



# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the  
**Murfreesboro Baptist Church**

**February 2021**



## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Let us  
**WORSHIP**  
Together

### It's Time to Come Back!

I am excited to announce that at the February Deacons' meeting, the board voted to resume in-person worship in our sanctuary on Sunday, February 14, 2021. With the numbers of infections and hospitalizations continuing to decline, and especially because so many in our congregation have already received one or both doses of their vaccine, we agreed that it was time to worship together again.

That said, I do want to be clear that this is, unfortunately, not yet a complete return to normal. But, as things continue in the right direction, I am confident that that will come! Therefore, as in the summer and fall of last year, masks and social distancing will be required.

Additionally, for those who may still be wary to gather indoors, our worship services will continue to be recorded for the internet and broadcast over the radio. Finally, the Kid's Club and Youth Group will resume meeting in-person on Wednesday evenings at 6:00.

I am thankful for your patience and your understanding as we seek to respond faithfully and responsibly to the ongoing pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns about this decision, please feel free to call the office (398-3613) or send me an email (pastor@murfbc.org). I look forward to seeing you in worship very soon.

Lane



## NEW DEACON

As many of you may already be aware, the Reich family has begun their move to Texas so that they might be closer to family. Therefore, Keith Reich has resigned his position on the deacon board. We are thankful for the service and leadership that both Keith and Brooke have given to our church as deacons.

As a result, Linda Hassel, who was elected as first alternate in our most recent deacon election, will serve as a deacon for the remainder of his term (October 2020 – September 2023). An ordination service for Linda and for Mary Etta Flowers will be held once we are able to fully return to worship.

Additionally, since Keith was serving as Vice-Chair of the Deacon Board, Rachel Peterson was elected to fill that office for the remainder of this year.

## † Ash Wednesday

At  
**Murfreesboro  
Baptist Church**

As hard as it is to believe, we are already on the cusp of Lent. This year, this important season of fasting and repentance in preparation for Easter begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday. We typically mark this solemn day with a service of corporate prayer and confession of sins and by receiving ashes upon our foreheads or hands. However, since this consists largely of call and response dialogue between pastor and congregation, we have decided against having a traditional service.

But, Ash Wednesday is still a very important day, and I hope that you will take time that day to mark the transition into the season of Lent. To help us do so, I will be in the sanctuary from 11-12 in the morning and again from 6-7 in the evening. If you would like to come during these times (and I hope you will!) you will receive a handout with some passages of scripture and a prayer of confession.

You may sit in the sanctuary to read and pray for as long as you like. Then, upon leaving, you may receive ashes if you desire. I will be sanitizing my hands after each person or family receives their ashes. I look forward to seeing you on Ash Wednesday as we begin this upcoming season of Lent.

## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN FEBRUARY

**Deacon of the Month**  
Frances Cole

**Opening the Church**  
Charlie Gallop

**Ushers**  
Colon Ballance, Bob Turner,  
Charlie Cole, and Dr. Garth Faile

**Radio Ministry Sponsor**  
Bruce and Liz Brown

**Caregivers**  
*Jan. 31-Feb. 13* Raymond  
Benthall;  
*Feb. 28-March 13* Debbie Hill  
and Barbara Labbbous

**Children's Sermon**  
Sarah Davis

**Flowers**  
*Feb. 14* Available;  
*Feb. 21* Available; *Feb. 28*  
Available



## 2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES...

are in the Church library available for pick-up. If you do not see a box with your name, please contact the church office.

398-3613

**DONATIONS TO  
MURFREESBORO  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

been received by the following:

**In Memory of Maurice "Fal" Earl Burnette**  
Gertrude Revelle, Diane Dixon, Alice Hassell, Mary Etta and Gene Flowers, Wayne and Shirley Brown, Percy and Lynette Bunch, Mary and Harvey Ennis, Michael and Susan Alston, Paula Pressnell, Lynn Gray, Rebecca Dickerson, Kaye Hasty, Clay and Teresa Martin, Shirley Moore, and Rebecca Willson

**In Memory of Evelyn Crow**  
(Mary Harris' Sister)

Garth and Erin Faile, Alice Hassell, and Diane Dixon

**In Memory of Bynum Rhodes Brown**  
Carlisle Branch and Smugglers Cove

**In Memory of**

**Edward Thornton "Puddin" Copeland, Sr.**  
(Peggy McLeans' Father)

Lloyd and Tommie Hill and Diane Dixon

**In Memory of Al Willson**  
Rebecca Willson

**In Memory of Clifton Thomas Joyner**  
Johnny and Catherine Jenkins

**In Memory of Jo Conway**  
(Tommy Birds' Sister)

Judy Clark and Diane Dixon

**In Honor of Charlie Cole**  
Garth and Erin Faile

**CONGRATULATIONS**



To Jay Jenkins and Aniek Quist  
on the birth of their newborn son,  
**John Milton Jenkins, IV (Jack)**  
on January 29, 2021.  
He is the grandson of  
Johnny and Catherine Jenkins.

**BLESSING MINISTRIES**

**FOODBANK  
OF THE  
ALBEMARLE**

Volunteers are needed on February 16 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

**FOOD PANTRY**

We were fortunate enough to be able to provide 15 White Christmas Boxes to families in need in our community. Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry.

As a reminder, 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.

**CHRISTMAS  
ANGEL TREE**

Thanks to you, Murfreesboro Baptist Church provided 13 local children in need with gifts for Christmas.

**FUEL ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM**

Thank you to Ben McLean for organizing and to many of you who donated to the Fuel Assistance Program. Donations collected were used to help local families pay for home heating costs that they might otherwise have been unable to pay. A portion was also given to the MBC Community Missions Fund to help families throughout the year.

**CELEBRATING  
BIRTHDAYS  
IN FEBRUARY**



- February 3 Pat Thornton
- February 4 Hallie Moore
- February 5 Garth Faile
- February 6 Mike Alston
- February 8 Brooke Reich
- February 10 Michael Bunch, II
- February 11 Shirley Hill
- February 11 Tracey Piper
- February 13 Bern Davenport
- February 13 Tommy Forbes
- February 17 Catherine Jenkins
- February 17 Jon Royce
- February 21 Mary Dilday
- February 21 Mary Elizabeth Torres
- February 23 Joel McCormick
- February 24 J. E. Dilday
- February 28 Janet Collins

*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 to the church were received in from The Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina.

**UPCOMING  
DATES IN  
FEBRUARY**

**Feb. 16 Food Bank of the  
Albemarle**

**Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday**

**Church Office Hours**

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

**CHURCH STAFF**

REV. LANE BASS  
PASTOR

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

**Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for January 2021**

	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 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	\$70,961.58
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$627.00	\$4,390.00	\$1,746.00	\$800.00	\$1,700.00	\$9,263.00	\$65,466.89
Other Income							\$52.86
Over (Under)	(3,315.31)	\$447.69	(\$2,196.31)	(\$3,142.31)	(\$2,242.31)	(\$10,448.55)	(\$5,441.83)

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