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BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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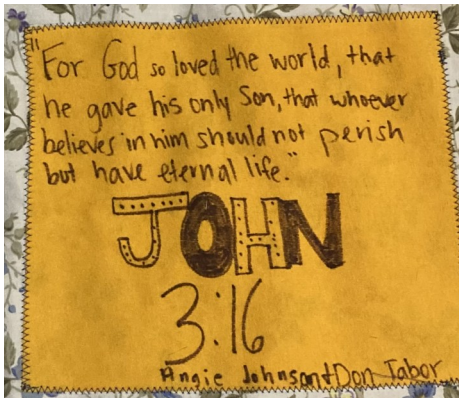
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WRAPPED IN GOD'S LOVE

Have you ever noticed how scripture sometimes uses the imagery of physical comfort, particularly blankets and warmth, to represent spiritual comfort and God's care? Or have you heard the phrase "wrapped in scripture" or "God's love is like a warm blanket," connecting physical comfort with divine love? It sure is a comforting feeling thinking of God's love that way. That's what **Jenny Wooten** thought, so she made that blanket a reality.

"I wanted to be able to sleep under a comforter," Jenny tells us, "Knowing I was wrapped in the love of those who raised me into the woman I am today." So, she gathered the T-shirts she wore while participating in Vacation Bible School, church camps, youth group, and youth mission trips and set out to make a blanket using the T-shirts that held so many fond memories.

"I watched tons of YouTube videos to get started. I was able to lay out the design I wanted by using iron-on adhesive. I knew I wanted it to feel free and not rigid, so I placed the pieces where I felt I wanted them." And to feel even more comfort, she added Bible verses from some very special friends. She included Bible verses to take up more space and also so she could always remember and honor the people she loved and cherished spending time with.



People like **Rev. Don Tabor** who baptized Jenny: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

Or **Suzanne Ghianni**, her mentor in confirmation: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not into your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths." *Proverbs 3:5-6*

And in this entire process, a new and dear friend was made. "Big thanks to **Gwen Keiser** who helped

finish it. She sewed the sheet onto a comforter so I could use the quilt. She also stitched around each verse and shirt so that it would stay down better. She was an immense help, and I will always be grateful for her help."

As Jenny traces her hand across each part of her quilt, her heart can be warmed and comforted from each and every memory. Memories wrapped in friendships and God's love—it can't get better than that!

Ms. Cheryl



MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

Youth ROCKS Missions Trip—The Missions Ministry is 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.

BRENTHAVEN VBS 2025

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World is the theme for our **Vacation Bible School Program** this year. While the kids learn to follow God as their compass, adults are invited to explore a deeper, more mature take on the same theme.

It all starts on **June 23** and goes through **June 26** from 5:30–8:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm for all attendees and volunteers.



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Registration forms are in the narthex and also at Brenthaven.org. **Sign-up sheets** for the adult class are in the office.

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, safe, and loved!

Note: Donations would be appreciated to purchase VBS T-Shirts for the volunteers.

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!



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. 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.

JUNE BLOOD DRIVE



The next Blood Drive is **June 4**, from 10 am to 3 pm, in the church fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code: **cityofbrentwood**.

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

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Jeri Behan
Tim Ghianni
Carol Gonzales
Richard Keiser (*father of Randy Keiser*)
Guy Sneed

Members

Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Bob Dozier, David Dowland, Marilyn Ewen, Carol Ford, Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Suzanne Hawkins, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Cheryl Morris, Marty Morris, Bill Moser, Rose O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Jodi Rush, Phil Slagle, Cheryl 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*), Melody Dobbins (*daughter-in-law of Kathy & Bill Dobbins*), Mary Dale Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), 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.*), Butch Mayes (*friend of Walter McBee*), Greg McEwen (*friend of Kaye Holland*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), 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*), Matt West (*friend of the Flemings*), 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 Charles Belew

The Celebration of Life for **Charles Belew** will be **Saturday, May 31** at Williamson Memorial in Franklin. Visitation is at 10:00 am and the Service is at 11:00 am.

Kennedy Sakarapanee graduated from Franklin High School on May 22. She will attend Western Kentucky University in the fall and plans to major in Psychology. She is the great niece of Beverly Garrett and cousin of Julie and Mike Murphy. Congratulations, Kennedy!

HAVE A SPECIAL GRADUATE?

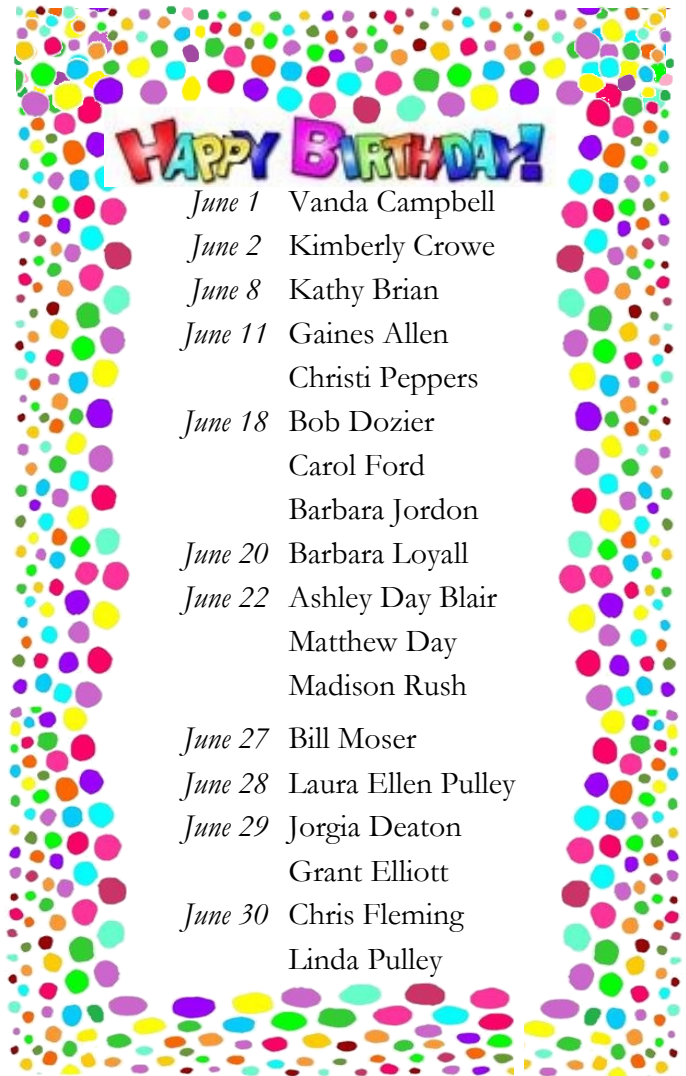
Do you have a special graduate you would like to tell us about? If so, please contact the church office by email: secretary@brenthaven.org or by phone: 615-373-4826 to leave your information.



THANK YOU, BRENTHAVEN!

Thanks for the use of the fellowship hall. My sisters find this a very special place to meet.

Carol Gonzales (ADK-TN, President)



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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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 1

May 29 **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
June 1 **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
June 1–6 High School Synodic Camp
June 2 **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
June 4 **10 AM–3 PM** Blood Drive (*FH*)
 6:30 PM Choir Practice (*Choir Room*)
June 5 **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
June 8 **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship (Pentecost Sunday)

Seventh Sunday of Easter (*white*)
 Acts 16:16-34;
 Psalm 97;
 Revelation 22:12-24, 16-17, 20-21;
 John 17:20-26

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR MAY 25

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$0.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	12,623.00
Weekly Need	10,468.00
Received Year-to-Date	232,164.62
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	247,753.77
Difference	-15,589.15

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