



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## SOMEBODY ELSE PRAY

*“Ask, and it will be given you, search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” Matthew 7:7*

This summer, our older daughter, Laura, gave me a devotional book written by Loretta Lynn and Kim McLean. The book entitled, *A Song and A Prayer*, contains thirty devotionals inspired by the favorite songs of Loretta Lynn. Loretta Lynn met Kim McLean, a singer-songwriter, professor, and ordained minister, at a writers night in Nashville in 2018. Loretta invited Kim to her house initially for prayer time. They bonded over music, God, songs, and songwriting. Over the course of two years, their conversations turned into songs, which later transformed into devotionals and the book, *A Song and A Prayer*.

Day 6 is titled “Somebody Else Pray,” and I’d like to share that reading from Loretta Lynn with you.

"I love going to church, and I sure do love to pray. I pray all the time, because God is always here with me, so it’s more like we’re just talking. I learned how to pray from my mama and from going to church. I used to love old-time revival meetings where we’d sing the old hymns, hear a great sermon, and then pray. I can still hear the preacher prayin’ up a storm and then shoutin’, “Now, somebody else pray!!” He wanted us all to have the chance to storm Heaven with our heart’s desire. If nobody spoke up, he’d call on a sister or a brother and they’d rise to their feet and stand on the promises with sincere requests. People prayed for the sick, the lost, and the lame. Now and then, even a little child would pray. There was nothin’ too big or small to bring God.

Prayer is powerful. Jesus taught us to pray, so He must want us to do a lot of it. Can you imagine what the world would be like if everybody prayed? Prayer is a connection, like a hotline to Heaven. It’s another way to love God and others, maybe the most powerful way. Jesus wouldn’t have said, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven” if it were not possible, and I believe that’s exactly what is happening when we pray. God’s will is gettin’ done on earth as it is in Heaven.

We may not know exactly what Heaven looks like, but I’m praying for a glimpse of it in my life today. Now, somebody else pray!!”

### SOMEBODY ELSE PRAY (Written by Loretta Lynn and Kim McLean)

*I was sittin’ in church on Sunday  
In my hometown in Tennessee  
We sang a lot of hymns that morning  
And God was blessing me  
I could feel the Spirit moving  
I thought of Jesus on the cross  
I cried, “Come and heal the broken,  
Come and save the one that’s lost.”*

*Turn around and greet your neighbor  
We’re gathered in His name  
Ain’t nobody here a stranger  
We’re so glad you came  
Take the hand beside you  
And lift up someone in need  
Just like Jesus did every day He lived  
That’s how He taught you and me*

*Now somebody else pray  
Keep the gospel goin’  
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Gotta keep His love a flowin’  
Pour out your heart now  
God hears every word you say  
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Prayer IS powerful. As humans we have the tendency to pray thinking that we know the outcome God should provide for us. God IS good. All the time. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." May we strive to pray in accordance with God’s will and trust that, as Romans 8:28 says, “All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.”

God’s peace surround you, *Linda*

## THE REZ

With another very cold winter coming up, we are collecting warm clothing for the **Lakota Indians on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation** in South Dakota. This is one of the largest reservations in the United States, and encompasses several counties that are among the poorest, as well.

If you would like to support our mission efforts, please bring new clothing items, such as coats, hats, gloves, or scarves to the church no later than **October 2nd**. There is a bin for donations in the narthex.

## SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS



We got off to a great start this last Sunday with our Sunday Morning Connections. It's not too late to join us for the next few weeks during Sunday School hour. Our classes include *CP History and the Confession of Faith* led by Pastor Kip, *Christianity and World Religions* led by Deborah Deaton, *Wisdom Literature* led remotely by Dr. Marcus Hayes (a CP minister in Texas), and *Faith in Practice* led by Sandra Shepherd. It will give all of us a chance to grow spiritually and learn from one another's perspectives.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next **Women's Meeting** is **Tuesday, September 26th**. We will be having lunch at Donna Blewett's home (5012 Bentgrass Ct., Franklin). We will meet at the church at **10:30 am** to carpool. If you're interested, please see Beverly Garrett or call the church office so we will know how many plan to attend.

## KOK FALL PARTY TIME

Kids of the Kingdom families, please save the evening of **October 1st** for a Fall get together at the home of Jennie & Fred Ford. This is for all KOK'ers, their siblings, and parents. There will be games, dinner on the grill, tasty desserts, popcorn, and cartoons at sunset on the big outdoor movie screen. Check in with Miss Cheryl for more details and to RSVP.

**KOK FALL PARTY**  
**Sunday, October 1st**  
**Time: 5:00-7:00 pm**

*The Ford's live at 5200 Meadowlake Road in Brentwood across from the church.*

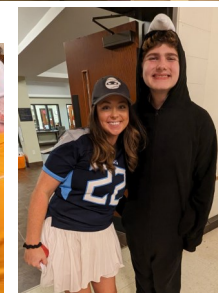


## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

**WNS**

Every **Wednesday** evening until **November 8th**, we'll meet at 5:45 pm to share a meal, have fellowship, and attend a class of our choice. Ron Medlin's class will look at 20th century American poetry. Kip Rush will lead a Bible study. Sandra Shepherd will coordinate "Art for People Who Don't Think They're Artists." Beginning next week, we will publish details of each upcoming class session so that you can make an informed choice. Our KOK and Youth will be meeting, as well.

## SCENES FROM OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL KICK-OFF



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Mark Wiley (*cousin of Pastor Kip*)

### Members

Greg Allen, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Corina Crowe, 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, Logan McCulley, 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 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*), Sandy Keene (*sister-in-law of Joyce Burch*), 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 Miah 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*), Al Wilburn (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Danny Williams (*brother of Linda Pulley*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

## LADIES SMALL GROUP LUNCHES

Our **Ladies Small Group Lunches** will continue at the end of October to mid-November. Hostesses for the fall groups have received their lists of ladies to contact so they can set up a time and date to meet.

The summer lunches included 32 ladies. The fall lunches will include 47 ladies, and we have been able to accommodate ladies that have full-time or part-time jobs. We are excited they can join us for the fun and fellowship. If you have not yet signed up but are interested, contact **Jeri Behan** (615-604-8015).

## SACRED SPARKS NEWS

Hey, y'all! We have some exciting news to share. **Sacred Sparks Ministry** has become a "community partner" with **Taylor Stratton Elementary** in Madison TN. Many of the Taylor Stratton families are experiencing extreme poverty, and in some cases, homelessness. While this is an unfortunate reality, Taylor Stratton does a great job finding and utilizing partners in their community, such as churches and businesses, to close some gaps for their families. The school maintains a community resource space where families can find help with things like personal hygiene products, school supplies, pantry food and snacks, clothing, socks, shoes, etc. Sacred Sparks Ministry has donated to that effort with several buckets of homemade laundry detergent made at various CP camps and retreats this summer.

We are most excited about offering our **Loads of Love** laundry ministry to the Taylor Stratton families who need such a resource. We have prayed for a way in so that Sacred Sparks could reach out to the Madison community ever since Loads of Love opened in March of 2022 at St Luke CP in Madison. We believe God has opened this door and we intend to follow!

We will need your help now more than ever as this ministry continues to grow! Don't forget: **SAVE THIS DATE: Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>! 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 to announce that **our matching donor is willing to match funds raised this year up to 10K!**

*Next week's teaser: Who Let the Kids Out?!?!*



## WELCOME NEW ACOLYTES

Please welcome **Lilah Sutton** and **Kade Gregali** to the Brenthaven Acolyte Team. These two third-graders spent time recently learning about the importance of carrying in the light of Christ to begin and end our services. We thank them for their volunteer hearts. Lilah is the daughter of Forrest and Rena Sutton; Kade is the son of Nico and Megan Gregali.



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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

- Sept. 21** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Sept. 24** 9:30 AM Sunday School (*Sunday Connections Classes*)  
10:45 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Youth ROCKS
- Sept. 26** 10:30 AM CPWM (*Donna Blewett's Home*)
- Sept. 27** 5:45 PM WNS  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- Sept. 28** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- Oct. 1** 9:30 AM Sunday School (*Sunday Connections Classes*)  
10:45 AM Worship  
12:00 PM Member Care Meeting  
5-7 PM KOK Fall Party (*Ford's Home*)

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 24

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (green)*

Exodus 16:2-15; Jonah 3:10-4:11;  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Psalm 145:1-8;  
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 17

### OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$431.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	6,656.44
Weekly Need	10,120.00
Received Year-to-Date	378,035.74
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	399,343.28
Difference	-21,307.54

## 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

*Class of 2024*

**Ben Gross**  
**Bart King**  
**Julie Murphy**  
**Jonelle Summitt**

*Class of 2025*

**Fred Ford, Jr.**  
**Suzanne Ghianni**  
**Mark Humphrey**  
**Gwen Keiser**

*Class of 2026*

**Jeri Behan**  
**Jan Davidson**  
**Russ Deaton**  
**Joe Malloy**