



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## A CALL TO PRAYER

We live in a world of mean-spirited, us-them and simplistic right-wrong thinking. Yet, that's not how God intended for it to be. As I sit in my office, the stream of people walking by my window, are coming into the building to cast their vote in the most divisive election of my lifetime. By the time you read this, the election will be over (we pray), and probably 49% of the country will not be happy. But, as people of faith, we have a job to do – PRAY! Whether our candidate has won or not, our call as Christians is to be in prayer for all of those in leadership. Don't believe me? Take a look at this.

The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy these words: *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity."* (1 Timothy 2:1-2) Pray for *everyone*, even *everyone* in authority, for God wants to save *everyone* and Christ Jesus gave himself as a ransom for *everyone*. There are no exceptions here. God calls conservatives to pray for their liberal brothers and sisters and liberals to pray for their conservative brothers and sisters! Democrats are called to pray for Republicans and Republicans are called to pray for Democrats! And we are all called to pray for our leaders. So, as we reach the end of the mudslinging, I challenge each one of us (myself included), to begin a prayer for the next person who is bold enough to take the office of this country and for its people. We pray for wisdom, for guidance, for strength, for unity and for peace.

*Gracious God, we do not know what the future holds for those elected this day. Nevertheless, we place our trust in you and lift up those who will serve. We pray that they will fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care.*

*Guide them by your wisdom and grace. May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled to lead our country with honesty and integrity. We also pray for unity of the people, working together to make this nation, our home, a place of love and grace and hope. We pray as your people. Amen.*

Will you pray with me?

Grace and peace,

## 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**.

**(Payment is enclosed.)**

Given in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks payable to **Brenthaven Church**.

Deadline for purchasing is **November 20, 2016**.

## 2016 LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING

Loaves and Fishes Offering boxes are available at the church. Pick yours up if you did not get one on Sunday. The 2016 offering is for Hot Lunch in Haiti.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

There is still time to bless a child in need! The *Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes* **deadline** has been extended to **Sunday, November 20**. The shoebox you pack brings good news and great joy to children all over the world. The treasures and personal letters inside communicate that someone cares for them and gives them an opportunity to experience the love of God. For many children this is the first gift they will have ever received! Remember to include your \$7 check for each box you bring to cover the cost of shipping and handling. Pick up a brochure from the Welcome Center. For suggestions in what to pack go to

www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.





Lots of ‘high fives’ to the following youth members: **Joseph Malloy** and his soccer team, the Nashville FC Youth 98 Boys Revolution, became Tennessee’s under 19 Division 1 State Champions. Joseph is a Senior at Franklin High School. While on the ice, **Matthew Thayer** and his PeeWee Flyers A1 Orange team were crowned Champions at the Shout Out Hockey competition in Indianapolis over the weekend. Matthew plays goalie and is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Brentwood Middle.

On the mat, **Corina Crowe**, who is part of the *Let It Shine* T&T Team, recently won first place in tumbling, first place in double mini stunt pass and second place in trampoline at her first trampoline and tumbling competition in Clarksville. Corina is a Freshman at Brentwood High.

And say “Grand Champions” to both **Josh Peppers** and **Shelby Thayer**, members of the Brentwood High School Band. Brentwood competed in the Class 4 Division at the Mid-South Marching Invitational. Their emotional and patriotic show is called *The Letter: Pearl Harbor*. Both Josh and Shelby are Freshmen at the high school with Shelby playing the flute and Josh the trombone. Over the Thanksgiving break they will travel to Hawaii to take part in the ceremony marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

## FREEZER MEAL WORKSHOP

Would you love to have dinner ready and waiting when you get home? No problem! Come to the Freezer Crockpot Workshop on **Saturday, December 3** at **10:00 am**. For just the cost of supplies, you will assemble and take home prepared meals to feed your family, or you can make smaller portions if you would rather. All of the ingredients will be prepped and ready to assemble when you arrive.

If this is not something you need but you would enjoy the fellowship, join us for the workshop and donate your meals to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*.

This is an Outreach Ministry event, so invite your friends and neighbors.

For more information contact **Angela Beaton** at [thebeatonpath@aol.com](mailto:thebeatonpath@aol.com) or 615-403-8255.

**To sign up** to participate go to:

[signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eaaab2eaa8-crockpot](http://signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eaaab2eaa8-crockpot)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL MENU

Wednesday, November 16: *The menu has not yet been decided. It will be noted in the Sunday, Nov. 13 bulletin.*

Please make, cancel, or adjust your meal reservations by Monday, November 14 before 10:00 am.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCENE

*“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness; ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Matthew 3:3b:*

People of faith are needed to carry Christ’s message into the world. That’s part of the story of John the Baptist, who the children will study in their November *Workshop Rotation Sunday School Classes*. John was a reclusive prophet whose lifestyle seemed odd to many people. But yet he would draw crowds and baptize many, including Jesus.

The children first hear John’s story from John himself, or at least **Russ Deaton** playing the part of John. They will also learn about “preparing the way,” as we take a look at a classic movie, “Godspell.” Reverend Sandra will join the children to teach them the song, “Prepare Ye the Way,” which will also include sign language. And with the help of **Gwen Keiser** the children will make ribbon sticks and special stoles to wear to welcome the baby Jesus. They will show you all they have learned and made about John the Baptist, Sunday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup> during worship.

The evening of December 4<sup>th</sup> the children of *Kids of the Kingdom* invite you back to church to share their Christmas message in a delightful musical called, “The Plane Truth about Christmas.” A busy month ahead “preparing,” for our children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Cheryl Morris in the church office with any questions about Brenthaven’s Children Ministry.

## LADIES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Attention all ladies of Brenthaven, our **Christmas Celebration** will have a “makeover” this year. We will gather at **Noon on Tuesday, December 6** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your special Christmas covered dish to share. Drinks and Ham will be provided.

Come and bring a guest. We’ll share songs and special Christmas stories.

As in years past, we will support the following mission projects:

*Safe Haven Family Shelter*

Toilet Tissue, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Diapers, Shampoos, Conditioners, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, and other Toiletry Items.

*Lakota Indians of the Pine Ridge Reservation*

Scarves, Gloves, Caps and Socks for any age.

Please notify **Nanette Ricker** at 615-776-3326 or **Beverly Shaw** at 615-832-2378 if you are attending.

See you there!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Homebound

Chris Henry, Forrest King

### Members

Hester Allen, Andy Blake, Ed Bryan, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben & Mickey Davis, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge Graves, Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Tammy Lake, Jacob Malloy, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Janiece Redmon, Peggy Rushing, Beverly St. John, Dot Slagle, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor

### Family and Friends

Jim & Christine Alford (*co-workers of Diana Williard*), Carney Allen (*father of Greg T. Allen*), Charles Douglas Ballard (*cousin of Joan Bledsoe*), Dorothy Black (*grandmother of Megan Gregali*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Betty Collins (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Allan Deckret (*friend of Brenthaven*), Glen DeWitt (*father of Suzanne Ghianni*), Charles Dial (*brother of Billy Dial*), Rob Dollar (*friend of Tim Ghianni*), Mallory Dowden (*great niece of Jane Dowden*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), John Ferguson (*father of Jonelle Summitt & Christi Peppers*), 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*), Joe Hearn (*father of Jodi Rush*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Mary & Don Johnson (*friends of Jane Dowden*), Judy Jones (*friend of Scott Felts*), Jennie Sue Kuebitz (*daughter of Beverly Shaw*), Lori Lindley (*friend of Mike & Julie Murphy*), Shirley Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*), James McCulley (*father of Jay McCulley*), Larry Mitchell (*uncle of Jodi Rush*), Wanda Morris (*mother of Carol Ramsay*), Ben Osburn (*former member*), RheAnn White Peacock, Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Reggie Reed (*husband of co-worker of Lori Wooten*), Johnny Rush (*father of Pastor Kip*), Mary Scott (*mother of Frank Scott*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sberyl Day*), The Smith Family (*friends of Laura Ellen Pulley*), Ellie Taliaferro (*young friend of the Crowe Family*), Donna Tillett (*sister-in-law of Cindy Phelps*), Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), Robert Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Billie Lou Wooten (*sister of Brenda Medlin*), Judith Wright (*grandmother ofCarolynn Hallquist*), those serving our country



## RECENT GUESTS

Diane Kelly  
John & Deb Laninga

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Sue Malone*

Joyce Burch  
Guy & Loretta Sneed  
Ron & Ann White

### *In Memory of Rev. Dr. Bob Shelton*

Mac & Kaye Holland  
Bart King

## THANK YOU

Brenthaven Church,

I want to thank everyone who called, sent cards, and visited me after my surgery. I am feeling much better and looking forward to having a full recovery.

Thanks again,  
Janiece Redmon

## THANKS

Kids of Kingdom,

KOK's you are the best! My surprise from you for Halloween was so special.

I had so much fun looking at the different art work and now my home has been decorated for Halloween and Thanksgiving, thanks to you.

You are a special group and I love each of you!  
Blessings,  
Betty Murray

## BOOKEND BOOK CLUB

The BookEnd BookClub will be discussing **West End** by Crockett White on **Thursday, November 17, 9:30 am** in the Adult Library. Set in Nashville in the 1960's, it is a story of a newspaper and southern politics. Mr. White is a native Tennessean who has taught at Harvard and MTSU.

### **Kids of the Kingdom**

Present

The  
**Plane Truth**  
About **Christmas**



Sunday, December 4  
5:00 pm

Reception Following

## ATTENDANCE

*Sunday, November 6, 2016*

Sunday School 85    Worship 158

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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 13** 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship  
 3:45 pm Handbells  
 5:00 pm Kids of the Kingdom  
 5:00 pm Youth ROCKS  
 7:00 pm ESPN
- Nov 15** 10:30 am Staff Calendar Planning Meeting
- Nov 16** 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Special - Meal  
 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Special - Classes  
 Kids of the Kingdom  
 Wednesday Night Youth  
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Nov 17** 9:30 am BookEnd BookClub  
 11:30 am Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
- Nov 18** 5:00 pm NaCoMe Retreat Departs  
 6:00 pm Step Up Goes to Safe Haven
- Nov 20** *Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Due*  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship  
 12:00 pm DMT Meeting  
 12:00 pm Stewardship/Finance Ministry Mtg.  
 12:00 pm NaCoMe Retreat Returns  
 3:45 pm Handbells  
 5:00 pm Kids of the Kingdom  
 7:00 pm ESPN

**SERVING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13**

- Acolytes:* Yulia Rich  
 Anna Grace Wooten
- Greeters:* Joan Bledsoe, Jonelle Summitt
- Nursery:* Rebecca Dandrea (*Sunday School*)  
 Mary Moore (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Larry Davidson, Greg Allen, Barry Campbell,  
 Cindi Edwards, Charlie Floyd, Frank Scott,  
 Ron White, Lori Wooten
- Wee Worship:* Deborah Deaton, Casey Crowe
- Narrative Lectionary Readings for  
 Sunday, November 13 (Green)*  
 Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:8-10

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 6****OPERATING & DEBT  
 RETIREMENT BUDGET**

Received this week	11,765.80
Weekly Need	10,805.00
Received for Budget Year-to-Date	430,290.52
Need Year-to-Date	486,225.00
	(55,934.48)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	10,000.00
Mortgage Principal Balance	595,420.42

**STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

**Kip J. Rush**, Pastor  
**Sandra Shepherd**, Associate Pastor of Christian Discipleship  
**Cheryl Morris**, Children's Ministry  
**Corey Wright**, Youth Ministry  
**Linda Pulley**, Director of Music  
**Amity Marsh**, Organist  
**Penni Reitmeyer**, Office Administrator

**Session - The Elders**

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
<b>Suzanne Ghianni</b>	<b>Barry Campbell</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>
<b>Jill Weisz Keller</b>	<b>Bill Dobbins</b>	<b>Chris Fleming</b>
<b>Rhonda Mossbarger</b>	<b>Jennie Ford</b>	<b>Renee McCulley</b>
<b>Christi Peppers</b>	<b>Julie Murphy</b>	<b>Julie Travis</b>