



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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WHAT IF?

In a recent Facebook post, Kip said there is an elder at Brenthaven that “loves Lent.” I am that elder. I love the reflection of the season and the simple nature of the worship. I love meeting God in the still moments of life more than in the excitement of Easter Sunday. It’s in the valleys in which I find myself during Lent that I feel God the most.

On Sunday, our Stewardship and Finance Ministry alerted the congregation to the financial situation of Brenthaven. They have asked that all families fill out a commitment card so they could examine where the church stood on funding the current ministries offered. Commitment cards may be foreign to some, and if so, you may be reluctant to fill out one. Many give as they feel directed by the Holy Spirit rather than making a “predetermined commitment.” There’s nothing wrong with Spirit-led giving as long as one is certain that it’s the voice of God doing the directing and not the worrisome clamor of our needs and wants. God wants us to take care of our needs, so what the Spirit directs us to give each week reflects God’s desire for us to be free of worry. Or does it?

During this year’s Lenten Bible study we are reflecting on Holy Week events in the Gospel of Mark. In one lesson Jesus enters the Temple and gets angry with the moneychangers as well as with those who were selling and those who were buying. In the companion guide for this lesson two questions the writer asks caught my attention:

Would Jesus see how much time we spend on mere housekeeping?

Would he overturn our focus on survival instead of service?

Usually we answer these questions assuming Jesus is referring to the Temple, or to the church in our case. And that was the discussion—what are we doing at Brenthaven that would anger Jesus? But what if Jesus is not referring to the church but instead is referring to us personally? Would he be angry with us that we are worrying about our own housekeeping first before worrying about the service the church provides to the community? Would he overturn our approach to giving and encourage us to put God first instead?

In this season of Lent I challenge you to reach out to God, be silent, and listen to the response. I challenge you to make a commitment to God that reflects your desire that Brenthaven continue the work it has been doing. When you are tempted to focus on your mere housekeeping, I challenge you to overturn that focus. Remember that this commitment is between you and God. Keeping it will be between you and God as well.

Jan Marshall

Please note: If someone in your family has not picked up your commitment card, they will be available for pick up this Sunday, March 11, after worship. We will mail the remaining ones on Monday. Thank you.



Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 11.
Please set your clocks ahead one hour.



Thursday	March 15	Noon to 6:00 pm
Friday	March 16	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday	March 17	8:00 am to Noon



SPOTLIGHT

The Wooten sisters were rocking it with their robotics teams over the weekend. With 100 elementary, middle and high school teams in town for the state competition, **Jenny Wooten's** team placed first in the high school division. Jenny's team will now advance to the *World's Robotics Tournament* to compete with teams from around the world next month in Louisville. Little sister **Anna Grace Wooten's** team received the overall Sportsmanship Award for the middle school division. They added their support to Ollie Faircloth's cancer fight with a sign on their robot reading "Prayers for Ollie, the Mohawk Warrior." Now that's pretty special. The sisters compete for Brentwood Academy.

And good news for **Casey Crowe**. He was recently selected to attend the Film/TV track of the *Governor School for the Arts* which will take place in June at MTSU. Casey received a partial talent scholarship based on his interview and portfolio of work. Casey attends Brentwood High School.

If you want to have a little entertainment with your meal, head on down to City Café in Brentwood and hear one of Brenthaven's members as he shares his talents. **Giff Jordon** will be picking and singing on Tuesday, March 13, during the dinner hour, from 5:45-7:00 pm. Giff plays at the restaurant from time to time. It is sure to be a pleasant evening.

DONATIONS WELCOMED

Consider donating items to the Brenthaven Consignment Sale. **Sunday, March 11** we will happily receive donations of gently used children's clothing sizes newborn to 14/16, toys, books, DVD's, children's furniture, adult business attire, maternity clothes, and prom dresses. For any questions regarding items and/or a complete list of items being accepted please go to brenthavenconsignment.wordpress.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Brenthaven Consignment Sale. We need volunteers to

- 1.) help set up on Sunday, March 11
- 2.) break down on Saturday, March 17
- 3.) help during the sale

As a bonus, for each shift you work during the sale you can earn additional percentage back on your sold items and/or presale passes.

Contact **Jonelle Summitt** to volunteer by emailing brenthavenconsignment@gmail.com.

SAFE HAVEN OPPORTUNITY

Interested in helping with dinner meal at Safe Haven, Friday, March 16? Call **Loretta Sneed** 615-371-0706.

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to join in the Easter celebration by providing a gift for *My Own Backyard* ministries and/or purchasing a lily for the sanctuary. You may wish to honor or memorialize a person. The plants are **\$ 8.50 each**.

I wish to purchase _____ lilies at **\$ 8.50 ea.**
(payment enclosed).

I wish to donate \$ _____ to be given to
My Own Backyard Ministries.

Given in memory of

Given in honor of

By:



Please make your checks payable to
Brenthaven Church.
Deadline for ordering is
March 18, 2018.

THE CONCERT CHORALE OF NASHVILLE

Sherry Hill Kelly, *conductor*

presents a

BENEFIT CONCERT
of Choral Favorites

Sunday, March 18, 3:00 pm
Brenthaven Sanctuary



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, March 21, 4:00 to 8:00 pm

The American Red Cross is down about 3,000 units of blood locally and 23,000 units nationwide. They are in Critical Need. Sign up to give online (redcross.org and enter sponsor code: Brenthaven 19) or on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or call the church office and we will add your name. Thank you.

BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

There will not be a meeting of the BookEnd BookClub for the month of March. The next meeting will be **Thursday, April 19, 9:30 am** in the Adult Library. The discussion will be on **Wild** by Cheryl Strayed.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Hardy Moyers,
LeeAnn Dawkins (*niece of Hardy Moyers*),
Denice Melton (*mother of Ean Taylor*)



Homebound

Forrest King

Members

Greg Allen, Hester Allen, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben Davis, Mickey Davis, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge & Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Joe Johnson, Suzanne Johnson, Giff Jordon, Gwen Keiser, Robert Lipe, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, 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*), Bowles Family (*friends of Angie Johnson*), Houston Brown (*friend of Rush family*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Jimmy Carson (*friend of Miab Faircloth*), Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Marion Day (*father of Jim Day*), 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*), Carolyn Goss (*friend of John Edwards*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul & Madge Graves*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Peggy Howell (*neighbor of Brenthaven Church*), 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*), Judith Plucker (*friend of Nanette Ricker and Shali Scott*), Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Finn Schafrann, 2 yrs. old (*friend of Faircloth Family*), Vicki Scott (*sister of Stan Wooten*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), 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 Carolyn Hallbright*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Jonathan Clark (*CP Minister*)
Family of Evelyn Bennett (*wife Rev. Alfred Bennett*)
Family of Rev. Dr. Robert M. Shelton (*CP Minister*)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Tommy Graves

Joyce Burch
Billy & Barbara Dial
Marilyn Ewen
Charlie & Treva Floyd
Mac & Kaye Holland
Ronny & Becky Jones
Bart King
Hardy & Sandra Moyers
Wylene Nix
Larry & Linda Pulley
Guy & Loretta Sneed
Willing Workers S.S Class
Young @ Heart

In Memory of Doris Ann Rush (aunt of Pastor Kip)

Janiece Redmon

THANK YOU

Brenthaven Church,

It is wonderful knowing there are people who are as kind and considerate as you. We hope you know how warmly you are thought of and how much we appreciate the kind gifts you gave in memory of Doris Ann Rush (Kip's aunt). Thank you also for letting Kip come home to do the service. It was very special.

With sincere gratitude,
Johnny & Darlene Rush

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please make note of the change of address for

Paul & Madge Graves

3800 Sam Boney Dr., Apt. 407
Nashville, TN 37211-3746
615-603-1638

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL MENU

Wednesday Night Special menu for March 14: *Pizza, Salad and Dessert*. Please make, cancel, or adjust your meal reservations by Mon., March 12 before 10:00 am.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 4, 2017

Sunday School 99 Worship 165

RECENT GUESTS

Robbie Fowler

David L. Thompson

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SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.
*SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.*PHONE: (615) 373-4826
FAX: (615) 373-4869
www.brenthaven.org**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar 11** *Daylight Savings Time begins*
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Consignment Sale Set-Up
3:45 pm Handbells
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS
- Mar 13** **10:30 am** Bridge Group
6:30 pm Session
- Mar 14** **5:45 pm** Wednesday Night Special - Meal
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Special - Classes
 Kids of the Kingdom
 WNY (Wednesday Night Youth)
6:30 - 8:30 pm Consignment Pre-Sale
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Mar 15** **10:00 am** Lenten Bible Study
11:00 am Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
Noon - 6:00 pm Consignment Sale
- Mar 16** **8:00 am to 6:00 pm**
 Brenthaven Consignment Sale
6:00 pm Safe Haven
- Mar 17** **8:00 am to Noon**
 Brenthaven Consignment Sale
- Mar 18** **9:30 am** Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Youth / Parent Meeting
3:00 pm Concert Chorale of Nashville Concert
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS

SERVING WEEK OF MARCH 11

- Acolytes:* Lilly Van Allen,
Anna Grace Wooten
- Lector:* Beverly Garrett Shaw
- Greeters:* Stan & Lori Wooten Family
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)
Betsy Canupp, Laura Winslow (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Ted Brothers, Larry Davidson,
Jane Dowden, Charlie Floyd,
Otis Hallbright, Lee Johnson,
Sherry Kelly, Jacob Malloy
- Wee Worship:* Heather MacDonald,
Elizabeth Allen
- Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 11 (purple)*
John 18:28-40; Psalm 145:10-13

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MARCH 4

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	\$ 0.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	14,707.10
Weekly Need	10,277.69
Received Year-to-Date	88,522.32
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	88,964.21
Difference	(441.89)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	464,767.39

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