



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church

March 2017

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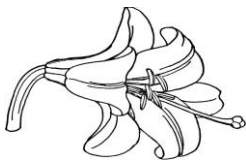
My thanks to all who attended the Soup and Sandwich Supper and "Town Hall" meeting. I enjoyed very good soup and there has already been the exchange of soup recipes from last Sunday evening. I am also appreciative of your attention, questions, comments and interest in the process the Pastor Search Committee will be following in the months ahead as they fulfill their responsibility in presenting a candidate to the church as the next senior pastor. They will now work on a draft of the church profile and then begin working on a pastor profile. Your input is very important throughout this process so I encourage you to complete the surveys that will be coming from the committee.

We are now in the season of Lent. A time of reflection, spiritual discipline, prayer and meditation as we prepare to celebrate Easter. I hope you will make a special commitment for the 40 days of Lent and share your commitment with someone else who can hold you accountable. This can be a very meaningful time in your life as you consider the love of God expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I look forward to the services of Lent because this is such a special time of the year.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday,

Dennis N. Bazemore

EASTER LILIES



If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of someone, please contact the church office at

398-3613

Lilies will cost \$15 each.

Deadline for ordering is Friday, April 7.

BIG WEDNESDAY APRIL 6



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 noon on April 1.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM...

The children collected 126 cans of soups for Souper Bowl of Caring. Thank you for your generous donations to support this project.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the children's ministry team, will be April 12, 6:00 PM, on the playground. Easter eggs will be placed in a box in the connector - please take a bag and fill the eggs with treats...stickers, candy, coins, etc. and return the filled eggs to the library by April 12 at 5 p.m. for the Easter Egg hunt.

BLESSING MINISTRIES...

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

...Food pantry needs restocking. Please leave your contributions of canned vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, and cereal outside the pantry door.

For The Life Of

Shirley Graham Brown

Feb. 4, 1932 – Feb. 9, 2017

Thanks be to God.



LENT AT MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

† Lent began on March 1st this year. We observed Ash Wednesday with a service at 7 p.m. on March 1. There will be no Lenten Vespers' services this year.

† **Community Lenten lunches** will be held on Wednesdays at noon during Lent. See "Upcoming Dates" for scheduled locations.

† **Murfreesboro Baptist Church will host the first Lenten luncheon** at 12 noon on March 8. Trey Gilliam will provide the devotion.

† **Maundy Thursday** worship, April 13, 7 PM, in the Sanctuary.

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.

SENIORFEST 2017

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 AM-2:30 PM



Featuring . . .

Bean & Bailey

America's New Comedy Duo

Plus . . .

• Breakout sessions

• Entertainment & Lunch

Registration is \$14/person and includes program and lunch. Contact Lou Ann Gilliam at 398-6317 or by email at seniorfest@chowan.edu.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN MARCH . . .

Deacon of the Month: Jay Revelle
 Opening the Church: Steve Fowler
 Ushers: Raymond Benthall, Ronnie Coltrain, Jay Revelle, Eley Whitehead
 Radio Ministry Sponsor: Mike & Susan Alston

Caregivers

Mar 5 Daynelle Trent; Mar 12 Carol Piper; Mar 19 Craig Dennis; Mar 26 Garth and Erin Faile

Children's Sermon

Mar 5 Dr. Bazemore; Mar 12 Erin Faile; Mar 19 Steve Harders; Mar 26 Bonnie Boone

Nursery Caregivers

Mar 5 Keith Reich, Claire Revelle, Pat Torres; Mar 12 Brooke Reich, Joni Saner, Pat Torres; Mar 19 Leslee Sumner, Pat Torres; Mar 26 Ed Snyder, Susan White, Pat Torres

Sound System

Mar 5 Will Revelle; Mar 12 Sean Timmons; Mar 19 Jimmy Boone; Mar 26 Ciera Cox

Lightbearers

Mar 5 Alexandra Piper; Mar 12 Claire Revelle; Mar 19 Will Revelle; Mar 26 Jimmy Boone

Flowers

Mar 5 Lent; Mar 12 Lent; Mar 19 Lent; Mar 26 Lent

Worship Leaders

Mar 5 Jay Revelle; Mar 12 Sarah Davis; Mar 19 Sean Timmons; Mar 26 Brooke Reich

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

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Return Service Requested

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Ministry Plan YTD	\$ 96,476.73
Gifts and Offerings YTD	<u>\$ 98,729.13</u>
Over (under) Min. Plan	\$ 2,252.40

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A detailed financial statement for February was unavailable when this month's edition of The Messenger went to press. When the complete February 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 February from: Randy Whitley, Partners in Development, Youth Camps For Christ, Inc. - Camp Willow Run, and Chowan University.

UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 7 Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Mar. 8 MBC Lenten Luncheon Host, 12 PM
 Mar. 12 Search Committee, 3:00 PM
 Mar. 13 Children's Ministry Team, 7:00 PM
 Mar. 14 Food Bank of the Albemarle
 Mar. 15 First Baptist Church Lenten Luncheon
 Mar. 22 Meherrin Baptist Church Lenten Luncheon
 Mar. 29 Nebo Baptist Church Lenten Luncheon
 Apr. 4 Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Apr. 5 Murfreesboro United Methodist Church Lenten Luncheon
 Apr. 5 Big Wednesday, 6:00 PM
 Apr. 9 Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser, 12 PM
 Apr. 11 Food Bank of the Albemarle
 Apr. 12 Easter Egg Hunt, 6:00 PM
 Apr. 13 Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 PM
 Apr. 16 Easter
 Apr. 30 Missions Bazaar after Worship
 Jun. 18-23 Youth at Passport Camp

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH



March	1	Brice Burgess
March	6	Jenni Chao
March	7	Sarah Brown
March	8	Patti Llewellyn
March	8	William Myers
March	9	Danny Moore
March	15	Sandra Fowler
March	16	Mary Harris
March	20	Judy Clark
March	23	Jo Cimini
March	25	Corina Wack
March	26	Claire Place
March	29	Paulette Roberson

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.

THANKS TO . . .

...Everyone who volunteered during the Community Café. To our cooks, servers, clean up volunteers, you all did a wonderful job. A special shout-out to our youth for serving as waiters/waitresses for our café. The food was excellent and the fellowship was superb. We look forward to the next Community Café coming up on May 7, 2017.

... Clean Out Day volunteers including Susan Alston, Charlie and Frances Cole, Garth and Erin Faile, Jay Revelle, and Pat Torres for helping clean out and organize closets in the church.

...Everyone who made donations for postage for 66 sweaters the K&C Group made and sent to Zambia.