



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

April 2018

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

As I write this particular newsletter article, I am struck by two competing images from my morning so far. It is Thursday of last week. It was warm enough this morning to wear shorts from the time I walked out of my front door and the first thing I did upon arriving to work was to open a window in my office. The sun was shining and the birds were chirping. Though Mother Nature continues to put up a good fight, there is no denying that Spring is nearly here; we've had a pretty significant foretaste.

Spring is that season that invites us to see the truth of Easter and of Jesus' resurrection all around us. We need do nothing more than look out of our windows to behold this evidence. The grass is turning green after months of being brown. The leaves of the trees are filling in where there was once only a bare limb. The flowers are beginning to bud, quilting the ground in an array of colors. In short, we see all around us that life is returning to the world. It is a time of excitement and hope.

But the other thing I did last Thursday was change the drape on the Cross on Main Street. It had been purple for the whole season of Lent until that day. But as I removed the purple cloth and replaced it with a cloth of black, I was overcome by a sense of the gravity of what that change meant. And as I nailed that black cloth in place, assuring that the wind would not carry it away, each time the hammer struck the nail head it was as if the fact of death was becoming more and more final.

Surrounded by a brilliant foretaste of Spring and with the full knowledge that Easter was right around the corner, the only thing I could focus on was death and decay and pain. Don't get me wrong, it is not as if we should not ponder those things. Especially on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, it is appropriate for us to recognize that there is still evil abounding in the world and to spend time mourning the last days of Jesus.

However, as you read this on the happy side of Easter Sunday, I pray that we would be a hopeful people, that we would resist the temptation to focus solely on all that is wrong, and that we would instead turn our eyes to the resurrection. Even though we continue to cry and mourn the evil that persists around us, we are, above all else, Easter people. We have seen the resurrection and we have heard how the story will end - no mourning, no crying, no pain. Everything will be

made new and whole and right again. We of all people have reason to hope, so let us hope.

Happy Easter,
Lane

Big Wednesday

April 4



Mary Etta's Menu

Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

Adults: \$8 • Children: \$4

The next Big Wednesday is May 2!

To make a new reservation, or change your reservation from last month, please call the church office by Mon. April 2, 12 noon.

Kids' Club Cookout



Wednesday, May 9 6:00

Our annual Kid's Club Cookout will be May 9 at 6:00. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and condiments. All other items are needed and may be signed up for on the cookout sign-up sheet on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

MUSIC FOR APRIL

...As we enter the Easter season, I'd like to thank all of the wonderful choir folks, including our Chowan students, who have been loyal, devoted choir members. The congregation has certainly appreciated our messages through music. All CU students will begin exams at the end of April and then enjoy summer vacation. Thanks again for adding your beautiful voices to our choir. We will miss you, so please come back in September! As always, anyone who enjoys singing may join the choir. You will be welcomed with open arms!

For the Life of
Gene Louis Hardin

November 13, 1935 - March 10, 2018

Thanks be to God



Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church
Will host

Vacation Bible School

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 or call her at 396-8445 or 398-7227.

SUPPORT SUMMER YOUTH MISSIONS

Flamingo Flocking

Let's Have Some Fun!

Throughout the month of April, the MBC Youth is having a

Flamingo Fundraiser

For \$25, the Youth will place a flock of plastic flamingos in someone's yard for yard for 3 days.

Contact

Sean Timmons

at 757-771-4904 or

smtimmons1232@chowan.edu

with your name and phone number, as well as the name and address of the person you want to receive a yard full of flamingos!



For the Life Of
Clara Carter Britt

September 26, 1922 - February 28, 2018

Thanks be to God

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Charlotte Hope Cole

We are pleased to welcome Charlotte Hope Cole into our congregation. She joined by profession of faith on March 18 and was baptized on April 1, 2018. We are delighted that she has made the decision to begin her walk of Christian discipleship!

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN APRIL . . .

Deacon of the Month
Brooke Reich

Opening the Church
Larry Futrell

Ushers
David Farnham, Charlie Aycock,
Lloyd Hill, Keith Reich

Radio Ministry Sponsor
Bruce and Liz Brown

Worship Leaders
Apr 1 Sarah Davis; *Apr 8* Brooke Reich;
Apr 15 Sean Timmons; *Apr 22* Available;
Apr 29 Sarah Davis

Caregivers
Apr 1-14 Raymond Benthall; *Apr 15-28*
Dave and Carole Farnham; *Apr 29-May*
12 Yvonne Warren

Children's Sermon
Apr 1 Sean Timmons; *Apr 8* Bonnie
Boone; *Apr 15* Elicia Revelle; *Apr 22*
Charlie Cole; *Apr 29* Sean Timmons

Nursery Caregivers
Apr 1 Keith Reich, Joni Saner, Pat Torres;
Apr 8 Ed Snyder, Leslee Sumner, Pat
Torres; *Apr 15* Gilbert Tinkham, Pat
Torres; *Apr 22* Susan White, Dell Aycock,
Pat Torres; *Apr 29* Amber Anderson,
Mamie Ballance, Pat Torres

Sound System
Apr 1 Tim Place; *Apr 8* Claire Revelle;
Apr 15 Will Revelle; *Apr 22* Sean
Timmons; *Apr 29* Jimmy Boone

Lightbearers
Apr 1 Ciera Cox; *Apr 8* Matty Grace
Gilliam; *Apr 15* Logan Harders; *Apr 22*
Claire Place; *Apr 29* Nate Place

Flowers
Apr 1 Easter; *Apr 8* Judy Clark; *Apr 15*
Available; *Apr 22* Joe and Becky
Dickerson; *Apr 29* Steve and Lori
Harders



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

The Church Food Pantry was unable to serve our community in March due to insufficient supplies. Please remember others in our area who are in need by donating non-perishable foods. We are in need of everything including canned goods, pasta, rice, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter, jelly and cereal.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY, 2018

Ministry Plan YTD	\$94,856.58
Gifts and Offerings YTD	\$91,080.67
Over (under) Min. Plan	(\$1,100.02)

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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 February financials and is available in the church office.

BLESSING MINISTRIES

...Foodbank of the Albemarle
Volunteers are needed April 10 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 13-15 at the NC Baptist Assembly 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.

UPCOMING DATES

Apr. 1	Easter
Apr. 3	Deacons' Meeting
Apr. 4	Big Wednesday
Apr. 11	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Apr. 29	Missions Bazaar
Apr. 30	MBC Food Pantry
May 1	Deacons' Meeting
May 2	Big Wednesday
May 8	Food Bank of the Albemarle
May 9	Kids' Club Cookout
May 13	Mother's Day
May 20	Pentecost (wear red to church)
May 28	MBC Food Pantry
Jun. 5	Deacons' Meeting
Jun. 12	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Jun. 17	Father's Day
Jun. 17-22	Youth at Passport Camp
Jun. 25-29	Vacation Bible School
Jun. 25	MBC Food Pantry

Summer 2018

New Church Directory *More Info to Follow*

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	Lauren McCormick
April 22	Lou Vann
April 22	Lynn Miles
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 29 after worship in the connector.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION...

...Thank you notes to the church were received in March from: Chowan University.

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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