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BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EAN'S RAMBLINGS—REMEMBER?

A little about me: I struggle to remember absolutely anything. I feel so bad for Brooke sometimes because she can remember our stories so clearly, while there are only some of our stories I can recite by heart (because of practice). I always feel so awkward when people reminisce about old times—how important certain teachers were in their elementary school, the words that someone said to them that were meaningful over the summer, and remembering the little moments from their time at camp.

I feel like I struggle to remember any of the little details that make for a good story. For most of my stories, I can remember only the largest pieces, like little photographs from that moment. But words that were spoken, reactions on people's faces, and any specific notes from those moments always baffle me because they don't seem to stick in my brain. It always feels like I am missing the best, most important parts.

It's as if other people can re-experience their memories through the retelling. It seems like other people's act of remembering is like a puzzle they have done before, putting all the pieces back into the appropriate places with ease. But I am stuck piecing things together like a broken mug shattered across the floor, glued back together with missing slivers, and never to be the same again.

I have just finished a busy summer; so much happened! And of course, I'm nervous that I've already forgotten some of the pieces of my summer. Even worse, I am afraid some of those slivers of the stories that I have lost were those moments where God was intimately involved. What did that preacher say during that night of worship? I remember that it was meaningful, but the meaningful pieces of that story elude me. I remember sitting next to the lake in deep conversation with God. But what did we say?

I feel like it's so important to remember those moments with God. It's important to look back over our journey and remember the times God has reached into our hearts and lives to change it for the better. I WANT to remember those God moments as clearly as my friends can remember, like putting together a beloved puzzle.

My struggle to remember forces me to consider, what should I learn about a God who is okay with my forgetting? I believe that God loves me as I am, even in the midst of my forgetfulness. But what wisdom can I squeeze out of such bitter fruit?

I've just decided, in writing this newsletter, that I should focus on the God who can speak through silence and the God who asks for us to "Be still, and know that I am God." I should remember that God was with me in those moments that I can hardly remember. I can take joy in knowing that God is in the blurry photographs. I can take joy in believing that even when I try to glue my shattered mug of memories back together with the broken pieces I cannot find, that's often where God resides.

I will try to remember that for next time. Love ya,

Ean



Brenthaven Consignment

August 10-12

Thurs. 12-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 8-2

The fall **Consignment Sale** needs you, your friends, your stuff, and your time. We are planning our fall sale. There are lots of slots where you can still volunteer your time; there's something for everyone! We will **set up on Sunday, August 6**, immediately following service. We will feed you if you volunteer to help. Then, consignors begin bringing in items to be sorted and placed on racks and tables. If organizing is your thing, here is a great place to help. On Wednesday evening, we open our sale to consignors and volunteers for the first look and chance to buy. From there, the sale continues until half-price day on Saturday, and break down that afternoon.

Would you like to help in other ways? Invite some people you know to consign, shop, and volunteer for our sale. Have too much of your own stuff cluttering your home? Sell it! Sign up to be a consignor and make 70% of everything you sell. The other 30% goes to support our youth and children's programs. So everyone wins! Need some help finding your place? Call me and I'll help: Jonelle at 615-414-4550.

BACKPACK BLESSING



When our children, youth, and teachers return to school in August, they do not go alone. They go with the grace of God, the love of Christ Jesus, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit! They also go with the love and support of the Brenthaven Church family.

On **Sunday, August 6, during worship**, we will celebrate our annual **Backpack Blessing**. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks. Toddlers are invited to bring their diaper bags. Adults are encouraged to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, purses, sports bags, or other forms of conveyance for their daily "stuff" to be blessed, as well. Join us to be blessed, regardless of your age or stage of life!

BLESSINGS

BRENTHAVEN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

YARD SALE—THIS WEEK!

Friday, July 28, 8-2 and
Saturday, July 29, 8-12



Come on out and find those treasures!

In our **August meeting**, we are planning to take a meal to share with our friends at **Loads of Love** at St. Luke's CP church in Madison, which is part of **Sacred Sparks Ministry**. Instead of meeting on the usual 4th Thursday, we will be meeting on the 5th Thursday, which is **August 29th**. Look for more details to come.



SPOTLIGHT

Each Wednesday, the Women's Ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church recognizes a wonderful lady in our denomination, and this week it is Kathy Wood-Dobbins.



Kathy is a life-long Cumberland Presbyterian and grew up in the mission field. Her parents, Bill and Kathryn Wood, served as Cumberland Presbyterian Missionaries to Colombia for 30 years. Kathy and her family moved to Pereira, Colombia when Kathy was just a child.

Kathy has attended the Brenthaven CP Church in Brentwood for many years and considers Middle TN her home. Kathy is married to her college sweetheart, Bill Dobbins, and together they have two children, a daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters.

Her career has focused on working with non-profit community health centers that provide primary health care services in medically underserved communities. She retired from an administrative role and currently works as a consultant with health centers and primary care associations across the country.

Kathy has served as an elder, choir member, devotional writer, and Sunday School Teacher. She also serves on the Nashville Presbytery's Committee on Theology and Social Concerns.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Ben Davis
Jackie Dial (*daughter-in-law of Barbara Dial*)
Sandy Keene (*sister-in-law of Joyce Burch*)
Julie Murphy



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*), 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*), 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*), David Katz (*brother of Dan MacDonald*), Sandy Keene (*sister-in-law of Joyce Burch*), John McArthur (*brother-in-law of Larry Davidson*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Joe Moore (*neighbor of Becky & Ronny Jones*), Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), George Peay (*father of Trent Johnson*), Joan Peay (*mother of Trent Johnson*), Bill Rolman (*father of Deborah Rolman*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), 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*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Swanson Bennett (*brother of Brenda Medlin*)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

On **Sunday, August 13**, we will have a congregational meeting to elect the elder class of 2026. All members of the church are requested to remain after worship for the meeting.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Swanson Bennett

Becky & Ronny Jones
Bart King



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!



- Aug. 2* Isobel Dobbins
Aug. 4 Russ Deaton
Anna Ford
Aug. 6 Joan Bledsoe
Joy Ewen
Ollie Faircloth
Aug. 8 Melinda Fleming
Liz Strickland
Aug. 11 Heather MacDonald
Aug. 12 Suzanne Hawkins
Peggy Phelps
Aug. 14 Sharon Malloy
Aug. 15 Frank Scott
Aug. 16 Dan MacDonald
Aug. 17 Jacob Johnson
Aug. 18 Carol Perryman
Aug. 21 Emily Ghianni
Aug. 22 Lisa Cook
Aug. 23 Mark Humphrey
Aug. 25 Barbara Gentry
Gina Wattenbarger
Aug. 27 Jennie Ford
Deborah Rolman
Aug. 29 Harper Dandrea
Aug. 30 Betsy Canupp
Ronny Jones
Ian MacDonald
Renee McCulley
Aug. 31 Kate Humphrey Kennedy
Kip Rush

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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 JULY 30**

- July 27** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- July 28** 8 AM–2 PM CPWM Yard Sale
- July 29** 8 AM–12 PM CPWM Yard Sale
- July 30** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship
- July 31** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- Aug. 3** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
5:00 PM KOK/Youth Swim Party
(KOK: Summitt's home; Youth: Silvus' home)
- Aug. 6** 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship (Backpack Blessing)
12:00 PM Member Care Meeting
12:00 PM Consignment Lunch/Set-Up
5–7 PM Youth Planning Meeting (*Adult Library*)

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)*Genesis 29:15-28;
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Psalm 119:129-136;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JULY 23****OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$1,000.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	4,505.44
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	292,439.50
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	285,507.64
Difference	6,931.86

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