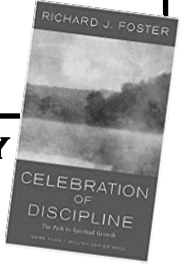




# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church  
September 2018



## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Growing up in scouting, one of the primary lessons I learned was the importance of service. In order to be counted as an active scout, it was expected that you would show up and participate in the countless service projects that the troop would do. To advance to higher ranks, six or more service hours were required. And to top it off, I had to plan and coordinate my very own project, with over 100 man-hours, in order to achieve the rank of Eagle.

But the thing about having a bunch of teenage boys come together for a service project, is that most teenage boys aren't exactly skilled in a lot of the things that needed doing. In my time as a scout, I recall doing plumbing, gardening, masonry, carpentry, cooking and more all in the name of service. And though I would venture to say that I am decent at a couple of those things now, I was good at none of them when I was fourteen.

Thus, when I heard, for example, that we'd be erecting a flagpole with a short stone wall around it, I could have easily stayed home because I knew nothing about any of that. But I didn't stay home. I went and for a few hours on a Saturday morning I did what I could - I lugged rocks and wheelbarrows and trowels for those who knew what they were doing. But I also learned some things about masonry that I would have never learned otherwise - a triangular shaped stone, for example, can get you out of a jam.

Service is not merely about showing up to do only what you already can. It is also about coming to learn something new so that you might have more to offer in the future. So, I encourage you to take this to heart in the coming weeks. On Sunday, September 9, we will host our annual ministry fair during the lunch that follows worship and our quarterly conference. There you will have the opportunity to sign up to serve with the various ministry teams that serve our community and contribute to the life of our congregation.

I am thankful for all of you who have already committed to be a part of one or more of these ministry teams. For those of you who are still deciding, I hope that you will be open to taking on something new. Talk to those who are on the team you're contemplating. But please, don't not do something because you think you might be bad at it or because you've never done it before. I guarantee not only that you will have something to contribute, but that you'll learn something as well. God, I think, is far more concerned that we do something than he is that we do it perfectly.

Grace & Peace,  
Lane

## Big Wednesday SEPTEMBER 5 6 P.M.



### MARY ETTA'S MENU THIS MONTH...

- Fried Chicken
  - Potato Salad
  - Deviled Eggs
  - Butter Beans
  - Watergate Salad
  - Dessert
- Adults: \$8 Children: \$4

To make your reservation for this night, please call the church office by Tuesday, Sept. 4 at noon at 398-3613.

## RESULTS OF DEACON ELECTIONS

On August 12, the congregation elected **Frances Cole, Charlie Gallop, Debbie Hill and Brinson Paul** to serve as deacons for the next three years. They will begin their three-year terms on October 1. Alternates are **Charlie Aycock and Mary Etta Flowers**.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

We will have a quarterly conference immediately following worship on Sunday, September 9. Items on the agenda are ministry team continuation, church budget for 2018-2019, nominating committee report, treasurer's update, and personnel update. After the quarterly conference, we will have a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall. Meat and bread for the lunch will be provided. Members are asked to bring side dishes and dessert.

## SENIOR ADULTS FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOOD FOR BODY, MIND, AND SOUL!

Mark your Calendars: October 9, December 4, February 14, and March 26 at 12 noon in the Church Fellowship Hall. Details in October Newsletter.

For The Life Of  
**BOB FREEMAN HILL, SR.**  
*October 7, 1922 - August 5, 2018*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

For The Life Of  
**BETTY LOU BROWN VANN**  
*April 22, 1922 - August 20, 2018*  
**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## FALL ADULT STUDY CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE

Beginning on Wednesday, September 12, I invite you to join me in the Fellowship Hall at 6:40 as we begin our Fall Adult Study. In the months ahead, we will consider Richard Foster's wonderful and helpful book *Celebration of Discipline*. In the book he introduces us to 12 spiritual disciplines and helps us consider ways that we might begin to practice those disciplines ourselves so that we might grow deeper in our faith. Although you do not need to purchase the book to be a part of this study, I would encourage it. The book is around \$15 new but can also be purchased used for less. If you have any questions, please call or come see me. I look forward to seeing you there.

Lane

## NEW YEAR'S EVE BREAKFAST

The "Old Men's" Sunday School Class in conjunction with the Ladies Class invite every church member, young and old, to come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, September 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. for "BREAKFAST".

This meal is to celebrate the ending of our old Church year and to welcome our new Church year beginning on October 1. We challenge each member to invite at least one new prospective member to come as their guest. We will need to know how much food to prepare, so please call the church office and make reservations for your family and invited guests by Monday, September 24, 2018. The cooks and servers will be wearing work clothes...so let's have our "FIRST ANNUAL DRESS DOWN DAY" for both Sunday School and Worship Service.

## Kids' Club RESUMES WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5 AT 6:30 P.M.

All children from age 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. Kids' Club includes Bible study, crafts and/or games, and music. Kids' Club meets weekly from 6:30 to 7:30 in the children's suite.

## Children's Church RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

Children's church is for children aged 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and meets on the third Sunday during the worship hour after the children's sermon.

## CONGRATULATIONS CLAIRE REVELLE

Murfreesboro Baptist Church is pleased to announce that Claire Revelle is the recipient of The Robert E. Lee, III Scholarship. Claire is the Daughter of Jay and Elicia Revelle and she is attending Chowan University this fall.

## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

**Deacon of the Month**  
Frances Cole

**Opening the Church**  
Freddie Bazen

**Ushers**  
David Farnham, Ronnie Coltrain,  
Jay Revelle, Charles Gallop

**Radio Ministry Sponsor**  
Lloyd and Tommie Hill

**Communion**  
*September 2* Mary Etta Flowers  
*October 14* Charles and Frances Cole

**Worship Leaders**  
*Sept. 2* Frances Cole; *Sept. 9* Eley Whitehead  
*Sept. 16* Sean Timmons; *Sept. 23* Chelsea Duffy; *Sept. 30* Sarah Davis

**Caregivers**  
*Sept. 2-15* Lynette Bunch; *Sept. 16-29* Colon and Jane Ballance; *Sept. 30-Oct. 13* Judy Clark

**Children's Sermon**  
*Sept. 2* Sean Timmons; *Sept. 9* Bonnie Boone  
*Sept. 16* Judy Clark *Sept. 23* Charlie Cole; *Sept. 30* Elicia Revelle

**Nursery Caregivers**  
*Sept. 2* Mariah Gallop, Matty Grace Gilliam, and Pat Torres; *Sept. 9* Lorie Harders, Mollie Madden, and Pat Torres; *Sept. 16* Steve Harders and Pat Torres; *Sept. 23* Joel McCormick, Lynne Moore, and Pat Torres; *Sept. 30* Claire Place, Brooke Reich, and Pat Torres

**Sound System**  
*Sept. 2* Ciera Cox; *Sept. 9* Matty Grace Gilliam  
*Sept. 16* Steve Harders; *Sept. 23* Patty Joyner; *Sept. 30* Nate Place

**Acolytes**  
*Sept. 2* Logan Harders; *Sept. 9* Claire Place  
*Sept. 16* Nate Place; *Sept. 23* Will Revelle; *Sept. 30* Jimmy Boone

**Flowers**  
*Sept. 2* Michael and Susan Alston; *Sept. 9* Available; *Sept. 16* Available; *Sept. 23* Available; *Sept. 30* Available

## CHOWAN UNIVERSITY INVITES YOU

...to attend the dedication of the Jesse E. Vaughan Chancellor's Cottage and the Felton University House on Thursday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m.

## BLESSINGS MINISTRY

...September 11 - Foodbank of the Albemarle Volunteers are needed September 11 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT JULY 31, 2018

Ministry Plan YTD	\$194,230.14
Tithes & Offerings YTD	\$166,076.73
Other	\$19,523.24
Over (under) Min. Plan	(\$8,630.17)

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*A detailed financial statement for July 2018 is available in the church office. A detailed financial statement for August was unavailable when this month's edition of The Messenger went to press. When the August report is completed, it will be available in the church office. The above information on contributions to the church's Ministry Plan is taken from the monthly financial statements.*

## THANKS TO

...Randy Whitley for coordinating the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on August 4. We are pleased that \$1,366.00 was raised to benefit the children's playground. Thanks also for organizing our hospitality ministry welcoming Chowan University Class of 2022 on August 18. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to cook, serve, donated food and money, and prayed for God's blessing on these community events.

...Keith Reich, for his wonderful job as photographer for the new Church Directory.

## NURSERY REPAIR UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the nursery renovations have been completed and as of August 26, we are \$4,482.00 away from reaching our goal to cover the expense of the project. To contribute, please make your check out to Murfreesboro Baptist Church and write "Nursery Repairs" in the memo line.

## UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 3 Office Closed for Labor Day  
Sept. 4 Deacons' Meeting  
Sept. 5 Big Wednesday - Kids' Club Discipleship Activities Begin  
Sept. 9 Quarterly Conference  
Sept. 11 Food Bank of the Albemarle  
Sept. 12 Fall Adult Study  
Sept. 30 New Year's Eve Breakfast  
Oct. 2 Deacons' Meeting  
Oct. 3 Big Wednesday  
Oct. 9 Food Bank of the Albemarle  
Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat

Administrative Office Will Be Closed September 3 In Observance of  
**LABOR DAY**

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

IN SEPTEMBER



September 2	Zakk Royce
September 7	Leah Faile
September 7	Jen Place
September 7	Allen Revelle, Jr.
September 8	Margaret Murray
September 9	Eleanor Boyd
September 9	Terry Miles
September 10	Clif Collins
September 11	Kyleen Burgess
September 12	Jo Revelle Murray
September 14	Alice Hassell
September 14	South Moore
September 15	Alexandra Piper
September 15	Chloe Duffy
September 16	Steven Ruddy
September 17	Danielle Coleman
September 18	Larry Futrell
September 21	Christina Mitchell
September 23	Erin Faile
September 23	Christina Torres
September 25	Sara Frances Hill
September 28	Lynn Johnson
September 28	Will Revelle
September 30	Steve Beatty

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

## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

If you would like to volunteer to place flowers in the sanctuary any Sunday after September 2, please call the church office to reserve the date.

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

A Thank you note to the church was received in August from the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. and Chowan University for the Freshman move-in day.

## CHURCH STAFF

REV. LANE BASS, PASTOR  
PAULA PRESSNELL.....ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR  
SEAN TIMMONS..YOUTH MINISTRY INTERN  
TOM CAULKINS.....PASTOR EMERITUS  
TERESA MARTIN.....ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

OPEN MON.-FRI. 8:30 am-1:30 pm  
252-398-3613 [www.murfbc.org](http://www.murfbc.org)

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