



# The Messenger

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

A Newsletter of the

**Murfreesboro Baptist Church**

January 2018

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

I've never been one to make big, dramatic New Year's resolutions. I would always think about making one, and I'm sure that at some point in my past I have made some resolutions. But the fact that I can't remember what they were tells me, first of all, that I didn't manage to keep it, and, second of all, that it must not have been something very important. That is not to say, however, that I have never set my mind to do something, made a plan, stuck with it, and accomplished the goal. However, the change from one year to the next was never the thing that motivated me to change.

I think, instead, change comes about as we notice a need for it. We all know the old adage that says diets start on Mondays. There is something nice and neat about setting off on a new course at the start of a work week, or better yet, the start of a new year. But why wait? If we notice that we've eaten a little too richly over the holidays, why not start trying to lose those pounds on a Thursday? It simply doesn't make sense to put off doing something that needs to be done. Not merely with our physical health but with our spiritual health as well.

If we've been a little distracted these past few weeks, don't fret, but don't keep putting it off either. If you might have felt the Spirit nudging you before the holidays, I encourage you to think about where that nudge was leading you. Lean into the nudge and let the Spirit guide you into something new this year. Even though it may be something you didn't expect to be doing, I hope that you will embrace it, and perhaps you'll find that the new thing you've taken on isn't simply for your benefit, but for the good of others also.

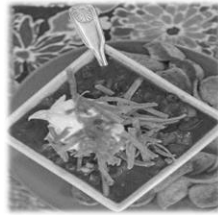
Blessings in this New Year,

Lane

## 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 Rev. Lane Bass at 1-704-574-1566. In the event of inclement weather on Wednesdays, we will not meet if HCPS is dismissed early or closed.

## Big Wednesday JANUARY 10



### MARY ETTA'S MENU THIS MONTH Homemade Chili

*If you don't like Chili...*

*Brunswick Stew, Salad,  
Cornbread and Dessert*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Beginning on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join us as we relaunch our Wednesday Prayer Meetings. This will be a time of fellowship, prayer, and study. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:40 and be finished in time to pick up your children.

## QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE ON JAN. 28

On the agenda (as of December 31, 2017): Treasurer's Report. Ministry Fair and covered dish lunch will follow.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

For the third year, our children are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb 4. Please bring cans of soup to the church throughout January (deadline is Feb. 4) to support the church food pantry. Help the children provide soup for those less fortunate by leaving your donation in the provided box in the connector.

## BLESSING MINISTRIES

...Foodbank of the Albemarle Volunteers are needed January 9 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to serve in this community ministry.

## MINISTRY FAIR 2018

Still trying to discern how you can best serve the Kingdom of God and His purposes through this church in 2018? On Sunday, **January 28**, the ministry deacons are sponsoring this year's Ministry Fair to help connect you with ways to serve and contribute to God's mission in our community and world. The ministry fair is an opportunity to join ministry teams and sign up to serve others in Jesus' name through Murfreesboro Baptist Church. The meal will be covered dish and tables will be set up throughout the fellowship hall for you to choose a way to serve. There will be sign-up sheets for the four primary teams at MBC: Children's Ministry Team, Missions Team, Worship and Arts Team, and Youth Team. Sign-up sheets will be available for providing flowers in the sanctuary, helping with bereavement meals, caregivers, ushers, opening/closing the church, church garden, maintaining flower beds, church food pantry, and more. Please prayerfully consider where you feel God is calling you to serve.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

The children's ministry team supports the ministry of the children's programs of the church. Those programs are Nursery, Children's Sermon, Children's Church, Kids' Club, WOW, and Vacation Bible School. Nursery caregivers stay in the nursery during the worship service to watch our children from infancy to kindergarten. Volunteers are given a schedule and currently serve once a quarter. Volunteers are asked to provide children's sermons in the worship service weekly. Kids' Club meets on Wednesdays during the months of Sept. -May. Additional volunteers are needed to help on Wednesday nights with crafts and/or games. Vacation Bible School volunteers will be needed to assist with VBS during one week in the summer. Dates for 2018 have not been determined yet. If you would be willing to help with any part of the church's Children's Ministry, please let Sarah Davis know and sign up at the ministry fair.

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY



January 1	Dodson Doughtie
January 1	Rosemary Royce
January 5	Don Johnson
January 6	Carol Piper
January 7	Bynum Brown
January 8	Mamie Ballance
January 12	Jessica Torres
January 15	Jack Cole
January 15	Patty Joyner
January 16	Addie Grace Reich
January 18	Becky Dickerson
January 16	Chris Sumner
January 22	Emma Wood Boone
January 23	Claire Revelle
January 27	Pansy Storey
January 30	Charlie Cole
January 30	John Page Revelle
January 30	Tristan Miles

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

### UPCOMING DATES

**January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

Kids' Club and Youth Group

**January 8**

K&C Group

**January 9**

Food Bank of the Albemarle

Deacons' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**January 10**

Big Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

**January 17, 24, & 31**

Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
6:40 p.m.

**January 21**

Installation Service for Rev. Lane Bass  
During Sunday Worship Service

**January 28**

Quarterly Conference Ministry Fair

**January 29**

MBC Food Pantry

### COMMUNITY GIVING FOR THE BOYD FAMILY

As we continue to help the Boyd family recover from their devastating house fire on December 22, we are pleased to announce that you, our church members have donated over \$2,900 to the family. They are also in need of clothing. Sizes needed are: Avery - men's small undies, shirts, size 30 pants; Eleanor and Heather - size 12 or M/L pants, large tops; Rusty - 34 pants or men's medium, large shirts. Please continue to keep the Boyd family in your prayers.

### THANKS TO YOU

... Wayne Brown and his staff for the building maintenance provided to the church over the last few weeks.

... Bruce Brown and his staff for the building maintenance provided for the gutter work.

... Everyone who gave to support our special Christmas missions: Operation Christmas Child, White Christmas, and Angel Tree.

### NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you notes to the church were received in November from Sarah Davis. In December notes were received from Dennis Bazemore, Chowan University, The Family of Jeanne Parker, and Teresa Martin.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 16 IN HONOR OF MLK, JR. DAY

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Ministry Plan YTD \$ 40,652.82

Gifts and Offerings YTD \$ 28,857.07

Other Income \$505.50

Over (under) Min. Plan (\$11,290.15)

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*A detailed financial statement is available in the church office.*

### USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN JANUARY

**Deacon of the Month**

Bruce Brown

**Opening the Church**

Charlie Gallop

**Ushers**

Johnny Jenkins, Gilbert Tinkham,  
Bob Lee, Ben McLean

**January Radio Ministry**

Brinson and Lorene Paul

**Caregivers**

*Dec 24-Jan 6* Garth and Erin Faile;

*Jan 7-20* Colon and Jane Ballance;

*Jan 21- Feb. 3* Booker Daniel

**Children's Sermon**

*Jan 7* Lane Bass; *Jan 14* Chelsea Duffy;

*Jan 21* Susan Bass;

*Jan 28* Steve Harders

**Nursery Caregivers**

*Jan 7* Amber Anderson, Mamie

Ballance, Pat Torres; *Jan 14* Susan

Bass, Emma Wood Boone, Pat Torres;

*Jan 21* Charlie Cole, Pat Torres; *Jan 28*

Ciera Cox, Sarah Davis, Pat Torres

**Sound System**

*Jan 7* Patty Joyner; *Jan 14* Nate Place;

*Jan 21* Tim Place; *Jan 28* Claire Revelle

**Lightbearers**

*Jan 7* Molly Brown; *Jan 14* Charlotte

Cole; *Jan 21* Ciera Cox;

*Jan 28* Matty Grace Gilliam

**Flowers**

*Jan 7* Sarah Davis; *Jan 14* Ronnie and

Betsy Coltrain; *Jan 21* Open;

*Jan 28* Open

### 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

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**NEW CHURCH  
OFFICE HOURS**

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

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