



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

November 2016

WORDS FROM THE INTERIM...

Linda and I are excited to return to Murfreesboro Baptist Church to serve alongside you during this "interim" period in the life of this church. We have special memories of our time with you many years ago during our college days when Linda served one summer as the "Youth Corp" worker and then I was here for 2 years as the part-time youth minister. These were good days and we learned much in our early days of church ministry. You have welcomed us back in a gracious, supportive and wonderful way and we thank you.

Now, we are with you in this transitional time of being between pastors and we look forward to this being a time of reflection, planning, and sustainability along with growth. These are words of encouragement and challenge that I believe are important at this time.

- Give thanks for the ministry of Dr. Lee Canipe and his many years with you as pastor
- Pray for the leadership of the church: deacons, staff, teachers, committees, etc.
- Commit to be present on Sunday mornings and at other times the church meets
- Invite family, friends, neighbors, inactive members to be present with you
- Share with others what is happening at Murfreesboro Baptist Church
- Continue to be faithful with your stewardship in support of the church's ministries
- Pray for me as I serve with you

Let's make this time in the church a top priority of our lives in different ways and believe God will bless our work together.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings!

Dennis N. Bazemore



BIG WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2



MARY ETTA'S MENU FOR ITALIAN NIGHT IS...

*Lasagna
Seven Layer Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert*

**Adults: \$8
Children: \$4**

To make a new reservation, or change your reservation from October, please call the church office at 398-3613.

UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 1	Deacon's Meeting
Nov. 2	Big Wednesday
Nov. 6	All Saints' Sunday
Nov. 8	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Nov. 15	Women's Bible Study Group
Nov. 16	Mission Team Meeting
Nov. 20	Children's Church
Nov. 22	Murfreesboro Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed
Nov. 27	1st Sunday of Advent
Nov. 27	Hanging of the Greens, 3:00
Nov. 28	Food Pantry

FOUNDER'S DAY

Murfreesboro Baptist Church was organized 168 years ago this month. We thank God for those faithful men and women and for his guidance in the founding of our church. We pray for God's continued guidance as we transition from one pastor to another pastor. We remember and are grateful for those that came before us. In this month of thanksgiving, we say thank you.

COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro will be hosting the annual Murfreesboro Community Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 22, at 7 pm.** Monica Beacham, pastor of Murfreesboro United Methodist Church, will deliver the message, and First Baptist Church will lead the music.

Not only is this service always a joyful time of worship and fellowship, but it's also one of the few times all year we get to celebrate the good news that our unity in Christ transcends all the factors in this world that might otherwise divide us. Let's gather as a community and give thanks together on November 22nd!

WORSHIP DURING ADVENT

November 27

1st Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Green, 3:00 p.m.

December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent
Choir Cantata, 11:00 a.m.

December 7

Big Wednesday, 6 p.m.

December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14

Kids' Club Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m.

December 18

4th Sunday of Advent
Children's Church

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight
and Communion
Sanctuary 5:30 p.m.

December 25

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY...

In the event of inclement weather on a Sunday, we will cancel Sunday school and proceed with worship as planned for those that can arrive safely. If you have any questions, please contact deacon chair Sarah Davis at 396-8445 (h) or 398-7227 (c). In the event of inclement weather on Wednesdays, we will not meet if HCPS is dismissed early or closed.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Deacon of the month: Dell Aycock
Opening the church: Garth Faile
Ushers: Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston, Freddie Bazon

Caregivers

Nov. 6 Craig Dennis; *Nov. 13* Garth and Erin Faile; *Nov. 20* Colon and Jane Ballance; *Nov. 27* Lynette Bunch

Children's Sermon

Nov. 6 Sarah Davis; *Nov. 13* Lori Harders; *Nov. 20* Sean Timmons; *Nov. 27* Tracey Piper

Nursery Caregivers

Nov. 6 Danielle Coleman, Claire Place, Pat Torres; *Nov. 13* Mamie Ballance, Lori Harders, Pat Torres; *Nov. 20* Charlie Cole, Pat Torres; *Nov. 27* Mariah Gallop, Dell Aycock, Pat Torres

Light Bearers

Nov. 6 Claire Revelle; *Nov. 13* Charlotte Cole; *Nov. 20* Molly Brown; *Nov. 27* Nate Place

Flowers

Nov. 6 Tommy and Lisa Forbes; *Nov. 13* TBA; *Nov. 20* Fal Burnette and Daynelle Trent

BLESSING MINISTRIES...

...Foodbank of the Albemarle volunteers are needed November 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

... On November 28, Rosemary and Phil Royce will be leaving for Haiti to serve on a medical mission team. Let's send them to Haiti with our prayers. We will also send donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste with them. We will be collecting items in the connector from now until November 20.

...Murfreesboro Baptist Church will sponsor an Angel Tree for 20 children in our area that are in need. This is in collaboration with Communities In School. We will have a tree in the connector with 20 children's names and their wish list. Details will be posted in the near future. Let's help a child find joy and happiness during this Christmas season.

...Save the date...Next Community Café, January 8, 5 p.m.

Now you can give online to support the church's mission and ministry at murfbc.org/give

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Ministry Plan YTD	\$233,745
Gifts and Offerings	\$221,776
Over(under) Min. Plan	(\$ 11,269)
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Total Contributions (includes rent & NC tax refund)	\$222,051

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM NEWS...

Here's the latest from the Children's Ministry Team!

- **Trunk or Treat** was held on Wednesday, October 26, at 6 PM in the church parking lot. Our church members came with car trunks full of treats to give out to our Kids' Club children and friends. This was a great opportunity to invite members, friends, and neighbors with children to visit our church!

- **Socks of Love Project a success.**

With the generous donations from the congregation, the children completed 52 hygiene kits to donate to the Ahoskie Food Pantry for their Socks of Love project.

CHURCH STAFF

DR. DENNIS BAZEMORE

INTERIM PASTOR

TERESA MARTIN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

PAULA PRESSNELL

ORGANIST & INTERIM CHOIR DIRECTOR

SEAN TIMMONS

YOUTH MINISTRY INTERN

CHURCH OFFICE

OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Congratulations to Mike and Susan Alston on the birth of their grandson, Alston Wade McGee; Brian and Chelsea Duffy on the birth of their daughter, Chloe Duffy; Fal Burnette on the birth of his great-grandson, Cohen Brantley Burnette; Charlie and Dell Aycock on the birth of their granddaughter, Martha Elaine Barnes; and Jessica Torres on the birth of her daughter, Skyelan Belle Jones, also granddaughter of Patricia Torres

Raymond Hargus Taylor
 October 4, 1931 - October 29, 2016
Thanks Be To God

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER



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

November 3	Dell Aycock
November 4	Ashley Revelle
November 5	Christiana Sawyer
November 6	Fal Burnette
November 6	Yolanda Faile
November 10	Rebecca Willson
November 11	Dock Boone
November 13	Lynn Gray
November 13	Gene Hardin
November 14	Billy Thornton
November 16	Sara Hill
November 16	Tim Place
November 17	Aldeen Gatewood
November 20	Gus McLean
November 24	Katelyn Sumner
November 26	Katherine Brett
November 28	Corey Forbes

NOTES OF APPRECIATION...

Thank you notes to the church were received in August, September, and October from: Lee Canipe, Partners in Development, Chowan University, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Baptist Retirement Homes, Ahoskie Food Pantry, and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE AT HOME ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

Murfreesboro Baptist Church is making plans to have a Christmas Meal on Sunday, December 25th to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Please make plans to join us now for a 2:00 p.m. meal. **Everyone will need to make reservations for the event** so that we can plan accordingly. Please call the church office (398-3613) by Friday, December 16 before 1 p.m. to reserve your dinner. Anyone wishing to contribute money, volunteer to prepare food, or help on the day of the event, please contact Patty Joyner (252-209-1828). Please spread the word about this fellowship event.

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