



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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"A LAMB'S TALE"

Every year at this time, the children of this church, grades Kindergarten through sixth grade, get very busy. You can find them intensely reading through their individual scripts with markers in hand, highlighting their lines for the Christmas play. Many want more lines and just as many want fewer lines. There's a lot of memorizing that goes into those lines so you have to be careful what you ask for. As rehearsals go by, you start to hear their acting abilities come forth as they try to sound like their character—from an old man to a young shepherd with big dreams, or the little lamb with attitude, and the neighborhood kids ready to make fun of your every-shepherd move. And then there are those angels....the list goes on and on.

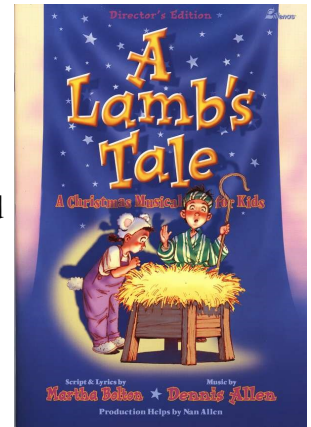
We ask that you join us **Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm** to watch this story all come together. The play is called "A Lamb's Tale." You will meet Zeke, a young Bethlehem boy trying his best, but sadly destined to be a shepherd like his father and grandfather. But a change occurs when Zeke loses his special lamb, Snowflake (who minces no words about this predicament, let me tell you!). In the search for Snowflake, angels appear, a newborn King is discovered, and the joy of fitting into God's plan is made clear. We have 14 children participating, including a few KOK graduates. Seriously, you need to be at this play and get your holiday season off to a good start.

Back to those angels...man, are they cute....and very, very bright as Zeke (and you) will discover. And smart, as I discovered when I incorrectly typed up one of their lines. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"Why is it just for men? Why not everybody?" asks our second grader, Elizabeth. I thought to myself, she's right. That's a really good point. So, following the wisdom of our children, we switched to the version that says, "which shall be to all people." Thank goodness for children who set the record straight. I am so very proud of all of them.

Ms. Cheryl

P.S. There will be a reception immediately following the program. Please bring some finger food to share; these children will be hungry. Thank you!



Beckett Strickland rehearsing with Rachel Campbell

SACRED SPARKS NEWS

Sacred Sparks Sunday was a special event again this year. **The Creative Crafts Ministry** wants to thank everyone that took part, from providing crafts and baked goods to attending the service and participating in the fellowship. If you weren't able to attend, but want to make the most of a donation to Sacred Sparks, funds collected by the end of week will be matched (up to \$10,000)! You can bring donations to the church office, or contact Gwen Keiser (615-579-5056), or Linda Lipe (615-714-3905).

Thank you!



POINSETTIAS—LAST WEEK TO ORDER!

You are invited to join in the Christmas celebration by providing **poinsettias** for the sanctuary or by giving a donation to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*. You may wish to purchase a plant or donate in memory of or to honor a special person. The plants are **\$9.75 each**.

*Please fill out the order blank below and mail to
516 Franklin Road, Brentwood, TN 37027*

I wish to donate \$ _____

to be given to *Sacred Sparks Ministry*.

and/or

purchase _____ poinsettias at \$9.75 each. (Payment is enclosed.)

Given in memory of:

Given in honor of:

By: _____

Please make your checks payable to **Brenthaven Church**.

Deadline for purchasing is *November 19, 2023*

SHEPHERD GROUPS POTLUCK LUNCH

The Session would like to invite everyone to bring a dish and have a time of food and fellowship in Shepherd groups after worship on **Sunday, November 19th**. Everyone will sit with their group and their shepherds. This is also a time for thanksgiving to God. Please make plans to be here and bring a tasty side dish or two!

YOUTH ROCKS

The Brenthaven youth would like to extend an invitation for you to worship with us this **Sunday, November 19th** from 4:30–6:00 pm. Please RSVP Ean at Brenthavenyouth@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies of Brenthaven, you are invited to our **CPWM Christmas Luncheon** on **Tuesday, December 5th**, at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. Bring a salad to share. We will be collecting paper products for Safe Haven Family Shelter.

The **CPWM** would also like to invite you to participate in this year's **Giving Tree**, making it a special Christmas for children from the Sacred Sparks laundry ministry, the "laundry littles." A tree has been placed in the narthex with names, ages, sizes, and the wishes of the family.



Choose an ornament, purchase the gift, and return it to the tree by **December 17th** (unwrapped and labeled with child's name, or if wrapped, labeled with contents also). Or, you may make a donation, made out to *Brenthaven Church* and marked for *Giving Tree*.

LIVE NATIVITY

'Tis the season... **Sunday, December 17th** from 5:00–8:00 pm, we are having our **Live Nativity**. This is a church-wide event for everyone! We need your time and talents. Every year we have hundreds of people visit our church, and the only way to show off our fantastic church family is by having you there. We will want performers, car parkers, cooks, servers, greeters, and so very much more. Everyone has a way they can help. Please contact Jonelle Summitt to find out what your exciting job could be!

615-414-4550

Jonellesummitt@gmail.com



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*)

Members

Greg Allen, Charles & Gladys Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Larry Ennenga, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Tony Benefield (*brother of Karen Benefield*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Becky Brown (*friend of Becky Jones*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miab Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Christi Dale (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Shirley Jansma, Patti Jobe (*sister-in-law of Renee McCulley*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Lukas Miscac (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*), 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*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country, prayers for the Middle East

Deaths

Family of Robyn Padgett (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*)

ADVENT STUDY FOR SOJOURNERS CLASS

The **Sojourners Sunday School class** is doing an Advent study for four weeks called "Prepare the Way for the Lord." Here is the link to order your book...

<https://www.amazon.com/Prepare-Way-Lord-Message-Baptist/dp/1791023487?nodl=1&dplnkId=1e3bb3ad-6c1f-4b8f-bce3-85e47e329a7a>

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Valerie Thompson

Joyce Burch, Jan & Larry Davidson, Marilyn & Randy Elliott, Brenda & Ron Medlin

CONGRATULATIONS!

Julia Harris Marshall

was born on November 14th, weighing 5 pounds and 9 ounces.

Parents are **Jennie and Grant Marshall.**

Grandparents are **Jan Marshall** and the late **Joe Harris Marshall.**



THANKSGIVING WEEK HOURS

The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th in celebration of Thanksgiving. There will NOT be a newsletter for Wednesday, November 22nd. We wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Brenthaven Church Staff



LADIES FALL LUNCH

"I thoroughly enjoyed it," was Brenda's response to our recent ladies lunch at Del Frisco's Grille, and everyone was in agreement. Thank you, Jonelle, for hosting!



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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

- Nov. 16** 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club (*Adult Library*)
11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Nov. 19** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
12:00 PM Shepherds Luncheon
2:00 PM Step-UP Shopping
4:30–6:00 PM Youth ROCKS Worship Event
4:30–6:00 PM KOK Play Practice
- Nov. 20** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Nov. 21** 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Nov. 22–24** (Office Closed for Thanksgiving)
- Nov. 26** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
4:30–5:30 PM KOK Play Practice
5:30 PM Hanging of the Green

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 19

Thanksgiving (green)

Deuteronomy 8:7-18;
Psalm 65;
2 Corinthians 9:6-15;
Luke 17:11-19

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 12

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$1,577.75
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	10,375.48
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	457,611.58
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	487,636.10
Difference	-30,024.52

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, Senior Pastor
Sandra Shepherd, Assoc. Pastor of Christian Discipleship
Cheryl Morris, Children's Ministry
Ean Taylor, Assoc. Pastor for Youth/Young Adult Ministry
Linda Pulley, Director of Music
Amity Marsh, Organist
Karen Benefield, Office Admin (secretary@brenthaven.org)

Session – The Elders

Class of 2024

Ben Gross
Bart King
Julie Murphy
Jonelle Summitt

Class of 2025

Fred Ford, Jr.
Suzanne Ghianni
Mark Humphrey
Gwen Keiser

Class of 2026

Jeri Behan
Jan Davidson
Russ Deaton
Joe Malloy