



# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

April 2017

## WORDS FROM THE INTERIM

This Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Pastor Search Committee will hold the second "Town Hall" meeting at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time for the congregation and the committee to discuss the Pastor Profile and it will be very helpful to the committee to receive your input. I hope you will participate in this process and share with the committee your thoughts and suggestions as they continue their work. I believe it is very important for the committee to hear from the congregation and for the congregation to receive reports from the committee as this is the way to continue to build unity and trust and also to be well informed. Come and enjoy the food and express your support for the search committee as they move forward in fulfilling their responsibility to one day soon present a candidate for pastor of Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

Holy Week will be ushered in on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a very special time for Christians all around the world as we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem, special times in his life during this week, his trial, death on the cross and his ultimate resurrection on Easter Sunday. I want to encourage you to make every effort to be present for the services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. I hope you will make sure your family is present with you for these services. I ask that you invite someone to attend these Holy Week Services who may not have been in church for a while. Maybe, it is your neighbor, co-worker or even an acquaintance that you can invite to attend these special services. The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so important to Christians and this Good News is for everyone to hear!

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Dennis N. Bazemore

### † LENT

**At Murfreesboro Baptist Church**  
The final Lenten Luncheon will be held April 5 at Murfreesboro United Methodist Church.

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Will be held at 6 pm on April 12

### † MAUNDY

### THURSDAY SERVICE

Will be held at 7 pm on April 13

## Big Wednesday

April 5



## Mary Etta's Menu This Month

*Chicken Teriyaki*

*Pineapple Casserole*

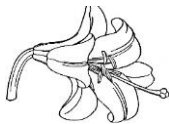
*Snaps & Potatoes • Rolls*

*Chocolate Dump Cake*

**Adults: \$8 • Children: \$4**

*The next Big Wednesday is May 3!*

To make a new reservation, or change your reservation from last month, please call the church office by Mon.



## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of someone, please contact the church office at

398-3613

Lilies will cost \$15 each.

Deadline for ordering is Friday, April 7.

## MUSIC FOR APRIL

The month of April is full of great music at Murfreesboro Baptist! On April 2<sup>nd</sup> the choir will sing a stirring arrangement of *This Lonesome Valley*. The choir will also sing beautiful anthems on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Also on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Mary Hellmann will be performing a solo piano recital here at church at 3:30 p.m. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 p.m., join us for Chowan's Easter Celebration where the Chowan Singers and Community Chorus will join together to sing Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*, which is an exuberant celebratory piece. Dr. Benjamin Thorburn will be directing and besides the organ, other accompaniment will include strings. Singers and Men's Chorus will also perform separately on this program and will include a wide variety of songs. On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, join us at 11:00 a.m. for a duet sung by Keston Steele and Terrence Taylor. Please come back that same afternoon for Terrence's solo voice recital, which is a requirement for graduation. On a sad note, the 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday where we will have CU students helping in the choir as the following Saturday is graduation. We hope our students will come back in September!

## MISSIONS TEAM



Missions Team is considering a summer mission trip with the destination still not determined. Patty

Joyner has made initial contact with Scott Hovey from Durham (the same contact Lee used) on plans for a trip to Chateauguay to assist with their weekly food bank.

Other suggestions for a mission trip are welcome. Please contact Patty Joyner if you see or know a need that would be a good fit with MBC. Also, anyone wishing to be a part of a missions trip this summer, please contact the church office or Patty Joyner.

Make plans now to attend the next **Missions Team Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>** immediately following choir practice and become a part of Missions at MBC.

## SUPPORT SUMMER YOUTH MISSIONS

ON APRIL 9!

On April 9, at 12 pm, our youth invite everyone to a spaghetti luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the meal, but your donations will help support our young people as they travel to Passport Summer Missions Camp in Greensboro June 18-23. During lunch, there will also be a silent auction.

Donations of Spaghetti, salad, other food items and silent auction items would be greatly appreciated. If you cannot attend but still want to help our youth, you can designate your monetary contribution to "Youth Missions." The Youth Ministry team's goal is to make the summer camp experience affordable for all our youth and their families. Join us on April 9 and encourage our youth! For more information, contact Sean Timmons at [smtimmons1231@chowan.edu](mailto:smtimmons1231@chowan.edu).

## PASTOR SEARCH PROFILES

There are pastor profile surveys throughout the church. Please complete and return to a member of the search committee. There will be a

### TOWN HALL MEETING

AT 5:30 PM ON APRIL 2.

Hunter Brown will provide the meat and the congregation is asked to bring a dessert or side dish. The meeting is to discuss the pastor profile. A nursery will be provided. Please plan to attend this meeting.

## VINTAGE CLOTHING COLLECTION

We will be collecting "vintage clothing" for Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids during the month of April. Now is the time to clean out your closets and get ready for spring.

## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN APRIL . . .

**Deacon of the Month**  
Colon Ballance

**Opening the Church**  
Bob Turner

**Ushers**  
David Farnham, Charlie Aycock,  
Lloyd Hill, Jeff Llewellyn

**Radio Ministry Sponsor**  
Bruce and Liz Brown

**Worship Leaders**  
*Apr 3* Colon Ballance; *Apr 9* Bruce Brown; *Apr 16* Sarah Davis; *Apr 23* Linda Hassell; *Apr 30* Tommy Forbes

**Caregivers**  
*Apr 2* Colon and Jane Ballance; *Apr 9* Lynette Bunch; *Apr 16* Booker Daniel; *Apr 23* Earlene Futrell and Lynn Gray; *Apr 30* Lisa Forbes

**Children's Sermon**  
*Apr 2* Dr. Dennis Bazemore; *Apr 9* Charlie Cole; *Apr 16* Sarah Davis; *Apr 23* Brooke Reich; *Apr 30* Lori Harders.

**Nursery Caregivers**  
*Apr 2* Gilbert Tinkham, Dell Aycock, Pat Torres; *Apr 9* Mamie Ballance, Emma Wood Boone, Pat Torres; *Apr 16* Charlie Cole, Ciera Cox, Pat Torres; *Apr 23* Brian Duffy, Pat Torres; *Apr 30* Sarah Davis, Chelsea Duffy, Pat Torres

**Sound System**  
*Apr 2* Matty Grace Gilliam; *Apr 9* Steve Harders; *Apr 16* Patty Joyner; *Apr 23* Nate Place; *Apr 30* Sean Timmons

**Lightbearers**  
*Apr 2* Elizabeth Brown; *Apr 9* Molly Brown; *Apr 16* Landon Burgess; *Apr 23* Charlotte Cole; *Apr 30* Ciera Cox

**Flowers**  
*Apr 2* Lent; *Apr 9* Palm Sunday; *Apr 16* Easter; *Apr 23* Jennifer Moore; *Apr 30* Bob and Lisa Turner

For the Life Of  
**Herman Alfred Clark**  
*April 2, 1930 - March 11, 2017*  
**Thanks be to God**

### 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

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Return Service Requested

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT MARCH 31, 2017

Ministry Plan YTD \$114,833.25  
Gifts and Offerings YTD \$113,268.13  
Over (under) Min. Plan (\$1,565.12)  
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*A detailed financial statement for March was unavailable when this month's edition of The Messenger went to press. When the complete March 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.*

### Murfreesboro Baptist Church Will host Vacation Bible School

from 9 am - 12 noon from June 26-30. No breakfast or lunch will be served. The annual ice cream social will be at 7 pm on June 28. VBS will conclude with a cookout on Friday, June 30 at noon. The theme is Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God. Recreation leaders and crew leaders are needed. If you are interested in helping, please let Sarah Davis know.

### UPCOMING DATES

*Apr. 2* Town Hall Meeting  
*Apr. 4* Deacons' Meeting  
*Apr. 5* Lenten Luncheon:  
Murfreesboro United  
Methodist Church  
Big Wednesday  
Missions Team Meeting  
*Apr. 9* Palm Sunday  
Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser  
*Apr. 11* Food Bank of the Albemarle  
*Apr. 12* Easter Egg Hunt  
*Apr. 13* Maundy Thursday Service  
*Apr. 14* Good Friday  
*Apr. 16* Easter  
*Apr. 24* MBC Food Pantry  
*Apr. 30* Missions Bazaar  
  
*May 2* Deacons' Meeting  
*May 3* Big Wednesday  
*May 7* Quarterly Conference  
*May 9* Food Bank of the Albemarle  
*May 10* Kids' Club Cookout  
*May 29* MBC Food Pantry  
  
*Jun. 4* Pentecost (wear red to church)  
Community Cafe  
*Jun. 6* Deacons' Meeting  
*Jun. 13* Food Bank of the Albemarle  
*Jun. 18-23* Youth at Passport Camp  
*Jun. 26-30* Vacation Bible School

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL



*April 1* Hugh Vincent  
*April 2* Colon Ballance  
*April 2* Gibson Hill  
*April 4* Jane Ballance  
*April 5* Lynne Moore  
*April 7* Hunter Brown  
*April 10* Karen Cavin  
*April 10* Joe Murray  
*April 11* Molly Brown  
*April 11* Sarah Davis  
*April 13* Susan Benthall  
*April 13* Ben McLean  
*April 14* Elizabeth Brown  
*April 18* Clifton Joyner  
*April 22* Lou Vann  
*April 23* Romey Peavler  
*April 24* Grace Harders  
*April 28* Lori Harders  
*April 29* Joe Dickerson  
*April 29* Mariah Gallop  
*April 30* Bonnie Boone

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

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

...The children will hold their fifth Sunday Missions Bazaar on April 30 after worship in the connector.

### BLESSING MINISTRIES

...Foodbank of the Albemarle Volunteers are needed April 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to serve in this community ministry.

...Sponsor a Chowan International Student at the annual student and scholar retreat April 7-9 at the NC Baptist Assemble at Fort Caswell. A \$160 gift will provide a scholarship for one student, but any amount toward the tuition cost will be appreciated. Please consider sponsoring a student or contributing toward the cost for this worthy cause. Mark your donation for Intl. Students.

### SEARCH COMMITTEE

As the search committee of Frances Cole, Sarah Davis, Dave Farnham, Mariah Gallop, Matty Grace Gilliam, Nate Place, Keith Reich, and Eley Whitehead begin work to find the next pastor of our church, please keep them in your prayers and pray that God will lead us to the right person for the church.