

MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



Caregiver This Week:
March Radio Ministry Sponsor:
Opening of the Church in March:
Ushers for March:

Ushers for April:

Deacon of the Month for March:

Debbie Hill
Johnny and Catherine Jenkins
Mike Alston
Raymond Benthall, Ronnie Coltrain,
Jay Revelle, and Charlie Gallop
David Farnham, Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, and
Thomas Bird
Charlie Gallop

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed. Kids' Club	6:00
	Worship	11:00	Youth Group	6:00
Tues.	Food Bank of the Albemarle	2:30	Handbell Choir	6:00

A Memorial Service for Maurice Earl "Fal" Burnette will be held at Murfreesboro Baptist Church on Friday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, March 16. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 2:30 p.m.

The Handbell Choir will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. If you're interested, please join us. We are following all Covid requirements. Any questions, please see Paula.

Make plans now for Easter! In preparation for Easter Sunday, we have made the decision to hold two worship services that morning. Please call or email the church office to make your reservation for either the 8:30 or 11:00 service.

Please pick-up Easter eggs from the connector and fill them with small toys, candy, money, stickers, etc. for the annual Easter Egg Hunt during Holy Week on Wed, March 31. Please return filled eggs to the media center by Wednesday, March 31 at 5 pm. Thank you.

The Deadline to place orders for Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday is Friday, March 26. The cost is \$20.87. Please call the church office (398-3613) to place your order.

In Memory of Lynn Whitley Gray: Garth and Erin Faile, Larry and Earlene Futrell, Judy Clark, Gene and Mary Etta Flowers, Sarah T. Davis, Larry and Paula Pressnell, Diane Dixon, Mary Harris, Alice Hassell, Linda Hassell, Percy and Lynette Bunch, Robert and Diane Futrell, James and Joyce Hutchinson

In Memory of Edward Thornton "Puddin" Copeland, Sr. (Peggy McLean's Father): Percy and Lynette Bunch

In Memory of Bonnie Ann Hamilton Hunsicker: Percy and Lynette Bunch

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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

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Contact us at:

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March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday In Lent

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Maker/Hayes

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Rev. Lane Bass

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 107
(Please follow along, but do not voice your response)

Mr. Jordan Brown

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
His steadfast love endures forever.
The sick and the sinful cried to the LORD,
And he saved them from their distress.
He sent out his word and healed them;
He delivered them from destruction.
Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
And for all of his wonderful works.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures forever.

INVOCATION

Mr. Jordan Brown

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 7

Worthy of Worship (Please feel free to hum along.)

JUDSON

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21

The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Bass

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER

Rev. Bass

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Draw Me Nearer

Doane/Buda

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN WORD

“The Trouble With Snakes”

Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 586

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (Please feel free to hum along.)

MOODY

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bass

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hughes/Smith

**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 Lent. The color of the season is purple, which is the color of the robe the soldiers placed upon Jesus as they mocked him before the crucifixion. (Mark 15:17)