



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Brenthaven's 2023 Vacation Bible School wrapped up last week with a lot of happy children and some pretty tired volunteers waving to each other as our week together closed out. *Changemakers*; four days of Bible stories challenging us to step up and become involved with the world around us: step up and help a friend, a neighbor, a complete stranger; step up and know that God is with you on this walk. It was a terrific week. But now what?

For me, memories. I LOVE seeing church members gather to help out. Some help out each and every year and I'm always so thankful to see them return. I especially delight in seeing former KOK'ers volunteer and take on great responsibility. But we also had some new folks this year like Ben and Brooke Gross teaching the science workshop, Jane Allen in recreation, and Kathy Brian at the welcome desk. Kathy even enrolled her three granddaughters for the week. It was wonderful.

But there are also those "behind the scenes" moments you don't often hear about. For instance, the Pape family: their two children have joined us each summer for years for VBS. They don't belong to our church, in fact they have their own church family. But every summer for VBS, and many years for Live Nativity, they walk through our doors. I love seeing them. Wonderful people. This year their daughter was too old to participate in VBS, so she wanted to volunteer, to give back to Brenthaven for all they have given her. And her brother, who's attended VBS since preschool, was back for one more year in our oldest group. He has already volunteered to help next year. Precious memories of that family.

The Butler family, too—you know Maddie and Megan. They, too, visited our church for years when they were little ones. This year both girls were volunteering. Even Dad got into the act helping the kitchen crew and serving cookies. And didn't I see Mom, too? We see them now on Sunday mornings. Such a blessing.

All in all, we had 37 children register, representing 7 different churches. Everyone chipped in and we filled 100 bags with plenty of snacks for Sacred Sparks homeless friends. Our youth and leaders left on their mission trip with bags full of treats and items to help them during their work week ahead, too. Monetary donations were made to help the church pay for all the meals and supplies. I was stunned at the generosity. Thank you all!

One last memory: and this I was told by Jennie Ford, who led the very packed and very active preschool class. Friends of hers try to attend our VBS every summer. In fact, when this family drove by our church weeks ago and their son saw the VBS *Coming Soon* signs, he yelled out to his Mother, "Their signs are up Mom!! It's time!!" Yes, indeed, time for Brenthaven to open their doors, welcome in members and strangers, offer them a meal and some great stories, and give them a safe place to rest. And *that*, my friends, is making a difference. Changemakers!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Youth Mission Trip
Middle School Camp

Members

Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Corina Crowe, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Elliott, Marilyn Ewen, Baird Faircloth, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Brooke Gross, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Jay McCulley, Dawn & Walter McBee, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Matt Anglin (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), 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*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miab 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*), David Katz (*brother of Dan MacDonald*), John McArthur (*brother-in-law of Larry Davidson*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), George Peay (*father of Trent Johnson*), Joan Peay (*mother of Trent Johnson*), Bill Rolman (*father of Deborah Rolman*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Dawn Rush (*sister of Kip Rush*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Jane Talley, James Talley, Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), those serving our country

prayer

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Activities:

- July 2–7: CPYC, completed grades 8–12
- July 2–7: Junior Camp, completed grades 2–5
- July 9–14: Middle School Camp, completed grades 6–8



LETTERS TO CAMP



It is a tradition at Brenthaven Church for campers at Crystal Springs to receive cards and letters from home. You are invited to send a letter to our Brenthaven campers. To ensure the campers will receive mail during their week at camp, please mail by the date listed below. Mail to: Crystal Springs Camp, (insert camper's name), 21 Crystal Springs Camp Rd, Kelso, TN 37348.

For the Middle School Campers (July 9–14), mail by Monday, July 3. The campers are: Sophie Silvus, Kira Sutton, Deborah Rolman (counselor), and Ean Taylor (counselor).

Happy Independence Day—July 4th!



Happy Birthday

- July 3 Mac Holland
Matthew Thayer
- July 5 Jan Davidson
Samantha Worrall
- July 13 Rose O'Hara
- July 15 Ty Hanner Allen
Julia Dobbins
Matthew Morris
Cheryl Tabor
- July 17 Paul Moser
Lori Wooten
- July 18 James Scott
Ray Scott
- July 19 Haley Lutts
Wesley Thayer
- July 23 Michael Morris
- July 26 Cathy Forester
- July 28 Pat Chesnut
- July 31 Charles Belew
Ellie Kate Fleming



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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 JULY 2

- June 29** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- July 2** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM CPYC (Gathering)
 2:00 PM Jr Camp Registration (*Fellowship Hall*)
- July 3** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- July 4** Office Closed for Holiday
- July 6** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- July 9** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 2:00 PM MS Camp Registration (*Fellowship Hall*)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)

Genesis 22:1-14;
 Psalm 13; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18;
 Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 25

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$760.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	11,554.26
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	257,356.06
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	258,398.60
Difference	-1,042.54

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, 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 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Deborah Deaton	Ben Gross	Fred Ford, Jr.
Melinda Fleming	Bart King	Suzanne Ghianni
Jay McCulley	Julie Murphy	Mark Humphrey
Christi Peppers	Jonelle Summitt	Gwen Keiser