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

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GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES: ALL THE SAINTS

In about two weeks, we will have wrapped up another successful Trunk or Treat event in our parking lots. Although many of us will be a little bit tired from the work and activity, we will already be thinking about what's next on the calendar. I hope that your Halloween sugar buzz doesn't turn into a post-sugar coma, because I would hate for you to miss the **All Saints Day Celebration from 5:45-7:15 on Wednesday, November 1.**

Each All Saints Sunday, we honor and remember those among us who have died within the past year. THIS year, we're broadening that remembrance and spending the evening of November 1 (which is actually All Saints Day) celebrating the many special saints—living and dead—who have had a major influence on our faith.

Did you have a special neighbor, teacher, youth leader, camp counselor, pastor, employer, coach, friend, or relative who helped you know Christ in a special way? Was it through a single conversation, a particular event, or a life-long example of living in faith? Who else had a big impact on your growth as a disciple of Jesus? Was it an author, a speaker, a musician, a painter, or a poet? Whoever influenced (or still influences) you along the path deserves remembering and honoring.

When we gather for supper and celebration on November 1, please bring a small token—a picture, a card, or any object that helps you think of those who have influenced and nurtured your faith. We'll spend time chatting around the supper table and sharing stories of those saints who mean so much to us. We'll notice the overlapping and intertwining of the saints. We'll explore the responsibilities and privileges of continuing the influence among others. We'll even have an opportunity to contribute to a group art project (no artistic talent required!). Please come. Bring a friend or two. Listen, share, honor, and be warmed by what you witness.

Peace,

Sandra



PASTOR APPRECIATION

Brenthaven is blessed with three incredible pastors who lead us in many ways. Churches in many denominations celebrate October as Pastor Appreciation Month. This past Sunday, the Brenthaven Session, representing our congregation, gave our pastors gifts from you to thank them for the countless ways they serve God and our church.

We thank **Pastor Kip** who is with us through the best and worst of our life moments and everything in between. He sets an example of leadership, faith, and heart.

Rev. Sandra uses her creativity to nudge us into trying things that may be out of our comfort zone.

And **Rev. Ean** brings energy and excitement in a walk of faith with our youth and young adults (and by the way, Happy birthday, Ean!).

We encourage you as you encounter Kip, Sandra, and Ean in the next weeks to shake their hands, pat them on the back, or give them a hug and let them know how much we do appreciate them.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL TONIGHT

Catered dinner from 5:45–6:25

Classes from 6:30–7:30

*Tonight's Dinner: Mexican

*Oct.25th Dinner: Greek



BookEnd Book Club



And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie is this month's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, October 19th** at **9:30 am** in the Adult Library.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, Oct. 24th** at 10:30 am. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Scott Shepherd**. He will speak about the importance of providing dental care to those in need and the impact that ministry has on the community. We will have lunch out afterwards at The Puffy Muffin.



SPOTLIGHT

Tim Ghianni will be part of a panel discussion at the prestigious Southern Festival of Books at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, in the Harpeth Room of the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Tim, author of *Pilgrims, Pickers and Honky-Tonk Heroes*, will be one of three authors on the panel who has written books about elements of Nashville and its music. When the panel concludes at noon, for about 30 minutes, Tim and others will sign books being sold by the festival at an author's table right outside the building, which is adjacent to Bicentennial Mall.

The Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written Word is a two-day event that is among the country's oldest literary festivals, welcoming approximately 150 authors and 25,000 visitors each October. The festival is free and includes performance stages, food trucks, and more than 60 publishers and booksellers, according to information on the fest's website: www.sofestofbooks.org.

The other two authors on Tim's panel are Paula Blackman, author of *Night Train to Nashville: The Greatest Untold Story of Music City* and Drew Bratcher, author of *Bub: Essays from Just North of Nashville*. Rob Simbeck, an acclaimed local author and journalist, will moderate.

SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTION PREVIEWS

Wisdom Literature (Marcus Hayes)

Oct. 22: The Book of Job

Christianity & World Religions (Deborah Deaton)

Oct. 22: Christianity

CP History & Confession of Faith (Kip Rush)

Oct. 22: The CoF and the Constitution

Faith in Practice (Sandra Shepherd, et al)

Oct. 22: Food for Sacred Sparks

On **Sunday, October 29th**, we will have a breakfast to end our time together with Sunday Morning Connections and evaluate our experiences for future planning.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

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 in honor of a special person. The plants are **\$9.75 each**. **The deadline for ordering is November 19th**. Please look for the order forms in next week's newsletter and the following week's bulletin insert.



TRUNK OR TREAT TIME

Please come join the fun at this year's **Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29th** from 4–6 pm! Come to decorate your trunk, wear your costume, play games, or just have fun. We are looking for volunteers to supply the trunks (aka decorated vehicles), as well as run the different games. We also would like to ask for **donations of candy** to make sure we have enough to last the evening. If you would like to help, please use the link below to sign up. Thank you!

<https://form.jotform.com/232714596166160>

HIKE FOR SAFE HAVEN



Saturday, November 4, will be the annual **Hike for Safe Haven** at **Edwin Warner Park**. This event benefits families experiencing homelessness. You can participate in the hike, but you can also help by sponsoring a family for the holidays. Donations are also welcome. For details, see hikeforsafehaven.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Greg Allen, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, 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, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Valerie Thompson, 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*), 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*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Johnny Rush (*father of Kip Rush*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Mark Wiley (*cousin of Pastor Kip*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country, prayers for the Middle East

SACRED SPARKS NEWS

Grief is an interesting encounter. It's terrible, it's beautiful, and it's the price we pay for loving another. God did something really good with a bunch of grieving people at our Loads of Love laundry ministry. Alvin, Lisa, and Beth lost their mom; Guin lost her husband; and I lost my mom. Somehow we all found ourselves gathering together several times a week as we serve our friends at laundry—grieving, serving, loving, praying, and laughing together. We found each other in the midst of our grief as we serve in this sacred space. Good grief, God, good grief!

We will need your help now more than ever as this ministry continues to grow! Don't forget: **SAVE THIS DATE: Sunday, November 12th!** This is the date for Sacred Sparks Sunday 2023 at Brenthaven CP! This is our biggest fundraiser all year BY FAR, and we are excited that our matching donor is willing to match funds raised this year up to 10K!

Next week's teaser: Volunteer Spotlight!



PRAYER LIST

Please take a look at the current prayer 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!

ADDRESS CHANGE



Billy Dial has been moved to Summer Field Memory Care.

**108 Wheatfield Cr. #S1263
Brentwood, TN 37027**

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Oct. 29: Trunk or Treat

Nov. 1: WNS—All Saints Celebration

Nov. 3–5: Synodic High School Retreat

Nov. 5: All Saints Day

Nov. 8: WNS—Hymn Sing

Nov. 12: Sacred Sparks Sunday



PRAISE THE LORD

GIVE

THANKS

TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.

Psalm 108:1 NIV

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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 OCTOBER 22

- Oct. 19** **9:30 AM** BookEnd Book Club *(Adult Library)*
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Oct. 22** **9:30 AM** Sunday School *(Sunday Connections Classes)*
 10:45 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Step-Up Luncheon
 2:00 PM Youth ROCKS Hike
 4:30–5:30 PM KOK Play Practice *(Choir Room)*
- Oct. 24** **10:30 AM** CPWM *(Willing Workers)*
- Oct. 25** **5:45 PM** WNS
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal *(Choir Room)*
- Oct. 26** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Oct. 29** **9:30 AM** Sunday School *(Sunday Connections Breakfast)*
 10:45 AM Worship
 4:00–6:00 PM Trunk or Treat

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)

 Exodus 33:12-23; Isaiah 45:1-7;
 Psalm 99; Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13);
 I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 15

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$460.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	7,799.32
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	419,752.72
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	448,786.48
Difference	-29,033.76

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