

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is in honor of Maggie Rose Bass, newborn daughter of Rev. Lane and Susan Bass, born Saturday, July 11, 2020.

Sound System Operator Today/Next Week:	Matty Grace Gilliam/Cody Peterson
Caregiver This Week:	Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell
July Radio Ministry Sponsor:	T.W. and Debbie Hill
Opening of the Church in July:	Dr. Garth Faile
Ushers for July:	Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen, Bob Lee, and Tim Place
Deacon of the Month for July:	Judy Clark

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun. Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00
Worship	11:00

In an effort to cut down on the spread of Covid-19, you are encouraged to welcome one another with spoken greetings and with the Peace of Christ.

Vacation Bible School continues... It is being held virtually on Zoom this summer. Our next date is July 22 from 6-7 p.m.

Deacon Elections: A list of all eligible members was included in your July newsletter. If you feel that you will be unable to serve as a deacon, please contact the church office by Monday, July 20 by 12 noon to have your name removed from the list.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Volunteers should arrive by 2:30 p.m.

There will be a Church Staff Care (Personnel) committee meeting on July 21 at 7 pm.

A meal train for Lane and Susan will be set up this fall once Susan returns to work and the pandemic is more stable.

July 26, August 2, and 9, are available for any one who would like to place flowers in the sanctuary. If you would like to do so, please contact the church office at 398-3613.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Bern Davenport	Jennifer Moore	Doris Taylor	Clif and Janet Collins
Becky Dickerson	Jeanne Parker	Cheryl Whitley	Carol Piper

In Memory of Lori Lynn Lowe: Diane Dixon, Sarah Davis, and Judy Clark

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



July 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Lane Bass, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Jordan Brown, Youth Ministry Intern Mr. Corbin Robertson, Youth Ministry Intern
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Whispering Hope* arr. Pressnell
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Mr. Charlie Cole
May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

O God, prepare us, through the active presence of your Holy Spirit, to come before you worthily and ask of You rightly. Enlighten our understanding, purify our every desire, encourage our wills to instant obedience to your Word, strengthen every right purpose, direct this hour of worship to the magnifying of Your name, and to the enduring good of us your children and servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 32 Mr. Cole
(Please follow along, but do not voice your response)

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven;
We are glad when our sin is covered.
Let us acknowledge our sin before you.
We will confess our transgressions to the LORD.
Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you,
For you will forgive the guilt of our sin.
You shall be for us a hiding place,
You will surround us with deliverance.
So let us be glad in the LORD;
Let us rejoice
For the LORD our God is full of grace
The LORD our God abounding in mercy.

INVOCATION Mr. Cole

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 310
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Please feel free to hum along.) HYMN TO JOY

CHILDREN'S SERMON Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-13
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER Mr. Cole

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER Mr. Cole

MUSICAL MEDITATION *I Surrender All* Weeden/Ralston

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN WORD "Darkness and Dreams" Rev. Elizabeth Villegas

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 48
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Please feel free to hum along.) FAITHFULNESS

BENEDICTION Rev. Villegas

POSTLUDE *Laudation* Gilbert Martin
**Denotes that the congregation may stand.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXITING

For those in the balcony, please exit through the front doors and down the steps to Main St.

For those who need the elevator, please exit the same way you entered. Leave the sanctuary through the piano side, go down the elevator, and exit the building through the breezeway doors.

For all others on the main floor, once those who need the elevator have left, please exit through the doors on the organ side. Go down the steps to the connector and exit through either set of double doors.

Please dispose of your bulletins in the designated boxes on your exit route.

To our guests this morning...

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We believe that worshipping together is one of the most important activities we do as a church, strengthening our faith and drawing our attention to God, who created us, calls us, and sustains us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In keeping with New Testament practices, we believe that worship rightly involves every member of the congregation, and not just the few people in leadership roles. We encourage active participation in worship through responsive readings, corporate prayer, giving our tithes and offerings, and singing hymns together.

As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God's written word. We also practice believers' baptism, and at the end of each service, we invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. On the first Sunday of the month, we share the Lord's Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.

As members of the larger body of Christ, meanwhile, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the church year. We are currently in the season of Pentecost. The color of the season is green, symbolizing the growth we experience as disciples of Christ.