



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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ALWAYS WELCOME HOME

This month in Sunday School, we've explored Jesus' powerful message of the prodigal son. Through storytelling, videos, discussion, and hands-on activities, the children discovered that this story was not just about a wayward son long ago—it's about all of us.

Quick recap in my own words: the parable is about a young son who asked for his inheritance early so he could go live his life somewhere else. The father obliged, and then the young man went off to spend every cent and make increasingly bad choices. He finally went back to his father's house, and instead of being angry or sending him away again, his father welcomed him home with open arms and even threw him a feast! The older brother angrily said, "You NEVER throw me a party!" To which the father replied, "But you spend all day, every day safely in my house. This other son of mine was lost to me completely, and now he is found. We must celebrate!"

This past Sunday, we discussed the emotions that must have been felt by all parties involved—joy and then shame by the younger son, jealousy by the older son, and most importantly, the complex emotions of the loving father who never stopped watching and waiting. We had to think hard about the times that we may have felt these feelings. We all have times when we need forgiveness and times when we need to give and receive grace. Together, we saw that no mistake is too big and no distance is too great to separate us from our Heavenly Father's love. Just as the father ran to embrace his son, God eagerly welcomes us home with open arms.

Below are poems we wrote when exploring this story. What a joy to watch our children grasp this truth: no matter where life takes us, we can always return to the love that has been waiting for us all along.

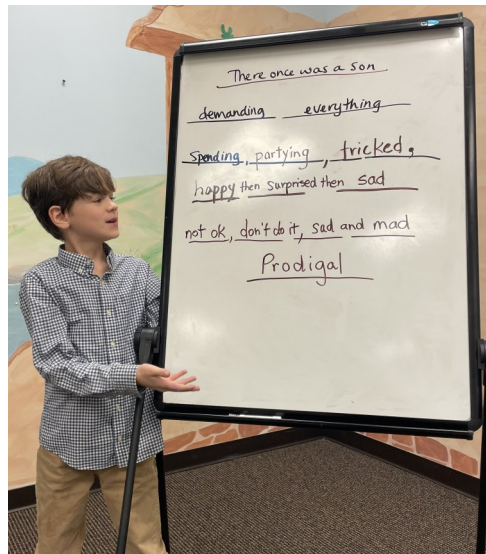
Joy and peace be yours,

Rena

There once was a son
who took all his money,
He burned it all in the shop.
Then he had to eat the slop
before he went home to his
Pops!

Kade

—Kade Gregali



There once was a son.
demanding everything.
Spending, partying, tricked!
Happy, then surprised, then sad.
Not ok, don't do it, sad and mad.
prodigal.

Beckett!!

—Beckett Strickland

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

Easter Sunday is April 5, and the Children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow our service, around noon. All children through 6th grade are invited, including visitors. **You can help us by donating candy** that can go into the *Easter Treat Bags*. A collection basket is outside the church office for your donations. Monetary donations are welcome and can be left in the church office. Thank you!



FEBRUARY IS SOUPER BOWL MONTH!



The Missions Ministry is collecting soup for GraceWorks Ministries throughout the month of February.

Look for the bin marked “Souper Bowl” in the narthex.

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 is 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*.

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 is now open. Find all the details and sign up at tsynodcpc.org.

CPWM NEWS

This was a busy month for CPWM. Last week, we had a make-up session for our January meeting due to weather. We prepared products so that young women in third-world countries would be able to attend school.

This week, we packed blessing bags for those served by **Sacred Sparks Ministry**. We packed 91 bags full of hygiene products, snacks, and warm socks. Thanks to everyone who donated the items!



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

It’s not too late to join our Lenten Bible Study, *The Last Supper: Conversations That Led to the Cross* by Will Willimon. The study is every **Tuesday** morning through **March 31**, starting at 9:30 am and meeting in the Adult Library. Please call the church and let us know if you would like to participate.

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



Lightning Strike by William Kent Krueger, is March’s selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, March 19** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library. *Lightning Strike* is a book about fathers and sons, long-simmering conflicts in a small Minnesota town, and the events that echo through youth and shape our lives forever.

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 join us as we worship together!

A vibrant blue and white invitation poster for the dedication of a laundry room. The text reads: "You're Invited! JOIN US FOR THE DEDICATION OF OUR RECENTLY REBUILT Laundry Room at ST. LUKE CP CHURCH". Below this is a graphic of a blue washing machine with a heart on its door and the text "Loads of Love". The date and time are "March 21 | 1 PM - 3 PM", and it notes "Light refreshments will be served". The address is "901 W OLD HICKORY BLVD, MADISON, TN 37115". The background features a tiled wall, a basket of laundry, and bubbles.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Molly & C.T. Cozart (*sister and brother-in-law of Becky Jones*)

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, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Marty Morris, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Bonnie Pierce, Larry Pulley, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Porter Stark, Cheryl & Don Tabor, Jane & James Talley

Family and Friends

Jon Bates (*nephew of Kaye Holland*), Millie Benefield (*mother of Karen Benefield*), Beth Brakebill (*sister of Joe Malloy*), 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*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), Colton Osborne (*family friend of Rena Sutton*), 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*), Haden Scott (*brother of Frank Scott*), 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*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Deb Blessman (*cousin of Libby Ennenga*)



MEMORIALS

In memory of Betty Canupp
Kaye & Mac Holland



MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

If you are looking for some fun and fellowship during the week, **Young @ Heart** meets every first, third, and fifth Monday at 10:00 am in the Adult Library. The games played are *Rook*, *Shanghai Rummy*, and *Dominoes*. Don't forget to pack a lunch! Call the church office if you want to learn more.



- Mar. 4 Marty Morris
Mar. 5 Benjamin Summitt
Mar. 6 Shelley Johnson
Mar. 7 Suzanne Johnson
Randy Keiser
Bonnie Pierce
Mar. 8 Barrett Strickland
Mar. 9 Charlie Crowe
Mar. 10 Hudson Rich
Mar. 12 Julie Murphy
Mar. 18 Darryl Campbell
Ben Gross
Mar. 19 Greg Allen
Blair Summitt
Mar. 20 Larry Davidson
Mar. 21 Mary Lynn Alexander
Mar. 23 Fred Ford Jr.
Mar. 26 Otis Hallbright
Mar. 28 David Agee
Mar. 29 Josh Peppers
Mar. 30 Mike Murphy
Mar. 31 Clarke Allen

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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 26 11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Mar 1 9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- Mar 2 10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Mar 3 9:30 AM** Lenten Bible Study (*Adult Library*)
- Mar 4 6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Mar 5 11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Mar 8 9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
(DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH 1

Second Sunday in Lent (*Purple*)
 Genesis 12:1-4a;
 Psalm 121;
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;
 John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 22

OPERATING BUDGET	
Dedicated Giving	\$64.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	9,146.00
Weekly Need	10,835.00
Received Year-to-Date	75,224.27
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	95,245.19
Difference	-20,020.92

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