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# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## BEING THE CHURCH

It's the time in between. I am sitting here writing during the week in between a week of celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with family and friends and a week of serving as a commissioner at the 194<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, meeting in Knoxville. While I attend the meeting every year, this year I will actually be serving on a committee, so it will be a week very different from last week.

I know for many folks, summer is a time of resting from the rigors of school and work, and family schedules are more relaxed than usual. However, in the church, the summer can be a time jam-packed with things. And while it might be fun and exciting, it can also be exhausting when it comes to an end.

Since I am no longer working directly with youth, my summers have eased a little. But I listen to Ean's schedule and I reminisce about the years that I had the stamina to do what he is doing. Senior high camp, mission trip, VBS, CPYC, Middle School camp, Triennium—back to back to back. Sounds like a BLAST! But when that last week of activity happens, the adrenaline gets sucked out of you and all you want to do is veg.

So while my summer isn't as active as Ean's, it still offers its rollercoaster ride. From the joys of being away to the reality of life and death, to trying to catch up from a missed week, to writing articles for the newsletter, to Session meetings, to planning for the upcoming season, to writing sermons, to officiating weddings to... Well, you get it, life never stops—not even while you are cruising in the Caribbean. (Oh, and by the way, I do all of that in one hour a week, because that's all preachers work—one hour a week!)

And here's the thing, as crazy as it sounds, I actually love it! And if asked why I love it, I have to say it begins with one thing—loving life. I cannot imagine a life that isn't filled with plans of every kind, with people of every kind, with unexpected joys and even frustrating realities. It is a reminder that I am thankful to be living life.

In our Session meeting last night, Fred gave a devotional about being thankful and looking at life with thanksgiving instead of dread or complaints. I know things in life can be challenging and not go the way we want, but there is so much to be thankful for. I am thankful for the people called Brenthaven. I don't know if you have ever noticed the variety of people and the unique qualities and gifts they bring to form this body of believers, but it is one amazing body.

There have been people living up here getting the building ready for VBS, turning it into Alaska. There are ladies who magically appear to turn drab flower beds into works of art. There are people who clean up the church after worship, replenishing paper towels and making sure we all have toilet paper in the bathrooms. There are people who play Rook or dominoes or bridge, and you can tell they are having a great time. There are ladies who knit blankets or booties or find some other craft to work on. There are those who love to read, so they come together and discuss a book (and they really do discuss the book). There are people who share their gift of music by singing in worship. There are those who help in leading children or adults or youth during studies or Sunday school. And the list goes on and on.

All of this, the crazy schedules, the people, the work—it all makes up what it means to be *The Church*. Church isn't just about sitting in worship and then going home after an hour. It is about worship, but also fellowship, fun, service, missions, stewardship, and most importantly—LOVE. And when we live in love, it makes all the crazy schedules worth every minute. And it reminds us that God has blessed us, and through God's love for us, we have much to be thankful for.

So, as you go through these summer days, may you be filled with God's love and thankful for the blessings in your life. And may you add a little church to your already packed schedule. You may just find something special.

Grace and peace,

## MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

The Missions Ministry is collecting items **through June 15** for the **Youth ROCKS Missions Trip**. You may continue to bring the items below and place them in the basket in front of the church office, but in addition, we can use **sandwich-size zip lock bags** and **new or used paint supplies**, such as paint brushes, rollers and roller pans, and drop clothes, etc.

We would like to thank you for the donations you have already given.

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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Our next CPWM meeting will be **Tuesday, June 24** at 10:30 am in the Willing Workers Room. Our guest speaker this month will be **Lisa Cook** from **Sacred Sparks Ministry**. We will find out the latest news about Sacred Sparks and the *Loads of Love* Laundry Ministry. We hope you will join us!

## ATTENTION: ALL BARGAIN HUNTERS...



Starting **Tuesday, July 1**, the **Brenthaven Women's Ministry** will be accepting treasures for their **Yard Sale** happening 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. Starting July 1, you are requested to place your donations on the fellowship hall stage. Please **DO NOT** bring clothes or shoes. Thank you!

## SERMON BINGO IS HERE!

This summer, our youth group is doing a fun new activity during worship called **Sermon Bingo!** Each Sunday, they'll create bingo cards during Sunday School using words they expect to hear in the sermon. If you hear one joyful "Bingo!" during the service, don't be alarmed. It's just part of helping our youth listen closely and stay engaged in a new way.

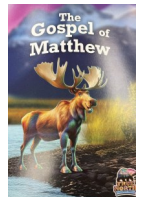
## BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



*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.

Washington, D.C., 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, an all-female boardinghouse in the heart of the nation's capital, where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship. Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and window-brewed sun tea become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears apart the house, the Briar Club women must decide who is the true enemy in their midst?

## TRUST IN JESUS—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. Each day will highlight a different situation where the children can "Trust Jesus."

**Monday:** "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows is wise." (Matthew 7:24)

**Tuesday:** "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

**Wednesday:** "'Don't be afraid' he said, 'Take courage. I am here!'" (Matthew 14:27)

**Thursday:** "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

"And his name will be the hope of all the world." (Matthew 12:21)

It begins **June 23** and goes through **June 26** from 5:30–8:00 pm. **Registration forms** are in the narthex and also at [Brenthaven.org](http://Brenthaven.org). **Sign-up sheets** for the adult class are in the office.

Brenthaven members are invited to the **closing ceremony on Thursday, June 26** at 7:35 pm. You will hear the stories and songs the children have learned and see pictures of the week's activities.

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Jeri Behan  
Miklos Gerendas

### Members

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 Dot Dobbins (*sister of Bill Dobbins*)  
Family of Chet Dickson (*friend of Kip Rush*)



Prayers

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Charles Belew*

Becky & Ronny Jones, Michael Barile

### *In Memory of Guy Sneed*

Treva Floyd, Beverly Garrett, Barbara Jordon, Linda & Larry Pulley, Anita & Jim Tilley

### *In Honor of Cheryl & Marty Morris*

"For their long years of service to the children"  
Syble Mitchell



The Celebration of Life for **Guy Sneed** is **Friday, June 13** at Brenthaven Church. Visitation is 11:00 am and the Service is 12:00 pm.



## JUNE BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, June 24** from 12–5 pm. There will be a bus from **Blood Assurance** in the church parking lot. You can schedule your donations: [bloodassurance.org/](http://bloodassurance.org/) [brentwoodcommunity.com](http://brentwoodcommunity.com). Walk-ins are welcome.

## 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

**July 28–31:** Triennium

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5*



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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 15

- June 12**     **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- June 13**     **11:00 AM** Visitation of Family (Guy Sneed)  
**12:00 PM** Celebration of Life for Guy Sneed
- June 15**     **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship (Father's Day)
- June 16**     **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- June 19**     **9:30 AM** BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)  
**11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- June 22**     **9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship  
**12:00 PM** VBS Volunteer Lunch/Set Up

Trinity Sunday (*white*)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8;  
 Romans 5:1-5;  
 John 16:12-15

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 8

### OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$410.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	4,410.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	246,147.62
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	275,662.23
Difference	<b>-29,514.61</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

*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**