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

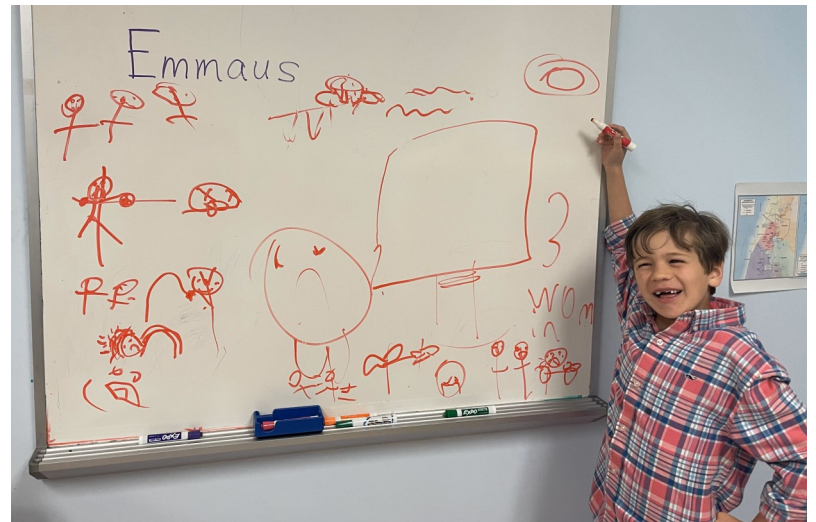
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THE WHOLE STORY

Last week in Ean's article, he reminded us that Easter is not a one-day thing—that it's a way of life and that Jesus shows up in our lives all year long. And as He does, we keep walking in the story of Easter. I love that thought. It made me think of the children in the Workshop Rotation Sunday School Classes. They have been learning that walk for weeks now. They have studied that walk from Ash Wednesday through Lent, learning about Maundy Thursday's Last Supper, Jesus' trial and crucifixion, a stone that was rolled away, and a group of women discovering that Jesus had risen. They learned the symbols of Lent and Easter and why a cross became the key symbol of Christianity.

This past Sunday, we turned our attention to what happened on The Road to Emmaus. Then one of our youngest reminded us of the entire Easter story. Our sweet Beckett Strickland, a second grader, took a marker and dry erase board and mapped out the entire story with pictures, narrating, as well. It was like an Easter roadmap. I missed his first telling of the story, so he did it a second time for me. He got the order of events and names of those involved all correct. It was pretty amazing. A real moment to remember and cherish.



So we'll continue our study of two men encountering Jesus on that road to Emmaus. Of course, the men didn't realize it was Jesus at first. And our studies, from art to computer to even a scavenger hunt, will help remind the children that Christ is present whether we see him or not. And that walking with him, we recognize Jesus in our own lives and welcome newcomers to our faith. That's a lot to get across to children, but we will do our best. We must, for they give us their best every Sunday. The Workshop Rotation Sunday School Classes take place every Sunday in the Children's Wing from 9:30 am to 10:30 am for children in kindergarten through 6th grade.



Ms Cheryl

Our Sunday School class moved to the sanctuary to study our stained glass window and the different crosses used throughout the world.

GRADUATION NOTES



It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another school year. A display is set up in the church narthex highlighting our high school seniors. Please take a moment to fill out a note card on the display for **Luke Deaton** and **Lilly Van Allen**. Include your wishes, prayers, or your support and guidance as they prepare to take the next steps in their journey. You may also bring your own cards. We will present these special youth with a Bible during worship on **Sunday, May 25**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



Graduate Recognition Sunday
Coming up Sunday, May 25!

HAVE A SPECIAL GRADUATE?

Do you have a special graduate you would like to tell us about? If so, please contact the church office by email: secretary@brenthaven.org or by phone: 615-373-4826 to leave your information. We would like to know your relationship to the graduate, any honors received, plans after graduation, and type of degree (if from a college).

WHY TRUE NORTH?



So why did we choose *True North* for our **Vacation Bible School Program** this year? Well, the world can feel like a vast and untamed wilderness for kids today. Even for us adults, the world feels a little crazy at times. But all of us can hold on to our TRUST in Jesus. He's always there, dependable and rock-solid. And this year, adults are invited to explore a deeper, more mature take on the same theme.

It all starts on **June 23** and goes through **June 26** from **5:30–8:00 pm**. See the display in the narthex for **registration forms**. They are also available online at Brenthaven.org. **Sign-up sheets** for the adult class are in the church office.

We need volunteers to serve in all areas, including assisting teachers, shepherding the children, administering first aid, decorating, helping in the kitchen, and cleaning up afterwards. Please contact Ms. Cheryl or the church office if you would like to help.



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

CLASS OF
2025

Annabeth Perryman will graduate with honors on May 10, 2025 from MTSU with a Major in Sports Management. Annabeth is the daughter of Steve Perryman and the granddaughter of Carol & Keith Perryman. Congratulations, Annabeth!



Takoda Davidson will graduate from Nolensville High School on May 22, 2025. He has set his sights on surgical technology and is awaiting acceptance to either Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Murfreesboro or Fortis Institute in Nashville. Takoda is the grandson of Jan and Larry Davidson. Congratulations, Takoda!



SPOTLIGHT

The Quilt of Valor Foundation has chapters throughout Tennessee, as well as all 50 states. On April 19, 2025, the Captain William Lytle Chapter (CWL DAR), in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, honored **Randy Elliot** with a beautiful, handmade quilt for his dedicated service during the Vietnam War. The quilt was presented to him by Arlene Carter, a member to the CWL DAR chapter.

Randy joined the Navy in 1969, serving two full tours of duty that included a devastating attack by the Viet Cong while stationed at Cam Rahn Bay Naval Base. For his service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. Thank you, Randy, for your service, sacrifice, and valor!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Rev. Dwight Liles (*CP Minister*)
Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*)



Members

Charles Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Brooke Gross, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Bill Moser, Rose O'Hara, Keith Perryman, Jack Phillips, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, James Talley

Family and Friends

Jon Bates (*nephew of Kaye Holland*), Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), Claire Cheek (*friend of Becky Jones*), Lauren (*friend of Ame Satterwhite*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miah Faircloth*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), David Dowland (*husband of Tere Dowland*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Charlotte Galambos & Michael Gerandas, Jamie Travis Gallimore (*sister of Julie Travis*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Sarah Thomas (*friend of Megan Gregali*), 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*), David Kirby (*stepson of Donna Kirby*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Greg McEwen (*friend of Kaye Holland*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Shari Mehok (*sister of Karen Benefield*), Kathleen Murphy (*daughter of Julie & Mike Murphy*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Bill Shouse (*uncle of Larry Pulley*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Rev. Buddy Travis (*father of Julie Travis*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Lynn Underwood (*daughter of Dawn McBee*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather MacDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), 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 Bill Blewett

Susie & Dale Batchelor for Sacred Sparks



REMINDER...

Our next **Ministry Team Meeting** will be this **Sunday, May 4**, after worship in the fellowship hall. We would like for all team members to meet with their ministry teams.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

May 25: Graduate Recognition Sunday

Jun. 1–6: High School Synodic Camp

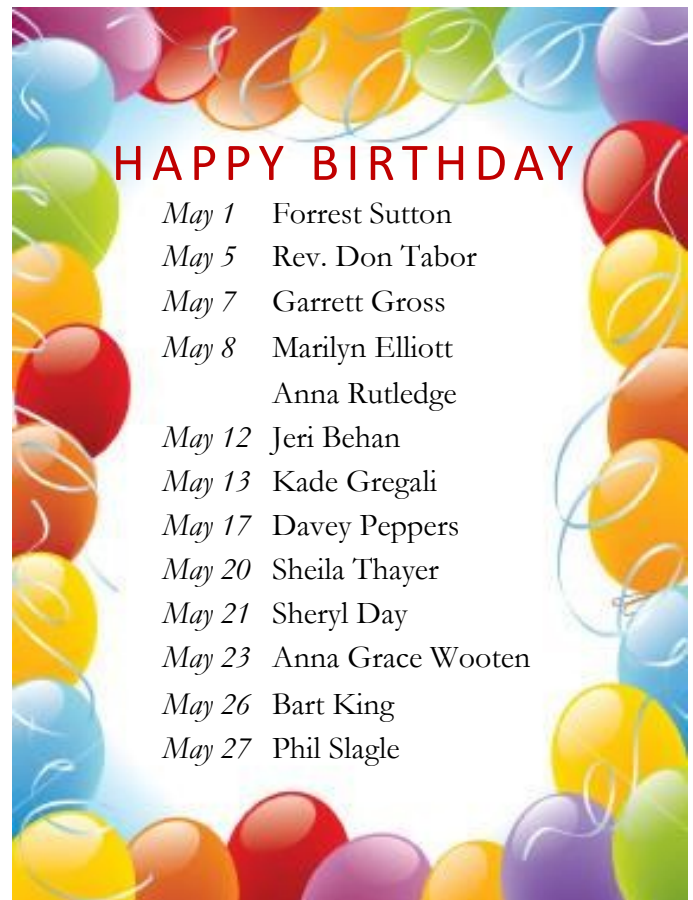
Jun. 16–21: Youth ROCKS Mission Trip

Jun. 23–26: Vacation Bible School

July 6–11: CPYC

July 6–11: Junior Camp

July 13–18: Middle School Camp



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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

- May 1** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- May 4** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM All Ministries Meet (*FH*)
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- May 5** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- May 6** 7 AM–7 PM Brentwood Election (*FH*)
 6:30 PM Session (*Adult Library*)
- May 7** 6:30 PM Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- May 8** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- May 11** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship (Mother's Day)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY 4Third Sunday of Easter (*white*)

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20);
 Psalm 30;
 Revelation 5:11-14;
 John 21:1-19

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 27**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$365.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	5,152.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	190,300.18
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	202,559.04
Difference	-12,258.86

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