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

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BRING ON 2018!

On Saturday evening, two days before we started the new year, I went and sat in the sanctuary and listened ... to the silence. I looked around the sanctuary, all dressed in remnants of Advent blue and Christmas white with the bright red of the remaining poinsettias, and reflected. I reflected on 2017, the good and the less than stellar. I pictured the people who wouldn't be sitting in their normal seats anymore because they have a most special seat, in a much better place. I looked over at the youth section and wondered how many times I have and will continue to give them those looks when they get a little too loud. I looked at the choir section and could hear the beauty of music, shared every Sunday, by a dedicated group of individuals who cohesively offer a special gift in worship. I scanned the pews and thought of the people who have staked claim to their seats and who spend time listening and praying and singing. By this time, my hands were so cold, I began to think about the many people who work behind the scenes, setting the thermostats, picking up the church, handling the finances, running sound, printing bulletins and a myriad of other stuff. Then I pictured myself, robed in black with a white Christmas stole, still wondering how I got here (because surely God knows I'm supposed to be working with teenagers). The nerves pushed back as I read the scripture and offer words that at the very least make sense and, at the best I pray, say something to someone that enlightens, challenges or helps in some way.

But the one thing I noticed in the silence is that I'm not alone. I have a family of people who help me reflect and share in that sanctuary, but even more importantly, the Spirit moves in this special place. God is here and I take comfort in the many ways that God's presence is shown. Then I thought, "the crowd may be small tomorrow (Dec. 31), but the presence of God will never be."

So, as the year has come to a close, thank you for sharing in the Brenthaven family. Your gifts make this a place to be blessed, loved and even challenged to be better disciples of Jesus. May this be a year of good news and joyous promises. I pray that the good in life overpowers the negativity that so often pushes its way into our being. You are precious gifts to this world and to me! So, bring on 2018! Make it the best year ever and Happy New Year!

Grace and peace,

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 Offering envelopes are available to pick up in the Narthex or church office. Also, just a reminder that you can give your tithes and offerings online. To sign up, go to the church's website, www.brenthaven.org, click on the **Giving** header, and follow the instructions to get set-up. If you have questions, feel free to call the church office.

ITS TIME FOR A DRIVE-IN MOVIE....seriously? burr!

The *Kids of the Kingdom* kick off 2018 with their traditional *Drive-In Movie Night*, **Sunday January 7**. And no, we won't be outside, but in the warmth of the Children's Wing with a sheet hanging from the ceiling as our movie screen, Bugs Bunny & Friends for cartoon fun and our feature film: **The Fear Not Factor** performed by the KOK'ers themselves. Everyone picks a spot on the floor, sleeping bags-blankets-or pillows are recommended. Pizza and some hot buttery popcorn is on the menu. KOK'ers are invited to bring a favorite Christmas gift for show & tell. Church members are always welcome, (a lawn chair might be helpful), for this fun, silly and always noisy evening of fellowship-KOK style. We get started at **5:00 pm and finish up by 7:00 pm**. We thank **Joe Malloy** for his many years as our "Film Director" for making this night possible. Any questions, just contact Cheryl Morris in the church office.



SPOTLIGHT

Our own **James Scott** made an appearance with the Nashville Symphony over his Christmas vacation. Singing

Walking in the Air, the theme song to the children's film "The Snowman", James was able to work with the symphony's new Assistant Conductor, Enrico Lopez-Yanez. His performance was part of the *Pied Piper Series Concerts* for children and families.



James has been singing with the *Blair Children's Chorus* for the past 5 years and was recommended for the part by his choral director. And big brother **Garrett Scott**, playing the French Horn, was awarded a chair in the 2018 Mid- State 9-10 Gold Band and a spot in the Tennessee All-State Band. Students from all over Middle Tennessee were evaluated on prepared pieces, scales and sight reading in order to earn a spot. Garrett is in the 9th grade at Hume-Fogg while James is in the 6th grade at Meigs Middle. Their parents are **Frank & Shali Scott** and grandmother **Nanette Ricker**.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The first **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** for 2018 is **Saturday, January 6, 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Men, this is a great way to begin the year. Come and invite your friends. The food is good and the fellowship is great.

YOUTH ROCKS UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth ROCKS is for students in the 7th through 12th grades and they are starting off the new year with a

LOCK-IN:

Fri., Jan. 5, 5:00 pm, to Sat., Jan. 6, 9:00 am,

Youth invite your friends. Fellowship is an important part of the life of the church. This Lock-In is a great way to fellowship and grow together. Wear black or dark clothes, running shoes, bring extra clothes (you never know), all bedding and bath items, board games and/or cards. It's gonna be great.

PHONE TREE UPDATE

We are in the process of updating our phone tree message contact list. We want to make sure our records are up to date. We realize that for some your cell phone number is now your contact number. If you are not getting the phone tree messages please contact the church office with your current contact information. Email secretary@brenthaven.org or call 615-373-4826.

BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

During a picnic at her family's farm in the English countryside, sixteen-year-old Laurel Nicolson witnesses a shocking crime, a crime that challenges everything she knows about her adored mother, Dorothy. Now, fifty years later, Laurel and her sisters are meeting at the farm to celebrate Dorothy's ninetieth birthday. Realizing that this is her last chance to discover the truth about that long-ago day, Laurel searches for answers that can only be found in Dorothy's past. The BookEnd BookClub invites you to read the selection and join in the discussion of *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton on **Thursday, January 18, 10:30 am** in the Adult Library.

HUGE THANK YOU

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who set up the scenes brought soup, helped in the kitchen, put on costumes and acted out characters, and cleaned up afterwards for the Live Nativity, December 17. We could not have done it without your help! We had over 200 people come through to enjoy it and 99% were from outside our church family. Stay tuned for our next Outreach event coming up soon.

Thanks again,

Outreach and Church Growth Ministry

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

PRAY FOR SAFE TRAVELS

Please be in prayer for **Jenny Wooten** and other students from Brentwood Academy who are volunteering at *Maria's Big House of Hope* located in Louyang, China. One of four Show Hope Care Centers, *Maria's Big House of Hope* provides love and medical care for orphans with special needs. Founded by Mary Beth and Steven Curtis Chapman it is home to more than 140 children at a time. The students were able to bring 29 suitcases of medical and other needed supplies. They will be spending a couple of days at the end of the trip doing a little sightseeing in Beijing before returning Monday, January 8. Pray for all involved in this mission endeavor.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Robert Lipe, Janiece Redmon

Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

Members

Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben & Mickey Davis, Ollie Faircloth, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge & Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Joe Johnson, Giff Jordon, Michael Morris, Hardy Moyers, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Deborah Rolman, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Blaze Wattenbarger

Family and Friends

Jim & Christine Alford (*co-workers of Diana Dzurisin*), Carney Allen (*father of Greg T. Allen*), Charles Douglas Ballard (*cousin of Joan Bledsoe*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Scott Bowker, Bowles Family (*friends of Angie Johnson*), Houston Brown (*friend of Rush family*), Penny Bucher (*sister-in-law of Carol Perryman*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Jimmy Carson (*friend of Miab Faircloth*), Betty Collins (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Marion Day (*father of Jim Day*), 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*), Tommy Graves (*son of Paul & Madge Graves*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul & Madge Graves*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Peggy Howell (*neighbor of Brenthaven Church*), Alyssa Huggins (*former member*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Shirley Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*), Betty McCaskill (*friend of Ann White*), Marisa Morgan and Family (*friend of Heather and Ian MacDonald*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Ben Osburn (*former member*), Doug Phelps, Judith Plucker (*friend of Nanette Ricker and Shali Scott*), Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Kevin Sisk (*brother of Kimberly Crowe*), Rev. John Smith, Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*), Cindy Underwood (*friend of Jan Davidson*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Judith Wright (*grandmother of Carolynn Hallbright*), those serving our country



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dot Slagle

David & Myra Agee	Betty Murray
Betsy Canupp	Wylene Nix
Larry & Jan Davidson	Rose O'Hara
Billy & Barbara Dial	Christi Peppers
Bob Dozier	Larry & Linda Pulley
Randy & Marilyn Elliott	Nanette Ricker
Fred & Jennie Ford	Ame Satterwhite
Ronny & Becky Jones	Lee Roy Satterwhite
Bart King	Frank & Shali Scott
Jan Marshall	Beverly G. Shaw
Ron & Brenda Medlin	Guy & Loretta Sneed
Marty & Cheryl Morris	Lori & Stan Wooten
Bill & Sue Moser	

In Memory of Glen DeWitt (father of Suzanne Ghianni)

Larry & Jan Davidson	Em Ghianni
Jan Dowden	Betty Murray
Fred & Jennie Ford	Christi Peppers
Marty & Cheryl Morris	

In Memory of Delores Pelc (mother of Jane Allen)

Larry & Jan Davidson	Betty Murray
Billy & Barbara Dial	Christi Peppers
Bob Dozier	Larry & Linda Pulley
Ronny & Becky Jones	Ame Satterwhite
Bart King	Guy & Loretta Sneed
Jan Marshall	

In Memory of Dolores Tillet (mother of Cindy Phelps)

Bob Dozier

In Memory of Allan Deckret

Marty & Cheryl Morris

In Memory of Dot Ghianni

Em Ghianni

In Memory of David Medlin

Mark & Nancy Humphrey

In Honor of Sandra Shepherd

David & Kathryn Dudley

RECENT GUESTS

Jon & Terryl Hallquist	Linda Hearn
Laura Horner	Suzanne Nelson
Matilda Ostow	Katie Overton
Dave & Mary Ray	Brady Ray
Judith Wright	

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Sunday School 62 Worship 125

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 5-6 Youth ROCKS Lock-In
- Jan 6 8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Jan 7 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Team Meeting
5:00 pm KOK Drive-In Movie Night
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS
- Jan 9 10:30 am Bridge Group
6:30 pm Session
- Jan 10 6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Jan 11 11:00 am Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
6:00 pm Warming Shelter
- Jan 12 - Jan 15 Youth ROCKS Retreat
(Wooded Glen Retreat & Conference Center)
- Jan 14 9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

SERVING WEEK OF JANUARY 7

- Acolytes:* Sarah Beaton, Grady Deaton
- Lector:* Deborah Deaton
- Greeters:* The Wooten Family
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (Sunday School)
Betsy Canupp, Liz Strickland (Worship)
- Ushers:* Larry Davidson, Greg Allen,
Ted Brothers, John Edwards,
Otis Hallbright, Trent Johnson
Frank Scott, Lori Wooten
- Wee Worship:* Sharon Malloy, Stuart Beaton
- Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 7 (White)*
John 1:35-51; Psalm 66:1-5

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR DECEMBER 31

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	\$ 249.84
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	10,067.42
Weekly Need	10,772.37
Received for Year-to-Date	550,039.78
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	559,249.97
	(9,210.19)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	480,439.86

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 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Barry Campbell	Russ Deaton	Otis Hallbright
Bill Dobbins	Chris Fleming	Angie Johnson
Jennie Ford	Renee McCulley	Joe Malloy
Julie Murphy	Julie Travis	Jan Marshall