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BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WE ARE FAMILY

I went to a funeral last week. It was the worst of funerals because it was for a child. A 10-year old girl named Sophie. Cancer. Nothing about walking through those church doors seemed right. Nothing about seeing her precious face plastered on picture boards everywhere seemed right. Seeing her young classmates walk in gripping their parent's hands, all dressed up, eyes looking downward in sadness, was not right. Everything at that moment seemed wrong. So, so very wrong.

The sanctuary was packed. Friends and family of course; but hundreds, no thousands have followed this young girl's story on Facebook through the blogs her mother Mary has written about Sophie's battle with rhabdomyosarcoma. Some of those folks were there at the funeral. Tens of thousands from around the world sent messages of sympathy. They sent their prayers. All for a little girl they didn't know, would never meet, but wanted desperately for her to live. A church family whose arms spread across this great nation and around the world in the hope and belief that Sophie would beat this beast of a cancer. And she did. Her battle, her struggles, all the medicines that she tried and that would work for a while, will help other children. Sophie fought so bravely, believed so passionately and looked death in the face. And she knew God was not done with her. Our faith helps us accept that she is no longer suffering and resting with the presence of a loving God.

As a church family, we unite in prayer for so many each day. Names of people we know and those who are complete strangers. We do so because family is everything, and if Brenthaven is nothing else, it is a family. When I look around the sanctuary and recognize the many lives touched by your willingness to pray and your connection to each other, I am reminded of the importance of each of you as brothers and sisters in faith. Never take for granted that you are never alone in your life, for the presence of God lives through those who sit next to you on Sunday mornings, laugh with you at fellowship times, celebrate your joys and share in your sorrows. I think maybe that's what Jesus intended.

Thank you for all your prayers on Sophie's behalf. Her family appreciates every one of you and so do I!

Cheryl

MARSHALL LECTURE SERIES - SEPTEMBER 8



This educational event is in memory of Jim and Jean Marshall. Steeped in the Reformed tradition, this series will feature challenging speakers from all faiths and backgrounds.

This year's lecture is **Sunday, September 8**. Lunch will be served at noon followed by **lectures at 12:30 and 1:45 pm**. **Dr. Thomas G. Long**, Bandy Professor of Preaching Emeritus at Candler School of Theology at Emory University will be our guest lecturer.

A Presbyterian minister, Dr. Long has served churches in Georgia and New Jersey. He has taught preaching for over forty years -- at Erskine Theological Seminary, Columbia Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Candler. Dr. Long has served as the president of the Academy of Homiletics and as senior homiletics editor of the New Interpreter's Bible. He has been editor of *Theology Today*, is currently an associate editor of *Journal for Preachers*, and serves as an editor-at-large at *The Christian Century*. He is the author of textbooks on preaching and worship, collections of sermons, and biblical commentaries on Matthew, Hebrews, and the Pastoral Epistles.

His most recent books are *Accompany Them with Singing: The Christian Funeral, What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith, The Good Funeral: Death, Grief, and the Community of Care* (with Thomas Lynch), and *1 and 2 Timothy and Titus*

Excerpt from Sophie & her Mom's favorite song:

“Highlands” (Song of Ascent) by Hillsong UNITED

*Whatever I walk through,
Wherever I am,
Your Name can move mountains,
Wherever I stand
And if ever I walk through
the valley of death
I'll sing through the shadows
my song of ascent . . .*

*. . . So I will praise You on the mountain,
And I will praise You when the mountain's in my way
You're the summit where my feet are
So I will praise You in the valleys all the same
No less God within the shadows,
No less faithful when the night leads me astray
You're the heaven where my heart is,
In the highlands and the heartache all the same.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help breakdown following the Brenthaven Consignment Sale. If you would like to help please come any time between **2:00 and 5:00 pm, Saturday, August 17**. It should take approximately 3 hour to breakdown after the sale. Your help is very much appreciated.

THE MESSENGER - AUGUST 7

Due to technical difficulties we were not able to mail **The Messenger** for Wednesday, August 7. You may read it on line at Brenthaven.org or pick up a copy in the Narthex. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

BRENTHAVEN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Kathleen Murphy of *My Own Backyard* will be the guest speaker for the **Tuesday, August 27** meeting of the Brenthaven Women's Ministry. Ladies, you are invited to join them **10:30 am** in the Adult Library. **Rose O'Hara** will be the hostess. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Please make plans to attend.

CELEBRATION of WOODBINE CPC

Saturday, August 24, 2019

in the former "Boyd Garrett Center"
3016 Nolensville Road

ANYONE who was a former member
or attended Woodbine is invited for a night of
FUN! FOOD! FELLOWSHIP!

Schedule:

- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Mix and Mingle with old friends
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm Barbecue Dinner** - No Charge
** Reservations must be made by August 20
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm Recalling the Past with music, singing, words, pictures, and other "specials"

Please call, text, or email:

The Jobe's 615-776-7755 or cppreacher@united.net
The McCulley's 615-419-2451 or 615-556-7626

PLEASE COME! If you can't come for the entire evening, COME for what you can. You won't want to miss it! We are looking forward to seeing you, sharing good times and past memories with friends of Woodbine.

Brenthaven Family Picnic

Wednesday, August 28

5:30 pm

Granny White Park Pavilion

Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Meats, buns, condiments and drinks will be provided.

Hope to see you there!



MEN! SAVE THE DATE!

Men, the first gathering of ESPN is **Sunday, September 8, 6:30 pm** at Miller's Ale House in Cool Springs. Mark your calendar for *Football! Fellowship! and Food!* We look forward to seeing you.

RECENT GUESTS

Martha Whitmore

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Sunday School 70 Worship 130

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Melinda Fleming, Allie Grace Johnson, Doug Phelps,
Doug Leonard (*friend of Penni Reitmeyer*)

Homebound

Hester Allen, Mickey Davis, Forrest King

Members

Corina Crowe, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Ollie Faircloth,
Charlie Floyd, Treva Floyd, Barbara Gentry, Em
Ghianni, Madge Graves, Doris Gray, Tommy Hennesy,
Jacob Johnson, Robert Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Bill Moser,
Jean Overstreet, Jack C. Phillips, Larry Pulley, Lee Roy
Satterwhite, Guy Sneed

Family and Friends

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*),
Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Fahlin
Chapman (*friend of Jenny and Anna Grace Wooten*), Betty Sue
Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Marjorie DeWitt (*mother of Suzanne
Ghianni*), Harry Dexheimer (*age 7, son of Brenthaven Consignor*),
Don Dowden (*brother-in law of Jane Dowden*), Pinks Dudley,
Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett*), Frank Gillespie (*step-father of
Russ Deaton*), Tim Hanner (*brother of Jane Allen*), Sue Hearn
(*aunt of Jodi Rush*), Kelly Jo Hicks (*friend of D'ann Ricketts*),
Cheryl Hobbs, (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Shirley Jansma,
Charlotte Judge (*friend of Linda Pulley*), David Katz (*brother of
Dan MacDonald*), Sandy Keene (*sister-in-law Joyce Burch*), Jessica
Lam Lau (*friend of Rush family*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird
and Miab Faircloth*), Doug Powers, Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz
Strickland*), Mary Ellen Rimer (*former member*), Kimberly Roe
(*cousin of Scott Felts*), John Satterfield (*cousin of Jan Marshall*),
Jimmy Sharpe (*director of Junior Camp*), Patty Short (*friend of
Myra Agee*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Rev. Christian
Smith (*Pastor of Cookeville CPC*), Brett Swain (*friend of the
Beaton's*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Melissa
Waddey (*co-worker of Lori Wooten*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred
& Carol Ford*), Bart Williams (*brother of Gwen Keiser*), Jack
Williams (*father of Gwen Keiser*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Marie Steelman

Family of Sophie Elena Dadej "Super Sophie"
(*granddaughter of Danny & Susan Herron, friends of Marty & Cheryl Morris*)



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Randy Parham

(*son-in-law of Giff & Barb Jordan*)

Billy & Barbara Dial
Bob Dozier
Bart King
Ronny & Becky Jones

In Memory of Juanita Wooten (*mother of Stan Wooten*)

Suzanne Johnson

In Memory of Pauline Day (*sister-in-law Penni Reitmeyer*)

Billy & Barbara Dial

THANK YOU

Dear Brenthaven Church,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express my
thanks to everyone at Brenthaven for all of your sup-
port following the death of my mother.

We are grateful to God for your prayers, cards,
phone calls, and memorial gifts. Your caring and kind-
ness will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Stan Wooten

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Brenthaven Church Family,

Randy Parham's passing was a tremendous blow to  
the family. The family wishes to thank Kip for his  
presence during our family loss. Our daughter, Jana,  
found great comfort in his service. If someone were to  
ask "how do you spell Pastor" we'd have to say K I P!  
Thanks, Kip, for being so gracious to Jana and the rest  
of the family.

We also want to thank our church family for the  
many condolences by phone and card. When we  
moved here 4 years ago God blessed us with you  
folks.

Giff & Barb Jordan

## SAVE THE DATE

Walk **in** LOVE Saturday,  
September 21

Ladies, make sure to mark your calendars for the next  
Nashville Regional CPWM Meeting, September 21 at  
Beech CPC. Further information and exciting details  
will be released soon. You won't want to miss it!

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 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug 16 10:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
 Brenthaven Consignment Sale
- Aug 17 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
 Brenthaven Consignment Sale
- Aug 18 9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:45 am** Worship  
**4:30 pm** KOK Kick-Off  
**5:00 pm** Youth ROCKS
- Aug 21 7:00 pm** Sanctuary Choir
- Aug 22 11:00 am** Creative Craft Ministry
- Aug 25 9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:45 am** Worship  
**12:00 pm** Discipleship Ministry Team Mtg.  
**12:00 pm** Outreach/Church Growth  
 Ministry Meeting  
**5:00 pm** Youth ROCKS

**SERVING WEEK OF AUGUST 18**

- Acolyte:* Sarah Beaton, Leah McCulley  
*Lector:* Scott Shepherd  
*Greeters:* Scott & Liz Strickland Family  
*Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)  
 Betsy Canupp, Megan Gregali (*Worship*)  
*Usbers:* Stan Wooten, Stuart Beaton III, Jane Dowden,  
 Cindi Edwards, Nico Gregali, Elwyn Pierce,  
 Frank Scott, Joe Shoemake  
*Wee Worship:* Kimberly Crowe,  
 Anna Ford  
*Readings for Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 18 (green)*  
 Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 18-19;  
 Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82;  
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR AUGUST 11**

| <b>OPERATING &amp; DEBT<br/>RETIREMENT BUDGET</b> |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Dedicated Giving                                  | \$ 1,733.00 |
| Donations towards Budgeted Expense                | 6,443.39    |
| Weekly Need                                       | 10,202.13   |
| Received Year-to-Date                             | 357,966.69  |
| Actual Spend Year-to-Date                         | 382,195.87  |
| Difference                                        | (24,229.18) |
| Monthly Principal & Interest Payment              | 9,579.73    |
| Mortgage Principal Balance                        | 321,083.55  |

**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>  |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Russ Deaton</b>    | <b>Otis Hallbright</b> | <b>Greg Allen</b>     |
| <b>Chris Fleming</b>  | <b>Angie Johnson</b>   | <b>Jan Davidson</b>   |
| <b>Renee McCulley</b> | <b>Joe Malloy</b>      | <b>Fred Ford, Jr.</b> |
| <b>Julie Travis</b>   | <b>Jan Marshall</b>    | <b>Liz Strickland</b> |