



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE GIFT OF PRESENCE

Have you ever made plans and then watch them go astray in an instant? I'm watching Madison live that way these days as she recuperates from her surgery. I have been reflecting on these last couple of weeks and the roller-coaster ride of emotions we have been on. It began with worry—worry of what exactly the problem was. Then the agony of seeing her in so much pain, the frustration of waiting on a plan, the concern as she was in surgery and the relief of getting her home. And now, her plans of being in the classroom have been put on hold—until.

Instead of being in the classroom, she is spending time with her parents once again. And she is lucky to have a mother who is so attentive to her needs daily. Even though she is an adult, she is still our “little girl,” and we will do anything we can for her, for as long as it takes—because that’s what family does.

But I can only wonder how hard it is to be dependent on someone after being independent for so long. You get so comfortable in your own routines, doing what you want, fixing your own food, and then in an instant, you can't. Someone has to help you get up from the sofa, get in bed, bring you your food, and fill your bottomless water cup. I have seen how hard it has been for Madison, but I've also heard that frustration from many whose lives have changed when they have had to leave their homes for good. Losing your independence isn't easy.

I often wonder if because of our independence we have forgotten how important it is to have others in our life. For many, it's kinfolk, maybe siblings or children or even parents. But for some, it's family that aren't related by blood—friends, associates, church family. I have always felt that one of the most important gifts we can give is presence. Whether it be a phone call, a smile, or a meal, just being present can mean the world.

Granted, it cannot change the situation, nothing may change it. But in the rollercoaster of emotions that someone may be dealing with, knowing someone else cares brings just a little bright spot in what can be a dark moment in life. Never think you don't have something to offer, you do. You are a child of God and have been given an opportunity to just be you, an offering of kinship and love by simply caring. So, never be afraid to offer a little of your time. It can be the most valuable gift you can share.

Grace and peace,

YOUTH ROCKS MLK RETREAT

The Youth ROCKS' MLK Weekend Retreat was a meaningful and memorable experience, even with an early return due to icy weather. While at the retreat, we explored the meals of Jesus in Luke through worship and Bible study, shared communion, visited a local farm to learn where our food comes from, and even gave back by making phone calls to church members to support our *Soup-er bowl* canned food drive for *Graceworks*. It was a weekend filled with faith, fellowship, and service—check out the photos to see the highlights!



OUR CHILDREN PITCHING IN TO HELP

Sunday School this past Sunday turned into a different teaching moment than first planned for KOK'ers and youth members. We instead gathered to make needed supplies to help care for the rescue animals involved in the recent fires in Southern California. **Rachel Campbell** is a member of *CARA—Crafters and Artisans for Rescued Animals*. She needed help to get supplies headed to California quickly. More help is needed and we're planning a workshop session for all church members who are interested. As soon as we have the date settled we'll let you know.



YOU ARE INVITED...

We invite you to bring your favorite teacup or coffee mug and join us for...

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Ladies Tea

Sharing Food & Fellowship

Date: Saturday, February 22

Time: 9:30 am–11:00 am

Place: Fellowship Hall

If you attended our Fall Luncheons you will be contacted by your hostess. If you did not attend our previous luncheons, we would love for you to join us. Please text Jeri Behan at (615) 604-8015 to RSVP.



FEBRUARY IS SOUPER BOWL MONTH!

The Missions Ministry would like to repeat our Souper Bowl drive this year and collect soup, crackers, and other donations for Graceworks **from January 15th through February 16th**. In honor of Super Bowl LIX, the goal will be 59 cans of soup, but let's see if we can double or triple that. Look for a box marked "Soup For Graceworks" in the Narthex. Thank you!



CPWM NEWS

Our next **CPWM** meeting is **Tuesday, January 28** at 10:30 am. For our project, we're collecting donations of **old towels** through **January 26**. Please place them in the CPWM bin in the narthex.

GET READY, IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Join us **Wednesday, February 5** at 5:45 pm to celebrate the 215th birthday of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination. It's a remarkable story that goes back to the Great Revival of 1800. Want to know more? Don't worry, we'll have a little play that will tell you all about the history that began at Montgomery Bell State Park.



We will start the evening with dinner together, which will be provided (but donations are welcome). And of course, there will be cake to celebrate!

And with Valentine's Day right around the corner, we'll ask your help that night to pack the boxes for our college students and homebound members. We will be packing shoe boxes to the brim with candy, crackers, snacks, pencils, pens, Kleenex, Chapstick, socks, a toothbrush, a Devotional, and of course, more candy. **And if you would like to donate candy (including some sugar free) to help fill the Valentine boxes, please look for the bin next to the church office.** If you would like to give monetarily, you also can drop a check in the mail or go online to our Brenthaven.org page and proceed to the *Giving* section where you'll find a line item to donate to *Valentine Boxes*. We'll take care of the shopping. If you have any questions, please see a staff member or call the church office.

So mark **February 5** on your calendars for a night of fellowship and fun!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Shari Mehok (*sister of Karen Benefield*)

Joyce Malone Wilding (*sister of Marilyn Elliott & Peggy Phelps*)

Members

Charles Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Bob Dozier, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Carol Gonzales, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Syble Mitchell, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Bill Moser, Rose O'Hara, Keith Perryman, Jack Phillips, Janiece Redmon, Jodi Rush, Madison Rush, Phil Slagle, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, 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*), Brenda Copeland (*niece of Martha Stewart*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miab Faircloth*), Chris Cummings (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Kaye Grant (*mother of Kimberly Silvas*), Sarah Thomas (*friend of Megan Gregali*), Rev. Tommy Jobe (*father of Renee McCulley*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Karen Lind (*friend of the Rush Family*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Kathy Mitchell (*daughter of Syble Mitchell*), Kathleen Murphy (*daughter of Julie & Mike Murphy*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird, and Miab Faircloth*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Bill Shouse (*uncle of Larry Pulley*), Sarah Slavik (*fiancée of Ryan Lipe*), Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, 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*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Cameron Chandler (*son of Dorsy & Paulette Chandler*)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Jerry Bates

Becky & Ronny Jones, Loretta & Guy Sneed

In Memory of Martha Ring

Barbara Jordon, Willing Workers SS Class

In Memory of Barbara Shoemake

Joyce Burch, Jan & Larry Davidson, Barbara Jordon, Sue & Bill Moser, Bonnie Pierce

In Memory of Ron White

Joyce Burch, Jan & Larry Davidson



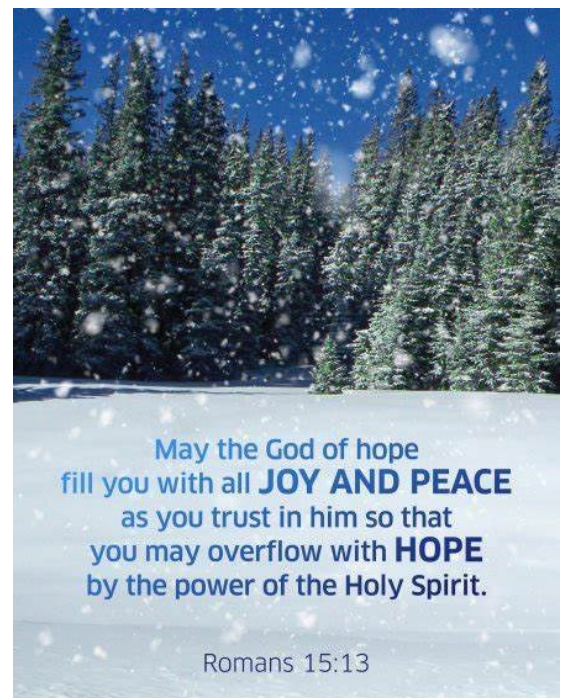
THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant that you sent for Ron's service. We both loved the years that we attended Brenthaven. Ron was a special guy to so many people. Thanks again for the plant!

Ann White

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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

- Jan. 23** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Jan. 26** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
12:00 PM DMT Meeting (*Adult Library*)
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)
- Jan. 28** 10:30 AM CPWM (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Jan. 29** 6:30 PM Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
- Jan. 30** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Feb. 2** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS (*Youth Room*)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany (*green*)

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10;

Psalm 19;

I Corinthians 12:12-31a;

Luke 4:14-21

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 19

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$1,000.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	8,289.44
Manse Income	4,348.00
Weekly Need	10,435.00
Received Year-to-Date	31,448.67
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	16,219.78
Difference	15,228.89

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