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BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE PURPOSE OF LENT

As you read this, the season of Lent has begun. What that means, of course, is a 40-day season (plus the Sundays within it) set aside by Christians for the purpose of preparing for the celebration of Christ's resurrection by _____. I can almost hear some of you wondering what's supposed to be in that blank. The challenge is for *you* to fill in the blank.

In the great scheme of things, Lent is seen as a time of repentance (regret, sorrow, remorse, atonement) and almsgiving (charity, sharing of resources, service to others). It is a time of seeking choices that help us to grow closer to Christ—a time to be intentional about following his example more carefully. Many people focus on prayer, reading of scripture, and/or serving others. Some abstain from things that tend to weaken their bodies, their sense of wholeness, or their ability to live as examples of faith in Christ. Others look for examples of kindness and selflessness, using those examples to encourage themselves to do the same.

Now, back to the blank in the first paragraph. My challenge for you today is to seriously, prayerfully consider how God is calling YOU to spend Lent this year. Are you called to abstain from something? Are you called to join something? Are you called to pray regularly about how to right the wrongs you see? Are you called to some sort of service to others? Are you called to build bridges in relationships? Are you called to encourage someone who could really use an ally? Are you called to deep study of a particular facet of your faith?

In whatever way God is calling you to spend Lent this year, I pray God will bless you (and me) with the strength and commitment to follow that path throughout the season. Maybe, just maybe, we'll be developing some new habits that can keep us grounded in our faith and growing ever closer to our amazing Lord!

Grace and peace,

Sandra



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT BRENTHAVEN

Wednesday Night Special classes begin next week on **February 21st** at 5:45 pm. WNS classes will meet **February 21st and 28th**, and **March 6th, 20th, and 27th**. We'll take a break when the schools do, so there will be no WNS on Mar. 13th.

Supper is always served at 5:45 pm, and we have a little time for fellowship before classes begin at 6:30 pm. Our children and youth will have time together, of course, and our adults can choose from three great classes: **The game of Mah Jongg**, taught by Doris Cantagallo; **The Message in Mainstream Music**, taught by Jay McCulley; and a **Bible Study** taught by Pastor Kip. Registration forms are in Sunday's bulletin or in the church office.

A GREAT CHILI COOKOFF

Last week, Brenthaven hosted its annual Chili Cookoff and it was a rousing success. Ten pots of chili were brought to see who had the most unique flavor of the year. It was a culinary delight for all those who attended—children and adults alike. Between the flavors of chili, both beef and chicken, and the hotdogs and fixin's, no one left hungry! But best of all, over \$900 was raised for **Sacred Sparks Ministry**.

For the first time in two years, we had a new winner as **Alex Crawley** will add his name to the Hall of Fame Apron. His applewood smoked chili tantalized everyone's taste buds. Coming in second was reigning champ, **Bart King**, and third was former winner, **Rachel Campbell**. They were just three of the great cooks who offered some great chili. On to next year!



MY OWN BACKYARD

We are collecting for *My Own Backyard* before Spring Break. We would like to collect **peanut butter crackers and apple sauce or fruit cups—individually wrapped**. We will collect these donations through **Sunday, March 3rd**. Look for the donation bin by the church office. Thank you!

FEBRUARY IS SOUPER BOWL MONTH!

To assist **Graceworks** in providing food to individuals and families in Williamson County, the church will be collecting canned soups throughout the month of February. Look for a bin marked "Soup For Graceworks" in the narthex.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALENTINE LOVE!

A BIG Thank You to everyone who donated goodies for the Valentine boxes we send to our college students. Boxes were packed to the top!



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The ladies of Brenthaven's Women's Ministry will be filling mid-calf white or black socks with the items below during our **February** meeting. We would like your help with donations of **small, individual-size items**. Please bring them to the church by **Sunday, February 25th** or **Monday, February 26th**.



Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Sunscreen/Bug Repellent
Nuts/Trail Mix
Kleenex Packages
Peanut Butter Crackers
Shampoo & Conditioner
Razors (men's & women's)
Hand Sanitizer

ChapStick
Tylenol
Band-Aids
Deodorant
Soap
Baby Wipes
Cereal Bars



Also, the **Bakeless Bake Sale** will be going on throughout **February** and **March**. Contributions may be made online at Brenthaven.org. Or mail your check to the church, made out to the **CPWM**.

STEP-UP LOCK-IN 2024

You can tell by the smiles that everyone had lots of fun at this year's lock-in. Thanks to Suzanne Ghianni for helping Pastor Ean from start to finish.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Charles & Gladys Belew, 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, Cheryl Morris, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Guy Sneed, Don Tabor, Cheryl Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Serenity Barksdale (*great-granddaughter of Barbara & Billy Dial*), 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*), Kevin Floyd (*son of Treva Floyd*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Helen James (*friend of Julie Travis*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Lukas Miscac (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), Jackie Nash (*friend of Julie Travis*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), Heather Perillo (*daughter of Dawn and Walter McBee*), Melissa Pyne (*granddaughter of Doris Cantagallo*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Elwanda Roberts (*cousin of Cheryl Morris*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Jamiee Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Wilma Wade (*sister of Kaye Holland*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” –1 John 4:7

Happy Valentine's Day!



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Wylene Nix

Bob Dozier, Mary Sue Stallings, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Turner



THANK YOU!

The family of **Wylene Turner Nix** would like to thank Brenthaven Church for the sympathy and words of encouragement during her recent illness and death. It is very difficult to watch such a long life filled with happiness and joy slowly slip away, but this is when the expressions of love and support by a vital church community truly exposes itself as a real and concrete expression of the love of Christ. We are grateful to be part of such a community.

–David Agee and family

PLAN YOUR TRIP NOW...

Envision Paris...

Think Olympics...

And then plan your trip to **Brenthaven's 2024 Vacation Bible School**, coming this summer in **June (24–27)**.

We are looking for tour guides (volunteers) to help with all the events. Please contact Ms. Cheryl or the church office if you would like to help. We know you won't want to miss any of the excitement!



YOUTH ROCKS MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline—Calling all youth and families! Youth need to be registered for the mission trip no later than **February 29th**. We will have NO option for late registrations per Appalachia Service Project regulations. Contact Ean if you need help registering.



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 14: Lenten Kick-Off/Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 21: Wednesday Night Special/Classes Begin

Feb. 25: Youth Spaghetti Lunch/Silent Auction

Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday Service

Mar. 29: Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

Mar. 31: Easter Service/Egg Hunt

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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 FEBRUARY 18

- Feb. 15** **9:30 AM** BookEnd Book Club *(Adult Library)*
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Feb. 18** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 2:00 PM Baby Shower *(for Katie Platz in Narthex)*
- Feb. 19** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart *(Adult Library)*
- Feb. 21** **5:45 AM** Wednesday Night Special
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal *(Choir Room)*
- Feb. 22** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Feb. 25** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Youth Spaghetti Lunch/Auction

First Sunday in Lent (purple)

Genesis 9:8-17;
Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:9-15

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 11

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$1,270.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,819.00
Weekly Need	10,822.00
Received Year-to-Date	81,899.52
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	97,967.92
Difference	-16,068.40

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

Class of 2024

Ben Gross
Bart King
Julie Murphy
Jonelle Summitt

Class of 2025

Fred Ford, Jr.
Suzanne Ghianni
Mark Humphrey
Gwen Keiser

Class of 2026

Jeri Behan
Jan Davidson
Russ Deaton
Joe Malloy