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# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## HOPES AND PRAYERS

I have driven many times from Austin to San Antonio and the surrounding areas. But, I'm not sure I have ever been through or even heard of Sutherland Springs ... until Sunday. And for all the wrong reasons. The First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs was robbed of life last Sunday and it has shaken not only that sleepy little Texas town, but every person who wakes every Sunday morning, heads out the door and sits in a place we call "sanctuary," which is defined as "a place of refuge or safety." Twenty-six people, half who were children, lost their lives as they had gathered to sing praises, offer prayers and hear God's word. It makes no sense! And yet, these families are now forced to pickup the pieces and churches all over are fretting with fear, "Can this happen to us?" It has happened in Charleston, in Texas and even in Nashville. That is true, but we cannot let fear rule our hearts.

Two verses come to mind as I struggle for words today. First, the psalmist writes in Psalm 27:1, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" And from Isaiah 41:10, "do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." They are words, words of hope in a time that seems so full of hopelessness. We can't make sense of events like these, so we turn to the only place that offers comfort and peace when no one else can – we turn to our God and the words offered. Does it change the outcome? No. But maybe we can find a glimmer of hope.

Every Sunday, we lock the back doors of the church when worship begins and we have someone walking the halls or sitting in the Narthex, not expecting something bad to happen, but trying to be safe. And through the front doors, we welcome those who enter. We cannot live in fear and we must continue to be a place where all are welcome. That may be hard to swallow on a day like today, but that's who we are called to be. So, we offer our prayers to Sutherland Springs, First Baptist Church and those families whose worlds have been shattered and yes, even for the family of the man responsible. And, may we also pray that our fears are pushed away as we live with hope in God and God's presence in our lives.

Grace and Peace,

## SHEPHERD POTLUCK LUNCH - NOV. 19

Following worship on **Sunday, November 19** everyone is invited to the Shepherd Potluck Lunch. Each year, everyone is assigned to a shepherd group. Shepherd groups are smaller groups within the Brenthaven family assigned to two elders. These elders share in the pastoral care of the group and are available to discuss concerns, ideas and celebrations. At the lunch everyone will sit with their shepherd group for a time of fellowship and sharing. This is a great opportunity for each member to get to know their shepherds and each shepherd to get to know the members of their flock. The Fellowship Ministry will supply the meat and asks that everyone bring a dish or two to share. Fellowship meals are a great opportunity for the church family to become even closer. Check your mail for a postcard which will announce your shepherds. Please make plans to join us!

## COLLEGE PREP CLASS - NOVEMBER 12

**Russ Deaton** will lead a College Prep class to help youth and parents understand the various aspects of the college search and selection process on **Sunday, November 12** from **4:00 to 7:00 pm**. Youth only will meet from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, with the parent session from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The class will focus on preparing parents and youth to confidently and competently navigate college terminology, the financial aid process, selecting a school, and other aspects of preparing for college. The sessions are designed to inform and educate about higher education and what will be encountered along the journey. These sessions will not provide assistance with admission to a particular school or help edit college essays. All are welcome as it is never too late nor too early to begin learning about college.

## POINSETTIAS

You are invited to join in the Christmas celebration by providing **poinsettias** for the sanctuary or by giving a donation to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*. You may wish to purchase a plant or donate in memory of or to honor a special person. The plants are **\$8.00 each**.

*Please fill out the order blank below and mail to  
516 Franklin Road, Brentwood, TN 37027*

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be given to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*.

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at **\$8.00 each**.  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks payable to **Brenthaven Church**.  
Deadline for purchasing is **November 12, 2017**.

## SHOP WITH A PURPOSE!

Fundraiser for the Playground at Brenthaven Church.

Join us in the narthex for Christmas shopping  
with *Premier Designs*

**Sunday, November 12, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Hosted by **Jonelle Summitt and Angela Beaton**

With EVERY \$75 purchase, select ANY additional  
item at 50% off !!

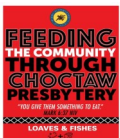
25% of sales will be donated to the church.

## COME CRAFT WITH US!

Crafting is open to all **Tuesday, November 21,  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. Bring your projects, or come and  
be involved in making wooden signs. Lunch and  
snacks will be served for \$5 per person. Childcare is  
available upon request. Invite your friends; the more  
the merrier! RSVP **Angela Beaton** at 615-403-8255 or  
by email [thebeatonpath@aol.com](mailto:thebeatonpath@aol.com).

## 2017 LOAVES & FISHES OFFERING

Loaves and Fishes boxes are available in the  
Narthex. Pick yours up if you did not receive  
one on Sunday. The 2017 offering is for the  
Choctaw Presbytery. Joining together we can  
increase the impact Choctaw Presbytery has in feeding  
the community by giving others "something to eat"  
now and in years to come. The offering will be received  
during worship on Sunday, December 3.



## THANKSGIVING NEEDS

Our Step UP children need your help so they in turn  
can help others make their Thanksgiving meal very spe-  
cial. Step UP is for *Kids of the Kingdom* children in 6<sup>th</sup>  
grade who spend their last year in KOK doing projects  
and trips that help them prepare to make the move to  
the Youth Group. One of those projects is mission  
work and this year they would like to help *Sacred Sparks  
Ministry* provide Thanksgiving meals for some of their  
members who now have housing...which means they  
have a working kitchen to prepare a hot meal. So if you  
are out shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner and  
want to pick up an extra can of green beans, corn, a bag  
of dressing, Cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes or even a  
turkey, please do. We'll have a box designated for do-  
nations by the church office...and plenty of freezer  
space for a frozen turkey.

Thank you from the Step UP kids,

*Rachel, James, Josh, Michael and Anna Grace.*

## THE REZ

Winter is coming to *The Rez* in South Dakota. The  
Lakota Indians of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation  
need our help to stay warm. The new warm hats and  
caps, gloves, scarves, long underwear, sweaters and  
long sleeve shirts that we collect and send every year  
are always appreciated. We are collecting all sizes, for  
the smallest child to the largest adult. Please help to  
warm their hands, feet, and hearts with the love of  
Christ. Bring your donations to the church by Sunday,  
November 26 and place them in the box by the church  
office. These items will be mailed by November 30.  
Thank you.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL MENU

Wednesday Night Special menu for November 15:  
*Italian Night*. Please make, cancel, or adjust your meal  
reservations by Monday, November 13 before 10:00 am.

## BOOKEND BOOKCLUB

The BookEnd BookClub will meet on  
**Thursday, November 16, 9:30 am** in the  
Adult Library to discuss the novel *The Atonement  
Child* by Francine Rivers. Written with balance and  
compassion, *The Atonement Child* brings a new perspec-  
tive to the most controversial topic of our times. This  
is ultimately a tale of three women, as Dynah's plight  
forces both her mother and her grandmother to face  
the choices they made.



## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Recent Additions

Rhonda Mossbarger, Betty Murray,  
Glen DeWitt (*father of Suzanne Ghianni*),  
those impacted by the shootings in TX

### Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

### Members

Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben & Mickey Davis,  
Randy Elliott, Ollie Faircloth, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry,  
Em Ghianni, Joe Ghianni, Carol Gonzales, Madge & Paul  
Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Giff Jordon, Hardy Moyers,  
Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Deborah Rolman, Sandra  
Shepherd, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Rev. 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*), Charles Bloom (*friend of Barry Campbell*), Jacob  
Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Bowles Family (*friends of Angie  
Johnson*), Houston Brown (*friend of Rush family*), Penny Bucher  
(*sister-in-law of Carol Perryman*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce  
Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Jimmy Carson (*friend of Miab Faircloth*), Betty  
Collins (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa  
Cooke*), Marion Day (*father of Jim Day*), Rob Dollar (*friend of Tim  
Ghianni*), 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*), Tommy Graves  
(*son of Paul & Madge Graves*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul &  
Madge Graves*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Peggy  
Howell (*neighbor of Brenthaven Church*), Alyssa Huggins (*former  
member*), 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*), Doug Phelps, Judith Plucker (*friend of  
Nanette Ricker and Shali Scott*), Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*),  
Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Kevin Sisk (*brother of Kimberly  
Crowe*), 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 affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria,  
and Nate, those impacted by the shootings in Las Vegas,  
those affected by the California Fires, those serving our  
country

### Deaths

Family Lucian Franklin Emerson, Jr. (*brother of Jon Emerson*)  
Family of Jon Stewart (*son of Brenthaven Consignor*)

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Allan Deckret*

Stan & Lori Wooten  
Bart King

### *In Memory of David Medlin*

Hardy & Sandra Moyers

## THANK YOU FROM THE FAIRCLOTH FAMILY

I want to thank everyone for every hug, prayer,  
kind word, gift, card/note, meal, help with transpor-  
tation, babysitting and blanket!, that you have given  
to Ollie, Baird, and me. We have felt the warm em-  
brace of the entire church! We have a long way to  
go yet but Ollie has a Warrior spirit! God is in con-  
trol and He knows what is best for us!

God bless,

*Miab, Baird, and Ollie (Mohawk Warrior)*

## BIG THANK YOU

We want to send a big THANK YOU for every-  
one who donated candy, helped with set up, created  
a trunk, did face painting, DJ'd, helped with games,  
helped with prizes, made popcorn, the youth for fill-  
ing the treat bags and those who helped with break-  
down to make Trunk or Treat a huge success! De-  
spite the cold weather, we had a great turnout and  
the trunks and costumes were wonderful!

We certainly appreciate each one of you.

*Angela Beaton*

*and the Outreach and Church Growth Ministry*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are **due Sun-  
day, November 12**. If you feel led to help, sugges-  
tions for what to pack and what not to pack are on the  
Samaritans Purse website

[www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

If you would like to help provide postage the boxes,  
the requested amount is \$9 per box.

If you have questions please contact Linda Pulley,  
[lwpulley@bellsouth.net](mailto:lwpulley@bellsouth.net) or 615-504-5599. Thank you.

## RECENT GUESTS

Mary Lee Faircloth  
Hannah Takenoya

Amelia Reddy

## ATTENDANCE

*Sunday, November 5, 2017*

Sunday School 89    Worship 159

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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 12** *Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due*  
**9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:45 am** Worship  
**4:00 pm** Handbell Rehearsal  
**4:00 pm** College Prep Class - Youth  
**5:00 pm** College Prep Class - Parents  
**5:00 pm** Youth ROCKS  
**5:00 pm** Kids of the Kingdom  
**5:00 pm** Playground Fundraiser  
**7:00 pm** ESPN (*Corner Pub Brentwood*)
- Nov 14** **10:30 am** Bridge Group  
**6:30 pm** Session
- Nov 15** **5:45 pm** Wednesday Night Special - Meal  
**6:30 pm** Wednesday Night Special - Classes  
 KOK  
 WNY  
**7:30 pm** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Nov 16** **9:30 am** BookEnd BookClub  
**11:00 am** Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
- Nov 17** **5:30 pm** Youth Depart for NaCoMe Retreat  
**6:00 pm** Safe Haven
- Nov 19** **9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:45 am** Worship  
**12:00 pm** Shepherd Potluck Lunch  
**12:00 pm** Youth Retreat Returns  
**1:00 pm** Handbell Rehearsal  
**4:00 pm** Step Up  
**5:00 pm** Kids of the Kingdom  
**7:00 pm** ESPN (*Corner Pub Brentwood*)

**SERVING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12**

- Acolytes:* Jackson Campbell, Leah McCulley  
*Lector:* Russ Deaton  
*Greeters:* Janiece Redmon, Sherry Kelly  
*Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)  
 Betsy Canupp, Heather MacDonald (*Worship*)  
*Usbers:* Larry Davidson, Greg Allen,  
 Angela Beaton, Barry Campbell,  
 Trent Johnson, Elwyn Pierce,  
 Frank Scott, Lori Wooten  
*Wee Worship:* Harriette Blake, Allie Ford  
*Lectionary Readings for*  
*Sunday, November 12(Green)*  
 Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24; John 7:37-38

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 5****OPERATING & DEBT  
RETIREMENT BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$ 431.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	11,225.88
Weekly Need	10,772.37
Received for Year-to-Date	446,588.67
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	480,671.18
	(34,082.51)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	496,056.75

**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>