



## WORDS FROM DR. BAILEY

### *New Visions . . .*

As I write this piece, I'm reflecting on how once again God has opened the opportunity to share with the MBC faith community as your Minister in the Interim. It was a wonderful experience for me to be with you periodically during August and September leading to your vote of confidence in inviting me to serve with you during this interim period. It has been a true blessing for us, and we look forward to our time with you, how ever long that may be.

Let me say how surprised we were on Sunday, Oct. 23 with all the cards and gifts for Pastor Appreciation Month even though we've only been with you a few weeks! The notes were so gracious and kind. We don't feel worthy of all this but please know of our thanks and love for you all.

Below you will find the topics for the remaining 5 Sundays as we focus on the "Roadblocks on Our Spiritual Journey" during worship . . .

#### October 30

*"Putting Your Brain in Gear Before Your Mouth in Motion"* (Anger) -  
Proverbs 16:32; Ecclesiastes 7:9;  
Ephesians 4:25-27; James 1:19-20

#### November 6

*"When We Blow It!"* (Failure)  
Psalm 91; Philippians 4:4-7, 13

#### November 13

*"When We Think Too Highly of Ourselves!"* (Pride)  
Proverbs 16:5; 18-19;  
Romans 12:3; 9-18

#### November 20

**Christ the King Sunday - "Moving from Self-Pity to Thankfulness"**  
Psalm 7:17; 2 Corinthians 12:10

#### November 27

**First Sunday of Advent - "When We Feel All Alone"** (Loneliness)  
Deuteronomy 31:8; Joshua 1:9; I Peter 5:7

My hope is, if you can attend, you will be present for all these services! It is a wonderful time to share worship together as we draw collective strength from each other as well as from God.

Again, many thanks from Edwina and me for your welcoming and accepting hearts! May we all be about the Father's Business as we seek to the hands and feet of Christ!

Blessings,  
Dr. Rick

# The Messenger

*A Newsletter of the*

## Murfreesboro Baptist Church

*November 2022*

*Happy Thanksgiving*

**Sunday, November 6**

For centuries, Christians have observed All Saints' Sunday as a time to remember brothers and sisters in Christ who have died, to thank God for their lives, and to celebrate their faith. On that day, we will honor five members of Murfreesboro Baptist Church who passed away since November 1, 2021:

**Howard Ray Dilday**  
**Hugh Carroll Vincent, Jr.**  
**Edgar Brinson Paul**  
**Percy Elvin Bunch**  
**Raymond Carson Benthall, Jr.**

*Please join us for this service of worship, thanksgiving, and remembrance.*

**Nov. 2.....6:30-7:15**  
**Nov. 9.....6:00-6:45**  
**Nov 16....6:00-6:45**  
**Nov. 20 Children's Church**

**Nov 23.....No Kids' Club**  
**Nov. 20..6:00-6:45**  
**Nov 16 ..6:00-6:45**

Dear MBC Family,

Our first round table discussions went very well and we collected some great information from all who participated. Our next round table discussion and covered dish luncheon will be November 13th. As promised, the questions for that session are as follows:

**Round Table Session #2 Questions**

1. How has Murfreesboro Baptist Church changed in the last 10 years?
2. How is God at work in our neighborhood?
3. What are the gifts and needs of our larger community?
4. Where do you see God leading our congregation? What is yet possible?

Please be thinking and praying about how God would have you respond. If you are unable to attend the session, you may provide your answers to a Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) member. This includes myself, Tommy Bird, Sara Francis Hill, Debbie Hill, Colon Ballance, Charlie Cole, Mary Etta Flowers, Bardin Murray, Charlotte Cole, Justin Peterson and Will Revelle.

Thank you for all you do,  
Rachel Peterson  
PSC Chair

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS...**  
**Sunday, November 6**

**FALL BACK**

Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday  
**CHANGE** your fire alarm's batteries!

Don't Forget... **BIG WEDNESDAY DINNER**

Wednesday, November 9th 6:00

**Mary Etta's Menu**  
Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert  
**\$10.00 Per Plate**

Please call the church office to add, change or delete your reservations.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

## Shoebboxes

Fall has arrived and that means that Christmas is just a few short months away! Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes are available in the church library. Each box will come with labels and information on how to pack a shoebox. If you prefer to use your own shoebox or a shoebox-sized plastic tote, extra labels will be available.

**Shoe boxes will be due back by Sunday, November 13** so that they can be delivered as part of OCC National Collection Week. Our goal this year is to pack 50 shoeboxes.

## Hanging of the Greens

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** to decorate our sanctuary for the **Seasons of Advent and Christmas.** This is a joyous and relaxed occasion to be with one another and to ready ourselves and our church for the birth of the Christ Child. Please call the Church office and let us know if you will be volunteering to help. We hope you will be able to join us!

## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

**Deacon of the Month**  
Colon Ballance

**Opening the Church**  
Colon Ballance

**Communion**  
Lynette Bunch

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

**Ushers December**  
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Bob Turner

**Radio Ministry Sponsor**  
Linda Hassell

**Worship Leaders**  
*Nov. 6* Tommy Bird; *Nov. 13* Available; *Nov. 20* Rachel Peterson; *Nov. 27* Available

**Caregivers**  
*Oct. 23 - Nov. 5* David and Carole Farnham; *Nov. 6 - Nov. 19* Mary Etta Flowers; *Nov. 20- Dec. 3* Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell

**Nursery**  
*Nov. 6* Mollie Madden; *Nov. 13* Charlie Cole; *Nov. 20* Sarah Davis; *Nov. 27* Ed Snyder

**Flowers**  
*Nov. 6* Gene and Mary Etta Flowers; *Nov. 13* Bruce and Liz Brown; *Nov. 20* Mike and Susan Alston; *Nov 27* Advent



Happy month of Thanksgiving! I am so grateful for my family, friends, piano students, children's choir, adult choir and church family.

I grew up attending Beulah Baptist in Sunbury. My mother played piano and taught Sunday School. Since I attended a small church, there were many opportunities for me to play the piano. I was asked to join the youth group at age 11 instead of 13 so I could play for their choir.

I am grateful that I attended Salem College and had a fabulous piano professor. He always encouraged me and always worked with the fact that I have very small hands. He had the preferred large hands and long, slender fingers. Today I can hold my hand up to 11-year-old students and mine will be the same size as theirs. I do this to see if they can reach an octave.

I say all of this because about 20 years ago, I bought a video that featured a Juilliard professor teaching pianists how to relax. Near the beginning, she showed a picture of a girl with a similar hand size as mine and said, "A person with hands this size should not play the piano." What if I had heard this before college? What is this woman had shifted my whole outlook on life?

At this time of Thanksgiving and every day, let's be grateful for the many ways God has blessed us and continues to guide us throughout our lives.

Paula Pressnell



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| <b>November 2</b>  | <b>Christopher Broadhead</b> |
| <b>November 3</b>  | <b>Dell Aycock</b>           |
| <b>November 4</b>  | <b>Ashley Revelle</b>        |
| <b>November 5</b>  | <b>Christiana Sawyer</b>     |
| <b>November 6</b>  | <b>Yolanda Faile</b>         |
| <b>November 8</b>  | <b>Tommy Bird</b>            |
| <b>November 10</b> | <b>Rebecca Willson</b>       |
| <b>November 11</b> | <b>Dock Boone</b>            |
| <b>November 16</b> | <b>Tim Place</b>             |
| <b>November 17</b> | <b>Aldeen Gatewood</b>       |
| <b>November 20</b> | <b>Gus McLean</b>            |
| <b>November 24</b> | <b>Katelyn Sumner</b>        |
| <b>November 26</b> | <b>Katherine Brett</b>       |
| <b>November 28</b> | <b>Corey Forbes</b>          |

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

## UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER

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| <b>Nov. 6</b>           | • Communion<br>• All Saints' Sunday   |
| <b>Nov. 8</b>           | • Deacons' Meeting  |
| <b>Nov. 9</b>           | • Big Wednesday   |
| <b>Nov. 13</b>          | • Christmas Shoebox Deadline<br>• Pastoral Search Assessment Session & Pot Luck Lunch |
| <b>Nov. 15</b>          | • Food Bank of the Albemarle  |
| <b>Nov. 20</b>          | • Christ The King Sunday<br>• Hanging of the Greens                                   |
| <b>Nov. 24 &amp; 25</b> | • Thanksgiving<br><i>Church Office Closed</i>   |
| <b>Nov. 28</b>          | MBC Food Pantry   |

## CHURCH STAFF CHURCH STAFF

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey  
INTERIM PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....Organist & Choir Director

TOM CAULKINS.....Pastor Emeritus

TERESA MARTIN..... Administrative Asst.

## BLESSINGS MINISTRIES

**FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE**

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, November 15 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 your selected items to the church before the last Monday of each month. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated.

### Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for October 2022

	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	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	\$19,711.55
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$3,051.00	\$2,296.00	\$2,554.00	\$1,769.00	\$6,170.00	\$15,840.00	\$15,840.00
Other Income							
Over (Under)	(\$891.31)	(\$1,646.31)	(\$1388.31)	(\$2,173.31)	\$2,227.69	(\$3,871.55)	(\$3,871.55)

### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Office Closed November 24 & 25  
For Thanksgiving Holiday



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