



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

February 2017

WORDS FROM THE INTERIM

I commend you upon the selection of the Pastor Search Committee. This committee met last Sunday for prayer, self-reflection, team building exercises, review of their responsibilities, and outlined much of the process. They will meet again soon and they are also planning for a church "town hall" meeting in late February to begin building the church profile as well as a pastor profile. This will be important for you to have input into the process. I encourage you pray for this committee regularly. Their work is so very important and will have great implications for this church for many years to come.

Valentine's Day is in February and often this is called the month of Love. To love one another is a command upon us as followers of Jesus Christ. We use the word, love, quite freely, yet do we genuinely express the love that Jesus exemplified throughout his life and ministry. I suggest we read about love in the scriptures, study carefully the ways Jesus loved others, and grow even more in our love for one another. There is such a need to love each other in this much divided country!

There are lots of church members who take on responsibility each Sunday and I am thankful for all the church members who are participating in worship leadership on Sunday morning. I am thankful for the choir and the organ/piano ministry of Paula Pressnell each Sunday. I am thankful for all the ones who are providing the sermon for the children each Sunday. I am thankful for all who are in attendance!

I look forward to seeing you and your family in worship throughout February.

Dennis N. Bazemore

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship on February 19th at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Menu consists of Alice Springs Chicken, brown bread rolls, wedge salad and baked sweet potato. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

The children sent their missions money from their fall bazaars to financially support children attending school in Zambia. Fran and Lonnie Turner, CBF missionaries, work in Zambia. If you would like to know more about their work, there is a book in the library.

BIG WEDNESDAY March 1



Watch for Mary Etta's Menu
Be sure to join us for a delicious meal!

Adults: \$8 • Children: \$4

To make a new reservation, or change your reservation from last month, please call the church office by Feb. 27.

REPORT FROM THE JAN. 22 CHURCH CONFERENCE

The congregation met in conference on Jan 22 with Sarah Davis, deacon chair, serving as moderator. Don Johnson gave the treasurer's report. The congregation approved the search committee of Frances Cole, Sarah Davis (ex officio), Dave Farnham, Mariah Gallop, Matty Grace Gilliam (non-voting), Nate Place (non-voting), Keith Reich, and Eley Whitehead. After remarks by Dr. Bazemore, the meeting adjourned to the fellowship hall for the ministry fair. The next quarterly conference will be in April.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

As the search committee of Frances Cole, Sarah Davis, Dave Farnham, Mariah Gallop, Matty Grace Gilliam, Nate Place, Keith Reich, and Eley Whitehead begin work to find the next pastor of our church, please keep them in your prayers and pray that God will lead us to the right person for the church. The search committee had their first meeting on Sunday, Jan 29 with Dr. Bazemore and he gave the committee many things to think about. The next committee meeting will be Feb. 12. The search committee will hold a "town hall" meeting on Sunday night, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A dinner of soup and sandwiches will be provided and we will discuss what the church is looking for in the next pastor. A nursery will be provided. Please plan to attend this "town hall" Meeting.

† Lent at
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Lent begins March 1. On Ash Wednesday, March 1, we will share our

Big Wednesday meal in the fellowship hall at 6 pm. Following the meal, we will have an Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm in the sanctuary. This service of worship reminds us that as God told Adam in Genesis 3:19, we are dust and to dust we return. This truth is symbolized by the Imposition of Ashes, in which individuals may come forward and receive ashes on their foreheads in the sign of the cross.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

For the second year, our children are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb 5. Please bring cans of soup to the church by Feb 5 to support the church food pantry. Last year in one week, the children with the help of the congregation collected over 150 cans of soup. Our goal this year is to at least double that number. Help the children reach their goal and provide soup for those less fortunate.

CHURCHWIDE CLEANING DAY

On Feb 18, we will have a cleaning day at the church beginning at 10 am. We need to organize all the closets and the attic. Items not being used will be either thrown away or donated for use by someone else. Representatives from different areas of the church (youth, children, worship and arts, missions, Hanging of the Green, etc.) need to be here that day. If weather interferes with the 18th, we will have the cleaning day on Feb 25.

MINISTRY FAIR

The church held its annual ministry fair on Jan 22. Following a delicious meal prepared by Hunter Brown, the congregation signed up for various opportunities to serve throughout the year. More people are still needed to provide flowers, serve as hosts/hostesses for the youth dinners, provide youth snacks for Passport, open/close the church, adopt flowerbeds, and serve as caregivers. If you are interested in serving in any of these ways or others, let the church office know and we will add you to the appropriate list and let the appropriate leader know.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN FEBRUARY

Deacon of the Month: Garth Faile

Opening the Church: Tim Place

Ushers: Colon Balance, Randy Whitley, Charlie Cole, Garth Faile

February Radio Ministry Sponsor:

Wayne and Shirley Brown

Caregivers

Feb 5 Eley Whitehead; Feb 12 Brinson & Lorene Paul; Feb 19 Aldeen Gatewood; Feb 26 Daynelle Trent.

Children's Sermon

Feb 5 Dr. Bazemore; Feb 12 Tracey Piper; Feb 19 Judy Clark; Feb 26 Bonnie Boone.

Nursery caregivers

Feb 5 Matty Grace Gilliam, Steve Harders, Pat Torres; Feb 12 Lori Harders, Mollie Madden, Pat Torres; Feb 19 Jen Place, Pat Torres; Feb 26 Lynne Moore, Claire Place, Pat Torres.

Sound System

Feb 5 Patty Joyner; Feb 12 Nate Place; Feb 19 Tim Place; Feb 26 Claire Revelle.

Lightbearers

Feb 7 Ciera Cox; Feb 12 Matty Grace Gilliam; Feb 19 Nate Place; Feb 26 Claire Place.

Flowers

Feb 5 Charlie & Dell Aycok; Feb 12 Charlie & Frances Cole; Feb 19 Brinson & Lorene Paul; Feb 26 Available, Please Call Church.

Worship Leaders

Feb 7 Garth Faile; Feb 12 Mariah Gallop; Feb 19 Lori Harders; Feb 26 Sean Timmons.

BLESSING MINISTRIES

...Foodbank of the Albemarle Volunteers are needed February 14 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to serve in this community ministry.

...Coming Soon - We will be collecting Coins for Clean Water. More details to come.

...The K&C Group sent 66 sweaters to Zambia. Thanks to everyone for the contributions to cover cost of shipping. Anyone wanting to learn to crochet or knit or already knows how, K&C Group meets on Monday mornings at 10 a.m., works on mission projects, and enjoys fellowship.

CHURCH STAFF

DR. DENNIS BAZEMORE.....INTERIM 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: 9:00 am-2:00 pm
252-398-3613 www.murfbc.org

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 31, 2016

Ministry Plan YTD \$ 82,694.34

Gifts and Offerings YTD \$ 88,357.13

Over (under) Min. Plan \$ 5,662.79

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A detailed financial statement for January was unavailable when this month's edition of The Messenger went to press. When the complete January 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 weekly stewardship report found on the announcement page of our order of worship.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you notes to the church were received in December and January from: Susanne Easley, John Edwards, David Edwards & Families, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, and NC Baptist Men/Baptists On Mission.

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb. 1 Big Wednesday
- Feb. 5 Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb. 7 Deacon's Meeting
- Feb. 12 Women's Bible Study
- Feb. 14 Food Bank of the Albemarle
- Feb. 18 Church Wide Cleaning Day
- Feb. 19 Children's Church
Community Café
- Feb. 26 Town Hall Meeting
- Feb. 27 MBC Food Pantry
- Mar. 1 Big Wednesday
Ash Wednesday Service
- Mar. 7 Deacon's Meeting
- Mar. 14 Food Bank of the Albemarle
- Mar. 27 MBC Food Pantry

Ministry Team in Action

- Women's Bible study gathering on February 12, 7 PM, at Napoli's.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member to our congregation. On January 15, Chelsea Duffy joined by transfer of letter. We are delighted that Chelsea has made this decision and we look forward to worshipping and serving with her in the days ahead.

THANKS TO...

... Hunter Brown, for preparing lunch for the Ministry Fair on January 22, and to the church social team and deacons for serving and cleaning up.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY



- February 3 Pat Thornton
- February 4 Hallie Moore
- February 5 Garth Faile
- February 6 Mike Alston
- February 8 Brooke Reich
- February 10 Michael Bunch, II
- February 11 Shirley Hill
- February 11 Tracey Piper
- February 13 Bern Davenport
- February 13 Tommy Forbes
- February 16 Aaron Rice
- February 17 Catherine Jenkins
- February 17 Jon Royce
- February 21 Mary Dilday
- February 21 Mary Elizabeth Torres
- February 24 J. E. Dilday
- February 28 Janet Collins

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

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.

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