



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ADVENT? ALREADY???



When I was much younger, time seemed to pass soooooo slowly, but now it zooms along! Yes, yes, I know Advent often starts the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving, and we were given one more week this year. Thanks to the arrival of December so late in the week, there are four Sundays in December before Christmas, so we don't start Advent until December 3rd. Even so, it seems that Autumn has zipped by! Weren't we hosting Trunk or Treat just last week? Nope. Advent really IS upon us!

Each year, your **Brenthaven Discipleship Ministry Team** tries to provide a helpful, meaningful devotional or study experience for use during Advent. Before my tenure here, sometimes devotionals were written by members of the congregation, compiled into a booklet, and presented for the inspiration of all. Some years, we've purchased commercially available books or devotional guides to share with you. This year, we've reproduced an Advent-themed study guide for the gospel of Luke. It is geared primarily to adults and older youth. Since this doesn't lend itself well to families with younger children, I'll be preparing suggestions for Advent projects and activities for those families, too. The study book and the suggestions for children (along with necessary patterns, instructions, etc.) will be available each Sunday where you pick up your worship bulletin. If you are unable to join us for worship in person, please either stop by during the week and pick up a copy from the church office or send an email to me (woolywagon@gmail.com) and ask me to send it by return email.

Between the study of Luke and the ideas for kids, I hope your whole family will be equipped to grow in faith this Advent season.

Advent blessings to you all,

Sandra



COME TO OUR PLAY

On behalf of the children in Kids of the Kingdom, we invite you to join us this Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm to welcome the Christmas season with "A Lamb's Tale." It's a musical play about one very lost lamb (that would be Ellie Kate), and her trusted or maybe not so trusted shepherd, Zeke (that would be Barrett). Zeke's Dad (Ben), a whole group of shepherds, including the Buzzard Family (get it, the Brenthaven Buzzard), and some angels and other sheep, try to help poor Zeke find Snowflake. Pretty soon, there's this bright star, and angels talking about a Savior, and then Zeke's face starts glowing! Seriously, you need to see our play to find out what happens. And if you can, bring food. There's a big party after the play, so food for you, us, and all our guests would be greatly and truly appreciated. Any questions, just check in with Miss Cheryl.

From left: KOK alum Jackson Campbell, Ollie S, Beckett, Elizabeth, Lincoln, Lilah, Kade, Sadie, Elyn, Paxton, Ollie F, Allie Grace, Ben, Barrett and Ellie Kate (The Brenthaven Kids of the Kingdom)



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*.



OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR PRESENTS...

A New and Glorious Morn! by Lloyd Larson
Sunday Morning Worship Service
December 17th



LIVE NATIVITY

'Tis the season... **Sunday, December 17th** from 5:00–8:00 pm, we are having our 2023 **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!

Jonellesummitt@gmail.com
615-414-4550



A BIG STEP-UP THANK YOU!

Due to your generosity, we raised over \$500.00, which provided a Thanksgiving meal for five families. We bought a turkey (man are those frozen butter balls heavy!), a ham, vegetables, butter, milk, pies, whipped cream, eggs, rolls...even food for the dogs and cats. We learned about the work of **Sacred Sparks** and had a great time with Rev. Lisa. We received a few bewildered looks from shoppers as the five of us stormed down the aisles, each pushing a cart. But we also received some high fives from folks who asked about what we were doing. It was a great experience of fellowship with each other, Rev. Ean, and Miss Cheryl.

Thank you so much,
Barrett, Paxton, Ellie Kate, Grant, and Ben



NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

This week, there will be some tables made available with items that might make nice gifts for Christmas. These items will not have a price on them; it is requested that you give what you feel led to give. All funds are going to help someone in transition.

The hope is that you may find something for that special someone or maybe even for yourself. There will be Christmas decorations, trinkets, and many other things.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Don Beck (*father of Anita Tilley*)

Kevin Floyd (*son of Treva Floyd*)

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*), 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 Miah Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), 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*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), 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 Miah 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



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>

PRAYER LIST

Brenthaven believes that sharing prayer concerns helps us share the needs of our members and their families and friends. However, our concerns continue to grow. Please take a look at the current list, and if there is someone on this list ready to be removed, contact the church office. This would allow us space to add others in the future.

Thank you!



Dec. 2 Loretta Sneed

Dec. 3 Shelby Thayer

Dec. 5 Anna Brown

Dec. 8 Joseph Malloy

Janiece Redmon

Dec. 10 Barbara Dial

Dec. 11 Donna Kirby

Dec. 12 Jill Marshall

Dec. 14 Devin Rush

Dec. 16 Chase Dandrea

Dec. 17 Joe Ghianni

Stan Wooten

Dec. 18 Nancy Humphrey

Rhonda Mossbarger

Dec. 20 Kathy Wood-Dobbins

Dec. 23 Casey Marshall

Toli Rich

Dec. 25 Dawn McBee

Walter McBee

Dec. 29 Maegan Keller

Dec. 30 Lee Johnson

Dec. 31 Jackson Campbell

Jane Dowden

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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. 30** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Dec. 2** 10:00 AM KOK Play Practice
- Dec. 3** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Youth ROCKS Service Project
 12:00 PM Member Care Meeting
 5:00 PM KOK Christmas Program/Reception
- Dec. 4** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
 12:00 PM Young @ Heart/WW Lunch (FH)
- Dec. 5** 11:30 AM CPWM Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 6** 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Dec. 10** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 5:00 PM Youth ROCKS

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 3

First Sunday in Advent (Blue)

Isaiah 64:1-9;
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
 Mark 13:24-37

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 26

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$120.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	7,963.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	475,423.27
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	503,769.66
Difference	-28,346.39

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

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Ben Gross	Fred Ford, Jr.	Jeri Behan
Bart King	Suzanne Ghianni	Jan Davidson
Julie Murphy	Mark Humphrey	Russ Deaton
Jonelle Summitt	Gwen Keiser	Joe Malloy