



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

June and July 2018

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

As we have been reminded time and again over the course of the past two weeks, we have now entered that time of year when our days are often punctuated by an afternoon thunderstorm. Mornings are beautiful, giving no indication that a storm may be lurking, but often, as the clock moves further and further towards evening, dark clouds begin to build. They inch closer and closer across the sky until they sit over our little town, pouring buckets and buckets of rain down upon the ground.

And though there is never a convenient time for such a storm, they are particularly inconvenient when you are driving. What begins as nice trip can turn in a flash to slow crawl with wipers flapping furiously across the windshield and hands gripped noticeably tighter on the steering wheel. When storms come, we cannot continue to rush forward at the speed we had been going, to do so would be foolish. We must slow down and make use of the safety features around us.

This same sort of thing could be said of the storms that pop up out of nowhere to dampen our lives (or to sometimes pummel them with hailstones). Many times, we have little warning. We are about our lives when terrible and sorrowful things happen out of the blue. And when those storms pop up – which is a truth to which we can all testify – it is vital that we slow down and make use of safety features.

In the same way that our cars have headlights and windshield wipers to aid us when we encounter a surprise afternoon thundershower, so too does our relationship with God equip us for the unexpected storms of life. And though prayer could rightly be named as chief among these tools, it is far from the only one. A time of true Sabbath rest or the encouragement of others in your community of faith are just two among the many things that make it possible for us to come through the storms to the other side.

This doesn't mean, of course, that storms don't cause us grief and make it more difficult for us to move forward. What it does mean is that we have every reason to be hopeful. Even during the heaviest downpour, we know that the clouds will break and the sun will shine again. Let us, then, be a people of hope, not supposing that storms haven't or won't come, but knowing that even when they do they stand no chance of separating us from the overwhelming love of God.

May God's peace follow you this summer,

Lane

MBC ON MISSION

Pray for our students and chaperones! Please take a name from the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and use it as a bookmark or place it somewhere visible to remind you to pray for that student or chaperone before, during and after his or her time at Passport.



On June 18, we'll send a group of eleven youth and two leaders to Passport Summer Mission Camp in Greensboro. This year's camp theme is "Enough". The theme is from 2 Corinthians 12:9a (CEB) (Jesus) said to me, "My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness Please pray for our youth (Jimmy Boone, Elizabeth Brown, Ciera Cox, Matty Grace Gilliam, Cody Peterson, Justin Peterson, Camile Pierce, Claire Place, Nate Place, Claire Revelle, and Will Revelle) and their leaders (Bonnie Boone, and Lane Bass) as they meet new friends, grow in their faith, and serve others in Jesus' name June 18-22.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Claire Revelle, daughter of Jay and Elicia Revelle, for her graduation from Ridgcroft School on June 1, 2018. Claire will be attending Chowan University.

Congratulations to Haley Lynn Piper, daughter of Brian Piper and granddaughter of Carol Piper. Haley is a graduate of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas with honors, Cum Laude, and a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education.

On Sunday, June 3rd, Keith Reich will begin taking family photos for our new directory. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite breakfast casserole or pastry to share as we fellowship together and wait our turn to smile for the camera! Be on the lookout for more information and sign-up schedule.

MBC YOUTH MINISTER

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

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please remember Paula Pressnell in prayer as she is out on sick leave for the upcoming weeks.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REPAIRING OUR NURSERY

Our congregation has voted to authorize \$20,000 to repair our nursery by replacing leaking windows, repairing chair rail, and new carpet in the nursery, K-5 classroom, hallway, stairwell nearest to the connector, and the Bethany Sunday School Class.

The Deacon Board and their families pledged over half of the funding needed to complete the nursery project. But we still need your help! To contribute, please make your check out to Murfreesboro Baptist Church and write "Nursery Repairs" in the memo line. With your help we can make sure our nursery is a safe, dry, and inviting place for our children.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP & BLOOD DRIVE

MBC, along with several other local congregations, have come together to host a community blood drive on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Murfreesboro United Methodist Church from 11:30 to 3:30. In addition, all are invited to a joint worship service in their sanctuary at 12:00 to be followed by a hot dog lunch. If you would like to register for the blood drive or if you have questions, please call the church office at 398-3613 or email Lane at pastor@murfbc.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER 2018



Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God.

... Vacation Bible School will be June 25-June 29 at our church from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon p.m. The theme for this year is *Rolling River Rampaige*. Colors of the day are Mon: red, Tues: orange, Wed: green, Thurs: blue, and Fri: purple.

The Church will be open for decorating on June 24 at 3:30. The ice cream social will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27. The cookout and closing program will begin at 12 noon Friday, June 29. Leaders are needed. A daily offering to support the Food Bank of the Albemarle will be collected. To volunteer to serve in this community outreach and discipleship ministry, please contact Sarah Davis (396-8445 or stdavis@hotmail.com).

OUTREACH MISSIONS



On May 14, 2018, the Peggy Lowe K&C Group was proud to deliver 32 stuffed crocheted animals, 24 hat & blanket sets, 8 blankets and 42 hats to the James & Connie Maynard Children's Hospital in Greenville, NC. These ladies truly have a wonderful talent and a desire to bring happiness to children in need.

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

Deacon of the Month

June, Colon Ballance; July, Patty Joyner

Opening the Church

June, Booker Daniel; July, Bob Turner

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

If you are available in June or July to lead worship, please contact the church office at 398-3613.

Communion

June, Keith and Brooke Reich

July, Available

Caregivers

May 27-June 9 Eley Whitehead; June 10-23 Brinson and Lorene Paul; June 18 Eley Whitehead; June 25 Brinson and Lorene Paul; June 24-July 7 Aldeen Gatewood and Doris Taylor; July 8-21 Lynette Bunch; July 22-August 4 Daynelle Trent

Children's Sermon

June 3: Lane Bass; June 10 Frances Cole; June 17 Judy Clark; June 24 Keith Reich; July 1 Rev. Lane Bass; July 8 Sarah Davis; July 15 Susan Bass; July 22 Erin Faile; July 29 Chelsea Duffy

Nursery Caregivers

June 3 Charlie Gallop Matty Grace Gilliam, Pat Torres; June 10 Mariah Gallop, Lori Harders, Pat Torres; June 17 Steve Harders, Millie Madden, Pat Torres; June 24 Joel McCormick, Lynne Moore, Pat Torres; July 1 Claire Place, Brook Reich, Pat Torres; July 8 Jen Place, Keith Reich, Pat Torres; July 15 Claire Revelle, Ed Snyder, Pat Torres; July 22 Gilbert Tinkham, Dell Aycock, Pat Torres; July 29 Susan White, Amber Anderson, Pat Torres

Sound System

June 3 Nate Place; June 10 Tim Place; June 17 Claire Revelle; June 24 Will Revelle; July 1 Jimmy Boone; July 8 Ciera Cox; July 15 Matty Grace Gilliam; July 22 Steve Harders; July 29 Patty Joyner

Acolytes

June 3 Charlotte Cole; June 10 Ciera Cox; June 17 Matty Grace Gilliam; June 24 Logan Harders; July 1 Claire Place; July 8 Nate Place; July 15 Will Revelle; July 22 Jimmy Boone; July 29 Elizabeth Brown

Flowers

June 3 Available; June 10 Diane Dixon; June 17 Available; June 24 Sarah Davis July 1 Colon and Jane Ballance; July 8 Charlie and Frances Cole; July 15 Available; July 22 Available; July 29 Charlie & Dell Aycock

The Church Administrative Office

WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4

In Observance of Independence Day

Murfreesboro Baptist Church
200 West Main Street
Murfreesboro, N. C. 27855

Return Service Requested

STEWARDSHIP REPORT APRIL 30, 2018

Ministry Plan YTD	\$135,509.40
Gifts and Offerings YTD	\$122,588.77
Other Income	3,351.98
Over (under) Min. Plan	(\$9,568.65)

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A detailed financial statement for April is available in the church office. The May financial statement was unavailable when this month's edition of The Messenger went to press. When the May report is completed it will be available in the church office.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for the **Robert E. Lee, III, Scholarship** (awarded to Chowan students) and **Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker Scholarship** (awarded to student of any institution of higher education, preferably 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.

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.

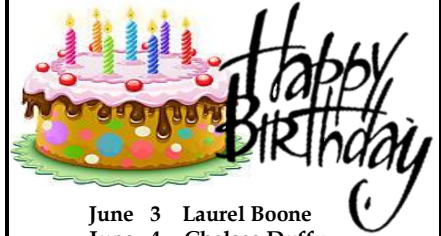
UPCOMING DATES

June 3	Church Directory Photo & Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.
	Graduate Sunday
June 5	Deacons' Meeting
June 12	Food Bank of the Albemarle
June 18-22	Youth to Passport Camp
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School
June 24	Decorating for VBS, 3:30 pm
June 27	Ice Cream Social, 7:00 pm
June 29	VBS Cookout, 12 Noon
July 4	Administrative Office Closed
July 10	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Aug. 4	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Aug. 7	Deacons' Meeting
Aug 14	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Aug. 18	Lunch for Chowan University Freshman

CHURCH STAFF

REV. LANE BASS.....	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 4	Chelsea Duffy
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	Connor Duffy
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 . . .

...Hunter Brown for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs for the Kids' Club Finale Cook-Out on May 9. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the preparation and clean-up, and to those who contributed food, drinks, and money to the event.

... 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 12 and July 10 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to serve in this community ministry.

...August 4 - Pancake Breakfast More information will follow in the August newsletter and the bulletin.

...August 18 - Lunch for Chowan Freshman More information will follow in the August Newsletter.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
OPEN MON.-FRI. 8:30 am-1:30 pm
252-398-3613 www.murfbc.org