



The Messenger

A Newsletter of
Murfreesboro Baptist Church
October 2020



WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

A few weekends ago I had the chance to go camping for the first time in a little over a year. So, after church, I took off to Kerr Lake to spend a couple of days resting, reading, and kayaking. I set up camp under the shade of a few towering longleaf pines and as night fell, I built a fire just a few feet from the edge of the gently lapping water.

The last rays of sunlight lost their grip on the western horizon and slowly but surely the glowing speckle of stars overtook the sky. Now, I have always been fascinated by the night sky (I don't know of anyone who isn't). But, that fascination never translated into being able to reliably find constellations or other celestial bodies.

On this night, however, as I looked for anything that might look familiar, my eyes were met by what I was immediately certain was the Big Dipper. It hung low in the Northern sky and it seemed to stretch all the way across though the darkness. It felt close enough that I could reach out and touch it. I was enthralled by the vastness of what I was seeing and I was struck by a tremendous feeling of God's steadfast love.

The same God who billions of years ago cast those stars is the same God who loves me now. It was and is an incredible thought. And even though we understand this truth as a part of our faith, there are those special moments - like a campfire beside Kerr Lake - where that truth becomes thick and palpable and where the distance between you and God is so thin that a whispered prayer might pierce the veil.

I hope that you have had such moments and I hope that you store up the memory of such moments, for they are surely a special thing. If not, I encourage you to go outside on one of these clear Fall nights, look up to the heavens with wonder, and marvel that the God who created heaven and earth is the same God who created and loves you.

Grace and peace,

Lane



FOR SUSAN & LANE

Beginning in October, we will supply meals on Tuesday thru Thursday for Lane and Susan to honor the birth of Maggie. Susan is gluten and dairy free, but she understands if that is not possible. If you are interested in providing a meal for the Bass family, please contact Sarah Davis. My number is 252-396-8445 (home) or 252-398-7227 (cell) or you can email me at stdavis@hotmail.com. When you deliver the meal, please wear a mask. Thank you.

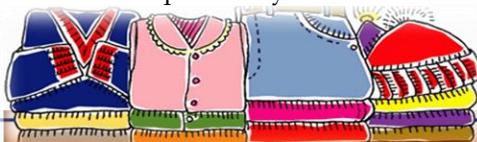
Sarah Davis

MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP INVITES YOU TO



Come out and join the youth group on Friday, October 23rd

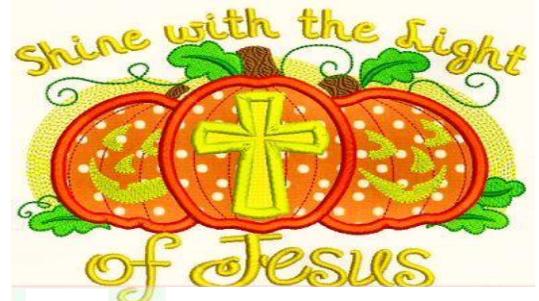
for a night of fellowship and fun! We will be having an outdoor movie and snacks. Feel free to invite your friends and family! We will gather at 6:30 pm on the playground and begin the movie (Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children) around 7. Hope to see you all there!



UNION MISSION CLOTHING DRIVE

October is the month to donate all your unwanted, non-fitting or out of style clothing to help Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids. Please start cleaning out your closets now and help others that are in need. Clothing should be placed in the connector by Sunday, November 1.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM



Beginning Oct 7, Kids' Club will meet face to face each week at 6 pm. We will meet on the playground weather permitting. When the weather does not permit, we will meet in the children's suite and follow Covid guidelines by wearing masks and social distancing. There will not be Trunk or Treat this year. The children will be preparing Halloween goody bags to be distributed to community children. If you would like to donate candy, erasers, stickers, and/or small toys to our project, please bring to the church office by Oct 25.

THANK YOU

Dear Church family, neighbors, and friends,

I and my family would like to thank you for the outpouring of love through all of the letters, cards, phone calls, and thoughts and prayers that you have extended to me during this past month of my transition and adjustment to life away from Murfreesboro. Also, thank you for all of your acts of love and kindness throughout the years that made Murfreesboro a wonderful place to live. I love and miss you all, and will continue to lift you up in prayer daily. May God Bless you always!

Doris Taylor and Family

COME JOIN US



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6:00 P.M.**

We would like to extend an invitation to all who are interested in joining the Handbell Choir. We follow all Covid requirements, including standing 6 feet apart and wearing masks. If you have questions, please see Paula Pressnell.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Deacon of the Month
Keith Reich

Opening the Church
Charlie Cole

Ushers October
David Farnham, Charlie Aycok,
Lloyd Hill, And Keith Reich

Ushers November
Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike
Alston, and Kirk Peterson

Radio Ministry Sponsor
Brinson and Lorene Paul

Worship Leaders
Oct. 4 Jordan Brown; *Oct. 11*
Corbin Robertson; *Oct 18* Jordan
Brown; *Oct. 25* Corbin Robertson

Caregivers
Sept. 27-Oct 10 T.K. Warren; *Oct.*
11-24 Judy Clark; *Oct 25-Nov. 7*
Earlene Futrell and Lynn Gray

Flowers
All Sundays' are available to place
flowers in the Sanctuary. Please
call the Church office to reserve a
date.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAIRE REVELLE

We are delighted to announce that
Claire Revelle is the recipient of the
Robert E. Lee, III Scholarship. Claire
is the daughter of Elicia and Jay
Revelle of Murfreesboro. She is
studying at Chowan University.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

252-398-3613
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UPCOMING DATES

- Oct. 4 Communion
- Oct. 6 Deacons' Meeting
- Oct. 20 Food Bank of the
Albemarle
- Oct. 23 Youth Group Outdoor
Movie Night
- Oct. 26 Food Pantry
- Nov. 1 Union Mission Clothing
Drive Deadline

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

A Thank you note to the church was
received in September from Chowan
University for support of the
International Students and from
Riverview Elementary School
Students for the donation of school
supplies.

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

If you have committed to help us
keep our pantry filled for the 2020 year,
please remember to bring twelve of
your selected items to the church before
the third Monday of each month. As
always, any donations are greatly
appreciated. Thank you for your
continued support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

The Food Bank of the Albemarle
monthly food distribution will now be
on the third Tuesday of each month.
Volunteers are needed Tuesday,
October 20 by 2:30 p.m. in the church
parking lot to distribute food.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



October 4	Percy Bunch
October 4	Ann Lee
October 4	Eley Whitehead
October 5	Gilbert Tinkham
October 6	Annie McLean
October 12	Avery Boyd
October 16	Chris White
October 19	Dakota Wilson
October 23	T.K. Warren, III
October 25	Freddie Bazen
October 27	Nicholas Bunch
October 27	Jay Revelle
October 27	Janet Vincent
October 30	Lorene Paul

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

For The Life Of Bynum Rhodes Brown

January 7, 1926 - September 25, 2020

Thanks be to God.

CHURCH STAFF

REV. LANE BASS
PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....	ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR
JORDAN BROWN.....	YOUTH MINISTRY INTERIM
CORBIN ROBERTSON ..	YOUTH MINISTRY INTERIM
TOM CAULKINS.....	PASTOR EMERITUS
TERESA MARTIN.....	ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for September 2020

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$4,038.47	\$4,038.47	\$4,038.47	\$4,038.47	\$16,153.88	\$210,000.44
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$6,030.00	\$3,485.00	\$3,989.68	\$3,366.00	\$16,870.68	\$198,369.13
Other Income				\$235.04	\$235.04	\$3,208.47
Over (Under)	\$1,991.53	(\$553.47)	(\$48.79)	(\$437.43)	\$716.80	(\$8,422.84)

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