



# The Messenger

March 2022 Newsletter From  
Murfreesboro Baptist Church

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

The season of Lent is situated perfectly with the month of March – or is it that the month of March is perfectly situated with the season of Lent? No matter how we might look at it, the point remains that both the liturgical year and the course of nature are doing something similar.

For in the month of March, we are pulled in two different directions. On the one hand, there are more than a few days that remind us that we are not yet finished with winter. Darkness still comes earlier than we would like it to. Cold, biting winds can still blow strong. Snow is far from being out of the question. Winter coats, scarves, and hats still hang at the ready.

On the other hand, though, there are plenty of days that point us towards what is coming. Daylight Saving Time will usher in later sunsets. There are mornings when you can step outside and feel comfortable without a coat. Flower buds begin to appear. Bird songs start to fill the air. Days grow warmer. The outdoors seem to become more and more inviting with each passing March day.

And so it is with the season of Lent. For although these forty days are a time that invite us to recognize the seriousness of Sin and the gap between where we are now and where God desires us to be, we also know where these six weeks are leading us. We know that this penitential season ends with the hopeful glory of Easter. We know that these days of long and sometimes difficult reflection and repentance end with the promise of full life made possible by an empty tomb.

Our job, then, is to get ready. In both the season of Lent and in the month of March, our task is to prepare for what we know is coming. If you're going to plant a garden, March is the time to get ready. Pull weeds, till the soil, start your seeds – there's plenty to do before anything gets put into the ground. But if you wait until it's time to plant to do all of these things, then you'll be behind.

That's how it is with Lent as well. We know that Easter is coming, but we cannot wait until Easter morning to begin the work that should be done during Lent. Now is the time to pray and to reflect and repent. For if we wait until Easter morning to ready ourselves for faithful discipleship, then we'll be behind.

So, I invite you to join us in this important work of getting ready for Easter. Come worship with us on Ash Wednesday. Be here for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. But don't let your preparations begin and end when you walk into and out of the sanctuary. Do the work at home, too. Read and pray. Sit in silence and speak with God. Reflect and repent. Do this necessary work now so that we might enjoy more completely the good and glorious news of Easter morning.



Grace & Peace,  
Lane



## Ash Wednesday

March 2

On Wednesday, March 2, we will have our annual Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. This service of worship reminds us that as God told Adam in Genesis 3:19, we are dust and to dust we return. This truth is symbolized by the Imposition of Ashes, in which individuals may come forward and receive ashes on their foreheads in the sign of the cross.

Please Join Us in The Church Fellowship Hall For A Floating

## Baby Shower

Sunday, March 6, 2:00 until 4:00  
For  
Jordan and Nathaniel Holton  
who are expecting a baby boy, Stetson, who is due in March.

The happy couple are registered at Amazon and Target.

## OLDER YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS Bowling



in Franklin  
March 18

This month the youth will be traveling up to Franklin, VA to go bowling on Friday, March 18. We will be meeting at the church parking lot at 6pm and departing shortly after. We welcome and encourage any youth in the community to come out and join us for this fun event! We also welcome any parents or chaperones that would like to accompany us on the trip. We look forward to seeing you there! There is no cost for this event.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR



## Youth Lock-In

April 22

## SAVE THE DATES

## HOLY WEEK



## SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14 7:00 p.m.

### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday

April 17

## EASTER LILIES

The deadline to place Orders for Easter Lilies Is Monday, April 4

Cost: \$21.40 per lily

Please call the church office 398-3613

to place your order.



## UPCOMING DATES

### IN MARCH

MARCH 2

Ash Wednesday Service  
6:30 p.m.

MARCH 6

Communion

The Holton's Floating  
Baby Shower

MARCH 8

Deacons' Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

MARCH 13

Daylight Saving Time Begins

MARCH 15

Food Bank of the Albemarle  
Volunteers Needed by 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 18

Older Youth Bowling Trip



**Wednesday, April 13 at 6:00 pm.**  
 Easter Eggs are in bags in a box in the connector. Please take some eggs home and fill them with candy, coins, stickers, or small toys and return them to the Church Library by Wednesday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m.



**REVIVAL SUNDAY**  
 Save the Date for **May 1, 2022**  
 and join your church family for a day of renewal and fellowship.

During both our 11:00 worship service and a special evening worship service we will be joined by Dr. Greg Rogers, who has recently retired from a 35-year tenure as pastor at Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, NC.

This will be a wonderful day to be together and also to challenge us to better live out our faith as a community of believers and as individual disciples. A meal will also be served. Mark the day on your calendar and keep your eyes open for more information.

**BLESSING MINISTRIES  
 FOODBANK OF THE  
 ALBEMARLE**

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, March 15 by 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

**MBC 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.

*Any and all donations are welcome.*



**USING THEIR GIFTS  
 TO SERVE IN  
 MARCH**

**DEACON OF THE MONTH**  
 Ronnie Coltrain

**OPENING OF THE CHURCH**  
 Dr. Mike Alston

**USHERS**  
*March*  
 Raymond Benthall,  
 Ronnie Coltrain,  
 Jay Revelle, Charles Gallop  
*April*  
 David Farnham, Hal Thomas,  
 Lloyd Hill, Thomas Bird

**RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR**  
 Johnny and Catherine Jenkins

**CAREGIVERS**  
*February 27-March 12*  
 Debbie Hill  
*March 13-March 26*  
 Gertrude Revelle and Daynelle Trent  
*March 27-April 9*  
 Colon and Jane Balance

**NURSERY CAREGIVERS**  
*March 6 - Edward Snyder*  
*March 13 - Susan Bass*  
*March 20 - Children's Church*  
*March 27 - Elizabeth Brown*

**ACOLYTES**  
*March 6 - Charlotte Cole*  
*March 13 - Jack Cole*  
*March 20 - Mary Welch Gallop*  
*March 27 - Winslow Gallop*



**CELEBRATING  
 BIRTHDAYS IN  
 MARCH**

March 1	Susan Bass
March 1	Brice Burgess
March 6	Jenni Chao
March 7	Sarah Brown
March 8	Patti Llewellyn
March 8	William Myers
March 9	Danny Moore
March 15	Sandra Fowler
March 16	Mary Harris
March 20	Judy Clark
March 23	Jo Cimini
March 26	Claire Place

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

**NOTES OF  
 APPRECIATION**

A thank you note to the church was received in February from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and Chowan University.

**CHURCH STAFF**  
**REV. LANE BASS**  
 PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....Organist & Choir Director  
 JORDAN BROWN.....Youth Ministry Intern  
 CORBIN ROBERTSON.....Youth Ministry Intern  
 TOM CAULKINS.....Pastor Emeritus  
 TERESA MARTIN.....Administrative Asst.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday - Friday 8:30 - 1:30  
 252-398-3613 [www.murfbc.org](http://www.murfbc.org)

The financial statement for February was unavailable when the Messenger went to press. Information shown is from weekly tithes and offerings. When completed, the report will be published in the church bulletin and copies will be available in the church office.

**Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for February 2022**

	Feb. 6	Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Monthly Total	For the Year
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$86,730.82
<b>Weekly Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	\$4,705.00	\$2,265.00	\$1,267.38	\$3,350.00	\$11,587.38	\$93,311.01
<b>Other Income</b>				\$286.17	\$286.17	\$339.03
<b>Over (Under)</b>	<b>\$762.69</b>	<b>(\$1,677.31)</b>	<b>(\$2,674.93)</b>	<b>(\$306.14)</b>	<b>(\$5,898.55)</b>	<b>\$6,919.22</b>



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