



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PRAYER POSTURE

I have had a number of people ask me recently, “What did the youth talk about this Wednesday night?” This is a wonderful question to hear because it tells me that our church really cares about our youth group. So, I thought I should take a moment to share with you a glimpse of last week’s Wednesday Night Youth. Last week our topic was Prayer Posture. When we pray, we generally close our eyes to block out distractions and bow our head as a physical expression of honor and allegiance to God. This is a great practice that is heavily supported in the scriptures, however there are many other postures found in our Bible.

Much like bowing, kneeling is a common prayer practice in our world today and that is for a good reason. Solomon knelt when he prayed at the dedication of the temple. Daniel, when ordered to pray only to the king, knelt and prayed to God. Kneeling acknowledges God’s authority and sovereignty.

Lying prostrate is another prayer posture that we experienced on Wednesday night. Lying prostrate is the act of lying flat on the ground with your face to the ground. This posture shows dependence on God and symbolizes our helplessness. Jesus prays like this in the garden before his arrest in Matthew 26. Also, in the first chapter of Revelation John fell at his feet like a dead man when he saw Christ.

Beyond these downward facing postures, there are also upward postures. Praying with lifted hands is considered an act of worship in Psalm 141 and in 1 Timothy 2:8 Paul describes it as a sign of unity. Another upward posture that we find often in the Bible is lifting our eyes to the Lord. Jesus lifted his eyes to heaven when he raised Lazarus in John 11:41 and also when he blessed the loaves and fish in Luke 9:16. Both of these upward postures remind me of when a young child is looking up to their parent.

Beyond physical prayer postures, we also discussed the values of using (or not using) our voices in prayer. We practiced silent prayer like Psalm 46:10 says, be still and know that I am God. And we also practiced the opposite of silence. If you heard loud screaming coming from the sanctuary last week, don’t worry! It was just your Brenthaven youth group crying out a prayer for the people to our God!

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here at Brenthaven from **4:00 to 8:00 pm, March 21**. The Red Cross is down about 3,000 units of blood locally and 23,000 units nationwide. They are in **CRITICAL NEED**. *Can you give? Will you give?* 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 you name. Thank you.



THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

We are getting ready for the great hunt for Easter eggs on the grounds of Brenthaven. You can help us in this time-honored tradition by donating candy or special prizes that can go into the *Easter Treat Bags*. We have plenty of plastic eggs recycled from the last several years so we are only asking for the very much appreciated goodies. A collection box is outside the church office doors for your donations. Monetary donations are welcome and can be given to **Cheryl Morris**.

The hunt is for children in Nursery through 6th grade and follows our Easter Service on **Sunday, April 1**. Thank you for your help.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCENE

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.” Luke 4:1-2a

In the *Workshop Rotation Sunday School Classes* the children have wrapped up their study of *Psalms & Prayer* and are now turning their focus to *The Season of Lent*. Lent is a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter, as well as a time to reflect on our sins and ask for forgiveness. So we began our time of studying Lent Sunday, March 4 by writing down our sins on a piece of paper and placing those pieces of paper in a big purple box. Sins ranged from lying about being done with our homework to telling Mom and Dad we ate everything they packed into our lunch boxes...but didn't really do that. Then we packed those sins away in our big purple box along with the word “Hallelujah,” and we'll wait to see what happens to that box come Easter morning. In the meantime, we'll play Bingo using symbols and colors of Lent as a way to learn more about the season. In our *Thou Art Workshop*, we'll study the history and meaning of the most important, recognizable symbol of the Christian faith; the cross. Then on Palm Sunday, the children will experience the spiritual practice of walking the labyrinth as they wrap up their studies of Lent. **Frank Scott, Becky Jones and Jodi Rush** join us as workshop leaders. Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade meet for these classes every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Children's Wing.

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Consignment



March 15 – 17

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

THE CONCERT CHORALE OF NASHVILLE

Sherry Hill Kelly, *conductor*

presents a

BENEFIT CONCERT
of Choral Favorites

Sunday, March 18, 3:00 pm
Brenthaven Sanctuary



DEADLINE FOR 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.

CPWM

You are invited to join the CPWM as they gather to be the “hands and feet of Christ” in the Adult Library, **Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 am**. They will be doing another service project, this time for the young women in Guatemala and other countries. Please bring a good pair of scissors. **Janiece Redmon** will be the hostess. Bring a sandwich for your lunch. Drinks, chips, and dessert will be provided.

BOTTLE CAP REQUEST

Please remember that I am collecting plastic bottle caps and lids of all shapes, sizes, colors, and from all products. All plastic lids will be accepted — peanut cans, laundry and milk jugs, pill bottles, and more. They will be used in creating a large group art project in the future. You may bring the lids to the church office. THANKS! - *Sandra*

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

Continuing for the entire month of March the CPWM is having their annual

‘Bakeless Bake Sale’

Contributions may be given to **Beverly Garrett Shaw** or **Linda Pulley**. Please make your checks payable to the CPWM. Remember:

No baking! No buying! No calories!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Don Tabor, Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*),
Lea Palmer (*mother-in-law Penni Reitmeyer*)

Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

Members

Greg 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, Hardy Moyers,
Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, Guy Sneed,
Cheryl 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 Miah Faircloth*), Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa
Cook*), LeeAnn Dawkins (*niece of Hardy Moyers*), Marion Day
(*father of Jim Day*), Don Dowden (*brother-in law of Jane Dowden*),
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*),
Denice Melton (*mother of Ean Taylor*), Marisa Morgan and
Family (*friend of Heather and Ian MacDonald*), Ayden Orr (*friend of
Ollie, Baird and Miah 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 ofCarolynn Hallbright*), those serving
our country

Deaths

Family of Gypsy Norton (*mother of Rev. Kitty Norton*)



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Tommy Graves

David & Myra Agee
Joan Bledsoe
Ted Brothers
Jan Marshall
Bill & Sue Moser
Betty Murray
Beverly Garrett Shaw

In Honor of the Brenthaven Youth

Joan Bledsoe

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL MENU

Wednesday Night Special menu for March 21:
Italiano Assortimento. Please make, cancel, or adjust
your meal reservations by Monday, March 19 before
10:00 am.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Men's Fellowship
Saturday, April 7, 7:30 - 10:00 am
Tickets \$7 each

Pick up your tickets from
any member of the
Men's Fellowship.



**Hi There! I 'otter' tell you,
I am ready for
Action and Adventure!
Are You?**

**Roll with Me!
June 10 - 14 VBS**

DISHES, DISHES, DISHES

It is always wonderful when we can share a meal
with our church family. However, some of our dishes
do not make it home. If you are finding more space
in your cupboard than normal, please stop by the
church kitchen and gather in your stray dishes.

Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 11, 2017

Sunday School 64 Worship 135

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SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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** *Deadline to Order Easter Lilies*
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
- Mar 19 10:00 am** Young @ Heart
- Mar 21 4 to 8 pm** Red Cross Blood Drive
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Special - Meal
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Special - Classes
 Kids of the Kingdom
 WNY (Wednesday Night Youth)
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Mar 22 10:00 am** Lenten Bible Study
11:00 am Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
- Mar 25** *Palm Sunday*
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
5:00 pm Youth ROCKS

SERVING WEEK OF MARCH 18

- Acolytes:* Sarah Beaton,
 Leah McCulley
- Lector:* Frank Scott
- Greeters:* Lee & Angie Johnson Family
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)
 Betsy Canupp, Liz Strickland (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Ted Brothers, Larry Davidson,
 Jane Dowden, Charlie Floyd,
 Otis Hallbright, Lee Johnson,
 Sherry Kelly, Jacob Malloy
- Wee Worship:* Rhonda Mossbarger,
 Allie Ford
- Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 18 (purple)*
 John 19:1-16a; Psalm 146

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MARCH 11

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	\$ 1,009.50
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	10,099.27
Weekly Need	10,277.69
Received Year-to-Date	99,631.09
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	112,648.84
Difference	(13,017.75)
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