



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## HYMNS AND SONGS OF FAITH

It's amazing how much connection we feel to certain hymns and songs. There are hymns that we never tire of singing. I've actually had folks tell me that they would be happy to sing their favorite hymn every Sunday. While I realize that there are those special hymns that have meant so much to so many for as long as they can remember, we would do a disservice not to introduce new hymns and songs of faith in our services, whether sung as a congregation or as special music. One such piece is *Will You Come and Follow Me*, sometimes known as *The Summons*, written by John L. Bell in 1987.

John L. Bell was born in the Scottish town of Kilmarnock in Ayrshire, intending to be a music teacher prior to feeling the call to the ministry. He did volunteer work in deprived neighborhoods in London and served for two years as an associate pastor at the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam. He worked for five years as a youth pastor for the Church of Scotland, serving a large region that included about 500 churches. He then took a similar position with the Iona Community, and began to broaden the youth ministry to focus on renewal of the church's worship. He began to compose songs within the identifiable traditions of hymnody that address some of the concerns missing from the traditional Scottish hymnal.

In Bell's words, "I discovered that seldom did our hymns represent the plight of the poor people to God. There was nothing that dealt with unemployment, nothing that dealt with living in a multicultural society and feeling disenfranchised. There was nothing about child abuse. Nothing that helped see ourselves as brothers and sisters to those who are suffering from poverty or persecution."

This concern of Bell's led him not only to compose many songs but to introduce them internationally in many conferences.

As we ponder the powerful, and sometimes stinging words of this song, may it be our mission this Lenten season, and all seasons, to strive to live as Christ would have us to live, responding to His summons with true devotion.

### *The Summons*

"Will you come and follow Me, if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let My love be shown? Will you let My name be known? Will you let My life be grown in you, and you in Me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind, if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let Me answer pray'r in you, and you in Me?"

"Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free, and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you, and you in Me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through My sight and touch and sound in you and you, in Me?"

"Lord, Your summons echoes true, when You but call my name. Let me turn and follow You, and never be the same. In Your company, I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in You, and You in me."

"I will move and live and grow in You, and You in me."

May we truly move and live and grow in Christ.

*Linda*



## 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 25<sup>th</sup>** or **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**.



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](http://Brenthaven.org). Or mail your check to the church, made out to the **CPWM**.

LADIES, WE ARE HAVING A  
 "GROWING TOGETHER"  
 BRUNCH



SAVE THE DATE  
 SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024  
 1 John 4:19

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

**Wednesday Night Special** classes begin tonight at 5:45 pm. Classes will meet **February 28<sup>th</sup>** and **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>**. We'll take a break when the schools do, so there will be no WNS on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**Tonight's Dinner: BBQ**  
**Next Week's Dinner: Pizza**

## YOUTH ROCKS MISSION TRIP

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



Come join us this **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 12:00–2:00 pm for our **Youth ROCKS Spaghetti Lunch** and Silent Auction Fundraiser.

**Silent Auction:** car wash/detailing, yard work, room organization, back-breaking labor, delivery and personal shopping, baby sitting, artwork, fresh bakery items, and much more!

## SESSION MINUTES SUMMARY FEBRUARY 13, 2024

- \* Prayer concerns were shared.
- \* Information about the ENGAGE program was shared
- \* Program Ministry Reports were provided.

*Building and Grounds Ministry:* Repairs are almost complete at the manse to prepare for renting. Mighty Dog Roofing continues working with the insurance company applying for additional funds; once an update is received, decisions will be made on what actions to take.

*Discipleship Ministry:* Wednesday Night Special Spring Session to begin February 21, and the youth will begin fundraising to help offset cost of summer mission trip.

*Member Care Ministry:* They are requesting feedback on additional ways to engage visitors/new members.

*Missions Ministry:* Receiving updates from Reverend Kim Moore on current situation in Haiti.

## 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*), 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 Janiece 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

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Look for the donation bin by the church office. Thank you!

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Wylene Nix*

Young @ Heart

## THANK YOU!

I'm so thankful to all of you, my amazing church family, for your concern and prayers during this health crisis I find myself in right now. I truly have felt your prayers and best wishes. The cards, texts, food you have shared has brought such peace and knowledge that I'm not alone. (Pictures of the kids...I love those!)

After weeks of not knowing the cause of the sudden body pain I was feeling, I have a specialist now and a medical plan. I'm learning a lot about rheumatoid arthritis and know that with God's blessing and my medical team we'll find the right plan to control the pain so I can live comfortably. But I'm not there yet. My prayer is that that day comes soon.

Thank you everyone! Blessings, Cheryl Morris

## YOU ARE INVITED...

A wedding shower for:

***Gwendolyn Keiser & Preston Trammell***

**SATURDAY, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

**At Brenthaven**

Registered at Target. Gift cards are appreciated.

## GO FOR THE GOLD!

Envision Paris... Think Olympics...



And then plan your trip to **Brenthaven's 2024 Vacation Bible School**, coming this summer, **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!

## SUPER JOB ON SOUP DONATIONS!

We have been collecting soup for **GraceWorks Ministry**. We were challenged to bring 58 cans in **February** in honor of this year's Super Bowl, and then we were asked to double that. So far, Brenthaven, you have brought in more than **127 cans** of soup! Our pastor is now challenging us to triple that original number. We love a good challenge so there's no doubt we can do it! Look for the bin marked "Soup For GraceWorks" in the narthex.

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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 25**

- 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
- Feb. 27** 10:30 AM CPWM (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Feb. 28** 5:45 AM Wednesday Night Special  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Feb. 29** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Mar. 3** 9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship

*Second Sunday in Lent (purple)*

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;  
Psalm 22:23-31;  
Romans 4:13-25;  
Mark 8:31-38/9:2-9

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 18**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$514.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	13,701.44
Weekly Need	10,822.00
Received Year-to-Date	96,114.96
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	104,697.92
Difference	<b>-8,582.96</b>

**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**