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

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COMING TOGETHER AS FAMILY

This past week, we gathered in the Fellowship Hall armed with small, numbered cups, ladles, and extension cords—ready to welcome twelve steaming pots of chili. Earlier in the week, it looked like we might only have five entries for our annual Chili Cookoff, but—in true Brenthaven form—we ended up with more than enough and plenty to share.

As the participants arrived, so did the friendly debates: which pot would be the spiciest? What counts as spicy anyway—heat or flavor? Soon it was time for everyone to begin sampling, and the conversations around the tables sounded delightfully like a live cooking show. Comments about seasonings, textures, and secret ingredients filled the room as each pot was tasted and compared. And best of all, through the generosity of everyone who “voted” with their donations, we raised \$476.00 to benefit Lisa Cook and Sacred Sparks Ministry.

Events like the Chili Cookoff, the church picnic, the Christmas Cantata lunch, and the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner are more than just meals—they’re moments when we come together as a family of faith. And like any family meal, someone sets the table, someone tackles the cleanup, and someone always ends up searching for the correct lid for the correct crockpot or Pyrex dish. Beloved recipes resurface, deviled eggs appear (as they must), and sometimes more desserts than main dishes grace our plates.

These shared meals are opportunities to welcome others, to thank God for nourishment, to swap stories, to comfort one another, and to serve side by side. We’ll gather again on February 17 for our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, mixing batter, firing up the griddles, and flipping pancakes as we prepare to enter the season of Lent. We’ll eat, laugh, share about our week, and watch as Pastor Kip burns last year’s palm branches in preparation for Ash Wednesday. We hope you’ll join us!

The Fellowship Ministry



BRENTHAVEN WELCOMES...

On Sunday, February 8, Brenthaven welcomed **DJ and Gloria Jenkins** as our newest members. DJ and Gloria come on transfer of her membership. Their address is 5106 Fountainhead Dr., Brentwood, TN 37027. You can reach DJ at (615) 714-2121 and Gloria at (615) 714-7601. You can email them at gloria.jenkins@comcast.net. Her birthday is August 17, and DJ’s is September 26.

DJ was raised in Bowling Green, KY, moving to Nashville in 1965. Gloria was born in Clinton, SC and moved to Nashville in 1967. They got married in April 1975 and have lived in Brentwood since 1977. They are the proud parents of two sons and five grandchildren (ages 10–30). If you want a non-stop conversation, ask them about their grandchildren. Their family is their pride and joy.

Following in his father’s footsteps, DJ started working in electrical contracting and owns Jenkins and Associates and also Power Technologies. He still works every day and enjoys it most of the time. Gloria worked for Vanderbilt University Medical Center for 22 years. She is the owner of PowerCom Solutions, which is a company that designs and installs lightning protection systems. But when they aren’t working, you’ll find DJ exercising and reading (his favorite being American history), while Gloria will be doing yoga, as well as exercising and reading (her favorite being mysteries).

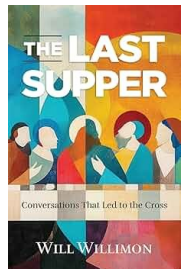


AND THE WINNER IS...

This year's **Chili Cookoff** winner is **Ean Taylor**. Our second-place winner is **Rena Sutton**. And our third-place and dessert winner is **Jackson Campbell**. Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks to all who made this a fun and flavorful event.



THE LAST SUPPER: CONVERSATIONS THAT LED TO THE CROSS



During Lent, Pastor Kip will be leading the new Bible Study by Will Willimon, *The Last Supper: Conversations That Led to the Cross*. We will travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem exploring the parables and stories Jesus told at tables along the way to his final meal. Willimon invites readers to experience how these table stories illuminate the deeper meaning of the Last Supper and Christ's sacrifice.

The study will begin **Tuesday, February 24** at 9:30 am; we will meet in the Adult Library. We can order books for you, or you can go online and get them on Amazon. Just let the church office know. Please call the church and let us know if you are participating.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Sunday, March 22 is **Youth Sunday!** Our youth will be leading worship, and we can't wait to see how they share their gifts with our whole church family. Make plans to be here and join us as we worship together!

CPWM NEWS

Since our January meeting was canceled due to weather, we are having a **make-up meeting on February 17 at 10:30 am** in the **Adult Library** for all who can make it. We are still having our February meeting at the usual time and place. This make-up meeting is to finish the project we were scheduled to do in January.

We will be filling bags with personal items for **Sacred Sparks Ministry on February 24** at 10:30 am. We are still collecting donations so please bring them by **Sunday, February 15** and put them in the CPWM bin in the Narthex. Thank you!

WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL WINTER GAMES

The Winter Olympics are here, and we are celebrating with a special Winter Bible School on **February 14** from 10:00 am–3:00 pm. Join us for a day filled with fun, games, and faith. This event is open to all children K–6th grade and best of all it's free to all! Register at Brenthaven.org/VBS.

KOK LOVE BUS

Our youngest church members are going to embark on a very special outreach—we're bringing back the **LOVE BUS!** On **Sunday, February 15 after worship**, we'll have lunch together, decorate the van, and visit some of our older church members and shut-ins. With smiles, handmade decorations, and thoughtfully prepared gift baskets in hand, we'll deliver more than Valentine treats—we'll share love, connection, and the reminder that our church family is never forgotten.



BOOKEND BOOK CLUB

Theo of Golden, by Allen Levi, is February's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, February 19** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.



SYNODIC MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Middle school students are invited to the Synodic Middle School Retreat, **March 27–29!** The theme is "Pause," all about learning how to slow down, focus, and grow in faith in the middle of busy lives.

It will be a weekend full of fun, friendships, and faith. We will also learn some of the basics that help us follow Jesus: how to pray, how to read scripture, and how to live out what we believe every day.

Registration opens **February 22**. Find all the details and sign up at tnsynodcpc.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Beth Brakebill (*sister of Joe Malloy*)
Bonnie Pierce

Members

Ty Allen, Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, David Dowland, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennesy, Donna Kirby, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Marty Morris, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Larry Pulley, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Cheryl & Don Tabor, Jane & James Talley

Family and Friends

Jon Bates (*nephew of Kaye Holland*), Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Lauren (*friend of Ame Satterwhite*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Chrissy Deaton (*sister-in-law of Russ Deaton*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Kristen Ertel (*co-worker of Aaron Ferry*), Garry Ferry (*uncle of Aaron Ferry*), Harriet Gilliam (*friend of the Rushes*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett*), Miklos Gerendas, Amy Glenn (*daughter of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Eddie Grant (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Gregg Gross (*father of Ben Gross*), Chazz Jones (*friend of the Crafting group*), Hudson Jones (*friend of Joan Bledsoe's family*), David Kirby (*stepson of Donna Kirby*), Dianne Lyons (*aunt of Shali Scott*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), Joan Peay (*mother of Trent Johnson*), Rick Prentice (*son-in-law of Ben Davis*), Kinsley Ramey (*co-worker of Aaron Ferry*), Troy Rhone (*nephew of Scott Shepherd*), Jenny Rowe (*sister of Liz Strickland*), Darlene & Johnny Rush (*parents of Kip Rush*), Marjorie Shepherd (*mother of Sharon Malloy*), Casey Sherwin (*co-worker of Scott Strickland*), Bill Shouse (*uncle of Larry Pulley*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Brittany Spradling, Caden Sullivan (*grandson of Nina Sullivan*), Nina Sullivan, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Gary Tassar (*friend of Jan Marshall*), Sarah Thomas (*friend of Megan Gregali*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), those serving our country, everyone affected by the winter storm

MEMORIALS

In memory of Tony Benefield

Jan & Larry Davidson
Becky & Ronny Jones
Jan Marshall
Loretta Sneed

In memory of Bill Blewett

Brian Wilhite

In memory of Betty Canupp

Becky & Ronny Jones
Jan Marshall
Ame Satterwhite
Loretta Sneed

In memory of Sandi Walter

Jan & Larry Davidson
Becky & Ronny Jones



CPWM BAKELESS BAKE SALE

The **Bakeless Bake Sale**, sponsored by the **Brenthaven Women's Ministry**, is a way to support their 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. Or you may mail your check to the church, made out to **CPWM**.

CAN YOU DIG IT

Our Dig It group was out in full force! Starting with Matthew 13:31-32, Donna helped us reflect on "faith as small as a mustard seed will eventually grow. It may start small, but if we keep nurturing it, it will lead us to God's promises fulfilled." Anita coached us on how to plant mustard seeds and other cool season vegetables, surprising everyone that (diggable soil permitting) late February to early March is not too early. We enjoyed lunch at Farmstead Nashville while receiving a farm-to-table concept education from proprietor, Gary.



FEBRUARY IS SOUPER BOWL MONTH!



The Missions Ministry is collecting soup for GraceWorks Ministries **in the month of February**. Look for the bin marked "Souper Bowl" 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

- Feb 12** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Feb 14** 10:00 AM–3:00 PM VBS Winter Games
- Feb 15** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM DMT Meeting (*Adult Library*)
 12:00 PM KOK Love Bus (*meet in FH*)
- Feb 16** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Feb 17** 10:30 AM CPWM Make-Up Meeting (*AL*)
 5:45 PM Pancake Dinner (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Feb 18** 5:45 PM Soup Supper (*Fellowship Hall*)
 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service (*Sanctuary*)
 7:15 PM Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Feb 19** 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Feb 22** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 15

Transfiguration Sunday (*White*)

Exodus 24:12-18;
 Psalm 2 or Psalm 29;
 2 Peter 1:16-21;
 Matthew 17:1-9

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 8

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$726.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	7,252.25
Weekly Need	10,835.00
Received Year-to-Date	56,947.83
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	52,966.21
Difference	3,981.62

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, Senior Pastor
Ean Taylor, Associate Pastor
Rena Sutton, Children's Ministry
Linda Pulley, Director of Music
Amity Marsh, Organist
Karen Benefield, Office Admin (secretary@brenthaven.org)

Session – The Elders

<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Class of 2028</i>
Jeri Behan	Chris Fleming	Rachel Campbell
Jan Davidson	Renee McCulley	Bill Dobbins
Russ Deaton	Mike Murphy	Frank Scott
Joe Malloy	Ame Satterwhite	Scott Strickland