



# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

June and July 2017

## WORDS FROM THE INTERIM

Now that June has arrived and school has or will end soon, people will take vacations and fulfill summer plans, and I have often heard church members talk about the "summer slump." When the "summer slump" occurs, there will be less members in attendance and offerings will lag behind what is needed each week to keep up with church expenses. My hope and prayer is that Murfreesboro Baptist Church will not have a "summer slump" during the summer of 2017. Linda and I are committed to be present each Sunday in worship throughout the summer and I encourage you to be present also. I suggest some ways to keep us from a "summer slump" this summer:

- Be faithful in attendance on Sundays. Make it a priority to be at church each Sunday that you are in Murfreesboro. Bring your family with you to church each Sunday.
- Continue to give to the church your tithes and offerings. The work of the church does not end during the summer and there are expenses each week. The ministries of the church need to be adequately funded throughout the summer. If you are away for a Sunday, remember to make up your tithes and offerings when you return.
- Invite someone to attend with you this summer. I am somewhat surprised that "inviting" someone to attend church is not practiced very much anymore. We can invite people to attend "other" events in our lives but we do not do a good job of inviting people to attend church with us.
- Pray for this church. Pray for the church leadership and the Pastor Search Committee.
- Be willing to serve-there will be times when Sunday School teachers will need to be away this summer. It will be very helpful for you and others to "step in" and help as needed.

Let's work and worship together to make this summer a great time at church!

Blessings,  
Dennis N. Bazemore

## MBC ON MISSION



On June 18, we'll send a group of ten youth and three leaders to Passport Summer Mission Camp in Greensboro. This year's camp theme is "Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly". The theme is from Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you? But to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." Please pray for our youth (Jimmy Boone, Gracie Boswell, Helen Canipe, Watt Canipe, Ciera Cox, Matty Grace Gilliam, Nick Maione, Claire Place, Nate Place, and Mandy Spence) and their leaders (Bonnie Boone, Lou Ann Gilliam, and Sean Timmons) as they meet new friends, grow in their faith, and serve others in Jesus' name June 18-23.

## MBC YOUTH MINISTER

Please remember Sean Timmons as he serves at Centrifuge Camp at North Greenville University in Greenville, South Carolina.

## CAMP MUNDO VISTA

Camp Mundo Vista is still in need of 56 beds. Let's sponsor at least one bed from Murfreesboro Baptist Church. Adopt a bed for \$275.00. Please mark your donation for Camp Mundo Vista.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Corey Forbes, son of Tommy and Lisa Forbes, for his graduation from East Carolina University on May 6, 2017. Corey will be attending Optometry School at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

## COMMUNITY CAFE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4  
5:30 PM**

Come join us, bring the family, bring a friend and enjoy great food and fellowship during our June Community Café. As always there is no charge for the meal, but feel free to make donations and/or volunteer to help prepare, serve, or clean up after the meal. Contact Patty Joyner (209-1828) if you would like to help.

Join Us for Family Fun & Fellowship!

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4 PENTECOST



*Celebrate the Holy Spirit!*

**PLEASE WEAR RED, YELLOW,  
OR ORANGE IN CASUAL ATTIRE.**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER 2017



... Vacation Bible School will be June 26-June 30 at our church from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon p.m. The theme for this year is *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God*. The colors of the day are Mon: red, Tues: orange, Wed: green, Thurs: blue, and Fri: purple. The ice cream social will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28. The cookout and closing program will begin at 12 noon on Friday, June 30. Leaders are needed. A daily offering to support the Food Bank of the Albemarle will be collected. If you feel called to volunteer to serve in this community outreach and discipleship ministry, please contact Sarah Davis (396-8445 or stdavis@hotmail.com).

## THANK YOU NOTES

Letters of thanks were received in April and May from the Children's Baptist Homes of North Carolina, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and Chowan University.

The Church Administrative Office  
**WILL BE CLOSED**  
**JULY 4**  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. (James 4:8)

## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN JUNE AND JULY . . .

### Deacon of the Month

June, Susan Alston; July, Ronnie Coltrain

### Opening the Church

June, Darren Piper; July, Johnny Jenkins

### Ushers

June, Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, Brinson Paul; July, Johnny Jenkins, Gilbert Tinkham, Bob Lee, Ben McLean

### Radio Ministry Sponsors

June, Joe and Fran Minton  
July, Bob and Lisa Turner

### Worship Leaders

June 4 Susan Alston; June 11 Raymond Benthall; June 18 Yvonne Warren; June 25 Chelsea Duffy; July 2 Sarah Davis; July 9 Keith Reich; July 16 Ronnie Coltrain; July 23 Bonnie Boone; July 30 Eley Whitehead

### Caregivers

June 4 Yvonne Warren; June 11 Judy Clark; June 18 Eley Whitehead; June 25 Brinson and Lorene Paul; July 2 Aldeen Gatewood; July 9 Daynelle Trent; July 16 Gertrude Revelle; July 23 Carol Piper; July 30 Craig Dennis

### Children's Sermon

June 4: Dr. Bazemore; June 11 Lori Harders; June 18 Sarah Davis; June 25 Judy Clark; July 2 Dr. Dennis Bazemore; July 9 Dr. Keith Reich; July 16 Sarah Davis; July 23 Erin Faile; July 30 Chelsea Duffy

### Nursery Caregivers

June 4 Claire Place, Keith Reich, Pat Torres; June 11 Brook Reich, Claire Revelle, Pat Torres; June 18 Joni Saner, Leslee Sumner, Pat Torres; June 25 Ed Snyder, Susan White, Pat Torres; July 2 Gilbert Tinkham, Dell Aycock, Pat Torres; July 9 Mamie Ballance, Emma Wood Boone, Pat Torres; July 16 Charlie Cole, Ciera Cox, Pat Torres; July 23 Brian Duffy, Sarah Davis, Pat Torres; July 30 Chelsea Duffy, Mariah Gallop, Pat Torres

### Sound System

June 4 Ciera Cox; June 11 Matty Grace Gilliam; June 18 Steve Harders; June 25 Patty Joyner; July 2 Nate Place; July 9 Tim Place; July 16 Claire Revelle; July 23 Will Revelle; July 30 Tim Place

### Lightbearers

June 4 Open; June 11 Will Revelle; June 18 Jimmy Boone; June 25 Elizabeth Brown; July 2 Molly Brown; July 9 Landon Burgess; July 16 Charlotte Cole; July 23 Ciera Cox; July 30 Matty Grace Gilliam

### Flowers

June 4 Dr. and Mrs. John H. Davis, Hugh H. Davis, and Sarah T. Davis; June 11 Tom and Ann Caulkins; June 18 Jay and Elicia Revelle; June 25 Linda Hassell; July 2 Colon & Jane Ballance; July 9 Garth & Erin Faile; July 16 Judy Clark; July 23 Christopher and Linda White; July 30 Charlie & Dell Aycock

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

OPEN MON.-FRI. 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
252-398-3613 [www.murfbc.org](http://www.murfbc.org)

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT MAY 31, 2017

Ministry Cost YTD	\$160,794.55
Tithes & Offerings YTD	<u>\$137,120.55</u>
Other	\$6,378.70
Over (under) Min. Plan	(\$17,295.30)

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A detailed financial statement for May was unavailable when this month's edition of The Messenger went to press. When the complete May report is completed, it will be available in available in the church office. The above information on contributions to the church's Ministry Plan are taken from the weekly stewardship report found on the announcement page of our order of worship.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for the two scholarships available to Murfreesboro Baptist Church members and their children:

The Robert E. Lee, III, Scholarship is awarded to Chowan students.

The Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker Scholarship is awarded to students attending any institution of higher learning, but with preference toward those studying at Chowan.

Applications are available in the church office and must be completed by June 30. The finance committee will award the scholarships and notify the recipients.

## UPCOMING DATES

June 4 Community Café  
June 6 Deacons' Meeting  
June 13 Food Bank of the Albemarle Vacation Bible School Meeting  
June 18-23 Youth to Passport Camp  
June 25 Women's Bible Study  
June 26-30 VBS @ MBC  
June 29 Ice Cream Social  
June 30 Cookout  
July 4 Administrative Office Closed  
July 11 Food Bank of the Albemarle  
July 30 Children's Mission Bazaar  
Aug. 19 Move In Day for Chowan University Freshman

## CHURCH STAFF

DR. DENNIS BAZEMORE.....INTERIM PASTOR  
PAULA PRESSNELL.....ORGANIST & INTERIM CHOIR DIRECTOR  
SEAN TIMMONS.....YOUTH MINISTRY INTERN  
TOM CAULKINS.....PASTOR EMERITUS  
TERESA MARTIN.....ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE AND JULY



June 3 Laurel Boone  
June 5 Michael Wollan  
June 7 Alexandra Miles  
June 15 Jay Jenkins  
June 17 Cliff Forbes  
June 18 Jill Awuni  
June 19 Vanessa Bunch  
June 19 Steve Fowler  
June 23 Linda White  
June 25 Landon Burgess  
June 26 Ciera Cox  
June 27 Tom Caulkins  
June 27 Dean Lawson

July 6 Charlie Gallop  
July 7 Charlotte Cole  
July 9 Yvonne Warren  
July 11 Frances Cole  
July 11 Jeff Llewellyn  
July 12 Mary Welch Gallop  
July 12 Linda Hassell  
July 16 Ronnie Coltrain  
July 18 Sarah Tinkham  
July 20 Steve Harders  
July 27 Billy Futrell  
July 31 Lynette Bunch

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

## THANKS TO . . .

...Dennis and Linda Bazemore for providing and cooking the chicken for the Kids' Club Finale Cook-Out on May 10. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the preparation and clean-up, and to those who contributed food, drinks, and money to the event.

... John Taylor, Billy Theodorakis, Ronnie Coltrain and Bruce Brown for providing ice when the ice machine was out of service.

... Colon Ballance for collecting money at Big Wednesday meals.

... Mary Etta Flowers for preparing wonderful Big Wednesday dinners.

## BLESSING MINISTRIES

...Foodbank of the Albemarle Volunteers are needed June 13 and July 11 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to serve in this community ministry.

...August 5 - Pancake Breakfast  
More information will follow in the August newsletter and the bulletin.

...August 19 - Lunch For Chowan Freshman  
More information will follow in the August Newsletter.

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