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**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## IT'S A FAMILY

I have mentioned many times about the expectations my parents had for helping out around the house, like taking out the trash or mowing the lawn or cleaning my room. The truth is, if you asked them how I, as a teen, did these things, they'd probably say, "Well, there times we needed to remind him more than we wanted." So true!

In a family, everyone has to contribute, has a responsibility, to make the family run. Children learn that the food doesn't just appear on the table when they watch their parents go to the store, cook the food, set the table, etc. So each member of the family is needed to make the family run smoothly.

The same can be said for a Church Family. Brenthaven is who it is because of the people who make up this most awesome church family. And like our homes, there are so many things that need to be done at the church, we need everyone to take on a responsibility. What could be yours?

This the time of the year we ask folks to fill out their Time and Talent sheets. However, I have been thinking that we need to look at this from the view of a family and I want each person to ask themselves: What can my role in the Brenthaven Family be this year? Maybe it is to serve as a scripture reader one or two Sundays. Maybe you love children. Maybe you can greet people as they arrive, hand out bulletins or take up the offering. What can be your role, your call? As a member of the family, we need you to take on a responsibility or two.

Please be in prayer as we begin this process and remember, the family functions best when all members participate. Your family is calling!

Grace and peace,

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men of Brenthaven are invited to the first Men's Fellowship Breakfast of 2017 **Saturday, January 7, 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you make plans to attend and become involved with the mission opportunities the men have available this year. As always, there is good food and great fellowship. Invite a friend to join you.

## 2017 CHILI COOK-OFF — JANUARY 25

Attention all Chili Cooks! The Brenthaven Chili Cook-Off will be held **Wednesday, January 25 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.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

The new calendars are hung and plans are being made for 2017. Now is the time to reserve 10 Wednesday evenings for supper, fellowship, learning, and growing! Wednesday Night Special will begin on February 8. If you've never tried WNS, this will be a great time to give it a whirl!

As is our pattern, we'll begin with supper at 5:45 pm. Classes follow at 6:30 pm. Adult classes will include a study of hymns and hymnody, a sports literature class, and crafts. Preschoolers, KOK (Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade), and Youth (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet then, too.

Watch for details in upcoming newsletters. The registrations brochures will be available in the next couple of weeks, but now's the time to put WNS on your calendar, even if you already have an occasional conflict.

BRENTHAVEN MINISTRIES  
2016-2017

	2017	2018	2019
<i>Building &amp; Grounds</i>	Chris Fleming, elder Billy Dial Larry Pulley	Ronny Jones Bob Dozier Guy Sneed	Marty Morris Jim Day Lee Johnson
<i>Discipleship</i>	Renee McCulley & Christi Peppers, elder Melinda Fleming Christi Peppers Sharon Malloy Allie Ford	Deborah Deaton Renee McCulley Barbara Dial	Linda Lipe Casey Crowe Harriette Blake
<i>Fellowship</i>	Barry Campbell & Suzanne Ghianni, elders Becky Garrett Jennie Ford	Barry Campbell Suzanne Ghianni Nico Gregali	Kimberly Crowe Brady Rich Megan Gregali
<i>Member Care</i>	Julie Travis, elder Loretta Sneed Becky Jones Kaye Holland	Nancy Humphrey Rose O'Hara Diana Williard	Jan Marshall Carol Ford Gwen Keiser
<i>Missions</i>	Jennie Ford, elder Casey Crowe Jennie Ford Miah Faircloth	Loretta Sneed Jane Dowden Deborah Rolman	Trent & Shelley Johnson Ann White Dot Slagle
<i>Outreach &amp; Church Growth</i>	Rhonda Mossbarger & Jill Weisz-Keller, elders Jill Weisz-Keller Rhonda Mossbarger Jonelle Summitt	Angela Beaton Rachel Campbell Stan Wooten	Sheryl Day Liz Strickland Wendy Keiser
<i>Stewardship &amp; Finance</i>	Russ Deaton & Bill Dobbins, elders Josh Peppers Sue Moser  <i>Ex-officio:</i> Bart King, Christi Peppers	Bill Dobbins Ron White Lori Wooten	Jane Allen Russ Deaton Scott Shepherd
<i>Worship &amp; Music</i>	Julie Murphy, elder Chris Fleming Fred Ford, Jr. Laura Ellen Pulley	Jan Davidson Mike Murphy Hardy Moyers	Cheré Van Allen Kathy Wood-Dobbins Shali Scott

\* Terms end August 31

## MINISTRY TEAMS

We are thankful for those who have answered the call to serve on Brenthaven's Ministry Teams. Please pray for them as they serve.

Brenthaven is so blessed to have so many willing to give their time.

## SAFE HAVEN

It's 2017, a new year with abundant possibilities and mission opportunities. One mission opportunity is to minister to *Safe Haven Family Shelter*. Every other month Brenthaven provides the dinner meal for the homeless families of *Safe Haven*. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare or serve this meal please contact **Loretta Sneed** at 615-371-0706.

Our next opportunity to minister is **Friday, January 20, 6:00 pm**. This is truly a heart-warming experience.

## ESPN

ESPN will meet at the home of Jay McCulley, **Saturday, January 7, 3:00 pm**.

## LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

The new year is here! Would you like to learn to play bridge? (It is not a game just for old folks.) It is a challenging card game that never gets old. Lessons are free—fun is abundant. Barbara Dial will schedule lessons at your convenience; evenings or daytime if 3 people are interested. Ask your friends and your neighbors. Everyone is invited and welcome.

Contact **Barbara Dial** 615-371-0672.

## KNITTING/CREATIVE CRAFT MINISTRY TIME CHANGE

Join us for fun every **Thursday**. Learn to knit or craft, bring your own project, or just come and enjoy the fellowship.

We will meet in the Adult Library at the new time **11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Bring your lunch to eat as you craft, or join us as we go out to eat at 1:00 pm. (The big decision each week is where will we eat!) We hope you will join us.

## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Recent Additions

Hester Allen, Hardy Moyers,  
Robert Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*)

### Homebound

Chris Henry, Forrest King

### Members

Andy Blake, Ed Bryan, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport,  
Ben & Mickey Davis, Marilyn Ewen, Barbara Gentry,  
Em Ghianni, Madge Graves, Paul Graves, Tommy  
Hennesy, Tammy Lake, Jacob Malloy, Joe Marshall, Jean  
Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, Peggy Rushing,  
Beverly St. John, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor

### Family and Friends

Jim & Christine Alford (*co-workers of Diana Williard*), Carney  
Allen (*father of Greg T. Allen*), Charles Douglas Ballard (*cousin of  
Joan Bledsoe*), Dorothy Black (*grandmother of Megan Gregali*), Charles  
Bloom (*friend of Barry Campbell*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*),  
Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Betty  
Collins (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Allan  
Deckret (*friend of Brenthaven*), Glen DeWitt (*father of Suzanne  
Ghianni*), Charles Dial (*brother of Billy Dial*), Rob Dollar (*friend of  
Tim Ghianni*), Mallory Dowden (*great niece of Jane Dowden*), Kathy  
Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Pinks Dudley (*mother of Sandra  
Shepherd*), 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*), Joe  
Hearn (*father of Jodi Rush*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*),  
Mary & Don Johnson (*friends of Jane Dowden*), Judy Jones (*friend of  
Scott Felts*), Lori Lindley (*friend of Mike & Julie Murphy*), Shirley  
Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*), James McCulley (*father  
of Jay McCulley*), Larry Mitchell (*uncle of Jodi Rush*), Ben Osburn  
(*former member*), Lea Palmer (*mother-in-law of Penni Reitmeyer*), RheAnn  
White Peacock, Judith Plucker (*friend of Nanette Ricker and Shali  
Scott*), Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Reggie Reed (*husband  
of co-worker of Lori Wooten*), Troy Rhone (*nephew of Sandra Shepheard*),  
Johnny Rush (*father of Pastor Kip*), Mary Scott (*mother of Frank Scott*),  
Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Ellie Taliaferro (*young friend of  
the Crowe Family*), Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*), Cleo  
Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred  
& Carol Ford*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Billie  
Lou Wooten (*sister of Brenda Medlin*), Judith Wright (*grandmother of  
Carolynn Hallquist*), those serving our country

### Deaths

Family of Charlotte Nicholson Frey (*friend of Myra Agee*)

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of John Ferguson*

Joyce Burch  
Marty & Cheryl Morris

### *In Memory of Paul Holland*

Joyce Burch  
Charlie & Treva Floyd  
Ronny & Becky Jones  
Marty & Cheryl Morris  
Ron & Ann White

## A NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Happy grandparents, Randy & Marilyn Elliott, welcomed a new granddaughter into their family. December 28, Lucy James Elliott came into the world at 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 18" long. Her parents are Grant & Brittany Elliott. After a complicated delivery baby and mom are home. We ask your prayers for a speedy recovery



## FAITH IN 3D

Youth ROCKS will be joining other Cumberland Presbyterian youth for Faith in 3D. The youth conference is being held at Disney World in Orlando, FL Friday, January 13 through Monday, January 16. It will be a memorable time. Please pray for safe travels, good health, a great time to be had by all and that everyone will draw closer to God and for their faith to be strengthened.

## BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

The BookEnd Book Club will meet on **January 19, 9:30 am** in the Adult Library. This month's selection is ***Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*** by Nabeel Qureski and Lee Strobel. A devout Muslim describes his dramatic journey from Islam to Christianity, complete with friendships, investigations, and supernatural dreams along the way. Engaging and thought provoking, it tells a powerful story of the clash between Islam and Christianity in one man's heart and of the peace he eventually found in Jesus. You are invited to read along and join in the discussion.



## RECENT GUESTS

Richard & Ruth Keiser  
Kuebitz Family  
Helen (Betty) Prentice

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan 8** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship  
12:00 pm Disciple Ministry Team Meeting  
5:00 pm KOK Drive In Movie Night  
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS  
5:00 pm Handbell Choir Goes Out to Dinner
- Jan 10** 10:30 am Bridge Group  
6:30 pm Session
- Jan 11** 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Jan 12** 11:00 am Knitting Group/Creative Craft Ministry  
9:00 pm Departure of Faith in 3D
- Jan 13 - Jan 16** Faith in 3D in Orlando, FL
- Jan 15** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship  
3:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 pm Children's Choir 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS  
5:00 pm ESPN (*Wild Wing Café*)  
6:00 pm Children's Choir K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**ATTENDANCE**

*Sunday, January 1, 2017*  
Sunday School 62 Worship 100

**SERVING WEEK OF JANUARY 8**

- Acolytes:* Michael Beaton, James Scott
- Lector:* Deborah Rolman
- Greeters:* Greg Allen Family
- Nursery:* Rebecca Dandrea (*Sunday School*)  
Laura Winslow (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Ron White, Greg Allen, Otis Allen,  
Jane Dowden, John Edwards, Charlie Floyd,  
Frank Scott, Lori Wooten
- Wee Worship:* Kimberly Crowe, Corina Crowe  
Lorri Jean Pulley
- Narrative Lectionary Readings for*  
*Sunday, January 8 (white)*  
Luke 3:1-22; Psalm 51:6-17

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 1**

	<b>OPERATING &amp; DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET</b>
Received this week	7,282.00
Weekly Need	10,654.75
Received for Budget Year-to-Date	7,282.00
Need Year-to-Date	10,654.75 (3,372.75)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	10,000.00
Mortgage Principal Balance	569,681.50

**STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

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

*Session - The Elders*

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
<b>Suzanne Ghianni</b>	<b>Barry Campbell</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>
<b>Jill Weisz Keller</b>	<b>Bill Dobbins</b>	<b>Chris Fleming</b>
<b>Rhonda Mossbarger</b>	<b>Jennie Ford</b>	<b>Renee McCulley</b>
<b>Christi Peppers</b>	<b>Julie Murphy</b>	<b>Julie Travis</b>