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BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALLED TO SERVE

This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Uganda with a wonderful organization called **Sweet Sleep**. This organization is dedicated to providing beds for children in need and helping women establish Co-Ops that empower them to care for their families.

From the moment I arrived, I felt God's presence in a powerful and undeniable way. This trip was one of the most spiritually impactful experiences of my life. The joy of the Lord was so evident, not because of circumstances, but because of hearts fully anchored in Him.

One of the sweetest parts of the trip was spending time with the children. Playing, laughing, and worshipping God together was such a gift. Their smiles, their songs, and their love for Jesus in the simplest moments brought me to tears. What a blessing it was to witness their faith.

We were able to distribute 100 beds and Bibles to vulnerable children who had never owned either before. Seeing the pure joy and wonder on their faces as they received something so basic, but so life-changing, was deeply moving. It reminded me how God cares about every detail of our lives, and how He uses His people to meet needs in the most tangible ways.

We also visited a boarding school in Kampala, Uganda that provides a safe and stable environment for children who have come from dangerous living conditions. We brought bed sheets, art supplies, backpacks, and other essentials for the students. The children's gratitude was heart-wrenching in the most beautiful way. With smiles full of joy, many hurried to make their beds and carefully held their new belongings. It was a beautiful reminder of how even small gifts can mean so much.

Another important part of the trip was supporting women through established Co-Ops. At one location, we helped harvest vegetables; at another location, we launched a new Co-Op for fifteen women, helping them begin their journey of providing for their families. We had the honor of giving each woman her own Bible, as it was the first one any of them had ever received. Watching them hold God's Word in their hands for the first time was something I will never forget. There was so much reverence, joy, and gratitude in their eyes.

As many of you know, I have served as an ambassador for **Love+One International** for the past five years. This organization provides life-saving medical care for children in Uganda. During my mission trip, I had the opportunity to visit the **Love+One** center in person. I was able to witness the amazing work being done and hold some of the malnourished babies they are nursing back to health. It was a moment I will always treasure.

This trip gave me a new perspective on life. We are surrounded by so many blessings, things we often take for granted—clean water to drink, food to eat, electricity, a bed to sleep on, and even something as simple but precious as owning a Bible. So many of these are miracles to others, and it reminded me that true joy does not come from what we have but from Jesus alone.

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40 ESV)

I am so humbled and thankful to have been a small part of what God is doing there. I went to serve, but I came home forever changed. I pray that the Lord calls me to another opportunity to go back and serve again in the near future. Thank You, Jesus!

If you feel led to give or learn more, here are two wonderful organizations that I work with: **Love+One International**: Donate directly to my fundraising page: <https://give.loveoneint.org/annagw> or **Sweet Sleep**: Donate here: <https://sweetsleep.org/>.

—Anna Grace Wooten



BRENTHAVEN WOMEN'S MINISTRY



YARD SALE! Friday, July 25 at 8-2 and Saturday, July 26 at 8-12

Come out and find those treasures and help support CPWM's biggest fundraiser of the year!

CHERYL MORRIS RETIREMENT PARTY
03 AUGUST 2025

You don't want to miss this one!

Help us celebrate **Cheryl Morris** on **August 3!** We invite you to honor her during the service and stay afterwards for a celebration luncheon. Please help us spread the word to friends and family who have been loved by Cheryl over the years.

DONATIONS FOR REZ

We are supporting the efforts of a local church in South Dakota to assist with school supplies for students of all ages from the **Lakota Tribe**. This is the same tribe (REZ) that CPWM supports each fall with warm clothing and blankets. We will *not* be collecting school supplies, but if you are interested in helping, you may send a check or order supplies and send them directly to the address below. If you have any questions, you may call the church office. Thank you!

Lakota Memorial Church of the Nazarene
P.O. Box 1538
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

We have been made aware of some immediate needs for the ministries we support. Please place donated items in the bins marked for each ministry.

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.

GraceWorks is in need of food items for their fuel packs: fruit cups, pudding cups, pull-top cans of Beanie Weenies, pastas and soups, and granola/breakfast bars.

Our very own **Allie Crawford** is a teacher at **Norman Binkley Elementary School**, a Title I school. A new hygiene program is starting at the school this year and the following items are needed for many of the students. A bin to collect these items is outside the church office. We will collect hygiene items **through Sunday, August 17**. They need the following items: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, bar soap, wash clothes, feminine hygiene products, hair brushes, ponytail elastics/hair ties, shampoo, and lotion. As always, thank you for your help!

BACKPACK BLESSING

When our children, youth, and teachers return to school in August, they do not go alone. They go with the grace of God, the love of Christ Jesus, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit! They also go with the love and support of the Brenthaven Church family.



On **Sunday, August 3, during worship**, we will celebrate our annual **Backpack Blessing**. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks. Toddlers are invited to bring their diaper bags. Adults are encouraged to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, purses, sports bags, or other forms of conveyance for their daily "stuff" to be blessed, as well. Join us to be blessed, regardless of your age or stage of life!

AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE



The next Blood Drive is **August 5**, from 10 am to 3 pm, in the church fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code: **cityofbrentwood**.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Ty Allen
Phyllis Burkhalter
Bob Dozier
Garrett Gross
Marty Morris
Don Tabor



Members

Jeri Behan, Joan Bledsoe, Ben Davis, 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, 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*), Marcine Cook (*friend of the Rush Family*), 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*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Greg McEwen (*friend of Kaye Holland*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), 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*), 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, Texas floods

Deaths

The Family of Virginia Gregali (*grandmother of Nico Gregali*)

THANK YOU!

Dear Brenthaven Family,

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers and cards. I am so grateful for your support. You always bring me such joy!

Carol Gonzales

P.S. I am Recovering well!

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

July 28–31: Triennium

August 3: Backpack Blessing &

Retirement Celebration for Cheryl Morris

BRENTHAVEN CHURCH,

I want to express how much my family and I appreciated the love, warmth, and support of the entire Brenthaven Church family during the sudden death of my sister, Dot. Everyone's support prior to and during the funeral service made an emotionally difficult time more comforting and meaningful, particularly to Kathy & me. Holding the funeral service at Brenthaven Church was certainly meaningful to my niece, Nan, and her family. This was one less task (among many) that she had to plan and coordinate.

I could try and name everyone who helped with this effort but I know there would be several people behind the scenes that I would leave out. However, I must mention Karen, Ean, James, Amity, Becky, Rachel, Kaye, Lisa, and Ronny. Thank you all! Christ's love shone through all of you, and I will never forget it.

Much love, Bill & Kathy Dobbins

**In everything there is a season,
a time for every purpose under heaven.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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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 24** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- July 25** **8 AM–2 PM** Yard Sale *(FH/Narthex)*
- July 26** **8 AM–12 PM** Yard Sale *(FH/Narthex)*
- July 27** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
- July 31** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Aug. 3** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship (Backpack Blessing)
12:00 PM Celebration for Cheryl Morris

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY 27

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(green)*

Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85
Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138;
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19);
Luke 11:1-13

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JULY 20

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	3,060.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	304,860.45
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	340,019.53
Difference	-35,159.08

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>
Fred Ford, Jr.	Jeri Behan	Chris Fleming
Suzanne Ghianni	Jan Davidson	Renee McCulley
Mark Humphrey	Russ Deaton	Mike Murphy
Gwen Keiser	Joe Malloy	Ame Satterwhite