



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

This spring, Larry and I experienced something we never had: the birth of bunnies in our yard. One evening, late in April, we saw a rabbit on our patio pulling off her fur. Being a city girl, I had no idea what was happening. I thought the rabbit had some sort of condition. Well apparently, she had the condition of motherhood. She was preparing a nest for her babies by digging a hole and lining that hole with her fur to comfort them and provide a soft place to live. What she didn't take into account was the fact that we have two, seventy-pound outside dogs that have access to the very spot she hoped to lay her babies. Or, maybe I should say, *did* have access. Our poor dogs had a three week ban from the backyard as we allowed the rabbit to nurture and care for her babies. And what a show we got!



What I thought were two little bunnies in the nest ended up being five. And they, their mom, and several other family members have pretty much had the run of our yard ever since. We've seen the babies chase each other on the patio, the grown bunnies hopping up in the air as another one runs under it, and one little bunny that still stays on our patio the majority of the time, either sitting behind the grill, sunning itself in the middle of the patio, or sitting in an unused flower pot that I failed to bring in. If you had asked me five years ago if I'd be entertained by rabbits in the wild, I probably would have laughed it off. Yet, here we are.

On Graduate Sunday, Ean asked the seniors, Lilly and Luke, to give the children a piece of advice to help guide them along their way. Today, as a senior adult, I offer this piece of advice:

***Take time to slow down.***

***Enjoy all that is in nature.***

***Appreciate the wonders of God's creation.***

***Be grateful for all the blessings that God has given you.***

Much love,

*Linda*



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

One of our annual and rewarding service projects is helping prepare diapers for distribution to those in need. In 2012, Doug Adair and his wife began buying and storing them in their garage. In 2013, they began receiving donations of diapers and soon Nashville Diaper Connection became an official diaper bank for the region. From there the word was out and made a difference! If families have adequate diapers, the children can stay at a daycare and the parents can work. Every month, NDC keeps 7000 babies clean and dry. Diapers are expensive and cannot be bought with food stamps. As we did last year, we traveled to the NDC warehouse and wrapped a record number of 4200 diapers that will serve 84 babies (ages 18 months to 2 yrs)!

Go to [nashvillediaperconnection.org](http://nashvillediaperconnection.org) to learn more. It's an amazing way to share JESUS, our example of Love in Action!



## BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



*The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn is a haunting and powerful story of female friendships and secrets in a Washington, D.C. boardinghouse during the McCarthy era. This is June's selection for **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, June 19** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

## ATTENTION TO ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS:

Please join your VBS Planning Team on **Sunday, June 22** for a light lunch and information on all things *True North*. We'll gather in the fellowship hall for food, fellowship, and a review of our Bible stories and VBS animal friends. You'll learn more about your assignments for the week and your teams. Final decorations will be going up so we welcome your help. And we'll pray for the children to feel welcome, safe, and loved!

## MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

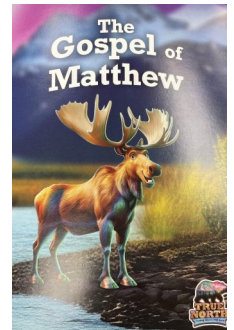
**Youth ROCKS Missions Trip**—The Missions Ministry is collecting items **through June 15** for the Youth ROCKS Missions Trip. Place the items below in the basket next to the church office. (You may bring the gas cards to the church office and place them in the basket on the front desk.)

- ◆ **Garden or Work Gloves**
- ◆ **Individual-Size Snacks for Treat Bags**
- ◆ **Gas Cards (for those who deliver goods)**
- ◆ **Boxed/Bagged Brownie or Cookie Mix**

**Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering**—You may give anytime throughout the year, but we will be collecting a **special offering** this Sunday, **June 8**.

## BRENTHAVEN VBS 2025

Some of the children who will come through our doors in a few weeks may never have opened a Bible or know much about God and his Son. We want all our children spending Vacation Bible School with us to discover who Jesus is and why they can trust him. Our studies will be from the Book of Matthew and a booklet, *The Gospel of Matthew*, will be given to each child. That's so each of our visitors—God's children—can practice finding, reading, and marking in their very own book. Here's a look at our stories and Bible Point for each day.



When we wonder, we can TRUST Jesus. We'll learn how John prepares the way and baptizes Jesus.

When we feel alone, we can TRUST Jesus. He will teach us about God's love for each of us.

When we feel powerless, we can TRUST Jesus. We'll hear the story of how a Roman Officer comes to trust Jesus.

When we need hope, we can TRUST Jesus. Jesus dies and comes back to life.

When we need help, we can TRUST Jesus. Jesus gives the Great Commission and the Holy Spirit comes.

I can't wait to see our week unfold! *Ms Cheryl*

**VBS: June 23–June 26 from 5:30–8:00 pm.**

**Note: Donations are welcome to purchase VBS T-Shirts for the volunteers!**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Members

Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Bob Dozier, David Dowland, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Carol Gonzales, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Bill Moser, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Cheryl Tabor, 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*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), Lauren (*friend of Ame Satterwhite*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Jamie Travis Gallimore (*sister of Julie Travis*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Gregg Gross (*father of Ben Gross*), Rev. Tommy Jobe (*father of Renee McCulley*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Chazz Jones (*friend of the Crafting group*), Hudson Jones (*friend of Joan Bledsoe's family*), Richard Keiser (*father of Randy Keiser*), David Kirby (*stepson of Donna Kirby*), Rev. Dwight Liles (*CP Minister*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), Greg McEwen (*friend of Kaye Holland*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Kathleen Murphy (*daughter of Julie & Mike Murphy*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Marjorie Shepherd (*mother of Sharon Malloy*), Bill Shouse (*uncle of Larry Pulley*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Sarah Thomas (*friend of Megan Gregali*), Rev. Buddy Travis (*father of Julie Travis*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*), Joyce Malone Wilding (*sister of Marilyn Elliott & Peggy Phelps*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

### Deaths

Family of Guy Sneed



## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Charles Belew*

Beverly Garrett, Jan Marshall, Linda & Larry Pulley, Kathy Schwartz



**Caleb Marsh** got the *Friendliest Boy* award for his whole 8th grade class. It was a great way for him to finish middle school and transition into high school next year. Congratulations, Caleb!



## A NIGHT OF SOUTHERN GOSPEL

Join us **Wednesday evening, June 11** at 7:00 pm for a toe-tapping, soul-lifting concert with **Southridge Gospel Music!** This talented quartet brings rich harmonies, heartfelt lyrics, and energy that's contagious. Bring a friend and get ready for a joyful night of music that will have you smiling and singing along. You won't want to miss it!

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

**Jun. 16–21:** Youth ROCKS Mission Trip

**Jun. 23–26:** Vacation Bible School

**July 6–11:** CPYC

**July 6–11:** Junior Camp

**July 13–18:** Middle School Camp

## LEARNING JOURNEY TOUR

Members **Bill and Kathy Dobbins** and **Gwen Keiser** arrived safely in Colombia S.A. on Friday. Continue praying for them and the others as they travel to Cali and Armenia, witnessing the wonderful ministry of **Colombia Kids**, a nonprofit begun in 2015 by Kathy and her siblings, that provides educational and social programs for underserved children there. ([Colombiakids.org](http://Colombiakids.org))



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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 JUNE 8**

- June 5**      **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- June 8**      **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship (Day of Pentecost)
- June 10**     **10:30 AM** Bridge Group (*Youth Room*)  
**6:30 PM** Session (*Adult Library*)
- June 11**     **7:00 PM** Gospel Concert (*Sanctuary*)
- June 12**     **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- June 15**     **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship (Father's Day)

Day of Pentecost (*red*)  
 Acts 2:1-21, or Genesis 11:1-9;  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
 Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21;  
 John 14:8-7, (25-27)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 1**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$1,000.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,588.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	241,752.62
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	277,748.37
Difference	<b>-35,995.75</b>

**STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

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

**Session** – The Elders

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
<b>Fred Ford, Jr.</b>	<b>Jeri Behan</b>	<b>Chris Fleming</b>
<b>Suzanne Ghianni</b>	<b>Jan Davidson</b>	<b>Renee McCulley</b>
<b>Mark Humphrey</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>	<b>Mike Murphy</b>
<b>Gwen Keiser</b>	<b>Joe Malloy</b>	<b>Ame Satterwhite</b>