at 5:45 pm**. Bring on the heat, the taste, the best you have to offer, and see if you can beat the rest. Those planning to come and partake, please bring cornbread, tortilla or corn chips, shredded cheese, other toppings and/or dessert.

## SCENES FROM THE LIVE NATIVITY



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

**Saturday, January 5, 8:30 am** is the **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**. All men of Brenthaven are invited to attend. Please make plans to join them. As always, there will be good food and great fellowship.

## LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

The **Bridge Group** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am to 2:30ish pm in the Older Youth Room. You are invited to join them to learn how to play bridge. It's not just a game for old folks. All skill levels are welcome so come and improve your game. Lots of laughter, fun, and fellowship. Bring your lunch and join them **Tuesday, January 8**. You'll be glad you did.

## BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

The **BookEnd BookClub** January selection is ***The Great Alone*** by Kristen Hannah. *The Great Alone* takes place in Alaska in 1974. It's unpredictable, unforgiving, untamed and for a family in crisis the ultimate text of survival. Ernt Allbright a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in the America's last true frontier.

You are invited to read along and join in the discussion **Thursday, January 17, 9:30 am** in the Adult Library.



## YOUTH ROCKS

### MLK WEEKEND RETREAT

For the MLK Weekend Retreat, Brenthaven's Youth ROCKS will be venturing to Louisville, Kentucky, Friday, January 18 - Monday, January 21. The resources for the weekend have been designed by the CP denomination.

The theme, *Stir*, is about being in awe of God's creation, seeing our role in the brokenness, and moving into redeeming God's blessed creation. Registration for the Retreat is now closed. Final **forms and money** are due by **Sunday, January 13** for those who are registered.

Please be in prayer for the leaders and participants as they prepare to fully engage in the weekend event.



## SAFE HAVEN

We approach 2019 with hope and a bright future of things to come. This is not the case for some families who find themselves homeless. *Safe Haven Family Shelter* is a very much needed port in the storm. Brenthaven ministers to the families of Safe Haven by providing a dinner meal every other month. If you would like to volunteer for this heart warming experience please contact **Loretta Sneed** 615-371-0706. Our next opportunity to minister is **Friday, January 18, 6:00 pm**.

## THANK YOU

Brenthaven Church,

There are so many blessings in my lifetime and my church is one of the top ones.

Thank you for your calls, cards, gifts, and visits. Special thanks to Rev. Sandra (even though I didn't know she was there).

Praying for a wonder "2019" for all of us.

With love,

*Betty Murray*

## THANK YOU SO MUCH

Dear Cheryl and All,

Thank you so much for the efforts of everyone that helped with "Operation Cinderella". It was a day straight out of a fairytale for sure... It was so special to me and I will never forget it. Thank You!!

♡ *Miah Faircloth*

## THANK YOU

Brenthaven Church,

Thank you for sharing the love of the Lord with us this year. Through your gifts and many acts of kindness we truly feel loved.

We ask God to richly bless you as we have been blessed. May we continue to serve you in a manner that glorifies the Lord.

*Your Brenthaven Church Staff*

## PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS

The time for collecting bottle caps is drawing to a close. If you have any at home that you have been collecting, please bring them to the church office within the next few weeks. Watch the newsletters in January for an announcement about the big plans!!!



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Mary Helen Alexander

### Homebound

Hester Allen, Mickey Davis, Forrest King

### Members

Ben Davis, Barbara Dial, Bob Dozier, Ollie Faircloth, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Paul Gonzales, Madge & Paul Graves, Doris Gray, Tommy Hennesy, Robert Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Betty Murray, Jean Overstreet, Jack Phillips, Larry Pulley, Anna Rutledge, Guy Sneed

### Family and Friends

Misty Aird (*Bethel Univ. soccer coach*), Carney Allen (*father of Greg T. Allen*), Abbey Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Charles Douglas Ballard (*cousin of Joan Bledsoe*), Wanda Blair and family (*friend of Scott Felts*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Dorothy Bucher (*mother of Carol Perryman*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Fahlin Chapman (*friend of Jenny and Anna Grace Wooten*), Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), LeeAnn Dawkins (*niece of Hardy Moyers*), Harry Dexheimer (*age 7, son of Brenthaven Consignor*), Don Dowden (*brother-in-law of Jane Dowden*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Meg Fugatt (*daughter of Ron & Ann White*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett Shaw*), Frank Gillespie (*step-father of Russ Deaton*), Bob Hallquist (*grandfather of Carolyn Hallbright*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Sue Hearn (*aunt of Jodi Rush*), Kelly Jo Hicks (*friend of D'ann Ricketts*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Shirley Jansma, David Katz (*brother of Dan MacDonald*), David Kirby (*husband of Donna Kirby*), John Kirkland (*son-in-law Joyce Burch*), Betty McCaskill (*friend of Ann White*), Marisa Morgan and Family (*friend of Heather and Ian MacDonald*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Doug Powers, Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Bill Reitmeyer (*husband of Penni Reitmeyer*), Vicki Scott (*sister of Stan Wooten*), Jimmy Sharpe (*director of Junior Camp*), Patty Short (*friend of Myra Agee*), Meredith Simmons (*friend of Jack Keiser*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Super Sophie, age 10 (*granddaughter of friends of Marty & Cheryl Morris*), Brett Swain (*friend of the Beatons*), Cindy Underwood (*friend of Jan Davidson*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Melissa Waddey (*co-worker of Lori Wooten*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Judith Wright (*grandmother of Carolyn Hallbright*), those serving our country

### Deaths

Family of Margaret Norman  
Family of Julia Anderson Hamlett  
Family of Rev. Carl Cook  
Family of Rev. Jean Richardson  
Family of Rev. Fred Schott



## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Hardy Moyers*

David & Myra Agee  
Marilyn Ewen  
Charles & Juanita Fentress  
Giff & Barbara Jordon  
Marty & Cheryl Morris  
Christi Peppers  
Pat Robinson  
Martha Stewart  
Joe & Ruth Wakefield  
Tom & Judy Woodward

### *In Memory of Jerry Chesnut*

Larry & Jan Davidson  
Giff & Barbara Jordon  
Guy & Loretta Sneed

### *In Memory of Jim Robinson*

Larry & Jan Davidson  
Ron & Brenda Medlin

### *In Memory of John Dement*

Marty & Cheryl Morris

### *In Memory of Thomas E. Worrall, Sr.*

Samantha Worrall

### *In Memory of Robert Coble Worrall, Sr.*

Samantha Worrall

### *In Honor of Lee Roy Satterwhite*

Larry & Jan Davidson

### *In Honor of Bob Dozier*

Larry & Jan Davidson

## RECENT GUESTS

Gina Blazet	Ken & Marianne Bouldin
Julia Dobbins	Bill Garrett
Paul & Polly Gregali	Patrick Hawkins Family
Linda Hearn	Jim Bob and Helen James
Colin Peluso	Dawn Rush
Jennifer Satterfield	Thomas Taylor
Lorena, Forrest, Kira, Lilah, and Lincoln Sutton	

## ATTENDANCE

*Sunday, December 23, 2018*

Sunday School 77      Worship 165

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan 5**     **8:00 am** Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
- Jan 6**     **9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:45 am** Worship  
**12:00 pm** Mission Ministry Meeting  
**5:00 pm** A Night for All Ages  
Family Dinner followed by  
Adult Game Night  
KOK Drive-In Movie Night  
Youth ROCKS
- Jan 7**     **10:00 am** Young @ Heart
- Jan 8**     **10:30 am** Bridge Group  
**6:30 pm** Session
- Jan 9**     **6:00 pm** Handbell Rehearsal  
**7:00 pm** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Jan 10**    **11:00 am** Creative Craft Ministry
- Jan 13**    **9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:45 am** Worship  
**12:00 pm** Discipleship Ministry Team Mtg.  
**5:00 pm** Children’s Music  
**5:00 pm** Youth ROCKS

**SERVING WEEK OF JANUARY 6**

- Acolytes:* Jackson Campbell, Grady Deaton
  - Greeters:* Carol Ford, Nanette Ricker
  - Lector:* Frank Scott
  - Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)  
Betsy Canupp, Lorri Jean Pulley (*Worship*)
  - Ushers:* Larry Davidson, Angela Beaton, Barbara Dial,  
Jane Dowden, Lee Johnson, Elwyn Pierce,  
Joe Shoemake, Blaze Wattenbarger
  - Wee Worship:* Madison Rush, Josh Peppers
- Sunday, January 6 (white)*  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR DECEMBER 30**

	<b>OPERATING &amp; DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET</b>
Dedicated Giving	\$ 1,179.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,569.46
Weekly Need	10,277.69
Received Year-to-Date	593,819.66
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	538,244.85
Difference	55,574.81
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	379,275.20

**STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

- Kip J. Rush**, Pastor
- Sandra Shepherd**, Associate Pastor of Christian Discipleship
- Cheryl Morris**, Children’s Ministry
- Ean Taylor**, Youth Director
- Linda Pulley**, Director of Music
- Amity Marsh**, Organist
- Penni Reitmeyer**, Office Administrator

*Session - The Elders*

<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>	<i>Class of 2021</i>
<b>Russ Deaton</b>	<b>Otis Hallbright</b>	<b>Greg Allen</b>
<b>Chris Fleming</b>	<b>Angie Johnson</b>	<b>Jan Davidson</b>
<b>Renee McCulley</b>	<b>Joe Malloy</b>	<b>Fred Ford, Jr.</b>
<b>Julie Travis</b>	<b>Jan Marshall</b>	<b>Liz Strickland</b>