



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the

Murfreesboro Baptist Church

August 2022

WORDS FROM THE DEACON CHAIR

We are in a new season for our church with the transition of Lane, Susan and Maggie moving closer to their family. However, the Deacon Board is hopeful and excited for the future. We have worked to get good, qualified ministers to fill in for us for the next month. We will be hearing from Rev. Kelly Adams on August 7th and 28th, and Dr. Rick Bailey on August 14th and 21st. Their bios are included in the newsletter so that you can learn a little bit about each of them prior to their worshipping with us. I hope you will plan to attend these August services and express your desires to a deacon for which one is preferable as an interim pastor.

We will also be starting a church self-study to develop a search plan based on the congregational wants and needs. This will be led by Greenfields Consulting with our consultant being Rev. Craig Janney.

I also want to inform you that I will be leading a Bible study on Wednesday nights entitled, *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God* by Henry, Richard and Mike Blackaby and Claude V. King. I want to encourage you to sign up by calling the church office or letting me know so that books can be ordered. The study will begin after our first Big Wednesday dinner on September 7th. I look forward to growing in our relationship with the Lord over the course of the study.

Blessings,
Rachel Peterson
Deacon Chair

Join us Sunday, August 7 and 28
Worship Services Featuring
Mrs. Kelly Adams

Kelly Adams is a 2004 graduate of Meredith College and a 2007 graduate of Campbell University Divinity School. She served as the Associate Pastor at Edenton Baptist Church from 2009-2015. After moving to Alabama in 2016, Kelly held positions in the Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership and the Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University. She worked 3 years as the project coordinator for Life is Calling, a Lilly Endowment funded initiative that resources congregations as they explore the intersection of calling with a life of meaning and purpose.

Trey and Kelly, along with their son, Cort, moved to Franklin from Birmingham last July upon Trey accepting the position of Head of School at Southampton Academy. Since their move, Kelly has enjoyed preaching at area churches as well as working with the Lilly Endowment on creating a resource focusing on communal calling, and with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as co-author of a resource that just launched at General Assembly called, Sacred Spaces, Innovative Places: Reimagining Church Facilities and Assets as Resources.

Join us Sunday, August 14 and 21
Worship Services Featuring
Dr. Rick Bailey

Born in Washington, D.C., Rick is a native of southern Maryland. He has lived in Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama, but his formative years were spent in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

He received his B.A. in American History/Political Science from Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, Tennessee (1976); Masters of Divinity with Religious Education from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina (Dec. 1983); Doctor of Ministry from The Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (2005).

Rick has served as a church staff minister in Tennessee and North Carolina since 1973 in the capacity of Music, Christian Education, and Youth Ministry. He retired in December 2020 following serving as Senior Minister of the First Baptist Church, Farmville, NC from October, 2009.

Rick is married to the former Edwina Graham from Jonesville, Virginia. They have two children and two wonderful grandsons!!



ELECTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Deacon elections will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022. Included in this newsletter is a list of members that are eligible. Currently serving deacons, staff members, spouses of current deacons, and members who have been off the board fewer than two years are not included in the list. Please prayerfully consider who you will call to serve as a deacon for the next three years.

COME JOIN US



**Saturday,
August 6,
8:00 A.M
Until
10:00
A.M.**

**Eat-In or Take-Out
Adults....\$8 Children 12 & Under....\$5**

Tickets available
in advance or at the door.

**Breakfast Located in
Church Fellowship Hall**



**Thanks be to God
For the Life of**

Percy Elvin Bunch

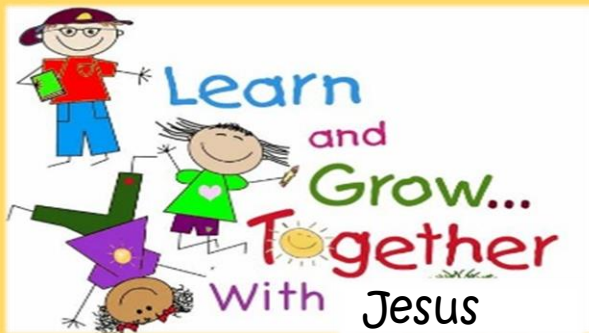
October 4, 1931 - July 20, 2022

**Thanks be to God
For the Life of**

Edgar Brinson Paul

December 5, 1931 - July 27, 2022

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Come Join Us!
KIDS' CLUB
RESUMES
SEPTEMBER 7

Blessing of the Backpacks



SEPTEMBER 11

JOIN US FOR

Big Wednesday



With Potato Salad, Butterbeans, Deviled Eggs, Rolls, & Dessert **\$10⁰⁰ Per Plate**

We are excited to announce the return of Big Wednesday on September 7. This will be a time to once again to engage with our church family and connect with our community while enjoying a home cooked meal prepared by Mary Etta Flowers. Invite your neighbors, family, friends, and their children.

Please call the church office (398-3613) to make your reservations.

We look forward to seeing you.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

MBC will once again be collecting school supplies for Hertford County Public Schools. Notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, glue, and markers, etc. are needed. Please bring supplies to church by the middle of September.



MUSIC MINISTRY

New



Choir Members

Welcome!

August is a month of change for our church family. As we look ahead, please consider joining the choir. We resume rehearsals on August 17th. I'll let you in on a secret. I'm an introvert who doesn't like to be center stage, and even though church is not a stage by any means, it is my way to serve, even if it's not always comfortable for me. We are to serve God in all ways that we are called. Thank you to our congregation has made our guest soloists feel very special, and I'm particularly proud of Sophia Byrd, age 9, who sang for us last month. Her song was entitled, "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil." The words are: Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of Your Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on Your way. Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Paula Pressnell

Deacon Elections

Are Scheduled for Sunday, August 21, 2022

This insert is included in the August newsletter in keeping with our church by-laws regarding deacon elections. The by-laws require a letter informing the congregation of the date scheduled for deacon elections and the individuals in the congregation who are eligible to serve. This insert fulfills these requirements.

Please prayerfully consider the names on this list, asking the Holy Spirit's guidance in discerning who among us has the spiritual gifts, sound judgement, and Christian character needed for leadership at this time in our church's life. On August 21, we will call four church members to serve three-year terms as deacons. Church staff members, their families, spouses of currently serving deacons, and former deacons whose terms ended less than two years ago are not eligible and do not appear on this list.

Alston, Susan
Awuni, Jill

Benthall, Susan
Benthall, Raymond
Boyd, Heather
Boyd, Russell
Brett, Kathy Copeland
Britt, J. W., Jr
Broadhead, Christopher
Broadhead, Genevieve
Brown, Bruce
Brown, Hunter
Brown, Liz
Brown, Sarah
Brown, Shirley
Brown, Wayne
Bunch, Mike
Bunch, Vanessa
Burgess, Brice
Burgess, Kyleen

Cavin, Karen
Clark, Judy
Combs, Dorothy

Davis, Sarah
Day, David, III
Dennis, Craig
Dilday, Mabel
Dixon, Diane

Faile, Garth
Forbes, Lisa
Forbes, Tommy
Fowler, Sandra
Fowler, Steve

Gallop, Mariah
Gatewood, Aldeen

Harders, Lori
Harders, Steve
Hassell, Alice
Hill, Carol
Hill, Sara Frances
Hill, Shirley
T.W. Hill

Joyner, Patty

McCormick, Joel
McCormick, Lauren
McLean, Ben
McLean, Peg
Miles, Terry
Mitchell, Christina
Mitchell, Jennifer
Moore, Danny
Moore, Hallie
Moore, Lynne
Moore, South
Murray, Margaret

Piper, Darren
Piper, Tracey
Place, Jennifer
Place, Tim

Rainey, Ed
Rainey, Verlie
Revelle, Elicia
Revelle, John Page

Royce, Philip
Royce, Rosemary

Sumner, Chris
Sumner, Leslee
Surface, Sallie

Taylor, Gerald
Taylor, Jennifer
Thomas, Hal
Thomas, Kay

Tinkham, Gilbert
Torres, Bardin
Torres, Christina
Torres, Jessica
Torres, Mary
Torres, Pat
Trent, Daynelle
Turner, Bob

Vincent, Janet

Warren, T. K.
Warren, Yvonne
White, Travis

Currently Serving

Mike Alston (Rotating Off)
Colon Ballance
Thomas Bird
Lynette Bunch
Charlie Cole
Ronnie Coltrain (Rotating Off)
Booker Daniel
Mary Etta Flowers
Linda Hassell
Bob Lee
Rachel Peterson (Rotating Off)
Jay Revelle (Rotating Off)

Not Eligible Until 2023

Frances Cole
Charlie Gallop
Debbie Hill

Not eligible Until 2024

Mike Alston
Ronnie Coltrain
Rachel Peterson
Jay Revelle

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN AUGUST

DEACON OF THE MONTH
Thomas Bird

OPENING OF THE CHURCH
Sarah Davis

USHERS
August

Colon Ballance, Armando Torres,
Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile

September

Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain,
Hal Thomas, Charles Gallop

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSORS
Wayne and Shirley Brown

COMMUNION

August 7, Rachel Peterson
September 4, Mary Etta Flowers

CAREGIVERS

July 31- August 13

Garth and Erin Faile

August 14-27

Charlie and Dell Aycock

August 28-September 10

Debbie Hill

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sarah Davis

NURSERY CAREGIVERS

August 7 Mollie Madden

August 14 Charlie Cole

August 21 Sarah Davis

August 28 Ed Snyder

FLOWERS

Aug. 7, Available

Aug. 14, Available

Aug. 21, Gene and Mary Etta Flowers

Aug 28, Available

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST



August 1	Caleb Peterson
August 2	Rusty Boyd
August 3	Gertrude Revelle
August 6	Raymond Benthall
August 9	Rachel Peterson
August 10	Liam Ballance
August 10	Paula Pressnell
August 12	John Revelle, III
August 14	Lou Ann Gilliam
August 14	Barbara Myers
August 14	Elicia Revelle
August 18	Phil Royce
August 20	Lloyd Hill
August 22	Lisa Forbes
August 22	Nate Place
August 29	Chris Torres

Don't see your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know when your special day is.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you notes were received in July from Mrs. Janet Vincent, and The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

CHURCH STAFF

PAULA PRESSNELL.....ORGANIST & INTERIM
CHOIR DIRECTOR
TOM CAULKINS.....PASTOR EMERITUS
TERESA MARTIN..... ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

UPCOMING DATES

Aug. 6 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Aug. 16 Food Bank of the Albemarle
Aug. 17 Deacons' Meeting
Aug. 21 Deacon Elections
Aug. 23 Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

Sept. 5 Office Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 7 Big Wednesday
Kids' Club Resumes
Bible Study
Sept. 11 Blessing of the Backpacks
Sept. 13 Deacons' Meeting
Sept. 20 Food Bank of the Albemarle

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES

FOOD BANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, August 16 by 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

FOOD PANTRY

If you have committed to help us keep our pantry filled, please remember to bring twelve of your selected items to the church before the last Monday of each month. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 - 1:30
252-398-3613
www.murfbc.org

Church Office will be closed on
Monday, September 5
in observance of Labor Day

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for July 2022

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$19,711.55	\$173,461.64
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$3,600.00	\$3,105.00	\$2,038.00	\$3,097.00	\$4,121.27	\$15,961.27	\$164,988.72
Other Income							\$286.17
Over (Under)	(\$342.31)	(\$837.31)	(\$1,904.31)	(\$845.31)	\$178.96	(\$3,750.28)	(\$8,186.75)

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