



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CREATION

This weekend the youth group and I are headed to Louisville, KY for our annual MLK Weekend Retreat. The theme for this year is Created. We are looking at the creation stories discovering what being a part of creation means for us. I am sad that all of you reading this article could not join us, so I have decided to give you an idea of what we are learning, that you might use it as you walk through creation this week. There are three subthemes that we are diving into: Good Creation, Broken Creation, and Redeemed Creation.



When God gave life to creation, God declared that it was good. All of creation is good, and I think that is largely due to the fact that the creator is good. Psalm 19 tells us that all of this good creation proclaims the glory of God. If you have ever stood in awe of a sunset or a tree blowing in the wind, you know this to be true. Yet, we often forget that we are created by God, and we are also good creation that can effortlessly proclaim the glory of God. However, we often take actions that bring brokenness to God's creation.

From Adam and Eve to today's communities, we have always struggled with brokenness. From an unwanted Starbucks cup lying on the side of the road, to an unwanted person being forgotten or even heckled, we see creation suffering and we often turn a blind eye. When we see the world suffering, longing for repair, and yet do nothing, we become even more broken. Yet, we are the creation of a good God that redeems us.

God has commanded that we remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. The Sabbath is a day of holy rest and we should all practice these times of holy rest. However, what about those parts of creation that can not take a day of rest without assistance? The overworked mother, the polluted lake, and the forgotten student are all called to partake in Sabbath. It is because we are a redeemed creation that we are called to remember, help, and redeem others.

I hope that you will remember God's creation this week. Remember that although you are broken, you are good, and are a redeemed part of creation.

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MY OWN BACKYARD FUEL BAGS

Brenthaven Church's Missions Ministry would like to ask our church to bring the following needed items for the *My Own Backyard* leaders to be able to send fuel bags of food home with the children when they are out of school on breaks or snow days, or in times when food is scarce so they may prepare snacks or meals for themselves and/or for their younger brothers and sisters.

Individual packaged serving sizes are needed of the following items:

- * Mac & Cheese or Soup (*in microwaveable bowls/containers*)
- * Individual peanut butter packs
- * Cracker Packs
- * Fruit cups (*not Jello*)
- * Individual trail mix or cookie bags
- * Peanut butter or Cheese sandwich crackers
- * Applesauce or fruit pouches
- * Beef or turkey sticks (*packs of individually wrapped sticks may be found at Aldi's*)
- * Brown Paper Sacks (*small or large size*)

We will be collecting the items throughout the school year to help supply *My Own Backyard* pantry. With your help we will be able to assist this worthwhile ministry in the basic needs of the children they serve and whom we have grown to love through our working with them in our own VBS, KOK and youth programs. For your convenience there will be a bin set up in the Narthex and/or church office for *My Own Backyard*.

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.

BRENTHAVEN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Brenthaven Women's Ministry will meet **Tuesday, January 22** in the Adult Library at **10:30 am**.

Jan Marshall will serve as hostess. Please bring a sandwich. Drink and dessert will be provided. In both January and February, we will be working on a project for young women in third world countries. We need your help. In the next few weeks, please bring used terry cloth towels for this project. When you come, also please bring a pair of sharp scissors. See ya' here!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

It's time to register for Wednesday Night Special. Along with our regular opportunities for children and youth, we'll have three options for adults. WNS begins on **Wednesday, January 30**. **Supper** begins at **5:45 pm** and all **Classes** at **6:30 pm**.

Pastor Kip will lead a **2-part Bible Study**. The first five weeks will be *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. For the remaining 5 weeks, the class will study a few chapters in the book of *Genesis*.

Ron Medlin will lead **Welty's World**. Eudora Welty (1909-2001) lived her entire long life in Jackson, MS but her short stories transcend Southern regionalism. With "originality and ease," Welty blends "the wistful, the monstrous, and the comic" to portray the "concrete quality of life." (LHUS)

Sandra Shepherd will coordinate **On the Move!** The class—open to adults of any age, size, and shape—will explore different types and methods of physical movement. Yoga, walking, tap dance, and liturgical dance are just a few of the kinds of movement the class will sample with various guest leaders/teachers.

Look for registration forms in your bulletins and at the Welcome Center. If you haven't been a regular participant in *Wednesday Night Special*, consider trying it this time!! We need YOU to help this be the best WNS!!

ZILLIONS OF BOTTLE CAPS!

You've been faithfully saving and delivering plastic bottle caps for many months. Now, please save one more thing: the afternoon of **Sunday, February 3** (a.k.a. Super Bowl Sunday). Not only will we gather to watch the game in the Fellowship Hall, but before the game it's all hands on deck to help with the church-wide art project. We'll start at **3:00 pm**. There will be several different jobs--some with power tools, some with basic assembly, others with teamwork--so we need LOTS of folks. Please reserve this afternoon and evening for a great time with your church family.

"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

On Super Bowl **Sunday, February 3**, the Missions Ministry will be collecting cans of soup to give to *Graceworks Ministries* and to *My Own Backyard* to help fill their shelves. Please add this to your grocery list and bring a can or two of soup to help stock their shelves! It will be super, or rather SOUPER, no matter who is playing!

VALENTINE GOODIES NEEDED

"I always loved getting a Valentine's care package from the KOK. It was such a sweet reminder of the warmth and love I felt at Brenthaven. It was such a nice feeling to be remembered even while I was away at college. To this day I still wear a pair of fuzzy pink heart socks that came in my box one year."

Morgan Keiser Hines, Bethel University Class of 2012

"I loved receiving the valentines boxes from KOK! Amongst the hectic schedule of projects, assignments, classes and trying to have a social life, it warmed my heart knowing that there was my church family thinking about me and having my back. Plus, who doesn't like encouraging notes and yummy candy?!"

Austin Agee, Belmont University Class of 2011

Just two very good reasons why we at Brenthaven work as a group to show our college students we care about them. If you can bring in the donations, the *Kids of the Kingdom* will do their part in packing and making Valentine cards and crafts to fill those special boxes full of food, candy, gifts and more candy. If you prefer, you can give monetarily to help cover needed items or postage. Please give your monetary donations to Cheryl Morris in the church office.

Suggested food or gift items include: candy, gum, breakfast/health bars, cheese/peanut butter crackers, popcorn, small packages of goldfish, cereal or mac & cheese to go, small packages of Kleenex, pencils/pens, and socks. Please place your items in the Valentine Collection Basket in the narthex near the church office by **Wednesday, February 6**. The boxes will be sent to our church members away at college just before Valentine's Day. We also pack baskets to deliver to some of our homebound members. Thank You!



MEN, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The February **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, February 9**. This is a change from our regular breakfast date. Please mark your calendar. Come enjoy good food and great fellowship.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Charlie Floyd

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, Lee Roy Satterwhite, 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 Carolynn 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*), Jackie Kennedy (*Camp Gladiator*),

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*), Kimberly Roe (*cousin of Scott Felts*), Vicki Scott (*sister of Stan Wooten*), Jimmy Sharpe (*director of Junior Camp*), Patty Short (*friend of Myra Agee*), 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 Carolynn Hallbright*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Rev. Maury Norman



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Mary Helen Alexander

Ted Brothers
Larry & Jan Davidson
Giff & Barbara Jordon
Sandra Moyers
Betty Murray
Wylene Nix
Larry & Linda Pulley
Beverly Garrett Shaw
Joe & Barbara Shoemake
Martha Stewart
Willing Workers S.S. Class

In Memory of Dorothy Couden (mother of Vince Couden)

Billy & Barbara Dial
Jane Dowden
Bart King

In Memory of Hardy Moyers

Janiece Redmon

In Memory of Margaret Norman

Larry & Jan Davidson
Sandra Moyers
Larry & Linda Pulley

In Memory of Jimmy Greer

Billy & Barbara Dial
Jane Dowden
Bart King

PLEASE PRAY

Please be in prayer for all of the leaders and participants of the MLK Weekend Youth Retreat. Pray for safe travel, and all hearts and minds to be open as they fully engage in the event.



All of our college students have been adopted! The first letters of encouragement and love will be on the way to our college family members very soon. Thank you to all who have adopted our students!

RECENT GUESTS

Scott & Christine and Rowan Clohessey
Crystal Marsh
Eva Parham
Betty Sue Young

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*SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.*PHONE: (615) 373-4826
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www.brenthaven.org**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan 18** **5:30 pm** Depart for Youth Retreat
 6:00 pm Safe Haven
- Jan 18 – 21** Youth Retreat
- Jan 20** **9:30 am** Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship
 5:00 pm Children's Music
- Jan 21** **10:00 am** Young @ Heart
 12:30 pm Lent Planning Team Meeting
- Jan 22** **10:30 am** Women's Ministry Mtg. & Lunch
- Jan 23** **5:45 pm** Chili Cook-Off
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Jan 24** **11:00 am** Creative Craft Ministry
- Jan 27** **9:30 am** Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship
 3:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal
 5:00 pm Children's Music
 5:00 pm Youth ROCKS

ATTENDANCE*Sunday, January 13, 2018*
Sunday School 84 Worship 155**SERVING WEEK OF JANUARY 20**

- Acolytes:* Jackson Campbell, Grady Deaton
- Greeters:* John & Cindi Edwards
- Lector:* Jim Day
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)
Betsy Canupp, Rose O'Hara (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Larry Davidson, Angela Beaton, Barbara Dial,
Jane Dowden, Lee Johnson, Elwyn Pierce,
Joe Shoemake, Blaze Wattenbarger
- Wee Worship:* Heather MacDonald
- Sunday, January 20 (green)*
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 13

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	\$ 875.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,585.65
Weekly Need	10,202.13
Received Year-to-Date	26,580.84
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	17,103.43
Difference	9,477.41
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>
Russ Deaton	Otis Hallbright	Greg Allen
Chris Fleming	Angie Johnson	Jan Davidson
Renee McCulley	Joe Malloy	Fred Ford, Jr.
Julie Travis	Jan Marshall	Liz Strickland