



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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ROOTS

*“There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.”
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

My son, Matthew, lives in downtown Knoxville and just about every morning and evening you can find him walking his dog, Archie, through his neighborhood. Past familiar street corners and buildings, they have their usual path, familiar spots for Archie to stop, and the usual people they may greet. One such person was Linda K. Shropshire, a widely recognized person of Knoxville’s unsheltered community. Over the past three years they got to know each other a bit, and Matthew would help her when he could. But then on January 17th, when the ice and snow covered the streets, Linda’s body was found behind a dumpster. She was gone, most likely frozen to death. And my son, who doesn’t post his political views much on social media, wrote of his sadness of Linda’s passing and his urgent plea for help, not only from city government leaders but from those who support the community agencies that help the homeless.

“I am just as guilty as anyone else, if not more. I can in no way sit in an ivory tower and judge when I obviously have not done enough to help these members of our community that also live downtown. And while I can look inward and hope to change, that won’t be enough. The ones that are giving their all need more of the collective’s help. Public and private can do more, and must do more to help those in our community who already do so much. When the buzz of the next campaign or the next grand opening dies down, I hope more of our collective attention is paid to people like Linda.”



And that got me thinking about roots. Where did my sweet baby boy get that compassion? I know Marty and I did our best to bring up Matthew and his brother, Michael, with certain values...roots. But do you know who also provided those roots? You did! This church family called Brenthaven did—the youth group leaders like RheAnn, Kip, Jodi, Joanna, and Lisa Cook to name a few. Marty and I have always been grateful for the local charities and mission trip projects our boys were involved in as teenagers through our church. From Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, Missouri, West Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, and our nation’s capital, our boys traveled the United States and learned about giving back. From their time spent working on roofs in Appalachia, tiny broken down school cabins on a reservation in Oklahoma, and hurricane-damaged buildings in Mississippi, to their ministry in the

streets and homeless communities of Washington DC, our boys saw, experienced, and learned about those less fortunate. For a few summer days they walked in someone else’s shoes, and they learned about true need. They learned about hardship. They learned about compassion. They experienced a life outside their own safe Brentwood bubble. Roots were planted.

With Ean as their leader, our current Youth Group will head off to Appalachia this June. I so look forward to hearing about their work, the people they will help, and the sadness and joy they will share. But they need our help. These trips cost money. Yes, we could just collect money and give to these agencies we want to help. But what educational value is that to our youth? Yes, we could just let the youth and their parents bear the entire financial burden. But that doesn’t seem very Christian of us. Our youth members will do their best to raise money for their trip. They start **February 25th** with a spaghetti lunch and silent auction following worship. Join them! We can help them. We can all do this. There are roots to be planted. Let’s dig deep, Brenthaven, and then, watch these kids spread their wings and fly!



Mr. Cheryl

PANCAKES & ASHES — NEXT WEEK

We will begin the season of Lent next week.

Tues, Feb 13, 5:45 pm - **Shrove Tuesday Pancakes**

Wed, Feb 14, 6:30 pm - **Ash Wednesday Service**

Mark your calendars to join us as we stuff our faces one day and begin our journey the next!

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB

Flight of Dreams by Ariel Lawton is February's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, February 15th** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library. We



also will be discussing *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger since we had to cancel January's meeting due to weather.

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. In honor of Super Bowl LVIII, the goal will be 58 cans of soup by the end of February, but let's see if we can double that. There will be a box marked "Soup For Graceworks" in the Narthex.



WEDNESDAYS AT BRENTHAVEN

The Wednesday night calendar has some new features for this semester! We'll have the **Chili Cookoff** (brought to you by the Fellowship Team) on **February 7**, and then a simple soup supper and **Lent Kick-off** will lead into the Ash Wednesday service on **February 14** with Wednesday Night Special classes beginning on February 21. **WNS classes** will meet **February 21 and 28, and Mar. 6, 20, and 27**. We'll take a break when the schools do, so there will be no WNS on Mar. 13.

As always, our suppers begin at 5:45 pm. This year we're finally changing the price to help support the rising costs of food. We hope you'll still think it's a bargain at \$10 each (\$7 for young children). We're also prepared to give you an even better deal if you are willing to prepay for a **Season Ticket**. A prepaid Season Ticket, \$48 (\$30 for young children) gets dinner for the 5 nights we'll have class sessions. Special event nights (Feb. 14, April 3, and April 10) will be opportunities for *you* to choose how much to pay into the basket.

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! *Look for the registration form in this week's bulletin!*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Snip, snip, cut, cut, whirl, whirl...for the last several years we have gathered and prepared materials for personal products for distribution to third-world locations through the caring work of the **Global Aid Network**. This was our project for our January meeting. The leaders in this annual endeavor are Donna Blewett, Martha Stewart, and Ame Satterwhite (seamstress in training). We appreciate our church family for helping provide items, making you part of the effort of love and service. **THANK YOU!**



For people experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty, traveling anywhere means walking. The ladies of Brenthaven's Women's Ministry strive to provide them with clean socks, not only for comfort but decent foot protection. At least once a year our **Sock Project** helps provide not only socks but socks filled with hygiene products, snacks, and vital items for well-being.

At our **February** meeting, we will be filling mid-calf white or black socks with the items below. 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



BAKELESS BAKE SALE

The **Bakeless Bake Sale**, sponsored by the **Brenthaven Women's Ministry**, is a way to support our many ministry projects without the actual baking. This event will be going on **throughout February and March**. Contributions may be made online at Brenthaven.org. Select *Giving* and line item *Bakeless Bake Sale* or mail your check to the church, made out to the **CPWM**.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Serenity Barksdale (*great-granddaughter of Barbara & Billy Dial*)
Helen James (*friend of Julie Travis*)
Jackie Nash (*friend of Julie Travis*)

Members

Charles & Gladys Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Larry Ennenga, 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*), 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*), Shirley Jansma, Patti Jobe (*sister-in-law of Renee McCulley*), 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 Miscoe (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), 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

Deaths

Family of Stacy Wolfe (*cousin of Bart King*)



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Myra Agee

Kathy & Kenneth Russell

In Memory of Giff Jordon

Carol & Keith Perryman

In Memory of Wylene Nix

Marie Agee, Joyce Burch, Jan & Larry Davidson, Barbara & Billy Dial, Denise Agee Gibson, Lincoln Gibson, Nathan, Stephanie, & Amelia Gibson, Barbara Jordon, Tamara Knox, Kathy & Kenneth Russell, Loretta & Guy Sneed



PRAYER LIST

Please take a look at the current prayer list, and if there is someone on this list ready to be removed, contact the church office. This would allow us space to add others in the future. Thank you!

BABY SHOWER

On **Sunday, Feb. 18th** at 2:00 pm in the church narthex, we will be hosting a baby shower for **Katie Platz**. Registries are at Target and Amazon.



MY OWN BACKYARD

We are going to start collecting for *My Own Backyard Ministry* **twice a year only**: *before* Spring Break and Fall Break. We will ask for specific items each time. For 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**. There will be a bin by the church office for your donations at these targeted times.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 7: Chili Cook-Off

Feb. 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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

Feb. 21: Wednesday Night Special/Classes Begin

Feb. 25: Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

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 11

Transfiguration Sunday (white)

- Feb. 8** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Feb. 10** **8 AM–5 PM** Crafting Day (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Feb. 11** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
- Feb. 13** **10:30 AM** Bridge Group (*Youth Classroom*)
 5:45 AM Pancake Supper (*Fellowship Hall*)
 6:30 PM Session
- Feb. 14** **5:45 AM** Lenten Kick-Off (*Fellowship Hall*)
 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- 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 (*Narthex*)

2 Kings 2:1-12;
Psalm 50:1-6;
2 Corinthians 4:3-6;
Mark 9:2-9

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 4

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$935.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	13,041.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	71,810.52
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	84,535.80
Difference	-12,725.28

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