



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

“Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—mediate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.” -Philippians 4:8-9

Two weeks ago, the adult choir sang “Think on These Things,” an anthem written beautifully by Mark Patterson. Each time we rehearsed this anthem, and each time I studied it in preparation for rehearsal, the words became even more meaningful.

We are all aware of the conflicts in our world: wars, threats of war, and senseless killings throughout the world and even in our own communities. We all have family and/or friends struggling with health issues, whether physical or mental, and every way we turn, we are bombarded by bad, or even horrific, news.

God knows that we don’t live our lives in a bubble, and He doesn’t expect us to ignore the heartache and suffering that seems to overshadow the joys in life. Imagine the heartache He experienced as He allowed His only Son to suffer and die for the sake of the world, all those in it and all of those to come. While God is well aware of our suffering and our challenges in life, He provides us strength when we lean on Him.

My prayer for you is that you feel God’s love surround you as you cast your cares on Him.

God’s peace,

Linda



PROVIDING THANKSGIVING MEALS

Our **Step-UP youth** have a goal this fall of giving thanks and providing a delicious Thanksgiving meal to others. They will be assisting Rev. Lisa Cook by providing the ingredients for a Thanksgiving dinner for five families with Sacred Sparks Ministry who have their own housing and kitchen. Rev. Lisa provides the grocery list, and the kids, along with Ean and me, head out to do the shopping.



If you would like to donate a few dollars to help us with the costs, please go to the church website (www.brenthaven.org), click on *Giving*, then *Donate Now*, and you will be given choices for donating funds. Our listing is ***Thanksgiving Meals for Sacred Sparks Families***. Or, you may mail or drop money off at the church for either Ean, Bart King, or me. But, if you see a great deal on canned items, such as green beans, sweet potatoes, or even aluminum foil, we’ll take items like that, too. Thank you so much for your consideration and for supporting us in this holiday tradition!

Cheryl

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 **\$9.75 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*.

and/or

purchase _____ poinsettias at **\$9.75 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 19, 2023**

HIKE FOR SAFE HAVEN

Saturday, November 4, will be the annual *Hike for Safe Haven* at **Edwin Warner Park**. You can participate in the hike, but you can also help by sponsoring a family for the holidays. Donations are also welcome. For details, see hikeforsafehaven.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL TONIGHT

Catered dinner from 5:45–6:25

Classes from 6:30–7:30

***Tonight's Dinner: Greek**

***Nov.1st Dinner: Deli Night**

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TRUNK OR TREAT TIME

Please come join the fun at this year's **Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29th** from 4–6 pm! Decorate your trunk, wear your costume, play games, or just have fun. We're looking for volunteers to decorate vehicles and run the different games. We also would like to ask for **donations of candy**. Please use the link below if you are able to help.

<https://form.jotform.com/232714596166160>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Make a difference in a child's life with **Operation Christmas Child**. Shoeboxes will be due **Monday, November 20, 2023**. Look for the display in the church narthex. For more information, please see the website at samaritanspurse.org.

GREETING CARDS & GIFT BAGS



Do you need a greeting card or a gift bag? Check out the expanded line of greeting cards and gift bags that are perfect for all occasions, located in the church narthex. All funds from the sale of the cards and bags help to support **Sacred Sparks Ministry**.

SESSION MINUTES SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 10, 2023

- Prayer concerns were shared.
- Pastor's Report was provided. Pastor Kip will be adjusting office hours when needs arise.
- Program Ministry Reports were provided.
 - * Building and Grounds: The Session approved contacting a plumber and USS Concrete to provide estimates for repairs to the manse. Provided the estimates are not cost prohibitive, the Session approved to begin repairs with a goal of renting the manse.
 - * Discipleship Ministry: Funds were approved to be redistributed within the ministry budget to cover shortage on Youth Activities and Supplies through the remainder of the year.
 - * Church Growth and Outreach Ministry: Plans are being made for Trunk-or-Treat, which will be Sunday, October 29.
- Ministry member lists were distributed, and the Session was asked to recruit additional members to fill the ministry rosters.
- A Shepherd Lunch will be held Sunday, November 19, after worship.
- Elder Jan Davidson will attend as delegate to the meeting of Nashville Presbytery on Tuesday, October 24, at Beech CP Church.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Charles & Gladys Belew

C. T. Cozart (*brother-in-law of Becky Jones*)

Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*)

Members

Greg Allen, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Tony Benefield (*brother of Karen Benefield*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Becky Brown (*friend of Becky Jones*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miah Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Christi Dale (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Shirley Jansma, Patti Jobe (*sister-in-law of Renee McCulley*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Lukas Miscaie (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Mark Wiley (*cousin of Pastor Kip*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country, prayers for the Middle East

Deaths

Family of Valerie Thompson



ADDRESS CORRECTION

Billy Dial
102 Wheatfield Circle S1263
Brentwood, TN 37027



SACRED SPARKS NEWS

This week I want to share about our awesome team of volunteers at our Loads of Love laundry ministry. We have lots of volunteers who come and go (thank you!), but the folks I am going to tell you about are there serving our friends every week.

Brittni has washed thousands of loads of laundry for our friends. She has experienced homelessness and is now giving back in a big way. She is our logistical taskmaster and keeps us all focused and on track.

Stacey manages the kitchen like a pro and has served thousands of meals to our friends. She is our communication hub and always knows when a friend needs something. She has also experienced homelessness and is giving back.

Alvin is 82 and is our director of hospitality. He makes everybody feel welcomed, and everybody knows his name. He will take you on a tour of our facilities if you just ask.

Lisa is his daughter. She has taken the role of pastor for our volunteer team and takes care of all of us spiritually when she is not washing dishes.

Beth is also Alvin's daughter, and she is our go-to helper for the laundry littles. This gift, and the awesome desserts she makes every week, is so appreciated.

Guin is our eye of the hurricane. When she is around she brings a peace and calm that is so appreciated.

Sacred Sparks Ministry could not do this important work without this great team of volunteers! Thank you!



Nov. 1	Rachel Weisz	Nov. 18	Tim Ghianni
	James Tilley		Beckett Strickland
Nov. 2	Cindi Edwards		Sophia Summitt
	Lincoln Sutton	Nov. 19	Mary Moore
Nov. 4	Jack Keiser	Nov. 20	Carolyn Hallbright
Nov. 6	John Marsh		Giff Jordon
Nov. 8	Sandra Shepherd	Nov. 22	Randy Elliott
Nov. 11	Billy Dial	Nov. 25	Jodi Rush
	Bill Dobbins	Nov. 26	Denise Carr
Nov. 14	Sean Thompson		Grady Deaton
	Kristin Wattenbarger		Blaze Wattenbarger
Nov. 17	John Edwards	Nov. 27	Carol Gonzales
		Nov. 30	Rebecca Dandrea

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 29

- Oct. 26** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct. 29** 9:30 AM Sunday School (*Sunday Connections Breakfast*)
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Missions Ministry Meeting
 4:00–6:00 PM Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 30** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Nov. 1** 5:45 PM WNS (All Saints Celebration)
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Nov. 2** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Nov. 3–5** Synodic High School Retreat
- Nov. 5** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship (*All Saints Day*)
 4:30–6:00 PM KOK Practice
(End of Daylight Saving Time)

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)
 Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18;
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Psalm 1;
 I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 22

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$1,550.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	10,006.13
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	431,308.85
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	452,287.62
Difference	-20,978.77

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, Senior Pastor
Sandra Shepherd, Assoc. Pastor of Christian Discipleship
Cheryl Morris, Children's Ministry
Ean Taylor, Assoc. Pastor for Youth/Young Adult Ministry
Linda Pulley, Director of Music
Amity Marsh, Organist
Karen Benefield, Office Admin (secretary@brenthaven.org)

Session – The Elders

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Ben Gross	Fred Ford, Jr.	Jeri Behan
Bart King	Suzanne Ghianni	Jan Davidson
Julie Murphy	Mark Humphrey	Russ Deaton
Jonelle Summitt	Gwen Keiser	Joe Malloy