



# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

March 2018



## LENT

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### MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

† Lent began on February 14 this year. We observed Ash Wednesday with a service at 7 p.m. on February 14. There will be no Lenten Vespers' services this year.

† Community Lenten lunches will be held on Wednesdays at noon during Lent. See "Upcoming Dates" for scheduled locations.

† Maundy Thursday worship, March 29, 7 PM, in the Sanctuary.

† Good Friday Service, March 30, 7 PM, in the Sanctuary.

### DISCIPLESHIP CLASS...

Beginning on Wednesday February 28 at 6:00, I will begin a four-part discipleship class for those considering baptism and becoming a member of our church. We will discuss God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and your role as a disciple. Each session will be about 30 minutes long so that you can still participate in regular Wednesday evening activities. Although the class is geared toward those in late elementary/early middle school, I encourage all who might be interested to join us. Please contact me with any questions. I hope to see you there.

Lane

## Big Wednesday MARCH 7



*Mary Etta's Menu*

### Ham & Cabbage

Boiled Potatoes, Watergate

Salad, Rolls, & Dessert

Adults: \$8 • Children: \$4

To make a new reservation, or change your reservation from last month, please call the church office by noon on February 26.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM...



The Annual  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
will be held on  
**Wednesday, March 28**  
at 6:00 p.m.

Please pick up Easter eggs from the connector and fill them with candy, coins, stickers, or toys and return them by 5 pm on March 28. Feel free to invite children to our Easter Egg Hunt.

### This year's Vacation Bible School theme is



*Experience the Ride of a  
Lifetime with God.*

VBS will be held from 9 am-12 noon June 25-29. Children will find adventure, acceptance, joy, rest, and peace on the river as they participate in music, recreation, science, Bible study, and crafts. We will have a daily snack as well. Crew leaders are needed. The annual ice cream social will be held on Wed., June 29. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please email Sarah Davis at [stdavis@hotmail.com](mailto:stdavis@hotmail.com) or call her at 396-8445 or 398-7227.

## 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.

**398-3613**

Lilies will cost \$16.05 each.

Deadline for ordering is  
Wednesday, March 14

## WORDS FROM PASTOR

Unless you've been hiding under a rock for the past two weeks, then you know we've just come through another round of the Olympic Games. For whatever reason, I found myself more intrigued by this iteration of the games than I ever have in the past. I just couldn't seem to pry my eyes away from the incredible feats of athleticism. I was particularly fond of the skiing events - ski jumping, biathlon, cross country skiing - but I also enjoyed the opportunity to watch curling, hockey, speed skating, and other winter sports.

What struck me, especially as I watched those events we typically think of as solo sports, was that everything was a team effort. Whether it was the ski jumper flying through the air by herself or the hockey team with six men on the ice at one time, nobody could say that they won a gold medal by themselves. In the same way that a hockey player has teammates, a ski jumper leans on the knowledge and skills of coaches and equipment managers.

On an individual level, this is a worthwhile reminder that we are rarely ever able to accomplish things entirely on our own. We can almost always point to someone somewhere who has made it possible, through encouragement, resources, or teaching, for us to accomplish whatever it is we've done. But such an example speaks to us also at a church level.

I couldn't help but think about the words of Paul in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, that we are all members of a single body. We all have a necessary role to play in the continuation and growth of the Church. Paul thinks so highly of this analogy that he uses it again in his letter to the Romans, where he also lists several of the roles that we might play - prayer, exhortation, giving, compassion, and others.

There are so many of you who do so many necessary things for our church, and I am deeply thankful for each of you who work for the continuation and growth of our church. If you are new among us or are looking for something new to be involved in, all you have to do is ask. There are plenty of opportunities available to help lead worship, Vacation Bible School will always be able to put another set of hands to work, and there are several other ministry teams that would love to have you aboard. And if you're still not sure, just call, I know there's something just right for you.

Grace and Peace,  
Lane

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

**Deacon of the Month**  
Judy Clark

**Opening the Church**  
Steve Fowler

**Ushers**  
Raymond Benthall, Ronnie Coltrain,  
Jay Revelle, Charles Gallop

**Radio Ministry Sponsor**  
Mike & Susan Alston

**Caregivers**  
*Mar 4-17* Diane Dixon;  
*Mar 18-31* Patty Joyner

**Children's Sermon**  
*Mar 4* Lane Bass; *Mar 11* Brooke Reich;  
*Mar 18* Susan White;  
*Mar 25* Mollie Madden

**Nursery Caregivers**  
*Mar 4* Steve Harders, Joel McCormick,  
Pat Torres; *Mar 11* Lynne Moore, Claire  
Place, Pat Torres; *Mar 18* Jen Place, Pat  
Torres; *Mar 25* Brooke Reich, Claire  
Revelle, Pat Torres

**Sound System**  
*Mar 4* Matty Grace Gilliam; *Mar 11* Steve  
Harders; *Mar 18* Patty Joyner; *Mar 25*  
Nate Place

**Lightbearers**  
*Mar 4* Jimmy Boone; *Mar 11* Elizabeth  
Brown; *Mar 18* Molly Brown; *Mar 25*  
Charlotte Cole

**Flowers**  
*Mar 4* Lent; *Mar 11* Lent; *Mar 18* Lent;  
*Mar 25* Palm Sunday

**Worship Leaders**  
*Mar 4* Judy Clark; *Mar 11* Available; *Mar*  
*18* Sean Timmons; *Mar 25* Eley  
Whitehead

## 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

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:30 am-1:30 pm

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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Ministry Plan YTD	\$ 94,856.58
Gifts and Offerings YTD	\$ <u>91,080.67</u>
Other	\$2,675.89
Over (under) Min. Plan	(\$1,100.02)

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*A detailed financial statement for February is available in the church office. The above information on contributions to the church's Ministry Plan are taken from the monthly financial report.*

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION...

Thank you notes to the church were received in February from: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Chowan University.

## UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 6	Deacon's Meeting, 6:00 PM
Mar. 7	Murfreesboro United Methodist Church Lenten Luncheon, 12 Noon
Mar. 7	Big Wednesday, 6:00 PM
Mar. 13	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Mar. 14	First Baptist Church Lenten Luncheon, 12 Noon
Mar. 21	Mount Tabor Baptist Church Lenten Luncheon, 12 Noon
Mar. 25	Palm Sunday Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser, 12 PM
Mar. 28	Nebo Baptist Church, Holy Wednesday, 12 Noon
Mar. 28	Easter Egg Hunt, 6:00 PM
Mar. 29	Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 PM
Mar. 30	Good Friday Service, 7:00 PM
Apr. 1	Easter
Apr. 3	Deacon's Meeting, 6:00 PM
Apr. 4	Big Wednesday, 6:00 PM
Apr. 10	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Apr. 29	Missions Bazaar after Worship
Jun. 17-22	Youth at Passport Camp

Summer 2018 New Church Directory  
*More Info to Follow*

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH



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 23	Joel McCormick
March 25	Corina Wack
March 26	Claire Place
March 29	Paulette Roberson

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

## MARCH MUSIC

Our choir is enjoying working on music for Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter! Chowan University will have spring break from March 2-11, so our CU choir members will be absent on those two Sundays, as well as Chowan Singers and Paula being absent on March 18<sup>th</sup> for choir tour. Thanks once again to Laurie Brook for subbing for me on the 18<sup>th</sup> and for always doing such a beautiful job. As always, if you enjoy singing, please consider joining the choir. We would love to have you.

## THANKS TO . . .

...Everyone who volunteered during Lenten Luncheon on February 14. To our cooks, servers, clean up volunteers, and decorators you all did a wonderful job.

## BLESSING MINISTRIES...

...Foodbank of the Albemarle Volunteers are needed March 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to serve in this community ministry.

...Food pantry needs restocking. Please leave your contributions of canned vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, and cereal outside the pantry door.

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