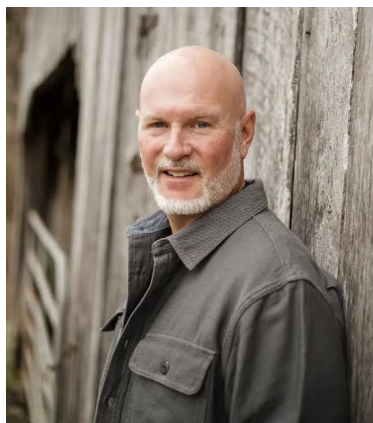


# SENIORLINK NEWS

Brentwood Baptist Church | 7777 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN 37027

**APRIL 2025**

## ALL THE WAY FROM PIGEON FORGE



*By Bob Jones*

Music has always been a part of Kenny Evans' life. His grandmother Irene was a bluegrass musician and singer, and as a child, he sang in a family quartet with his father, brother, and younger sister. The Evans Family Quartet toured the southeast doing concerts at churches, festivals, and theatres and made guest appearances with Archie Campbell at the live Hee-Haw theatre in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

In 1994, Kenny signed with a booking agency out of Orlando Florida and quickly began a grueling tour schedule that would put him on the

road for more than 250 days a year as the opening act for some of country music's biggest stars, including Kenny Chesney, Charlie Daniels, Lonestar, Sara Evans, Toby Keith, Tracy Byrd, and many others. As Kenny's career began to grow, alcohol and drugs became a part of his daily life. The alcohol abuse, drug use, and adultery nearly cost Kenny his career and family. In 1998, Kenny, being drawn by the Holy Spirit, surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus and became a born-again Christian.

In February 1998, Kenny signed a record deal in Nashville and released his first album. Tragedy struck in August of 1999 as Kenny and his band were almost killed by a drunk driver while on tour in South Dakota. This head-on collision left Kenny with a lacerated liver and internal injuries that nearly took his life. It took several months to recover from the accident, and in the spring of 2000, Kenny left the country music industry to serve the Lord. He has served on the pastoral staff at churches in East Tennessee and South Florida and since 2005, he has traveled the nation as an evangelist, singing and speaking in more than 100 Christian events each year. Kenny Evans is also the featured male vocalist in The American Oldies Show, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, where he's been performing since the spring of 2001.

Come join us at the SeniorLink dinner on April 17 at 5:30 for an evening of music with the wonderful Kenny Evans. And oh yeah, don't forget to invite a friend!



## OUR FEBRUARY DINNER WAS CANCELLED!

It was necessary to cancel our February Thursday night dinner due to a snowstorm, which was not an easy decision. (See cartoon to the left for a positive example.)

## THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR YOU!

There are a few more seats available for our trip to Myrtle Beach, April 7 to April 12. The cost is \$795 for double occupancy or \$1,004 for a single room. Contact Tom or Pearl Vasser at 615-776-2853 or 615-830-6255 or e-mail [tomvasser@yahoo.com](mailto:tomvasser@yahoo.com).

## ON THE CALENDAR

### MARCH REMINDER

#### TBCH Needs Drive Dropoff

Sunday, March 23 & 30

Wilson Hall and Preschool Area

### APRIL 2025

#### SeniorLink Trip to Myrtle Beach

Monday, April 7- Saturday, April 12

Reservations required

See below for details

#### SeniorLink Leadership Team

Monday, April 14 | 9:30 AM

Room 2006 | Connection Center

#### SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, April 17, 5:30 PM

Wilson Hall, Cost \$15.00

R.S.V.P. by Sunday, April 13 at

5:00PM

Online at [Brentwood.Church](https://www.brentwoodchurch.com)

## April Menu

### SeniorLink Dinner

Honey baked ham

Sweet potatoes

Fried apples

Rolls

Salad bar with variety of dressings

Carrot cake

Water/tea/coffee

## MEDITATION MOMENT

By Richard Carnes

**Defeated:** Satan seemed to be victorious in the Garden of Eden and at the cross of Jesus. But God turned Satan's apparent victory into defeat when Jesus Christ rose from the dead on that first Easter. Thus, death is no longer a source of dread or fear. Christ overcame it, and one day we will also. The law will no longer make sinners out of us just because we cannot keep it. Death has been defeated, and we have hope beyond the grave.

Hallelujah! He is risen! (*Life Application Study Bible*)

## CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR *By Beth Davis*



If this year is your 50th anniversary, we'd love to honor this incredible milestone with you! Join us for a special afternoon reception on September 14, 2025, surrounded by your family and friends. If you haven't yet reached out to be included in this celebration, please contact Kitty Montross as soon as possible at [kmontross@brentwoodbaptist.com](mailto:kmontross@brentwoodbaptist.com) or call 615-324-6177. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

### COORDINATOR'S

#### CORNER

## THE MONTH OF APRIL *By Ben Davis*

"April showers bring May flowers." I bet you've heard that before. But this one you may not have heard: "April will bring my showers." See, the showers I'm speaking of are from my crying after paying my taxes in April! They last till May! I am self-employed so not only do I make estimated tax payments four times during the year, I GET to pay this great country more by April 15th. Isn't it interesting that this year the same month our personal taxes are due is the same month that we get to celebrate our risen Savior?

As I look at the month of April, I discovered it has many religious holidays: Passover (12th), Palm Sunday (13th), Good Friday (18th), and Easter Sunday (20th). I am reminded of the story where the Jewish leaders were trying to "trap" Jesus about paying taxes. Remember what He said? "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

Meaning? One should give to the earthly authorities what is rightfully theirs, like taxes, while also giving to God what belongs to God. Note the word "rightfully."

As we look forward to this wonderful month, let us give thanks that we get to pay taxes and have the direction on how to do that. Best of all, we should recall that Jesus paid the biggest "tax" for us all. And aren't we glad?!

## REMEMBERING EASTER IN THE 1940s

*By Lorraine R. Quist*

WOW, that was a long time ago. However, each Easter my mind goes back as I remember putting on the dress my mother had sewed for me from the fabric I had selected with her guidance, and putting on my new Easter hat purchased from the local hat shop. Amazingly, the owner had made sure no one who attended my church would have a duplicate hat. Next, I checked my Easter basket to make sure my dad had not yet eaten the ears off my chocolate bunny; he always did this. Then it was off to church. As I skipped along, I was hoping we would sing the song I loved to sing.

As I sat in our pew, I would immediately check the board on the side of the pulpit that had the page numbers of the hymns we would sing, hoping "Christ Arose (Low in the Grave He Lay)" had been selected. It seems to me I did not need to be concerned since we sang this every Easter. The reason I loved singing this song was because the pipe organ began each verse very softly and we sang almost mournfully, and then, when we got to the chorus, the pipe organ became very loud and I sang "at the top of my voice", UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE, with the emphasis on UP. I just loved this! So, just maybe, this Easter I will get to sing this wonderful old hymn again.

## APRIL HUMOR

