



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## SOMETHING NEW AT BRENTHAVEN: JOIN US!

The **Discipleship Ministry Team** is excited to launch a new ministry prototype called *Join Us*. The idea is simple: two co-hosts plan a gathering, and Brenthaven helps spread the word. These gatherings are shaped by the natural passions and creativity of our members, giving us opportunities to share food, laughter, stories, and faith in fresh and fun ways. But *Join Us* is more than fellowship, it's discipleship in action. Discipleship is so much more than reading our Bibles and discussing, it is learning to be the church beyond those inherently Christian moments. It is going into the world and creating church where we are, no matter what activity we find ourselves in.

*Join Us* is modeled after a style of church planting that has revolutionized faith spaces in the UK for the last 15 years, called *Fresh Expressions*. In a world where the church discusses what music is needed for a church to grow and what color paint to use on the church walls, Fresh Expressions starts with a different question: "Where are people already gathering in our community and how might God already be at work there?" From coffee shops to cycling clubs, from pubs to libraries, these ordinary places have become spaces of discipleship, faith, and even worship. But only if we can identify those spaces and have the willingness to try something new. Fresh expressions are always evolving, as the culture evolves and changes.

Brenthaven is adopting some of this thinking with *Join Us*. We are considering all the interests of our congregation, and the places we like to go in our world. Each pair of hosts serve as prayerful discerners of where God is calling them to lead, asking the same question, "what places and communities do people enjoy in our area?"

Do you remember that ENGAGE meeting? One of my biggest takeaways is the need for practice in evangelism. We miss some of the points of our faith if we keep what we learn and experience to ourselves. One of the greatest joys of following Christ is telling others when God is doing something good in our lives, and we hope these gatherings make that easier than ever. For many people, it feels intimidating to invite a friend or neighbor to worship. But inviting someone to dinner, a cookout, or have a couple of drinks with people we love? That's a step anyone can take. *Join Us* offers exactly that. It's an easy first connection point to our church family.

And here's the beauty: when our friends are welcomed to these gatherings, they experience the love and community that define Brenthaven. That sense of belonging may become a gateway, opening the door to worship, service, and deeper discipleship. In other words, *Join Us* helps us practice everyday evangelism, a chance to share the love of Christ simply by sharing life together.

So, when you see a *Join Us* event, not only do we hope YOU will join us, but we hope you will invite someone to join you! Good, fresh things are happening here, and the joy is even greater when it's shared.

*Ean*

### JOIN US...

**...For *Can You Dig It?*—Hosts: Anita Tilley and Donna Kirby**

**First Gathering: Saturday, October 25 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm at Brenthaven Church**

Are you *dig'n* a mid-morning gardening adventure with amazing and simple ideas to ready you for the holidays? There will be lots of fun and hands-on takeaways to ease your fear of plants (FOP) and to nourish your body and soul. We are *dig'n* you joining us, and we promise you'll dig it too!



## JOIN US...

...For *The Wine Sippers*—Hosts: Jodi Rush and Nancy Humphrey

**First Gathering: Saturday, October 18 from 4:00–6:00 pm at the Rush Home**

This will be an evening of wine, laughter, and conversation and a chance to slow down, sip wine, and share life with friends—old and new. Come try something new as we enjoy a night filled with stories, connection, and plenty of good cheer. We hope you will Join Us!

...For *The Meat-ing*—Hosts: Chris Fleming and Scott Strickland

**First Gathering: Sunday, November 2 from 6:00–10:00 pm at Brenthaven Church**

How does a hearty dinner straight off the grill sound, followed by *cheering on* the game together on the big screen—good food, good football, and good fellowship? Then Join Us! You won't want to miss it.

(Please RSVP to the hosts or the church office.)



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Make a difference in a child's life with **Operation Christmas Child**. We will collect the Shoeboxes throughout the month of **October**. Look for the display in the church narthex. For more information, see [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

### BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



*Go as a River* by Shelley Read is October's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting on **Thursday, October 16** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Blood Drive for Blood Assurance** will be on **Tuesday, October 21** from 1:00–5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can schedule your donations at: [bloodassurance.org/brentwoodcommunity](http://bloodassurance.org/brentwoodcommunity). Walk-ins are welcome.

### KOK PLAY DAY AT THE PUMPKIN FARM

Our next KOK Play Day will be at a Pumpkin Farm. You have made your choice! We will be going on **October 25**. More information to come.

## Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 26**

**4:00–6:00 pm in the Front Parking Lot**  
Costumes, music, candy, games, and more!

**TRUNK  
or  
Treat**



### PRAYER GARDEN REFRESH

As part of his **Eagle Scout** project, **Jackson Campbell** will be working to refresh the **Prayer Garden** outside Brenthaven on **Saturday, October 18**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (**this is a date correction from last week's article**). There are several ways you can support the special project. Monetary donations are appreciated and can be made through the church website by selecting the *Building and Grounds* category.

You can also help by providing meals or snacks for volunteers on the day of the project, or by joining us to lend a hand with the work. Jackson will be grateful for any way you choose to be involved and looks forward to bringing new life to this space.



**You're Invited: Dufresne Baby Shower**

**Sunday, October 19 (following worship)**

**For Kristin & Chris Dufresne & Baby Calvin**

Amazon baby gift registry link: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/kristin-dufresne-september-2025bradyville/1FB5X3F4LH46N?ref=cmswrapindpAKWKDD54FGEEPXPF42E1&language=en-US>

OR go to Amazon.com and search *Baby Gift Registry*, and type in their names.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Jeri Behan  
Waylon Cogbill (*great-grandson of Pat Chesnut*)  
Scott Shepherd

### Members

Ty Allen, Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Jan Davidson, Ben Davis, David Dowland, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Tim Ghianni, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Marty Morris, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Larry Pulley, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Cheryl Tabor, Don 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*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Chrissy Deaton (*sister-in-law of Russ Deaton*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Sherry Franks (*aunt of Ean Taylor*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett*), Miklos Gerendas, Eddie Grant (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), 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*), Rick Prentice (*son-in-law of Ben Davis*), Rev. Jim Ratliff (*friend of Kip Rush*), 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*), Anne Walker (*friend of Tere Dowland*), Sandi Walter (*sister of Jim Tilley*), Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

## THANK YOU!

Thank you, Brenthaven Family, for Snacks, Support, Prayers, and Funds! I am able to help students as they grow, move to college, get jobs, graduate high school, and more. Thank you for the continued support.

Love, Kathleen Murphy (My Own Backyard)

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

### *In Memory of Ann Ghianni*

Jan and Larry Davidson

### *In Memory of Guy Sneed*

Cheryl and Marty Morris

### *In Honor of the Richard Keiser Family*

Cheryl and Marty Morris



## SPARK IN THE PARK

Presented by...  
**Sacred Sparks Ministry**

**Tuesday, October 14, 10:00 am–2:00 pm**

**Montgomery Bell State Park**

## HIKE FOR SAFE HAVEN 2025

**Saturday, November 1** is the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual **Hike for Safe Haven** at Percy Warner Park (7199 Hwy 100). This is a Nashville favorite for outdoor fun for friends and family (and is pet friendly). Registration starts at 9:00 am and the Hike kicks off at 10:00 am. There is no entry fee. Register as a team or individual at <https://safehaven.org>. Come support the leading shelter-to-housing program in Middle Tennessee.



**Sunday, November 9 from 5:00–8:00 pm**

**A Sacred Sparks Fundraiser**

**Taco Bar, Door Prizes, Bake Sale**

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation for the **Silent Auction**, contact **Doris Cantagallo** at 415-320-0065. To **reserve your table** (\$100.00 for teams of up to 8 people per table), please call **Barbara Dial** at 615-293-6755.

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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 OCTOBER 12**

- Oct 9** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 12** 9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship  
Youth Lunch Out (following worship)
- Oct 14** 10:30 AM Bridge Group (*Youth Room*)  
6:30 PM Session (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 15** 6:30 PM Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Oct 16** 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)  
11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct 18** 9 AM–2 PM Prayer Garden Refresh
- Oct 19** 9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship  
12:00 PM Baby Shower (*Fellowship Hall*)  
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (*green*)

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12;  
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111;  
2 Timothy 2:8-5;  
Luke 17:11-19

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 5**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Dedicated Giving                   | \$15,225.00 |
| Donations towards Budgeted Expense | 11,902.50   |
| Weekly Need                        | 10,468.00   |
| Received Year-to-Date              | 462,610.75  |
| Actual Spend Year-to-Date          | 450,068.02  |
| Difference                         | 12,542.73   |

**STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

**Kip J. Rush**, Senior Pastor  
**Ean Taylor**, Associate Pastor  
**Linda Pulley**, Director of Music  
**Amity Marsh**, Organist  
**Karen Benefield**, Office Admin (secretary@brenthaven.org)

**Session** – The Elders

|                      |                        |                         |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Class of 2026</i> | <i>Class of 2027</i>   | <i>Class of 2028</i>    |
| <b>Jeri Behan</b>    | <b>Chris Fleming</b>   | <b>Rachel Campbell</b>  |
| <b>Jan Davidson</b>  | <b>Renee McCulley</b>  | <b>Bill Dobbins</b>     |
| <b>Russ Deaton</b>   | <b>Mike Murphy</b>     | <b>Frank Scott</b>      |
| <b>Joe Malloy</b>    | <b>Ame Satterwhite</b> | <b>Scott Strickland</b> |