



WORDS FROM THE DEACON CHAIR

Dear Church Family,

Murfreesboro Baptist Church had a very productive September. The budget for the 2022-2023 Church fiscal year was approved, the Nominating Committee's proposed committee nominations were accepted and approved and an Interim Pastor was selected!

Dr. Rick Bailey has accepted the invitation from the Church to be our Interim Pastor. In addition to his weekly sermons, Dr. Bailey will perform Pastoral care, weddings, and funerals, if requested. If you know of anyone in our Church who needs any of these services, please contact the Church office at 252-298-3613. We look forward to Dr. Bailey being our Interim Pastor and providing his leadership.

Currently the Deacons are putting the final pieces together for a Ministry Fair along with the Pastoral Search Committee's first Church assessment. This event will take place on October 23 and include a potluck lunch. Make sure you mark your calendar because this is a very important date for our Church. I would like to challenge everyone to sign-up for the Church Ministry or Church Ministries that God has put in your heart to fulfill.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church is my Church, but not just mine; it is Judy Clark's Church, but not just hers, it is Bruce and Liz Brown's Church, but not just theirs; it is T.K. Warrens' Church, but not just his... It is the **CONGREGATIONS CHURCH!!** I am certain that every member of the Church wants it to not only **SURVIVE**, but to **THRIVE**. For our Church to thrive, we must all do our part. With that thought in mind, I have another challenge. If you have a neighbor, friend, or relative that used to come to Murfreesboro Baptist Church, invite them back! For those you know that have no home Church, invite them as well! I would suggest inviting them to a Big Wednesday first. Our Big Wednesdays are casual, full of fun, fellowship, and food. It would be a great way for someone to ease back into, or get to know the church congregation. When someone new comes, make sure you greet them with open arms, and make them feel welcome!

We have all heard "The Lord helps those that help themselves". As a congregation we must help

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ourselves. Think of signing up for Church Ministries, and asking people to Church as small blessings. As a Church, we can start stacking small blessings on top of small blessings, and at some point, the small blessings will eventually have a major positive impact on the Church; but only if we each do our part!

I can assure you that the Pastoral Search Committee and the Deacons are doing their best to perform the duties of the jobs you asked them to fulfill. Now I am asking for your help. Sign up for the Church Ministry (Ministries) that God leads you to. Ask someone to Church and participate in the Church assessment. In the weeks and months ahead, it could lead to us celebrating some major blessings!

May God bless you, may God bless our Church and Town, and may God bless the United States of America.

Tommy Bird
Deacon Chair

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 Monday, October 31.

Kids' Club Halloween Event

Sunday, October 30 5:30 p.m.



On Oct 30, we will have our annual Trunk or Treat. At 5:30, we will have a meal of hamburgers and hotdogs. If you are willing to provide drinks, sides, or manage the grill, please let Sarah Davis know. After dinner, we will have Trunk or Treat. The event is open to any children under the age of 11. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Members of the congregation are encouraged to decorate their trunks and provide candy or treats for the children.

Kids' Club Special Dates:

- Oct 5 - Kids' Club 6:30-7:15
- Oct 12 - No Kids' Club
- Oct 19 - Kids' Club 6-6:45
- Oct 26 - Kids' Club 6-6:45
- Oct 30 - Trunk or Treat 5:30

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

Wednesday, October 4 6:00 p.m.

Mary Etta's Menu

Roast Pork Lion, Rice, Green Beans, Pineapple Cheese Casserole, Rolls & Dessert

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Connect • Grow • Serve

This is your opportunity to serve your church throughout the year.

Pastoral Search Committee's 1st Church Assessment And Potluck Lunch

The Church will provide the meat and we ask that you bring a vegetable, casserole, or dessert.

Thanks Be To God For The Life Of

Raymond Carson Benthall, Jr.

August 6, 1943 - September 11-2022

BOARD OF DEACONS

In their September meeting, the deacons elected the following officers for the 2021-22 year: Thomas Bird as chairman, Bob Lee as vice-chairman, and Mary Etta Flowers as secretary. Please take the opportunity to thank them for their willingness to serve in these roles.

DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Come Help Us...
Saturday, October 22
Outside Church Clean-Up Day
We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and provide lunch.



**OPERATION
 CHRISTMAS
 CHILD**



Shoeboxes

Beginning Sunday, October 23, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be available in the sanctuary and in the church library. Each box will come with labels and information on how to pack a shoebox.

Shoe boxes will be due back by Sunday, November 14 so that they can be delivered as part of OCC National Collection Week. Our goal this year is to pack 50 shoeboxes.

UPCOMING DATES

October 2
Communion

October 5
Big Wednesday

October 11
Deacons' Meeting

October 18
Food Bank of the Albemarle

October 16
**Children's Church
 Deacon Ordination and Installation**

October 22
**Church Outdoor Clean-up Day
 With Fellowship Lunch**

October 23
**Ministry Fair with
 Pastoral Roundtable Discussion
 and Pot Luck Lunch**

October 25
MBC Food Pantry

October 30
Kids' Club Trunk or Treat

October 31
**Union Mission Clothing Drive
 Deadline**

**USING THEIR GIFTS
 TO SERVE IN
 OCTOBER**

DEACON OF THE MONTH
 Linda Hassell

OPENING OF THE CHURCH
 Charlie Cole

USHERS
October
 David Farnham, Charlie Aycok, Lloyd Hill, and Thomas Bird
November
 Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alson, and Kirk Peterson

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR
 Brinson Paul

CHILDREN'S SERMON
 Sarah Davis

NURSERY CAREGIVERS
Oct. 2, Mollie Madden
Oct. 9, Charlie Cole
Oct. 16, Sarah Davis
Oct. 23 Ed Snyder
Oct. 30, Sarah Davis

CAREGIVERS
Sept. 25-Oct. 8
 Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell
Oct 9-Oct. 22
 Judy Clark
Oct. 23- Nov. 5
 David and Carole Farnham

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

**NOTES OF
 APPRECIATION**

Thank you notes to the church were received in September from Chowan University, CBF of NC, Hertford County High School, and Riverview Elementary School.



**Celebrating
 Birthdays
 In October**

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| October 4 | Ann Lee |
| October 4 | Eley Whitehead |
| 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 |

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

**BLESSINGS MINISTRIES
 FOODBANK
 OF THE
 ALBEMARLE**

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, October 18 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

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
 INTERIM PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....Organist & Choir Director
 TOM CAULKINS.....Pastor Emeritus
 TERESA MARTIN.....Administrative Asst.

**CHURCH
 OFFICE HOURS**

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

The 2022 September Financial Statement was unavailable when the messenger went to press. When completed, the report will appear in the church bulletin and copies will be available in the church office.



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