



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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LETTING GO AND STARTING ANEW

It's time for me to let go. Every year at this time it happens and every year I'm filled with both sadness and excitement about the possibilities. It's always hard for me to wrap my mind around the fact that children that came into my work life as preschoolers (some at birth), and that I nurtured in kindergarten through sixth grade in both Sunday School and Kids of the Kingdom, are now ready for the Youth Group. But that is what is happening this Sunday for **Jorgia Deaton** and **Caleb Marsh**. And I'm happy for them because they are ready.

It's a **privilege** to be part of a child's life, to be a teacher. So many of you have had careers in teaching and have taught here at church in Sunday School and many other classes we offer. But for this newsletter, I would like to honor our current schoolteachers. If I have forgotten anyone, forgive me and let me know. But these are some names that came to mind.

Deborah Deaton has been teaching at Franklin High School for 20 years. A teacher of AP Psych and IB Psych, Deborah says, "I love connecting with my students, learning about their interests and experiences, and I love introducing them to one of my interests—the study of the human mind and behavior."

Jennie Ford is entering her 30th year working with young children. Jennie enjoys building relationships with children and their families and loves really messy art experiences or mud play. She teaches at Brentwood UMC Day School.

Sharon Malloy has been in Early Childhood Education for more than 30 years. Right now, she's beginning her ninth year at Independence High School. She is a CCTE (College, Career, Technical Education) teacher. Sharon teaches students who are interested in becoming teachers or working in other fields with children. She also directs the school's on-site childcare lab school. "The thing that I love about it is that I keep most of my students for two to three or even four years," says Sharon. "You can really develop relationships and see lots of growth from a sophomore to a senior."

It's 35 years for **Julie Murphy**, having taught in many different capacities. She currently serves as the Associate Director at Glen Leven Day School. She also serves as the "Atelierista," which is a fancy name for art teacher, and she leads the music program. "I work in a program that is faith based," Julie tells us. "I get to share the love of Christ with his tiniest humans. There are very few jobs that the clients give you hugs and tell you they love you daily!"

Nico Gregali, Kade and Everly's Dad, is entering his 12th year of teaching, 7th year at Ravenwood High School. He teaches US History and is the Head Baseball Coach for the school. Kade reminds me every week during Sunday School how he loves baseball and that Ravenwood is BEST! (Kade knows my sons went to Brentwood High School. We enjoy it.)

Over in Nolensville is the husband-and-wife team of **Jay and Renee McCulley**. Currently at Sunset Middle School, Jay is starting his 27th year of teaching middle school band. He also coached baseball at Woodland Middle School for 20 years and at Sunset for 4 years. He also coaches the bowling team at Sunset and Nolensville High School. "I love creating music and making young people into musicians," says Jay. Renee teaches kindergarten at Sunset Elementary School and is beginning her 29th year of teaching, 18th at Sunset. Teaching kids to read and reading to them is her favorite part of the job.

Brenthaven has a number of former youth members who are now sharing their gifts in teaching. **Allie Ford Crawford** is starting her second year of teaching kindergarten at Norman Binkley Elementary School. This year she will have a mix of general education students as well as English Language Learners. Languages celebrated in her classroom will be English, Spanish, French, and Kurdish. "Teaching is the best job in the world," according to Allie.

Over in a 4th grade classroom at KIPP Kirkpatrick Elementary School, **Madison Rush** will begin her 9th year of teaching. This year Math will be her concentration. "I love to watch students grow and understand what they are learning," says Madison. "I love giving them a safe place to grow into the person they want to be."

Otis Hallbright leads sophomores through seniors in AP Psych, APUSH (US History) and AP Comparative Politics. Otis is at Summitt High School while his wife **Carolyn Hallbright** serves as a counselor at Thompson Station Middle School.

And **Austin Agee** is beginning his 7th year at Smith Springs Elementary School. This year he's with third grade ELA, along with helping with the school yearbook, the Student Council, and the Teacher Mindfulness Group. "My job as an educator is to help realize the potential that's innately present in a student while also assisting that student in growing into a fully functioning human being and citizen," says Austin. "Really, this is all just fancy talk for -- "I enjoy helping students become better versions of themselves."

As this new school year begins, may we all take a moment to pray for these teachers and their students.

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Loving God, we pray for bright minds ready for learning and growing, for school communities where every student knows they belong and never feels like an outcast. We pray for those with special needs and for the teachers who patiently care for them. We pray for every teacher as they walk through those doors, that you will strengthen them and surround them with your love as they give of themselves and impact the lives for which they are entrusted. Thank you for the gifts they share. And Lord, we pray for their safety and health in this new year, words we never thought we would need to say. Amen.

It's a new year; let's do this!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Immediately following worship on **Sunday, August 13**, Brenthaven Church will hold a congregational meeting to elect the Elder class of 2026. This meeting will be for those in attendance. Four dedicated members have been nominated for this class. They are:

Jeri Behan, Jan Davidson, Russ Deaton, and Joe Malloy

We are thankful to these four for their willingness to be nominated and for each of you in the many ways you serve. A special thanks also goes to **Deborah Deaton, Melinda Fleming, Jay McCulley, and Christi Peppers** for their service, which will come to a close at the end of August. Brenthaven is blessed to have so many faithful persons who answer the call to serve in many ways.



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

Come on out and support our consignment sale! Thirty percent of sales goes to support our youth and children's programs. For more information or to volunteer, call Jonelle at 615-414-4550.

BookEnd Book Club



Dreaming of Flight by Catherine Ryan Hyde (Goodreads Author and New York Times bestselling author) is this month's selection for the BookEnd Book Club, meeting **Thursday, August 17th** at 9:30 am in the Adult Library. An unexpected connection becomes the saving grace for two unlikely friends in a heart-stirring novel about love, loss, and moving forward.

BRENTHAVEN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Can you believe it? We made over **\$3,100.00** at our **yard sale** last week! A big shout out to everyone who made this possible. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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 fourth Thursday, we will be meeting on the fifth Thursday, which is **August 29th**. Look for more details to come.

WHAT'S NEW?

Ladies small group lunches, that's what!

After a lovely garden party at the home of Anita Tilley, we felt the need to spend more time together and deepen our relationships. Our first small group "trial" was in July. Thirty-two ladies met in small groups at different times and places. And it worked! Now we want to invite you to join us.



How it works... We will meet quarterly and form groups of four with a hostess for each group. The hostess's job is to contact the other ladies in her group and decide the location and time to meet (her home, Dutch treat at a local restaurant, or a sack lunch at the church). Groups and hostesses will change with each gathering. And in May, we will meet as a large group at the church.

We now have 38 ladies interested in our next gathering (end of October to mid-November). Please call **Jeri Behan** (615-604-8015) if you have any questions or if you want to be added to the list (to be added, text your name and number). Hope to hear from you soon!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Nelly Corbit (*friend of Julie Travis*)

Johnny Murray (*son of Betty Murray*)



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, Julie Murphy, 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*), Jackie Dial (*daughter-in-law of Barbara Dial*), 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*)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Swanson Bennett

Guy & Loretta Sneed



BACKPACK BLESSING

This Sunday, during worship, we will celebrate our annual **Backpack Blessing**. Everyone is encouraged to bring backpacks, purses, briefcases, totes, or other forms of conveyance for their daily “stuff” to be blessed. Join us to be blessed, regardless of your age or stage of life!

AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE



Our next Blood Drive is coming up **Monday, August 28**, 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.



MORE WAYS TO CONNECT...

If you are looking for some fun and fellowship during the week, the church has several weekday activities that you are welcome to check out. Here are a few...

Young @ Heart meets every first, third, and fifth Monday at 10:00 am in the Adult Library. Bring a lunch.

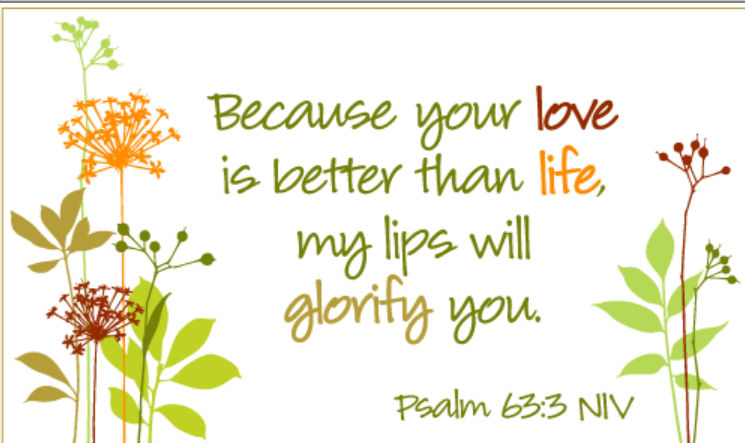
Bridge Group meets every second Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Youth Classroom. Contact Beverly Garrett if you are interested in making a reservation.

BookEnd Book Club meets every third Thursday at 9:30 am in the Adult Library. Please check the newsletter for current books being read.

Creative Crafts meets every Thursday at 11:00 am in the Adult Library. See Barbara Dial if interested.

CPWM, our **Women's Ministry**, meets every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Willing Workers Classroom. Watch the newsletter for details.

Call the church office if you want to learn more.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.
 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST 6

- 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/Promotions)
 12:00 PM Member Care Meeting
 12:00 PM Consignment Lunch/Setup
 5-7 PM Youth Planning Meeting *(Adult Library)*
- Aug. 7** **10:00 AM** Young @ Heart *(Adult Library)*
- Aug. 8** **10:30 AM** Bridge Group *(Youth Classroom)*
- Aug. 10** **11:00 AM** Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
 12-6 PM Consignment Sale *(FH/Narthex)*
- Aug. 11** **10 AM-6 PM** Consignment Sale *(FH/Narthex)*
- Aug. 12** **8 AM-2 PM** Consignment Sale *(FH/Narthex)*
- Aug. 13** **9:30 AM** Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)

 Genesis 32:22-31;
 Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Psalm 145:8-9,14-21;
 Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JULY 30

OPERATING BUDGET	
Dedicated Giving	\$750.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	15,019.00
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	308,208.50
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	310,284.64
Difference	-2,076.14

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

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Deborah Deaton	Ben Gross	Fred Ford, Jr.
Melinda Fleming	Bart King	Suzanne Ghianni
Jay McCulley	Julie Murphy	Mark Humphrey
Christi Peppers	Jonelle Summitt	Gwen Keiser