



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## ALWAYS GIVE LOVE THE UPPER HAND

*Get along, on down the road, We've got a long long way to go. Scared to live, scared to die, We ain't perfect but we try.*

*Get along while we can, Always give love the upper hand.* — from *Get Along* by Kenny Chesney

When I'm driving, I usually listen to one of three things: sports talk, fantasy football radio or country music (sometimes slipping into old school rock). It was a few weeks ago when I heard the song, *Get Along* by Kenny Chesney, on satellite radio. It's a cool little summer tune that caught my attention in a way that few songs have recently. As I listened, I wanted to be sure I knew the words because they are words that I believe we need to hear more and more today.

Getting along has become frequently impossible in this world today. Let's be honest, there has always been division, but it seems now that accepted division has become a chasm of epic proportions. We have increasingly become less interested in talking and more interested in drawing lines in the sand and daring one another to cross over. Intelligent and respectful debate has become belligerent and hate filled exchanges. We want to tell people, "If you disagree with me, you are wrong!" It seems that we have decided that everything is either black or white, this way or that way, and there seems to be no in between, no gray areas. Thus, we have found ourselves struggling to just "get along."

It is that sixth line of the chorus that has tugged at my heart and my head the most as I crank up the volume of Kenny's song: *Always give LOVE the Upper Hand*. 1 John reminds us that "God is love." Paul gave us a beautiful, though almost impossible definition of love in his first letter to the Corinthians (ch. 13). Jesus entered the world, in the midst of much division, and yet he always listened, he loved those who were outcast, he never argued (except maybe when he turned the tables over in the synagogue) and he treated those who despised him as God's children. As I see it, he gave love the upper hand.

I am challenging myself, and each of you reading this, to do the same. There is enough crap going on in this world that it is time to offer love. How do we do this? Well, the truth is, it will be difficult. The world will challenge that approach at every turn. But, if we refrain from negativity (yes, that likely means watching less news), and become focused on what we say, and think before we speak, withholding those defensive, divisive comments, refraining from being pulled into an argument, what would our little part of the world look like? And if our little part changes, could that cause other's to change as well?

Be intentional to say or post something uplifting and loving. Remember that we don't have to agree on every issue, but we are called to LOVE everyone, even those who seem unlovable. Or, you could do what Kenny says:

*Paint a wall, learn to dance, Call your mom, buy a boat, Drink a beer, sing a song, Make a friend, can't we all get along.*

The choice is yours. Or, maybe it's not, because aren't we to follow the example of Christ? Just saying.

Grace and peace,

## LETTERS TO CAMP

It is a tradition at Brenthaven Church for campers at Crystal Springs in Kelso, TN to receive cards and letters from home. You are invited to send a letter to our Brenthaven campers. To ensure the campers will receive mail during their week at camp please mail by the dates listed below. Mail to: Crystal Springs Camp, (*insert campers name*), 21 Crystal Springs Camp Rd, Kelso, TN 37348.

**For Junior Campers please mail by Friday, July 13**

Sarah Beaton Jackson Campbell Grady Deaton Luke Deaton Leah McCulley Allie Boehne (*friend of Leah McCulley*)  
Jay McCulley, *counselor* Renee McCulley, *counselor* Logan McCulley, *counselor* Ean Taylor, *music*

## YARD SALE DONATIONS ACCEPTED

You may now bring in your donations for the CPWM Yard Sale and place them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. For your drop-off convenience the church office hours are 9:00 to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Requested items are household goods, working electronics, seasonal items, toys, books, CD's, DVD's, VCR tapes, furniture, and miscellaneous items. NO clothes or shoes will be accepted.

## BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

*Neverhome* by Laird Hunt will be the selection discussed **Thursday, July 19** at the BookEnd BookClub meeting. Join us at **9:30 am** in the Adult Library. *Neverhome* tells the story of Ash Thompson (not her real name) during the battle for the south. Ash, a farmer's faithful wife, has left her husband to don the uniform of a Union soldier in the Civil War. Through bloodshed and hysteria and heartbreak, she becomes a hero, a folk legend, a madwoman, and a traitor to the American cause. Hunt's dazzling novel throws a light on the adventurous women who chose to fight instead of staying behind.



## SAFE HAVEN

Brenthaven Church again has the opportunity to minister to the families of *Safe Haven Family Shelter*. If you can volunteer to prepare, help prepare or serve this meal on **Friday, July 20**, at **6:00 pm** please contact **Loretta Sneed** 615-371-0706. This is one way we can help the homeless families with children in Middle Tennessee. It's a heartwarming experience.

## PULL TABS

A pull tab is a little item that makes a big difference. Save the pull tabs from your beverage cans or other canned items for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Nashville. Their mission is to "keep families close" by providing essential resources and a "home away from home." Pick up a pull tab collection house from the church office. When your collection house is full bring your pull tabs to the church office and place them in the container provided. If you would like a first-hand report of the importance of this charity, check with Miah, Baird, and Ollie Faircloth!



## NEED HELP?

Need help? **Laura Winslow** is currently available for babysitting, pet sitting or house sitting. She also is talented with cleaning closets, organizing cupboards, etc. Please call or text 615-400-4845 or email her at [laura.shumans@gmail.com](mailto:laura.shumans@gmail.com). Thanks!

	<b>Friday, July 27</b> 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
	<b>Saturday, July 28</b> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Come on out and find those special treasures!	

## SCRAPS OF MATERIAL NEEDED

The Coalition for Appalachian Ministries (CAM) has requested scraps of material suitable for quilting. CAM is teaching women in the Townsend, TN region to quilt. When the quilts are completed they will be sold to help the economy. Save your scraps of material and place them in the basket provided in the Narthex. This will be of great worth to the women CAM teaches.

Thank you.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Jr. High Campers



### Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

### Members

Joyce Burch, 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, Robert Lipe, Renee McCulley, Hardy Moyers, Betty Murray, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Blaze Wattenbarger, Anna Grace Wooten

### 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*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), LeeAnn Dawkins (*niece of Hardy Moyers*), 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*), Parker Glenn (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul & Madge Graves*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Sue Hearn (*aunt of Jodi Rush*), Kelly Jo Hicks (*friend of D'ann Ricketts*), Carolyn Hobbs (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Peggy Howell (*neighbor of Brenthaven Church*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), David Katz (*brother of Dan MacDonald*), 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 Miab Faircloth*), Ben Osburn (*former member*), Lee Ann Pilkington (*friend of Crowe Family*), Toni Prosser (*mother of Cynthia Bowker*), 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*), 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 Marion Day (*father of Jim Day*)  
Family of Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*),

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Marion Day (father of Jim Day)*

Jane Dowden  
Bart King

### *In Memory of Bert Sisk (father of Kimberly Crowe)*

Mark & Nancy Humphrey

### *In Memory of Debbie Turner (sister of Cheryl Tabor)*

Jane Dowden  
Bart King

## LIFT THEM UP IN PRAYER

Please pray for

\*our Jr. High youth at camp through Friday, July 13

\*our children and leaders going to Bethel University on Friday for Children's Fest on Saturday, July 14

\*our children and chaperones going to Junior Camp Sunday, July 15 through Friday, July 20.

## RECENT GUESTS

Sharon Mak  
Rev. Nathaniel & Anna Mathews  
Carol Ramsay

## ATTENDANCE

***Sunday, July 8, 2018***

Sunday School 65 Worship 137

## BOTTLE CAPS

Please remember we are still collecting plastic bottle caps and lids. All shapes, sizes, colors, and from all products will be accepted. They will be used in creating a large group art project in the future. You may bring your lids to the church office. Thank you.

## GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES

GraceWorks Ministries Food Pantry has the following critical needs:

Pasta  
Soup  
Boxed Meals (*like Hamburger Helper*)  
Cereal  
Toilet Paper

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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 13** 1:00 pm Jr. High Campers Return  
3:00 pm Depart for Children's Fest  
*Bethel University*
- July 14** 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Children's Fest
- July 15** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship  
1:30 am Junior Camp Registration
- July 15 - 20** Junior Camp - *Crystal Springs Camp*
- July 16** 10:00 am Young @ Heart
- July 19** 9:30 am BookEnd BookClub  
11:00 am Knitting /Creative Craft Group
- July 20** 1:00 pm Junior Campers Return  
6:00 pm Safe Haven
- July 22** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship

**SERVING WEEK OF JULY 15**

- Acolytes:* Sarah Beaton, Leah McCulley
- Lector:* Sharon Malloy
- Greeter:* The Beaton Family
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)  
Betsy Canupp, Jeri Behan (*Worship*)
- Usbers:* Larry Davidson, Angela Beaton,  
Andy Blake, Barry Campbell,  
Lee Johnson, Shelley Johnson,  
Blaze Wattenbarger, Lori Wooten
- Wee Worship:* Ean Taylor, Shelby Thayer
- Sunday, July 15 (green)*  
Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JULY 8**

	<b>OPERATING &amp; DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET</b>
Dedicated Giving	\$ 425.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	13,909.47
Weekly Need	10,277.69
Received Year-to-Date	279,186.14
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	271,741.87
Difference	7,444.27
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	432,859.12

**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>
<b>Barry Campbell</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>	<b>Otis Hallbright</b>
<b>Bill Dobbins</b>	<b>Chris Fleming</b>	<b>Angie Johnson</b>
<b>Jennie Ford</b>	<b>Renee McCulley</b>	<b>Joe Malloy</b>
<b>Julie Murphy</b>	<b>Julie Travis</b>	<b>Jan Marshall</b>