



The Messenger

Happy New Year!
A Newsletter of the
Murfreesboro Baptist Church
January 2022

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR...

A new year brings with it all sorts of hopes and expectations. Resolutions abound and a renewed sense of optimism seems to breathe life into the long and dark days of January. There is something about starting a new year that causes us to expect something better. Now, to be fair, that hope may only be a deep, quiet whisper – it may even be more of a despite longing than a full-fledged hope – but it’s still there and it’s still a reason for us to believe that what is ahead will be better than what is now.

This hope and this longing are a vital and necessary part of our Christian faith. Believing that God’s Kingdom will one day come in its fullness and trusting that God will be faithful to every one of his promises is an important aspect of our discipleship.

As we all know, however, this trust isn’t magical and it doesn’t set us on a smooth and steady course to God’s Kingdom. Life is hard and sometimes it is extra hard – these past two years are a testament to that. Sometimes we feel as if we are extraordinarily close to God, but there are other times when we feel far away. Sometimes we feel as if God is being faithful to his promises, but there are other times when God feels absent.

But, wherever you find yourself as we set off into a new year – whether you’re at a good place with God or whether you’re at a tenuous place with God– I pray that your hope and trust in the future that God is making might be strengthened. In the dark of night or in the light of day the Kingdom of God is closer now than it was yesterday and it’ll be closer tomorrow than it is now.

Happy New Year & God Bless,



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UPCOMING DATES IN JANUARY

- Jan. 2 Communion
- Jan. 6 Personnel Committee Meeting
- Jan. 11 Deacons’ Meeting
- Jan. 13 Finance Committee Meeting
- Jan. 18 Food Bank of the Albemarle
- Jan. 17 Martin Luther King Holiday
Administrative Office Closed
- Jan. 26 Youth Night at Napoli’s

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed and January 18 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

FOOD PANTRY

We were fortunate enough to be able to provide 16 White Christmas Boxes to families in need in our community. 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.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Thanks to you, Murfreesboro Baptist Church provided 12 local children in need with gifts for Christmas.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Thank you to Ben McLean for organizing and to many of you who donated to the Fuel Assistance Program. Donations collected were used to help local families pay for home heating costs that they might otherwise have been unable to pay. A portion was also given to the MBC Community Missions Fund.

KIDS’ CLUB NEWS...

Kids' Club will once again participate in



Beginning January 2, please bring cans of soup to the box in the connector by **Sunday, Feb 13.** This year’s goal is 100 cans. The cans of soup will go in our church food pantry.
Thank you.

OLDER YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

Save-the-Date

January 26
Dinner at Napoli’s
6:00 p.m.



February 25
Bowling in Franklin
Depart from Church at 6:00 p.m.

March 30
Movie Night



April 22
Youth Lock-In

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN JANUARY

Deacon of the Month
Mike Alston

Opening the Church
Charlie Gallop

Ushers
Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen,
Bob Lee, Hunter Brown

Radio Ministry Sponsor
Don and Lynn Johnson

Caregivers
Jan.2-Jan 15 Booker Daniel and Patty Joyner; *Jan. 16-29* Garth and Erin Faile; *Jan. 30-Feb. 12* Charlie and Dell Aycock

Children's Sermon
Jan. 2 Sarah Davis; *Jan. 9* Sarah Davis; *Jan. 16* Rev. Bass; *Jan. 23* Sarah Davis; *Jan. 30* Sarah Davis

Nursery Caregivers
Jan. 2 Edward Snyder; *Jan. 9* Susan Bass; *Jan. 16* Children's Church; *Jan. 23* Elizabeth Brown; *Jan. 30* Molly Brown

Acolytes
Jan. 2 Ned Snyder; *Jan. 9* Charlotte Cole; *Jan. 16* Jack Cole; *Jan. 23* Mary Welch Gallop; *Jan. 30* Winslow Gallop

Flowers
January 9 Sarah Davis
All other dates in January are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary. Please contact the church office to schedule a date.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
252-398-3613

www.murfbc.org

Office Will Be Closed Monday, January 17th for Martin Luther King Holiday

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES



The 2022 offering envelopes have arrived and are available for pick-up in the church library. Names have been placed on the boxes and you may notice that your number on the envelopes may have changed from last year. If you do not see a designated box with your name, please contact the church office.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS...

The Personnel Committee (Lynette Bunch, Frances Cole, Garth Faile, Carole Farnham, and Jennifer Taylor) will meet on Thursday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee (Thomas Bird, Charlie Cole, Liz Brown, Wayne Brown, and T.W. Hill) will meet on Thursday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m.



It's the winter season yet again, which means some of you are hoping for snow and other are praying it'll stay away. As a reminder, church activities will be cancelled if Hertford County Public Schools have been cancelled or dismissed early.

For Sunday mornings with inclement weather, our policy is to have Sunday school and worship as normal unless otherwise notified. However, if you feel uncomfortable driving or walking into church, please stay at home. Use your best judgement and stay safe.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY



January 1 Rosemary Royce
January 5 Don Johnson
January 8 Mamie Ballance
January 8 Jennifer Taylor
January 12 Jessica Torres
January 15 Jack Cole
January 15 Patty Joyner
January 16 Addie Grace Reich
January 16 Chris Sumner
January 22 Emma Wood Boone
January 23 Claire Revelle
January 30 Charlie Cole
January 30 John Page Revelle
January 30 Tristan Miles

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

CHURCH STAFF

REV. LANE BASS
PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL..... ..ORGANIST &
CHOIR DIRECTOR

JORDAN BROWN.....YOUTH MINISTRY
INTERM

CORBIN ROBERTSON ..YOUTH MINISTRY
INTERM

TOM CAULKINS.....PASTOR EMERITUS

TERESA MARTIN....ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

A complete financial statement for December was unavailable at the time of printing The Messenger. Information shown is from weekly tithes and offerings. When completed the December report will be published in the church bulletin and be available in the church office.

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for December 2021

	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 26	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$51,250.03
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$7,453.00	\$2,479.36	\$2,435.00	\$18,086.00	\$30,453.36	\$67,910.63
Other Income						
Over (Under)	\$3,510.69	(\$1,462.95)	(\$1,507.31)	\$14,143.69	\$14,684.12	\$16,660.60

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