



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

MAY 2017

WORDS FROM THE INTERIM

I enjoy all seasons of the year but I especially enjoy Spring time. I like the experience of seeing “things turn green again” as a sign that winter is over and this being a time of new growth. Grass begins to grow, deciduous trees and shrubs burst forth with new leaves and color, fields and gardens are prepared and planted with seeds that will come to life and produce crops and vegetables. It is a great time of the year.

What does this time of the year mean for the church? It could represent a time of growth with new people joining this fellowship of believers. It could represent a time where those who are members of this church who have not been actively involved will return and make the commitment to participate on a more regular basis. It could define a time where those of us who are participating in the life and ministry commit to a higher level of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. It could mean for us that we decide to pray more earnestly for the church and its work in Murfreesboro and to give more generously of ourselves.

I encourage you to consider what Spring of 2017 really means for you as a member of this church and how you can experience something new in this season of the year.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday,

Dennis N. Bazemore

THANK YOU NOTES

A letter of thanks was received from Chowan University Christian Service Association for giving to CBFNC Missions Resource Plan. Our gifts provided scholarships for 14 students to serve on the Spring Break Mission Trip in Atlanta, Georgia.

A letter of thanks was received from Holly Springs Baptist Church and Holly Springs Baptist Church Choir for the donation of choir robes by Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

A letter of thanks was received from Baptist Retirement Homes Of NC, Inc., Winston Salem, NC.

A letter of thanks was received from the Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA.

MISSIONS TEAM

The Missions Team collected clothing for Roanoke Rapids Union Mission and made care bags for Chowan University students.

BIG WEDNESDAY

May 3



Mary Etta's

Menu This Month

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs,
(with all the trimmings)

Homemade Chili, Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Tea and Strawberry Short Cake

Adults: \$8 • Children: \$4

The next Big Wednesday is September 6!

To make a new reservation, or change your reservation from last month, please call the church office by Mon. May 1, 12 noon.

CONGRATULATIONS

...On Sunday, April 30th at the annual meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional honor society for women in education, Sarah Davis received the Rising Star Award. This award is presented annually to a group of women educators who demonstrate exceptional and ongoing achievement in their profession and the Society and also demonstrate strong leadership abilities or potential for leadership.

...Congratulations to Linda White, who will be awarded a Doctorate of Humane Letters by Chowan University on May 6.

...Congratulations to Edward Snyder for being named Alpha Chi Teacher of the Year at Chowan University.

KIDS' CLUB FINALE

Join us as we celebrate another great year of Kids' Club with a cookout at 6 PM on Wednesday, May 10. Everyone is welcome. The event will be the end of our Wednesday night activities until September. Our regular schedule will resume on September 6.

Dr. Dennis Bazemore will provide the meat and the congregation is asked to provide the following items: baked beans, slaw, potato salad, chips, desserts, and drinks. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you are willing to lend a hand with set-up or clean up, please contact Sarah Davis.

SUPPORT SUMMER YOUTH MISSIONS BIG WEDNESDAY AUCTION ON MAY 3!

On Wednesday May 3, during Big Wednesday dinner at 6 pm, our youth invite everyone to a fundraiser auction in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the auction will help support our young people as they travel to Passport Summer Missions Camp in Greensboro June 18-23.

If you cannot attend but still want to help our youth, you can designate your monetary contribution to “Youth Missions.” The Youth Ministry team’s goal is to make the summer camp experience affordable for all our youth and their families. Join us on May 3 and encourage our youth! For more information, contact Sean Timmons at smtimmons1231@chowan.edu.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

After Worship

MAY 7

There will be a quarterly conference after worship on May 7. Items on the agenda are a treasurer’s report and update from the search committee. There will not be a covered dish luncheon that day.

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PASTOR SEARCH

By using the pastor profile surveys and information gained at the town hall meeting, the pastor search committee has submitted the following ad to print and web sources to advertise for our next pastor: Murfreesboro Baptist Church, located in Murfreesboro, NC is seeking a full-time senior pastor. Murfreesboro Baptist Church, a 169 year old church associated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, offers a traditional service with liturgical elements and follows the church year. Murfreesboro is home to Chowan University and the church has strong ties with the University. We are looking for an outstanding preacher, communicator, pastoral minister, and visionary. The senior pastor will be responsible for preaching, teaching, visitation, and working with the deacon board to administer the church. The candidate should hold a degree from an accredited seminary or divinity school and have previous ministry experience. Salary is commensurate with education and experience and includes allowances and benefit package.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN MAY . . .

Deacon of the Month
Charlie Cole

Opening the Church
Garth Faile

Ushers
Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren,
Mike Alston, Freddie Bazen

Radio Ministry Sponsor
Johnny and Catherine Jenkins

Worship Leaders
May 7 Charlie Cole; *May 14* Lynne Moore; *May 21* Don Johnson; *May 28* Lynette Bunch

Caregivers
May 7 Raymond Benthall; *May 14* Patty Joyner; *May 21* Diane Dixon; *May 28* Dave and Carole Farnham

Children's Sermon
May 7 Dr. Dennis Bazemore; *May 14* Elicia Revelle; *May 21* Mollie Madden; *May 28* Chelsea Duffy

Nursery Caregivers
May 7 Mariah Gallop, Matty Grace Gilliam, Pat Torres; *May 14* Steve Harders, Mollie Madden, Pat Torres; *May 21* Lori Harders, Pat Torres *May 28* Lynne Moore, Jen Place, Pat Torres

Sound System
May 7 Claire Revelle; *May 14* Will Revelle; *May 21* Tim Place; *May 28* Jimmy Boone

Lightbearers
May 7 Matty Grace Gilliam; *May 14* Nate Place; *May 21* Claire Place; *May 28* Alexandra Piper

Flowers
May 7 Sarah Davis; *May 14* Bruce and Liz Brown; *May 21* Charlie and Dell Aycock; *May 28* Colon and Jane Balance

THANKS TO

...Everyone who contributed to April's Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser. Together they raised \$911.00 to support their summer mission work at Passport.

...Those of you who gave to support **Chowan International Students**. Together we were able to help send students to the annual North Carolina Baptist international student retreat in April at Fort Caswell.

...Everyone who donated candy and filled Easter eggs for the children's Easter egg hunt on April 12.

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Return Service Requested

STEWARDSHIP AS OF APRIL 23, 2017

Ministry Plan YTD \$113,209.76
Gifts and Offerings YTD \$113,116.13
Over (under) Min. Plan (\$93.63)
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A detailed financial statement for April was unavailable when this month's edition of The Messenger went to press. When the complete April 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 thru April 23, 2017, found on the announcement page of our order of worship.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church
Will host

Vacation Bible School

from 9 am - 12 noon from June 26-30. No breakfast or lunch will be served. The annual ice cream social will be at 7 pm on June 28. VBS will conclude with a cookout on Friday, June 30 at noon. The theme is Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God. Crew leaders are needed. If you are interested in helping, contact Sarah Davis.

UPCOMING DATES

May 2 Deacons' Meeting
May 3 Big Wednesday
May 3 Youth Auction Fundraiser
May 7 Quarterly Conference
May 9 Food Bank of the Albemarle
May 10 Kids' Club Cookout
May 14 Mother's Day
May 21 Children's Church
May 29 MBC Food Pantry
May 31 Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Jun. 4 Pentecost (wear red to church)
Community Cafe
Jun. 6 Deacons' Meeting
Jun. 13 Food Bank of the Albemarle
Jun. 18-23 Youth at Passport Camp
Jun. 26-30 Vacation Bible School
Jun. 28 Ice Cream Social
June 30 Cookout

GRADUATE INFO?

Do you have a high school, college or professional graduate in your family this spring? If so, please let us know so we can make sure all of our graduates are properly recognized. Call the church office (398-3613) or email (office@murfbc.org) to share the name, school, and degree of your member of the class of 2017.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY



May 7 Heather Boyd
May 8 Dot Combs
May 10 Susan Alston
May 10 Mike Bunch
May 11 Jimmy Boone
May 12 Nancy Peden
May 14 Pat Torres
May 15 Booker Daniel
May 18 Peg McLean
May 18 Hal Thomas
May 20 Darren Piper
May 28 Trey Gilliam

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 May 9 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to serve in this community ministry.

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 are working 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.

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
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