



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ROLLERCOASTER RIDE OF HOLY WEEK

The week has arrived! Yes, you know—that week. I was reminded the other day how busy this week is for church leaders. It all starts with that mixed-up day of emotions that is Palm/Passion Sunday. The joy and excitement of the *Triumphal Entry* to the deep, dark despair of the crucifixion. We take these two events and jam them together so we aren't going from entry to re-entry all in one week without even noticing the emptiness of loss.

Granted, at Brenthaven we will once again have an opportunity to hear an even longer version of the crucifixion on Good Friday (hint, hint, at 7:00 pm). But for various reasons, folks can't make that service. So, we need to hear a more complete story.

So, we begin with Palm/Passion, then move to Maundy Thursday. This day is a focus on the story in John when Jesus gathers around a table with his disciples and gives them a new commandment, *"that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."* The word *Maundy* comes from the Latin word, *mandatum*, which means *command*, thus the new command from Jesus. That's the word used in the Latin translation of John's gospel.

On this day, the focus is on the love Jesus shows by washing his friends' feet and being a servant out of love. Another reading for that day is Paul's instructions on sharing communion. Let me assure you I learned long ago that the mere thought of having one's feet washed can be terrifying, so while we may talk about it, we focus more on communion and leave the toes alone.


Good Friday has always seemed to be a misnomer to me. On a day when Jesus is flogged, beaten, stripped, mocked and nailed to a cross... and we call that GOOD?! Maybe the after effect, but not the event! Listening to that story frequently causes me to wince and flinch. I know watching it depicted can be upsetting, especially the way it was depicted in *The Passion*, so many years ago. But shouldn't all torture and death upset us?

Everything gets quiet as we move to Saturday. Some churches do an Easter Vigil, usually at night, and spend extended time hearing more scripture and prayer. I often see it as the calm after the storm and before the celebration. Preparing for the unexpected. Wondering. Reflecting.

The truth is that most of us on Saturday are likely trying to decide what Easter outfits we are going to wear, who is coming for lunch, what we are going to be eating, and getting the house in order. All important things, for sure.

But, what if we took time to just—STOP! I'm not asking for a long time, just say 30 minutes to an hour. Get off the rollercoaster ride of Holy Week, and sit down to look and listen. Go out back, or on the front porch, or some place you can just *be*. Be silent, don't read anything, don't cook anything, just *be*. The chaos will return, I assure you. There are still things to do, food to fix, house to get ready, kids to care for. So don't worry, it will be there. But I think maybe we need to also take time for ourselves and God.

Look, I know it's hard. It is so hard for me to turn off the thoughts of what I'm going to say in all these services and if they will even be worth hearing. I have concerns on my mind and things I need to get done. I get it. But even I need to tell myself to STOP. So will you do that with me? Let's be intentional and take time for God; look for God all around us. Maybe it will open our eyes to a whole new way of experiencing such a busy week. Heck, you never know what God might do!

Grace and peace, 

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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>



MY OWN BACKYARD GIFTS AND EASTER LILIES

IN MEMORY OF

Mildred & Bennett Brown
Becky & Ronny Jones

Charles Burch
Joyce Burch

Christine Carter
Strickland Family

Jerry Chesnut
Patricia Chesnut

Ann & Neal DeMarcus
Bob Dozier

Barbara Dozier
Bob Dozier

Georgie & James Hill
Bob Dozier

Lucille & Woodrow Jones
Becky & Ronny Jones

Giff Jordon
Barbara Jordon

Margaret & Durham Keene
Joyce Burch

Allene & Guy Knight
Ame Satterwhite

Marjorie Neuhoff
Bob Dozier

Patricia & Arthur Neuhoff
Bob Dozier

Gay Payton
Ame Satterwhite

Elwyn Pierce
Joe Shoemake

Scott Powers
Ame Satterwhite

Dot & Lee Roy Satterwhite
Bob Dozier
Ame Satterwhite

Loyse Satterwhite
Ame Satterwhite

Barbara Shoemake
Joe Shoemake

Jimmy Stewart
Martha Stewart

Mildred Strickland
Strickland Family

IN HONOR OF

Kathy & Matt Dozier
Bob Dozier

Garrett Family & Murphy Family
Jan & Larry Davidson

Gwen Keiser
Becky & Ronny Jones

Cheryl Morris
Becky & Ronny Jones

Julie & Mike Murphy
Beverly Garrett

Liz Strickland
Barrett & Beckett Strickland

Our Grandparents
Gross Family

My Amazing Family
Lori Rucker



OTHER GIFTS

Donna Blewett

John Marsh

Douglas Powers



EASTER EGG HUNT



Easter is this **Sunday, April 20**, and the **Easter Egg Hunt** will follow our service, around noon. All children through 6th grade are invited, including visitors.

MY OWN BACKYARD MINISTRY

The **Missions Ministry** will be collecting individual size snacks for **My Own Backyard Ministry** during the month of **April**. Please look for the donation bin in the narthex.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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.

APRIL BLOOD DRIVE



The April Blood Drive is **April 17**, from 11 am to 4 pm, in the church fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code: **cityofbrentwood**.

REMINDER...

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

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

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 Miab 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

Cheryl & Marty Morris

In memory of Sue McClelland from:

Jan and Larry Davidson



Donna Kirby retired from PathGroup on March 28 as the Assistant Vice President of Revenue Integrity/Compliance. She worked there for 26 years. "I'm as happy as a lark!" She says. "I've never had a permanent vacation before. That's kind of what it feels like. I feel very liberated." As for what her future may hold, she's sure it will be something related to gardening. But for now, she's in the process of deprogramming those 26 years so she can begin enjoying what lies ahead. Congratulations, Donna!



TRUE NORTH: THE ADULT CLASS FOLLOWING JESUS IN A DISORIENTED WORLD

While the kids learn to follow God as their compass, adults are invited to explore a deeper, more mature take on the same theme. What does it really mean to walk in the *Jesus Way*? It's more than just believing in Him; it's choosing to shape our lives around how Jesus lived, even when the world feels noisy, uncertain, or overwhelming.

This adult VBS class will meet in The Adult Lodge, a relaxed, welcoming space with refreshments and room to slow down. Whether you stay for the full session or drop in for a moment of rest, you are welcome!

We'll spend time in Scripture, reflect on quotes from Eugene Peterson's "The Jesus Way," and respond through simple art and honest conversation. No prep or reading is required, we'll have everything you need. Come find your bearings alongside others who are seeking to follow Jesus with depth, intention, and honesty. (Sign-up sheet for adult class is in the church office.)

Let's navigate toward True North, The Way of Jesus, together. It's all happening **June 23 through June 26, 5:30–8:00 pm.**



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SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.


SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- Apr. 21** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 23** **6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Apr. 24** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Apr. 27** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
- 10:45 AM** Worship
- 5:00 PM** Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 20

Resurrection of the Lord (*white*)
 Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25;
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or: Acts 10:34-43;
 John 20:1-18; or Luke 24:1-12

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 13

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$50.75
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	4,540.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	170,942.49
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	185,171.83
Difference	-14,229.34

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