



The Messenger

April 2022 Newsletter From
Murfreesboro Baptist Church



WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Spring is a time for new things. It is when our yards turn from brown to green. It is when long dormant flowers bud and bloom. It is when we celebrate the glory of Easter and the promise of resurrection – when we rejoice in the good news that death has been defeated and that full, eternal life has been gifted to us.

So, as you read this newsletter and as you delight in the glorious and promising days of early Spring, I want to extend to you two invitations. First, I hope that you and your family will join us for worship not only on Easter morning, but also on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Taken together, these three days of worship carry us through the story of Jesus' last days.

Ask anyone who has attended these services before and they will tell you that taking the time to follow Jesus from the Passover table to the Garden of Gethsemane to Pilate's throne and through the streets of Jerusalem to Golgotha and ultimately to the garden tomb is a powerful and moving experience.

It is important for us, as Jesus' disciples, to remember the extraordinary difficulty of his journey to the Cross, for it is an inescapable part of the story. And, having witnessed the stark contrast of God's love and human cruelty at the Cross, we are able to rejoice even more fully in the victory of the empty tomb that we celebrate on Easter.

Second, I hope to worship with you and your family on May 1st. Many of you have already marked your calendars for this day of revival (and if you haven't yet, you should!). Dr. Greg Rogers, who recently retired from his 35-year tenure as pastor of Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, NC, will lead us in our 11:00 worship that morning and again at 7:00 that evening.

He will share both from his personal faith journey and from his time as a pastor in ways that will encourage us and challenge us, both as individual disciples and as a local congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ as we seek to respond to God's call. Additionally, at 4:00 that afternoon, Dr. Rogers will host an informal conversation about some of the ways that Oakmont was able to partner with CBF and CBFNC to

pursue new and unanticipated local missions so that we might recognize some untapped potential here in Murfreesboro. For music we, we will be joined that morning by Calvin Carter and that evening by the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie.

And finally, as a part of this day of revival, we will come together to share a meal. At 5:00 that evening we will gather around the table to enjoy our first covered dish meal in over two years. As we have done in the past, the church will provide the bread and the meat and we are asking you to provide side dishes and desserts. And since we'll be inviting our community and other churches to worship with us that evening, make sure you bring plenty to share!

Spring is always an exciting time of growth and change, but that feeling seems to be especially poignant this year. Easter is an annual reminder that God's love has won, is winning, and will win the day – it is our reminder that death has lost out to life. But this year, in addition to the glory of Easter, we also have the joy of revival to look forward to. I look forward to seeing and worshipping with you and your family this Spring!



Grace & Peace,
Lane

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our church is very fortunate to have a chancel choir, children's choir and handbells. I am personally thankful for all who participate, and I would like to thank Chowan University for hiring Calvin Carter as Minister of Engagement and adding him to our choir or singing a solo once a month. As many of you know, I worked at CU for 19 years and was privileged to play for Calvin during voice lessons, recitals and one-on-one rehearsals. As we continue into Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter, I do encourage you to join us during our choir rehearsals. Most of the folks in the congregation will state that they can't sing, but I hear people singing on key, and that's what we need! No matter where God calls you to help, even if it's just welcoming folks as they come into church, please know you are all loved and appreciated.

Paula Pressnell

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 17

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

EASTER EGG HUNT

Wednesday, April 13

6:00 p.m.

On Church Playground

Children will enjoy a pizza dinner and hunt for eggs. This event is open to the community. Masks are optional.



OLDER YOUTH Youth Lock-In



Friday, April 22

This month the youth will be hosting a Lock-In Event on Friday, April 22. This is going to be a super fun night of fellowship. We plan on watching a movie, playing games, having a devotion, eating breakfast, and more! Snacks and drinks will be provided. We will meet at the church at 8 p.m. on Friday night and depart at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. We have invited our friends at Meherrin Baptist Church and welcome anyone else in the community that would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Vacation Bible School
July 25 thru 29



Murfreesboro Baptist Church is pleased to announce that we will have a traditional Vacation Bible School this year. The theme is Food Truck Party: On a Roll With God. Volunteers are needed. Please put the dates on your calendar now.

On April 19 there will be a VBS Planning Meeting at 7:00 in the library—Please plan to attend if you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS. Leaders are needed for crafts, refreshments, music, science, and Bible Story. Crew leaders are also needed.

UPCOMING DATES IN APRIL

- APRIL 3 Communion
- APRIL 12 Deacons' Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- APRIL 13 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00 p.m.
- APRIL 19 Food Bank of the Albemarle
Volunteers Needed by 1:30 p.m.
- APRIL 19 VBS Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- APRIL 22 Older Youth Lock-In
- MAY 11 Kids' Club
Last Meeting for this School Year
- JULY 25-29 Vacation Bible School

Please remember to bring **Flowers to church on Easter Sunday** to flower the cross in front of the church



USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN APRIL

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Jay Revelle

OPENING OF THE CHURCH

Steve Fowler

USHERS

April

David Farnham, Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, Thomas Bird

May

Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston, and Kirk Peterson

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR

Raymond and Susan Benthall

CAREGIVERS

March 27 - April 9

Colon and Jane Balance

April 10-April 23

Aldeen Gatewood

April 24-May 7

Dave and Carol Farnham

NURSERY CAREGIVERS

April 3 - Molly Brown

April 10 - Children's Church

April 17 - Charlie Cole

April 24 - Sarah Davis

ACOLYTES

April 3 - Tommy McCormick

April 10 - Jeffrey Saner

April 17 - Elaine Snyder

April 24 - Ned Snyder

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL



- April 1 Hugh Vincent
- April 2 Colon Ballance
- April 2 Gibson Hill
- April 4 Jane Ballance
- April 4 Elaine Snyder
- 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 12 Liz Brown
- April 13 Susan Benthall
- April 13 Ben McLean
- April 14 Elizabeth Brown
- April 14 Thomas Hill
- 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 Mariah Gallop

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

BLESSING MINISTRIES
FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, April 19 by 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

MBC FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring your selected food items before the last Monday of each month.

CHURCH STAFF

REV. LANE BASS
PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....Organist & Choir Director
JORDAN BROWN.....Youth Ministry Intern

CORBIN ROBERTSON.....Youth Ministry Intern
TOM CAULKINS.....Pastor Emeritus

TERESA MARTIN.....Administrative Asst.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 - 1:30

252-398-3613

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Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for March 2022

The financial statement for March was unavailable when the Messenger went to press. Information shown is from weekly tithes and offerings. When completed, the report will be published in the church bulletin and copies will be available in the church office.

	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$102,500.06
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$4,182.00	\$1,657.00	\$3,538.75	\$2,026.06	\$11,403.81	\$104,714.82
Other Income						\$339.03
Over (Under)	\$239.69	(\$2285.31)	(\$403.56)	(\$1,916.25)	(\$4,365.43)	\$2,553.79



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