



# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the

## Murfreesboro Baptist Church

March 2021

### WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

On our first Sunday back to worshipping in person, as I sat in my office uploading the worship video for those who cannot yet attend in person, Paula walked by my door on her way to the parking lot and remarked at how fantastic it was to worship with people in our sanctuary. And I agreed wholeheartedly.

It was clear to both of us (and I think to everyone there) how much better it was to be together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. But it was also clear to both of us how much busier Sunday mornings are with almost forty people in the church than they are with only three people in the church.

And as I thought briefly about how true that is, I realized that the busyness of Sunday mornings is something that could be called "good busy." It wasn't busyness simply for the sake of doing something, but it was busyness with a good and worthwhile goal. I expect that you know the feeling, like when you spend all day in the yard or garden and have something beautiful or tasty at the end of it all.

When we look at the example of Jesus' life, this is the kind of busyness we see. When he wasn't away in a quiet place praying, Jesus was busy with the business of proclaiming and building the Kingdom of God. And that's the kind of busyness that we should pursue as well. We obviously can't do as much as Jesus - and we'd wear ourselves out really quickly if we tried to do as much as him.

But we can and should be on the lookout for ways to be at work and we can be ready to jump into action when the opportunities present themselves. So, as we continue through our Lenten journey towards Easter and as we seek to repent and turn towards God, let us not be surprised that turning towards God can at times be very busy. But let us remember also that being busy with the work of God is "good busy."

Grace & Peace,  
Lane

### EASTER SUNDAY



On February 14<sup>th</sup> we reentered our sanctuary for in-person worship for the first time in two months, and it was a wonderful way to spend Valentine's Day. I was very pleased with the turnout we enjoyed for that first Sunday back and I am eager to see more and more of you joining us for worship as vaccines become more widely available. I am hopeful that we will have to make special arrangements for Easter Sunday to accommodate all who desire to worship in person

To that end, we are trying to determine if we will need to hold two worship services and /or require reservations for Easter Sunday. So, if you know now that you plan to worship with us on Easter, we ask that you please call the church office (398-3613) or send Teresa an email ([office@murfbc.org](mailto:office@murfbc.org)) to let us know. Please note, this is just for planning purposes and that it is NOT a reservation. But it is important that we begin to get an idea of how many people plan to be in our sanctuary Easter morning so that everyone can safely worship our Lord on the day that he rose victorious from the grave.

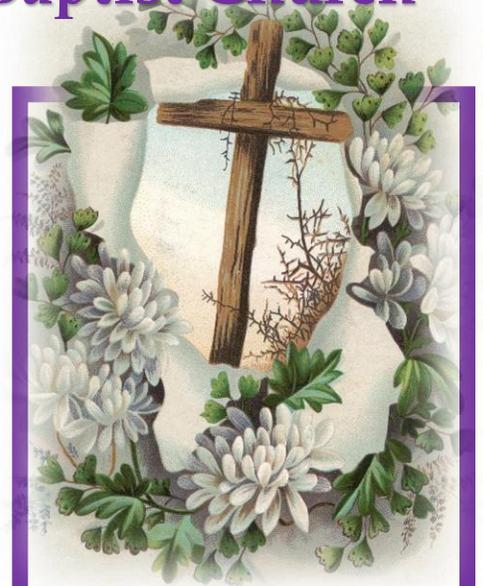
Thank you.

### COMMUNION



In the coming weeks we will once again receive the Lord's Supper together. We will celebrate on March 7th resuming our participation in this life-giving meal on the first Sunday of each month.

For those who will be worshipping with us in the sanctuary, the elements will be ready and waiting in the pews in front of you. For those who continue to worship at home, I hope that you will make sure to join us in receiving Communion. If you wish, you may stop by the church office to pick up some of the pre-packaged elements. Or, you are also welcome to celebrate this meal with us with whatever elements you have on hand. I once again look forward to resuming this vital part of our church life, and I hope you do too.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### SAVE THE DATES

**Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 28

**Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**

April 4

### USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN MARCH

**Deacon of the Month**

Charlie Gallop

**Opening of the Church**

Dr. Mike Alston

**Ushers**

*March*

Raymond Benthall,

Ronnie Coltrain,

Jay Revelle, Charles Gallop

*April*

David Farnham, Hal Thomas,

Lloyd Hill, Keith Reich

**Radio Ministry Sponsor**

Johnny and Catherine Jenkins

**Caregivers**

*February 28-March 13*

Debbie Hill

*March 14-March 27*

Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell

*March 28-April 10*

Brinson and Lorene Paul

## BLESSING MINISTRIES

### FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, March 16 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

### MBC FOOD PANTRY

If you have committed to help us keep our pantry filled, please remember to bring twelve of your selected items to the church before the last Monday of each month.

*Any and all donations are welcome.*

## EASTER LILIES

The deadline to place

Orders for Easter Lilies

Is Friday, March 26

The cost is \$20.87 per lily.

Please call the church office  
398-3613 to place your order.



## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

March	1	Susan Bass
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

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM Easter Egg Hunt



**Will Be Held on  
Wednesday, March 31  
at 6:00 pm.**

Easter Eggs are in bags in a box in the connector. Please take some eggs home and fill them with candy, coins, stickers, or small toys and return them to the Church Library by Wednesday, March 31 at 5:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING DATES IN MARCH

March 7  
Communion

March 9  
Deacons' Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

March 14  
Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 16  
Food Bank of the Albemarle  
Volunteers Needed 2:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday  
March 28

March 31  
Easter Egg Hunt 5:00

Friday, March 26  
Easter Lily Order Deadline

## 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

[www.murfbc.org](http://www.murfbc.org)

The financial statement for February 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.

### Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for February 2021

	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Monthly Total	For the Year
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$86,730.82
<b>Weekly Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	\$3,240.00	\$5,335.00	\$5,580.83	\$1,885.00	\$16,040.83	\$81,507.72
<b>Other Income</b>						\$52.86
<b>Over (Under)</b>	(702.31)	\$1,392.69	\$1,638.52	(2,057.31)	\$271.59	(\$5,170.24)



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