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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

I know writing about the youth in this newsletter usually falls to Ean, but I'm going to need to step into his department for a moment to talk about three youth who made me very proud last week at Vacation Bible School—and who also happen to be Brenthaven's Senior High School Class of 2026.

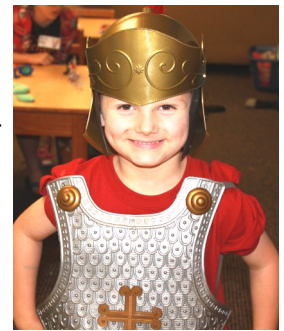
Jackson Campbell, Leah McCulley, and Grady Deaton make up the new senior leaders of the youth group. That's hard to think about, let alone say out loud. Seriously? How can that be?! Where has time gone? But there it is. As I watched them work so tirelessly last week, all I could think about was Jackson, Leah, and Grady attending their first VBS programs here at Brenthaven as young children. This last week, they were practically running the show, and they were terrific.

Grady became known as *Professor Grady* as he helped in our science class. One moment he was explaining the Northern Lights and the next moment he was leading the children in their study of Matthew and sharing the evening's Bible verse. He was prepared, he knew what he was talking about, and he spoke clearly and understandably. He was so mature, clearly ready to lead.



Leah rushed from her day job of caring for children every day to shepherding the oldest group of VBS children every night. That's a lot of childcare, besides the fact her group of *Bruce the Moose* was our largest VBS kids' group. But she showed up each night with a smile and ready to lead. Leah doesn't know a stranger. Her warm and friendly personality shined through for all the children, making even our visitors feel welcome.

And Jackson, who also worked at a theatre camp for kids during the day, was at VBS early each afternoon, making sure all the decorations were in place and setting up for the craft class he taught each evening with his mother. And all of that was on top of the weeks he spent planning, making, and gathering decorations to transform our church into a brilliant likeness of Alaska. He wanted to make my last VBS as Director special. He helped make it extraordinary. This was a dream come true, and I shall never forget his gift.



My former KOK'ers are all grown up—good friends, working together, laughing together—children I had been with since they were in kindergarten. They made me so proud. Brenthaven brought them together, nurtured them, made sure they had a safe place to worship, and provided the supplies they needed while showing Jesus's love to them. And if there's anything I know for sure, I know Brenthaven's future is bright with Grady, Leah, and Jackson helping to lead the way. Very bright, indeed!

Ms. Cheryl

ATTENTION: ALL BARGAIN HUNTERS...



The **Brenthaven Women's Ministry** is now accepting treasures for their **Yard Sale** on **Friday, July 25** at 8:00 am–2:00 pm and **Saturday, July 26** at 8:00 am–12:00 pm.

Requested donations are household items, working electronics, children's toys, seasonal items, books, CD's, DVD's, VCR tapes, furniture, and miscellaneous items. You are requested to place your donations on the **fellowship hall stage**. Please **DO NOT** bring clothes or shoes. Thank you!

CPWM NEWS—JUNE MEETING

The name **Lisa Cook** is synonymous with **Sacred Sparks and Loads of Love!** We always welcome in-person updates from Lisa's ministry. This time the focus was on *Loads of Love*. In 2022, they went from doing 30-plus laundry loads and serving 40 meals per week to doing 4000 laundry loads and serving 120 meals per week in 2025, and that equals \$1100 each week. Handling over 2000 pounds of clothes in a laundromat is hard work!



In March 2025, a goal of \$20,000 was raised in only three weeks, but that will be used up before this September. The hope is to return to St. Luke's CP church laundry facilities at least by early 2026. Until then, Lisa and her core group of volunteers will transport friends in extreme poverty to and from the Brush Hill C.P.

Church, wash and dry laundry, serve a meal, and be love to them and the *Laundry Littles* (the children of those being served).

If on any day, Tuesday through Friday, you feel called to help serve a meal and show love to others in need, contact Lisa at the email below.

Lisa's motto for this ministry: "There is a sacred spark in each and every one of God's children!" and "Love works; it's up to us!" Contact Lisa Cook at sacredsparksministry@gmail.com.



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. And remember to pray for our campers.

For the Junior Campers (July 6–11), mail by Monday, July 7. The campers are: Elyn Ferry, Lincoln Sutton, Lilah Sutton, Madelyn Tucker, Beckett Strickland, Jay McCulley (counselor), Logan McCulley (counselor), and Dylan DeVries (counselor).

For the Middle School Campers (July 13–18), mail by Monday, July 14. The campers are: Mia Devries, Grant Silvus, Haven DeVries, Ellie Kate Fleming, Jorgia Deaton, Barrett Strickland, Paxton Ferry, Henry (Hank) Terrell, Ambar Rodríguez Oyer, Ean Taylor (counselor), and Josh Malloy (counselor).

MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

We have been made aware of some immediate needs for two of the ministries we support.

Sacred Sparks has a need for the following food items for their friends: sugar, olive oil, rice, pasta, salt, Nescafe instant coffee, juices, breakfast cereal, baby diapers and baby wipes, Nido (red top) toddler formula, and Similac (blue top) baby formula. Please leave your donations on the Sacred Sparks table in the narthex.

GraceWorks is in need of food items for their fuel packs: fruit cups, pudding cups, pull-top cans of Beenie Weenies, pastas and soups, and granola/breakfast bars. Please put your donations in the bin marked for GraceWorks in the narthex.

And as always, we thank you for your continued support!

JULY BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, July 22** from 12–5 pm. There will be a bus from **Blood Assurance** in the church parking lot. You can schedule your donations: bloodassurance.org/brentwoodcommunity. Walk-ins are welcome.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Beckett Strickland

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, Marty Morris, 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*), Sharen Butler (*friend of Pat Chesnut*), 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*), CPL Andrew Dial (*grandson of Barbara Dial*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Jamie Travis Gallimore (*sister of Julie Travis*), Miklos Gerendas, Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Gregg Gross (*father of Ben Gross*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Chazz Jones (*friend of the Crafting group*), Hudson Jones (*friend of Joan Bledsoe's family*), David Kirby (*stepson of Donna Kirby*), Rev. Dwight Liles (*CP Minister*), 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*), Troy Rhone (*nephew of Scott Shepherd*), 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



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Charles Belew

Jeri Behan

In Memory of Dot Dobbins

Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Joyce Burch, Nancy & Mark Humphrey, Jan Marshall

In Memory of Richard Keiser

Jeri Behan, Joyce Burch, Jan Marshall, Loretta Sneed

In Memory of Guy Sneed

Jeri Behan, Donna Blewett, Anna & Eddy Brown, Marilyn & Randy Elliott, Nancey & Mark Humphrey, Shali & Frank Scott, Myrna & Garland Teague, Tim & Jon Hilton

With Gratitude to Brenthaven Cumberland Presbyterian Church from the Dobbins family



IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

July 6–11: CPYC

July 6–11: Junior Camp

July 13–18: Middle School Camp

July 28–31: Triennium

PRAYERS FOR CAMPERS

Nashville Presbytery Junior Camp kids will be leaving for camp on Sunday, July 6, and the Middle School youth will be leaving Sunday, July 13. Please be in prayer for the campers, their counselors, and those who are leading the camp. Please pray for safe travel, the health and safety of everyone, and plenty of laughter and fun. But also pray that everyone will come to know more of God's love.

Happy Independence Day—July 4th!



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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

- July 3** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- July 4** **July 4th—Office Closed**
- July 6** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
12:00 PM DMT Meeting (*Adult Library*)
2:00 PM Check-In for Junior Campers
- July 7** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- July 8** **10:30 AM** Bridge Group (*Youth Room*)
- July 10** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- July 13** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
2:00 PM Check-In for MS Campers

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY 6

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*green*)

2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30
 Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9;
 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16;
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 29

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$650.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,906.95
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	271,991.01
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	316,587.12
Difference	-44,596.11

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

Class of 2025

Fred Ford, Jr.
Suzanne Ghianni
Mark Humphrey
Gwen Keiser

Class of 2026

Jeri Behan
Jan Davidson
Russ Deaton
Joe Malloy

Class of 2027

Chris Fleming
Renee McCulley
Mike Murphy
Ame Satterwhite