



# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

October 2018



## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR...

Fall is upon us. Or so the meteorologists tell us, anyway. WRAL's Greg Fishel is by far my favorite meteorologist and perhaps my favorite news personality across the board. Over the past few weeks he has reminded his viewers several times that there are two distinct beginnings for the season of fall.

"Meteorological Fall," as he calls it, begins on September first. This is opposed to the traditional start of the season, which corresponds to the autumnal equinox, and occurs later in September. So which one is it? Did fall start on September 1 or September 23? Or has it even actually begun?

The thing about changing seasons is that, although we try to define them by the calendar (three months for each season) or by the location of the earth in relationship to the sun, these definitions don't always work. Although it may technically be fall by these definitions, that doesn't mean it has to feel that way. We know well the feeling of being excited for fall only to be met with a hot and humid start to October. Or how many times have you walked out of the door in early Spring only to be greeted by one last hit from a winter still fighting to hang on?

In a much more practical sense, even though we have meteorological and traditional start dates for the seasons, we have a hard time saying that fall has truly begun until it actually begins to feel like fall. It isn't really spring if we're still having to wear coats and scarves. Simply saying that something is so does not make it true. Especially when it comes to our lived experiences. An acquaintance, for example, could say that they're a friend, but we know that friendship is not accomplished simply by saying that it is so. We know friendship when we experience it - much like fall.

That same sentiment could be applied to our faith as well. In the same way that we know what season it is by how the weather actually feels, one who is a disciple of Jesus is known by the sort of life he or she lives. A Christian is not simply one who says that she is, but one whose actions and attitudes show that she is. James gets at this very point when he writes, "If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do

not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?"

As the lengthy process of hurricane recovery continues - and will continue for many, many months and years to come - let our actions and attitudes show those who have been devastated that the love of Christ is with them. May we be more than good humanitarians; may we, by our actions and attitudes, be the very presence of God's grace in the midst of their suffering.

Lane Bass

## ATTENTION SENIOR ADULTS SAVE OCTOBER 9 AT NOON FOR LUNCH



Join us for a special program visiting South Korea and Viet Nam presented by Chris White. Cost is \$8.00 and will be catered by our own Mary Etta Flowers. Call the church office to reserve your place by October 5th.

## LETTER FROM PAST DEACON...

Dear Church Friends,

As I made my pilgrimage through life, one of the distinct highlights was serving as your deacon chair numerous times. The trust and confidence you had in me were very rewarding. I truly enjoyed the whole job description of moderating an appreciative membership and following the church constitution in detail. The plaque given to me by the present board will remind me of your love and support through 50 years of service, 1967-2017.

Thankfully,  
Eley Whitehead

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION...

Thank you notes to the church were received in September from the Family of Bob F. Hill, Sr.

## MUFRESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who signed up to keep our food pantry stocked with the essentials for the 2018-19 year. Every item has been covered, which means we will be able to provide at least 12 families with a little help each month. If you signed up to bring an item, please remember to bring 12 of your selected item to the church each month in time for the distribution. If you have not yet had a chance to sign up, you may donate to sponsor an additional family for \$25 per month or bring extra food for the pantry.

**BIG WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10**

**MARY ETTA'S MENU IS ...**

**•Roast Beef•**  
*With Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, and Apple Dumplings*

**Adults: \$8  
 Children: \$4**

To make a new reservation, or change your reservation from September, please call the church office at 398-3613.

## UPCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 2 Deacons' Meeting
- Oct. 3 Adult Study
- Oct. 4 Ministry Team
- Oct. 9 Senior Adult Presentation
- Oct. 9 Food Bank of the Albemarle
- Oct. 10 Big Wednesday
- Oct. 14 Communion
- Oct. 17 Adult Study
- Oct. 18 Chowan International Student Luncheon
- Oct. 24 Adult Study
- Oct. 28 Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 29 Food Pantry
- Oct. 31 Chowan Harvest Fest

## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN OCTOBER

**Deacon of the Month**  
Susan Alston

**Opening the Church**  
Bruce Brown

**Ushers**  
Raymond Benthall, Charlie Aycock,  
Lloyd Hill, Keith Reich

**Radio Ministry Sponsor**  
Linda Hassell

**Communion**  
*October 14* Charles and Frances Cole  
*November 4* Bonnie Boone

**Worship Leaders**  
*Oct. 7* Available; *Oct. 14* Susan Alston;  
*Oct. 21* Dell Aycock; *Oct. 28* Sean Timmons

**Caregivers**  
*Sept. 30-Oct 13* Judy Clark; *Oct. 14-27*  
Diane Dixon; *Oct 28-Nov. 10* Gertrude Revelle

**Children's Sermon**  
*Oct. 7* Brooke Reich; *Oct. 14* Lane Bass;  
*Oct. 21* Sean Timmons; *Oct. 28* Sarah Davis

**Nursery Caregivers**  
*Oct. 7* Jen Place, Keith Reich, and Pat Torres;  
*Oct. 14* Claire Revelle, Ed Snyder, and Pat Torres;  
*Oct. 21* Gilbert Tinkham and Pat Torres; *Oct. 28* Susan White, Amber Anderson, and Pat Torres

**Sound System**  
*Oct. 7* Claire Revelle; *Oct. 14* Will Revelle;  
*Oct. 21* Sean Timmons; *Oct. 28* Jimmy Boone

**Acolytes**  
*Oct. 7* Elizabeth Brown; *Oct. 14* Molly Brown;  
*Oct. 21* Charlotte Cole; *Oct. 28* Ciera Cox

**Flowers**  
*Oct. 7* Doris Taylor; *Oct. 14* Raymond and Susan Benthall;  
*Oct. 21* Charlie and Dell Aycock; *Oct. 28* Wayne and Shirley Brown

## MINISTRY TEAM...

•The Ministry Team will hold its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, October 4 at 6:30. If you have signed up for this team, please try to attend. If you have not signed up but still want to be a part of the Ministry Team, you are welcome to attend as well.

### Church Office Hours

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 31, 2018

Ministry Plan YTD	\$212,298.06
Gifts and Offerings	\$195,374.60
Other	\$4262.37
Over(under) Min. Plan	(\$12,661.09)
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A detailed financial statement will be available in the church office.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM...



•Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 28 at 5:15 pm. Please come with the trunk filled with treats for our kids and community children. This year, our youth will be organizing games for the event as well as providing a hot dog supper with trimmings. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Sarah Davis or Susan Bass.

## BLESSING MINISTRIES...

**Foodbank of the Albemarle**  
•Volunteers are needed October 9 and November 6 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

## HURRICANE RELIEF...

•We are continuing to accept donations for Hurricane Florence Recovery. You may make donations to church (please mark them "Hurricane Relief") that will be used to purchase more supplies for the affected areas. You may also donate through CBF Disaster Relief or Baptists on Mission. Thank you for all you have done so far.

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



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

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

## MISSIONS TEAM... CHOWAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LUNCHEON

•In October, we are planning a luncheon for our International students of Chowan. Plan to come & join us on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon for a good meal and good fellowship. We also need your help to make this ministry possible through donations for costs of food, please mark your check "International Students". Please call the church office and make reservations so we will know how many plan to attend.

### 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.

## CHURCH STAFF

**LANE BASS**  
PASTOR

**THOMAS CAULKINS**  
PASTOR EMERITUS

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