



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## IT'S ALMOST HERE!

It's almost here! Oh, I know Christmas is almost here, but what I really mean is THE SUNDAY of Advent that is filled to the brim with activity. This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, we begin with the Word presented in music as the choir offers their cantata, *Sing with the Angels*. Then, we get to sit around the table for Christmas lunch. A nice little down home barbeque with the fixins' (**that you bring**). And then, if that's not enough, the Live Nativity, with a camel, a zebu (little cow), a donkey, sheep and a naughty goat will be brought to life and people will sing, listen, travel and have a treat or two. WHAT A DAY!

Here's why I love this day so much. This day brings to life the "reason for the season" and almost everyone is involved in some way. I believe that is the way it should be. The Brenthaven family comes to life and gets busy on this day more than any other. From rehearsals to presentation, from planning to preparing and serving the meal, to construction and preparation of snacks to dressing up in characters and tending the animals, **YOU** all play a part!

I tell people all the time how special Brenthaven is and how gifted and giving the members are. And that doesn't just happen on this day, it happens all the time. But, this Sunday, it is especially on display. **YOU** bring to life the Gospel and share the Good News to the world. **YOU** offer your gifts of time and talents and share in Christ's call to spread the message that something special is coming.

So, even before the day arrives, let me say, "Thank You!" Thank you for giving yourself and sharing yourself with all those who enter the doors of Brenthaven Church. My prayer is that each of these events will add a special "extra" to your Christmas festivities and be reminders of the blessings that **YOU** are to me and so many others. You may be tired when it is all said and done, but it will be the best tired you've ever been!

Grace and peace,

## BRENTHAVEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

We will be having a good ol'-fashioned BBQ for the Christmas lunch after service on **December 16**. We will be providing pulled pork and chicken so please bring sides to fit BBQ (Texas-style is best): Baked or BBQ beans, Slaw, Potato Salad, Corn Bread (sweet cornbread is my fav) and everything in between. Man I am getting hungry, can't wait to see y'all there. Everyone is invited. **DON'T FORGET!**

### BRENTHAVEN SANCTUARY CHOIR & INSTRUMENTALISTS

Present



*Sing  
with the  
Angels!*

**Sunday, December 16  
10:45 am**

Join Us for a

# Live Nativity

**Sunday, December 16  
5:00 to 8:00 pm**

FREE event. Complimentary Soup Supper.  
Plenty of Hot Chocolate.

Make this a part of your family tradition.  
Invite family, friends and acquaintances.

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE LIVE NATIVITY

Volunteers are still needed. Anyone of any age may volunteer for the Live Nativity held this **Sunday, December 16**, from **5:00 to 8:00 pm**. Be a character, a greeter, part of crowd control, or help serve the meals and hot chocolate. Work inside or outside, your choice. We would like to have 2 shifts, so lots of volunteers are needed.



We are also in need of soups for the complimentary supper provided for our visitors. If anyone would be willing to cook and bring soup please contact **Jonelle Summitt** by email:

[jonellesummitt@bellsouth.net](mailto:jonellesummitt@bellsouth.net).

## BookEnd BookClub and Creative Craft Ministry

On **Thursday, December 20** the BookEnd BookClub and the Creative Craft Ministry will join together for a **Potluck Brunch** at the home of **Barbara Dial**. Please make plans to meet at 1224 Parker Place, Brentwood, 37027 at **9:30 am**.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards, created by the Creative Craft Ministry, are now available for purchase. Price is \$3.50 each or two for \$6.00. All proceeds of the sale of the cards goes to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

**Monday, December 24, 6:00 pm**

Brenthaven members, family, and friends are invited for a service celebrating the arrival of God's gift to all. This candlelight service is a meaningful tradition for many and is a time for all ages. We hope you will join us.



## PRAYER PARTNERS

Member Care has set up three teams as Prayer Partners. If any one would like to join a Prayer Partner Team, please contact **Jan Marshall** or **Loretta Sneed**.

## PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS

The time for collecting bottle caps is drawing to a close. If you have any at home that you have been collecting, please bring them to the church office as soon as possible.



## YOUTH ROCKS MLK WEEKEND RETREAT

For the MLK Weekend Retreat Youth ROCKS will be venturing to Louisville, Kentucky, Friday, January 18 - Monday, January 21. The resources for the weekend have been designed by the CP denomination. The theme is *Stir*. Discussions will be on God's good, broken, and redeemed creation. Registration for the Retreat is now closed. Final forms and money are due by Sunday, January 13 for those who are registered.

## BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

Because of your support to GraceWorks Ministries last year:

- 4,021 neighbors in need received Christmas gifts through GraceWorks Manger.
- 3,261 neighbors were helped to find shelter or avoid homelessness with rent and utility support.
- 5,967 carts of food were distributed to Williamson County families in need.
- Over 7,000 food-insecure neighbors were given food.
- 24,096 bags of weekend food were given through the Students Fuel Bag Programs.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Harriette Blake

### Homebound

Hester Allen, Forrest King

### Members

Ben Davis, Mickey Davis, Barbara Dial, Bob Dozier, Ollie Faircloth, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Paul Gonzales, Madge & Paul Graves, Doris Gray, Tommy Hennesy, Suzanne Johnson, Robert Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Betty Murray, Jean Overstreet, Jack. C. Phillips, Larry Pulley, Anna Rutledge, Guy Sneed

### 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*), Wanda Blair and family (*friend of Scott Felts*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Dorothy Bucher (*mother of Carol Perryman*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Fahlin Chapman (*friend of Jenny and Anna Grace Wooten*), Jerry Chesnut, Betty Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), LeeAnn Dawkins (*niece of Hardy Moyers*), Harry Dexheimer (*age 7, son of Brenthaven Consignor*), 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*), Bob Hallquist (*grandfather of Carolynn Hallbright*), Brian Hartman (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Sue Hearn (*aunt of Jodi Rush*), Kelly Jo Hicks (*friend of D'ann Ricketts*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Shirley Jansma, Gloria Jobe (*mother of the Renee McCulley*), David Katz (*brother of Dan MacDonald*), David Kirby (*husband of Donna Kirby*), John Kirkland (*son-in-law Joyce Burch*), 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*), Doug Powers, Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Vicki Scott (*sister of Stan Wooten*), Jimmy Sharpe (*director of Junior Camp*), Patty Short (*friend of Myra Agee*), Meredith Simmons (*friend of Jack Keiser*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Super Sophie, age 10 (*granddaughter of friends of Marty & Cheryl Morris*), Cindy Underwood (*friend of Jan Davidson*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Melissa Waddey (*co-worker of Lori Wooten*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Judith Wright (*grandmother of Carolynn Hallbright*), those serving our country

### Deaths

Family of Jim Robinson (*former member*)



## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Hardy Moyers*

Joan Bledsoe  
Don & Karen Bouldin  
Betsy Canupp  
Larry & Jan Davidson  
Jane Dowden  
Bob Dozier  
Charlie & Treva Floyd  
Mac & Kaye Holland  
Bart King  
Jan Marshall  
Ronny & Becky Jones  
Ron & Brenda Medlin  
Betty Murray  
Wylene Nix  
Rose O'Hara  
Keith & Carol Perryman  
Elwyn & Bonnie Pierce  
Lee Roy Satterwhite  
Beverly Garrett Shaw  
Stan & Lori Wooten

### *In Memory of John Dement*

Keith & Carol Perryman

### *In Memory of Ben Osburn*

Mac & Kaye Holland  
Bart King

### *In Honor of the Directors and the Cast of the Kids of the Kingdom Christmas Program*

Ronny & Becky Jones

## THANK YOU

Dear Brenthaven,

Sam and Mike join me in saying how much we appreciate all of the calls, cards, visits, and prayers our family received during Hardy's long illness. We want to thank Pastor Kip, Linda Pulley, the choir members, and Mark Beall for their meaningful participation in Hardy's Celebration of Life. Also, we want to express our appreciation to all of our dear friends who cooked, served, and assisted in the visitation and family meal after the service.

Blessings to each and every one of you!

*Sandra Moyers*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec 16** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
  - 9:30 am Sunday School
  - 10:45 am Worship - *Sing with the Angels*
  - 12:00 pm Christmas Lunch
  - 5:00 to 8:00 pm **Live Nativity**
- Dec 17** 10:00 am Young @ Heart
- Dec 19** 6:30 pm Choir Party (*Pulleys*)
- Dec 20** 9:30 am BookEnd BookClub & Creative Craft Potluck Brunch (*Dials*)
  - 5:00 pm Christmas Caroling
- Dec 23** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
  - 9:30 am Sunday School
  - 10:45 am Worship

**ATTENDANCE**

*Sunday, December 9, 2018*  
Sunday School 71 Worship 146

**SERVING WEEK OF DECEMBER 16**

- Acolytes:* Sarah Beaton, Leah McCulley
- Greeters:* Nico & Megan Gregali  
*Christmas Cantata*
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp (*Sunday School*)  
Betsy Canupp, Ben Gross (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Stan Wooten, Stuart Beaton III, Andy Blake,  
Billy Dial, Nico Gregali, Sherry Kelly,  
Jacob Malloy, Blaze Wattenbarger
- Wee Worship:* No Wee Worship  
*Sunday, December 16 (blue)*  
Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6;

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR DECEMBER 9**

**OPERATING & DEBT  
RETIREMENT BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$ 1,341.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	30,256.11
Weekly Need	10,277.69
Received Year-to-Date	540,687.98
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	521,459.25
Difference	19,228.73
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	9,579.73
Mortgage Principal Balance	387,484.36

**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>