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EAN'S RAMBLINGS: CHRIST'S PEACE IN A BUSY SUMMER

My summer is really heating up! Starting this Saturday, I have three weeks of nonstop work ahead. Despite VBS happening this week, I'm making sure to carve out mornings for rest, housework, and nurturing my faith. From Saturday onwards, I'll be spending the entire day and night with teenagers until July 15th. While many teenagers these days are accustomed to being away from home for extended periods, as I grow older, I can't help but feel anxious when faced with such a busy and hectic summer. Dealing with the stress of this significant commitment has become familiar to me, and I've discovered ways that help me find peace in God as I navigate these demanding summers. Maybe these ramblings will be as helpful to you as they are for me.

It is so much easier to think that I am on my own, than it is to remember that God is present with me on my journey. I have found that as I stand, knees shaking, in front of a terrifying schedule, it is best to do the difficult thing of remembering that God is standing with me unwavering, knees solid as a rock. It is like imagining I am being watched, or that someone is sneaking up behind me, but instead of a terrifying monster or threatening stranger, it is the expected love of God watching over me.

I encourage you to take a moment to imagine that feeling of being watched over your shoulder. Instead of feeling nervous or scared, imagine it is God pressing gently on your back, urging you forward with courage and strength.

It is so much easier to think that because I am so busy and the world is so hectic, there is no time for talking to God, because if I slow down, I will fall behind. I have found that as I stand in the eye of a storm of responsibilities and expectations and the flood of a crazy world around me, it is best to ask the world to pause for a moment to allow me to pray. Strangely, in a world where it seems like if I do not constantly move I will be trampled underfoot, I CAN take a moment to pray. It is as if the world is willing to stop, for just a moment, if I demand that it let me speak to its creator, to hand off some of my burdens.

I encourage you to speak to the creator, no matter what is swirling around you this busy summer. I hope you will find that the world will grow still for just that moment, as you and the creator discuss how you are more valuable than the time on the clock that controls your life.

Love ya,

Ean



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next **Women's Meeting** is **Tuesday, June 27, at 10:30 am**. Our guest speaker this month will be the **Rev. Lisa Cook**. She will share with us about **Sacred Sparks Ministries**. Afterwards, lunch will be provided, and everyone is welcome.



ATTENTION: THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!



Yard Sale

Starting **Sunday, July 2**, the Brenthaven Women's Ministry will be accepting treasures for their **Yard Sale** happening on **Friday, July 28** at 8:00 am–2:00 pm and **Saturday, July 29** at 8:00 am–12:00 pm.

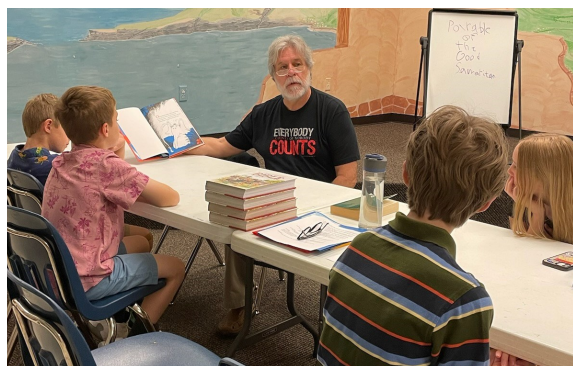
Requested donations are household items, working electronics, children's toys, seasonal items, books, CD's DVD's, VCR tapes, furniture, and miscellaneous items. You are requested to place your donations on the stage. Please **DO NOT** bring clothes or shoes.

Brenthaven Consignment August 10–12

We are having a consignment sale **August 10, 11, and 12**. We need your stuff and your volunteer hours. Contact **Jonelle Summitt** for details (brenthavenconsignment@gmail.com), and watch *The Messenger* for more information.

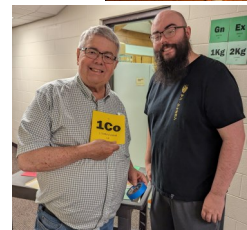
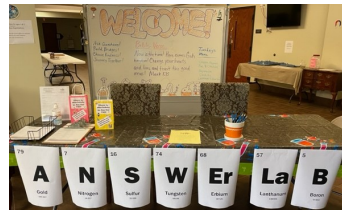
WORKSHOP ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL

David Agee came to read for the children and presented the book *Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss. David joined the workshop class in their study of the Good Samaritan. Thank you, David, for sharing your time and talent with us!



OUR LABS ARE NOW OPEN!

Our **2023 Vacation Bible School** is off to a good start, thanks to many who have been working hard behind the scenes. We would like to invite everyone at Brenthaven to see for yourselves what all the excitement is about. **Thursday night, June 22 at 8:10 pm**, we will sing a song or two and share what we have learned about how to be a changemaker. You will be amazed what we have discovered in our labs about working together, making a difference, and letting our lights shine. We promise; you will love it!



SUMMER BEGINS FOR KOK

It was a beautiful evening to welcome in summer for our **Kids of the Kingdom**. Splashing in the pool with friends and no worries about schoolwork made for a delightful evening. Can you tell by the smiles on their faces? Parents enjoyed the fellowship, as well. We all thank **Jonelle Summitt** and family for their hospitality.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*)
Bill Rolman (*father of Deborah Rolman*)
Vacation Bible School
Youth Mission Trip

Members

Joan Bledsoe, Phyllis Burkhalter, Corina Crowe, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Elliott, Marilyn Ewen, Baird Faircloth, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Brooke Gross, Tommy Hennesy, Barbara Loyall, Jay McCulley, Dawn & Walter McBee, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Matt Anglin (*friend of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), 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*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miah Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Christi Dale (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), 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*), David Katz (*brother of Dan MacDonald*), John McArthur (*brother-in-law of Larry Davidson*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miah Faircloth*), George Peay (*father of Trent Johnson*), Joan Peay (*mother of Trent Johnson*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Dawn Rush (*sister of Kip Rush*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Jane Talley, James Talley, Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), those serving our country

JULY BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive is coming up **Thursday, July 13**, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code: **cityofbrentwood**. Streamline your experience by completing preliminary questions the day of your appointment. Go to RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass.



LETTERS TO CAMP

It is a tradition at Brenthaven Church for campers at Crystal Springs to receive cards and letters from home. You are invited to send a letter to our Brenthaven campers. To ensure the campers will receive mail during their week at camp, please mail by the date listed below. Mail to: Crystal Springs Camp, (insert camper's name), 21 Crystal Springs Camp Rd, Kelso, TN 37348.

For the Junior Campers (July 2–7), mail by June 26th. The campers are: Jorgia Deaton, Elyn Ferry, Paxton Ferry, Ellie Kate Fleming, Kade Gregali, Allie Grace Johnson, Barrett Strickland, Ben Summitt, Lilah Sutton, Hank Terrell, Jay McCulley (counselor), and Logan McCulley (counselor).

For the Middle School Campers (July 9–14), mail by Saturday, July 3. The campers are: Sophie Silvus, Kira Sutton, and Ean Taylor (counselor).



IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Activities:

- June 24–29:** Youth Mission Trip
- July 2–7:** CPYC, completed grades 8–12
- July 2–7:** Junior Camp, completed grades 2–5
- July 9–14:** Middle School Camp, completed grades 6–8
- July 15:** Children's Fest, K–6



The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. –James 5:16

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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

- June 22** **5:30–8:30 PM** VBS
 8:10 PM VBS Presentation (*Sanctuary*)
- June 23** **10:00 AM** VBS Clean-Up
- June 25** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
- June 27** **10:30 AM** CPWM (*Willing Workers*)
- June 29** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- July 2** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM CPYC (Gathering)
 2:00 PM Jr Camp Registration (*Fellowship Hall*)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)

Genesis 21:8-21;
Psalm 86:1-10; Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 18

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$1,341.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	4,750.44
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	245,041.80
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	243,937.86
Difference	1,103.94

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, 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 2023

Deborah Deaton
Melinda Fleming
Jay McCulley
Christi Peppers

Class of 2024

Ben Gross
Bart King
Julie Murphy
Jonelle Summitt

Class of 2025

Fred Ford, Jr.
Suzanne Ghianni
Mark Humphrey
Gwen Keiser