



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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HOLY WEEK

This Sunday, April 13, is Palm/Passion Sunday. In the service we will celebrate as the people in Jerusalem did, welcoming Christ and praising God. But shortly afterwards, we will hear the Liturgy of the Passion. We will relive the betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus. What a week our Savior endured!

As we listen to the scripture on Sunday and marvel at the turn of events over the course of one week, there's an excellent opportunity to reflect on Jesus' example for us. During his triumphant entry, Christ rode on a colt, symbolizing humility. In all his suffering, Christ did not resist or strike back. His enemies accused him, humiliated him and beat him. Soldiers mocked him with a crown of thorns proclaiming "King of the Jews."



Jesus does not strike back. He doesn't blame or accuse. Then he goes such a tremendous step beyond that, he asks God to forgive those who "do not know what they are doing." Imagine that!

As we experience this Sunday's service, the highs and the lows, and go through Holy Week with Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae services, may we observe Jesus our Savior. We observe his actions and responses not just to admire but to emanate his values and attitudes so that we, in very different circumstances of our own lives, may walk in his footsteps.

As his disciples, Christ invites us to walk his way, to share his suffering, to empty ourselves, to serve others, and to love others as he loves us. It's an invitation that leads to a life of fulfillment as Christ intended for us. A life, not without challenges, but of peace and love.

Linda

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday	April 13	10:45 am	<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>
Thursday	April 17	7:00 pm	<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>
Friday	April 18	7:00 pm	<i>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</i>
Sunday	April 20	10:45 am	<i>Easter/Resurrection Sunday Service</i>



EASTER CANDY DONATIONS



Easter Sunday is April 20, and the **Easter Egg Hunt** will follow our service, around noon. All children through 6th grade are invited, including visitors. **You can help us by donating candy** that can go into the *Easter Treat Bags*. A collection basket is outside the church office for your donations. Monetary donations are welcome.

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon is April's selection for **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, April 17** at 9:30 am in the Youth Room. This is a lighthearted whodunnit about a trio of amateur sleuths.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY—MARCH MEETING

For the past four years, if you visit or call Brenthaven's church office you will be greeted by the office administrator, Karen Benefield. She shared part of her life's journey with us at our March meeting.

Karen was born in Virginia, the middle child of five and the oldest daughter. At age two, her family moved back to Orlando, Florida where her father pastored a church for more than 20 years. Karen said she felt the Lord's presence even as a small child and is grateful for her early Biblical training.

At a young age, she loved singing and began a 35-year adventure with music. At 19, she entered Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee as a Music Major. She enjoyed traveling with several singing groups until a serious accident prompted her to move back to Florida. She graduated from USF in Tampa as a Communications Major.

Besides singing, she enjoyed writing and drawing, which became an outlet to express her deepest feelings, and to this day is a way for her to share her faith and hope with others. Karen married and was blessed with a daughter, Hope and a son, Christian. She was a teacher for several years but later became an editor with a major publisher. After a turbulent marriage ended in divorce, she leaned on her faith more than ever. "Life is hard, but God is good! It's God's love, mercy, and grace that I lean on!"

Since her daughter's family moved to Tennessee, Karen moved here in 2021 and landed the job at Brenthaven! She has two grandchildren: Copely, 10 and Grady, 6 who live nearby. Her son, Christian, remains in Orlando.

We are grateful Karen found her way here to us. If you've not had the opportunity to meet her, please stop by the church office to make your acquaintance.



For our **April CPWM meeting**, we will be going to **Thistle Farms** for lunch. We will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 29** at 10:30 am to sign cards and to carpool.

MY OWN BACKYARD MINISTRY

The **Missions Ministry** will be collecting food items for **My Own Backyard Ministry** during the month of **April**. Kathleen Murphy, founder of the ministry, has requested the items below. Please look for the donation bin in the narthex.



- * **Ramen Noodle Packs or Noodle Cups**
- * **Apple Sauce or Fruit Pouches**
- * **Individual Size Packs of Chips, Pretzels, Goldfish, Cookies, or Fruit Snacks**

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 that's what we hope to teach our children this summer during VBS. Each night, Bible stories and scripture will be taught to our children to help them apply these teachings to their lives. For instance, every day has a *Bible Point* to make, and some pretty cute animals will help us do that. Such as:



PONDER: When we wonder, we can trust Jesus.



CLAWDIA: When we feel alone, we can trust Jesus.



KODY: When we feel powerless, we can trust Jesus!



BRUCE: When we need help, we can trust Jesus.

And when we need hope, we can trust Jesus. It's all happening **June 23 through June 26, 5:30–8:00 pm**. Adult classes will be offered this year, as well. Save these dates to be at Brenthaven!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Bill Moser, Rose O'Hara, Keith Perryman, Jack Phillips, Janiece Redmon, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, James Talley, Pat White

Family and Friends

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

Deaths

Family of Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*)

REMINDER...

Our next **Ministry Team Meeting** will be Sunday, May 4, after worship in the fellowship hall.



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Bill Blewett

Barbara Dial (for Sacred Sparks)

In Memory of Earline Rolman

Joan Bledsoe (for the Choir), Barbara Dial (for Sacred Sparks), Brenda and Ron Medlin, Cheryl and Marty Morris, Sue and Bill Moser, Ame Satterwhite

In Memory of Sue McClelland

Barbara Dial (for Sacred Sparks), Beverly Garrett, Jan Marshall, Brenda and Ron Medlin, Ame Satterwhite



THANK YOU!

I want to share my appreciation to all who prayed for my Aunt Yvonne Reid during her battle with cancer these past several years. Her life was a testimony of God's love and all who knew her were greatly blessed by her. I was so grateful to have her in my family (she was like a second mom to me), and though she will be very missed, we are glad she isn't suffering and is now in the arms of her savior, Jesus. Thank you to our church family who have lifted her up in prayers, and we appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss!

Liz Strickland & Family

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service

April 18: Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

April 20: Easter Service/Egg Hunt

May 25: Graduate Recognition Sunday

Jun. 1-6: Synodic High School 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

- Apr. 10** **9:30 AM** Lent Bible Study (*Adult Library*)
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 11** **9 AM–3 PM** Blood Drive (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Apr. 13** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship (Palm/Passion Sunday)
 12:00 PM DMT Meeting (*Adult Library*)
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- Apr. 16** **5:45 PM** WNS Supper & Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Practice (*Sanctuary*)
- Apr. 17** **9:30 AM** Lent Bible Study (*Adult Library*)
 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club (*Youth Room*)
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
 11 AM–4 PM Blood Drive (*Fellowship Hall*)
 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (*Sanctuary*)
- Apr. 18** **(GOOD FRIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED)**
 7:00 PM Good Friday Service (*Sanctuary*)
- Apr. 19** **9:30 AM** Choir Practice (*Sanctuary*)
- Apr. 20** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship (Easter)
 12:00 PM Egg Hunt

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 13

Liturgy of the Palms (*purple*)
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion (*purple*)
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23 or Luke 23:1-49

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 6

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$295.75
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	10,495.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	166,351.74
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	163,605.80
Difference	2,745.94

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