



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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GRADUATION: A STEP OF FAITH

It's always bittersweet to see our seniors graduate. This year, we're celebrating two amazing young people who have been a meaningful part of our church family from their childhood: Lilly Van Allen and Luke Deaton.

Graduation is one of the boldest acts of faith a young person can make. It's a moment of stepping forward, sometimes with confidence and sometimes with nerves, into a future that isn't fully known. It takes courage to leave what's familiar and walk toward something new.

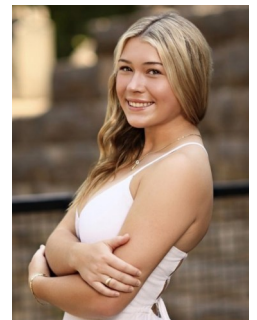
As Lilly and Luke graduate this weekend, I'm reminded that faith isn't something we just talk about in church, it's something we live. Faith is in the act of choosing a college, starting a job, or moving away from home. It's found in asking questions and learning who you are outside of the routines and places that once defined you.

Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." And in Isaiah 43:2 we hear God's promise: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

My prayer for Lilly and Luke is that they will trust that God goes with them—that they will know their church family is cheering them on. And as they make new friends, face new challenges, and chase new dreams, they'll continue to listen for the still, small voice of God who calls them beloved.

Lilly and Luke, thank you for being part of our story. You have both shaped this community in unique and lasting ways. May this season ahead be full of grace and good surprises and always remember deep down that you never walk alone. We are cheering for you!

Lilly Van Allen will graduate from Franklin Road Academy on May 24, 2025. While at FRA, Lilly has enjoyed serving as a Student Ambassador, has been inducted as a member of the National Honor Society, and has made the Head's List three times and the Dean's List twice. She has played on FRA's softball team and participated in several school clubs. Lilly is headed to Auburn University this Fall and plans on majoring in Finance. Lilly is the daughter of Chere Van Allen and the granddaughter of Mac and Kaye Holland.



Lucas Musial Deaton Graduates Saturday, May 24 from Brentwood High School. Luke will attend Middle Tennessee State University, majoring in Live Video Production (filming sporting events, concerts, etc.) on a Presidential Scholarship. Luke spent all four years in the BHS marching band. He also was a part of BHS TV and Film program where he won five Madison Awards, including most recently the MVP of Sports Shoots and an award for a documentary about his proud Papa, Paul Gonzales. He was hired as a paid media intern for his junior and senior years. Luke also runs the cameras at church.

COLOMBIA MISSION TRIP

Your prayers are requested for **Gwen Keiser** and **Bill and Kathy Wood-Dobbins** as they travel to Colombia, SA to work with **Colombia Kids** on a mission project. Gwen is leaving May 22, and Bill and Kathy will depart May 26. They will be participating in the Colombia Kids ministries in the cities of Cali and Armenia. Learn more about Colombia Kids at: colombia-kids.org and be in prayer for all who are traveling for this special trip.

MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

Loads of Love—The Missions Ministry is collecting laundry detergent for **Sacred Sparks** Loads of Love Ministry throughout the **month of May**. Please bring your donations and leave them on the Sacred Sparks table in the narthex.

Youth ROCKS Missions Trip—The Missions Ministry is also collecting items **through June 15** for the Youth ROCKS Missions Trip. Place the items below in the basket next to the church office. (You may bring the gas cards to the church office and place them in the basket on the front desk.)

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

Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering—You may give anytime throughout the year, but we will be collecting a special offering on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8**. The Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering is the only way the Cumberland Presbyterian Church supports Cumberland Presbyterian Missionaries. Your contribution goes to support their salaries and benefits as missionaries.

A NIGHT OF SOUTHERN GOSPEL

Join us on **Wednesday, June 11** at 7:00 pm for a toe-tapping, soul-lifting concert with **Southridge Gospel Music!** This talented quartet brings rich harmonies, heartfelt lyrics, and energy that's contagious. Bring a friend and get ready for a joyful night of music that will have you smiling and singing along. You won't want to miss it!

CPWM NEWS

Our next meeting is **May 27**, and we will meet at the church at 10:00 am to sign cards and to car pool to the **Nashville Diaper Connection**. Every year we volunteer to help pack diapers to be distributed to those in need throughout our area. Nashville Diaper Connection is an organization dedicated to ensuring that every baby in Nashville has enough diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Please join us!



BRENTHAVEN VBS 2025

Hey, look who showed up in the Children's Wing this week! It's our animal friends from Alaska getting ready for **True North Vacation Bible School**. Welcome to Kody the bear, Juneau the husky puppy (for our preschool friends), Bruce the moose, Clawdia the crab, Ponder the Otter, and that's Earnest the eagle. Their message: **TRUST JESUS!**



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It all starts on **June 23** and goes through **June 26** from 5:30–8:00 pm. Get your children registered. This barcode will take you to the form. And adults sign up for your special class in the church office or give us a call (615-373-4826).

ATTENTION TO ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS:

Please join your VBS Planning Team on **Sunday, June 22** for a light lunch and information on all things *True North*. We'll gather in the fellowship hall for food, fellowship, a review of our Bible stories and our VBS animal friends. You'll learn more about your assignments for the week and who you are teamed with. Final decorations will be going up and we welcome your help. And we'll pray for the children to feel welcome, to feel safe, and to feel our love and the love of our Lord Jesus. It's time to get ready for our adventure to Alaska!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*)

Members

Charles Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Joyce Burch, 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 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*), 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*), 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.*), 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*), 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*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather MacDonald*), Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*), 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



GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

CLASS OF
2025

Jack Barker, son of James and Holly Barker and grandson of Kaye and Mac Holland, graduated from St. Luke's School in New Canaan Connecticut. Jack will be an incoming freshman at Wake Forest University in the Fall of 2025. Congratulations, Jack!

GRADUATION NOTES



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 this **Sunday, May 25, Graduate Recognition Sunday**.



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.

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

MAY BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, May 27** from 12-5 pm. There will be a bus from **Blood Assurance** in the church parking lot. You can schedule your donations: bloodassurance.org/brentwoodcommunity. Walk-ins are welcome.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY 25

- May 22** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- May 25** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship (Graduate Recognition)
- May 26** **OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY**
- May 27** **10:00 AM** CPWM (*meet at church to carpool to NDC*)
- May 28** **6:30 PM** Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- May 29** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Jun 1** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
- Jun 1–6** High School Synodic Camp

Sixth Sunday of Easter (*white*)

Acts 16:9-15;

Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MAY 18

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$100.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	4,465.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	219,541.62
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	241,363.29
Difference	-21,821.67

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