



# THE MESSENGER

**BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## A LIFE WELL-LIVED

I feel blessed that I have had so many wonderful, godly people throughout my life. My parents, at an early age, lovingly taught my siblings and me the importance of prayer, church, and daily walking with Jesus. Growing up in the church, I have felt the love and support of our congregation continuously, godly people who are there to rejoice with you in your joys and comfort you in your sorrows.

As Graduate Sunday approaches, I'd like to share with you about a lady who had a great influence on my life—Mrs. Beatrice Floyd, who was my piano teacher from age ten until I went to college and my friend for life.

I began taking piano lessons at age eight. I absolutely hated it—the practice, the boring lessons. To be fair, I didn't express my feelings to my parents. I just figured it was one of those experiences that you had to endure.

One lesson day, my mom decided that she was going to come along. From the other room, my mom heard the piano teacher screaming at me and said we weren't coming back. I was so relieved to be finished with piano! About three months later, my mom was informed of another piano teacher, Mrs. Beatrice Floyd, and off we went for me to try to learn the piano again.

Mrs. Floyd was an angel on earth. And I don't say that only because she had to put up with reluctant piano students like me. She patiently worked with each student, many of whom were more than likely made to take piano lessons. She instilled and nurtured a love for music in me that I had no idea was there. But, equally important, she provided an example to her students of a life well-lived with her love, patience, and care that she poured out on all of us. After college, our relationship grew and changed from piano teacher/student to colleagues.

When I told Mrs. Floyd that Larry and I were getting married in July 1992, she purchased three symphony season tickets so that we could all go together. Unfortunately, she became sick and would be unable to attend the symphony that season or attend our wedding. The last time I spent with her was sharing our wedding pictures with her in the hospital. We married in July, and she passed away that September.

After Mrs. Floyd's death, her daughter invited me over to share some of her mother's piano music with me. While going through her things, her daughter found a thank-you letter from the pastor, thanking her for purchasing new hymnals for the entire congregation. Her daughter had no idea that she had done that. It really didn't surprise me, though. That was the kind of giving woman she was, because a life well-lived doesn't need accolades.

As our high school graduates are recognized and presented with their bibles on Sunday, it's my prayer that they have their own "Mrs. Floyd" in their lives, that they have someone they know they can rely on for love and support as they begin their new journeys. And may we as a Christian community strive to be the type of people who provide nurture, love, and support for our young people, not only in our congregation but all those with whom we encounter.

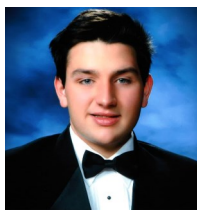
Blessings, *Linda*

## BRENTHAVEN HONORS OUR 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

This Sunday, we will honor several of our Brenthaven youth who are part of the class of 2024. We have known many of them since they were young children. We want them to know we are proud of each of them and wish them much success in their future plans. We are thankful that our congregation has been part of their lives.

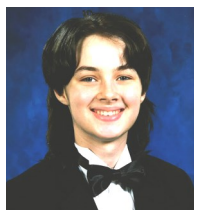
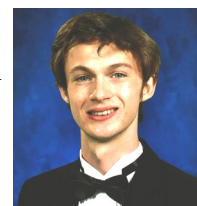


**Evatt Howerton** is part of the 2024 graduation class of Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School. Evatt is a member of the German Honor Society and has been involved in several extracurricular activities, including Vanderbilt Youth Chorus, Nashville Aquatic Club Swimming, and Sequoia Swim Team. Evatt plans to attend Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas to study business.



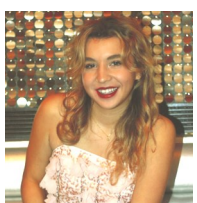
**Josh Malloy** will graduate from Franklin High School. Josh was involved in Model UN, History Honors Society, National Honors Society, Aerospace Engineering Club, Rock-Climbing and Philosophy Clubs, and was captain of the swim team. Josh has been on the TN Synodic Planning Council for three years and currently serves on the Triennium Production Team. Last summer, Josh was a youth delegate to General Assembly. Josh plans to attend the University of Tennessee to study psychology.

**James Scott** will graduate from Hume-Fogg Academic High School. James has played the oboe in band for eight years and currently plays in both the Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. James has been part of Blair Youth Choirs and currently sings with both the Young Men’s Chorus and Chorale. James will travel this summer to Italy, where the choir will sing during a Mass at the Vatican. In the Fall, James will attend Belmont University on an Academic Merit Scholarship and major in Music Business.



**Ray Scott** will graduate from Hume-Fogg Academic High School as an officer of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and a member of National Honor Society. Ray is an avid artist in both traditional and digital mediums and has studied art all four years during high school. Ray has earned multiple art awards in the Middle Tennessee Region and has had work displayed at both the Frist Museum and the Parthenon. In the Fall, Ray will attend East Tennessee State University on a Presidential Academic Scholarship and major in Digital Media and is also a National Merit Finalist.

**Sloane Stewart** will graduate from Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet School. Sloane was involved in the Youth Environmental Society, Varsity Volleyball, and Club Volleyball, winning MVP, a Leadership Award, an Alpha Award, and a Royal Award. Sloane’s other honors include 260 volunteer hours at the Nashville Zoo, an AP Scholar Award, and a 20k per year scholarship from the Scarlett Family Foundation. Sloane plans to major in Zoology and minor in Conservation Biology at Colorado State University’s Honors Program.



**Daisy Urbanowicz** will be graduating from Brentwood Academy and has been involved in The Academy Singers, Sisters and Anthropology (SAP), and in the school’s theatre program with an emphasis in musicals. Daisy won a fine arts award as Outstanding Actress and was also awarded a scholarship. Daisy’s voice was recorded on three albums while at BA. After graduation, Daisy plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

**Anna Grace Wooten** will be graduating from Brentwood Academy and has been on both the Honor Roll and Headmaster’s List. Anna has been a BA basketball cheerleader for five years, has served as team co-captain, and has won the TSSAA Cheerleading Spirit Award twice. Throughout middle school and high school, Anna has been part of the Brentwood Academy Robotics Team (which has won multiple awards), and is a member of the International Robotics Honor Society. Anna plans to attend Samford University in the fall, majoring in Nursing.



## OLYMPICS HEADING OUR WAY!



**Run the Race** is our theme for **Vacation Bible School 2024**. With a nod to the summer Olympics in Paris, we’ll fill our week together with Olympic-themed games plus science, crafts, and music. We’ll study the Bible stories of “Abraham’s Blessing,” “Jesus Forgives a Paralyzed Man,” “The Good Samaritan,” and “Anna in the Temple.” Each child will be on a team representing a country that Cumberland Presbyterians serve in missionary work. And yes, there will be a torch to light and opening and closing ceremonies, just like the real Olympics. It will be a fun, action-packed week full of learning. We invite children age four through sixth grade to join us. The dates are **Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27 from 5:30–8:30 pm**. Registration forms will be available soon. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Charles Belew  
Ben Davis  
Fred Ford, Jr.

### Members

Gladys & Charles Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Billy Dial, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Syble Mitchell, Cheryl Morris, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

### Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Judy Baggett (*friend of Bob Dozier*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*), 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*), Kevin Floyd (*son of Treva Floyd*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Helen James (*friend of Julie Travis*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Patty Little (*aunt of Renee McCulley*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), Scott Mennen (*son-in-law of Barbara Dial*), Jackie Nash (*friend of Julie Travis*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Heather Perillo (*daughter of Dawn and Walter McBee*), Melissa Pyne (*granddaughter of Doris Cantagallo*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), Forrest Sutton (*brother-in-law of Ean Taylor*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Wilma Wade (*sister of Kaye Holland*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country

## GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

**Cara Moyers** is graduating Summa cum laude from Samford University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Religious Studies and will be pursuing a Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt University. Cara is the daughter of Rhonda and Mike Moyers and the granddaughter of Sandra and the late Hardy Moyers.

### KNOW A SPECIAL GRADUATE?



Do you have a special graduate you would like to tell us about? If so, please contact the church office by email [secretary@brenthaven.org](mailto:secretary@brenthaven.org) or by phone 615-373-4826 to leave your information. We would like to know your relationship to the graduate, any honors received, plans after graduation, and type of degree (if from a college). We will continue publishing this information in future newsletters.



**Leah McCulley** was inducted into the National Honor Society at Nolensville High School.

Congratulations, Leah!



### CPWM NEWS

For our April monthly meeting, **Brenthaven Women's Ministry** took yet another field trip to **Thistle Farms Café**. It was a beautiful day to delight in fellowship and to visit this social enterprise that invests in women survivors. The café's cooks and servers are women who have been given an opportunity for a new life with two years of a residential program—a safe place to live, a meaningful job, and a sisterhood of support. We enjoyed delicious food then browsed in the onsite gift shop. We all came away with full tummies and full hearts!



### GROWING TOGETHER

#### LADIES BRUNCH

Saturday, May 11  
10:30 am–12:30 pm

Brenthaven Fellowship Hall



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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 2 11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- May 3 1:00 PM** Mah Jongg (*Youth Room*)
- May 5 9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship (Graduate Recognition)  
**4:00 PM** Youth ROCKS
- May 6 10:00 AM** Young @ Heart (*Adult Library*)
- May 7 6:30 PM** Session (*Adult Library*)
- May 8 6:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- May 9 11:00 AM** Creative Crafts (*Adult Library*)
- May 11 10:30 AM** Ladies Brunch (*Fellowship Hall*)
- May 12 9:30 AM** Sunday School  
**10:45 AM** Worship (Mother's Day)

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY 5**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter (white)*

Acts 10:44-48;  
 Psalm 98;  
 1 John 5:1-6;  
 John 15:9-17

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 28**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Dedicated Giving	\$150.00
Donations for Roof Repair to date	124,570.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	4,173.00
Weekly Need	10,822.00
Received Year-to-Date	208,047.57
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	231,681.31
Difference	<b>-23,633.74</b>

**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>
<b>Ben Gross</b>	<b>Fred Ford, Jr.</b>	<b>Jeri Behan</b>
<b>Bart King</b>	<b>Suzanne Ghianni</b>	<b>Jan Davidson</b>
<b>Julie Murphy</b>	<b>Mark Humphrey</b>	<b>Russ Deaton</b>
<b>Jonelle Summitt</b>	<b>Gwen Keiser</b>	<b>Joe Malloy</b>