



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church
October/November 2017

WORDS FROM THE INTERIM...

We hear, we see and we read about such division across our country in so many areas of one's life. At times, it seems as if the media in reporting about divisive issues heightens the situation. So many people do not want to hear from someone who disagrees with them or expresses a different opinion. Even the church can quickly become divided on matters-some very important for the church and some that are quite insignificant.

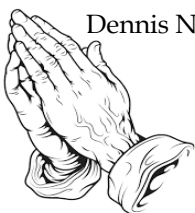
I have known church members become very divisive in conversations about some of the "hard" sayings of Jesus. But this is not new, as the Bible reports there were people who had "issues" with the words of Jesus as well as things He did.

I would hope for the church to be the place where we could have conversations about all areas of life and be the place where we could openly discuss differences without becoming divisive or be in conflict with each other. I believe learning takes place when I am willing to spend time listening to someone who may take a different approach on a matter than I and then I process what I have heard against my own thoughts and feelings. I certainly think Murfreesboro Baptist Church is a church where these kinds of conversations can take place.

We read in the Bible of unity and that should be our desire for the church. The Body of Christ-the Church-should strive for unity of spirit in the midst of all the differences we represent each Sunday when we gather for worship.

I look forward to seeing you on the October Sundays,

Dennis N. Bazemore



BIG WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4



MARY ETTA'S MENU IS...

•Pork Loin•

*Snaps and Potatoes,
Pineapple Casserole,
Rolls & Dessert*

Adults: \$8

Children: \$4

To make a new reservation, or change your reservation from September, please call the church office at 398-3613.

FROM THE DEACON CHAIR...

The season of fall will be a busy one for Murfreesboro Baptist Church. Please save the date of October 29. We, as a church, will honor the Bazemores for a job well done. Dennis has connected extremely well with our congregation and Linda has graced our sanctuary weekly with her warmth. They are truly former students in whom I am well - pleased. Hunter Brown will cater the meat for a luncheon after the service on October 29 and the membership is asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Please join us for this priceless time of fellowship.

On November 5 Lou Ann Gilliam will lead our worship. It is all Saints' Sunday and we will remember our fallen heroes since last November. If you and your family have lost someone, please let your out-of-town relatives know about this service so they can plan to attend.

And then November 12 is the big day! Lane Bass will begin his tenure as our new minister. I hope the sanctuary is filled with love and support on October 29, November 5, and November 12. That would be a fitting gesture to convey our gratitude.

Gratefully,
Eley Whitehead

UPCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

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| Oct. 1 | Communion |
| Oct. 3 | Deacons Meeting |
| Oct. 4 | Big Wednesday |
| Oct. 5 | Chowan International Students Luncheon |
| Oct. 10 | Food Bank of the Albemarle |
| Oct. 25 | Trunk or Treat |
| Oct. 29 | Dr. Bazemore's Last Service
Lunch at Church |
| Oct. 30 | Food Pantry |
| Nov. 3 | Youth Lock-In |
| Nov. 5 | Communion
All Saints' Sunday |
| Nov. 7 | Deacons' Meeting |
| Nov. 8 | Big Wednesday |
| Nov. 12 | Lane Bass's First Service |
| Nov. 14 | Food Bank of the Albemarle |
| Nov. 23 | Thanksgiving - Church Office
Closed |
| Nov. 24 | Thanksgiving - Church Office
Closed |
| Nov. 27 | Food Pantry |



William Goodman Lawrence
 January 19, 1930-August 24, 2017
 Thanks Be To God

**MURFREESBORO
 BAPTIST CHURCH
 FOOD PANTRY**

Please keep in mind that the church food pantry is in constant need of restocking. Items needed are mayonnaise, pasta sauce, rice, canned vegetables, soups, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned mild, pancake mix & Syrup, peanut butter & Jelly, and cereal.

**BLESSING
 MINISTRIES...**

Foodbank of the Albemarle
 •Volunteers are needed October 10 and November 7 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

MISSIONS TEAM...

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
 LUNCHEON**

•In October, we are planning a luncheon for our International students of Chowan. Please plan to come & join us on Thursday, October 5th for a good meal and good fellowship. Call the church office and make a reservation so we will know how many to plan to attend.

**UNION MISSION CLOTHING
 DRIVE**

•Also remember that October is the month to donate all your unwanted, non-fitting or out of style clothing to help Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids. Please start cleaning out your closets now.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
 MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9 A.M.-2 P.M.
 252-398-3613
 WWW.MURFBC.ORG

**DEACON OFFICERS
 FOR 2017-2018**

Eley Whitehead..... Chair
 Judy Clark..... Vice-Chair
 Brook Reich..... Secretary

**STEWARDSHIP
 REPORT
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Ministry Plan YTD	\$238,894.76
Gifts and Offerings	\$199,990.93
Other	\$6,707.51
Over(under) Min. Plan	(\$32,196.32)
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A detailed financial statement will be available in the church office.

**CHILDREN'S
 MINISTRY TEAM
 NEWS...**



Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held Wednesday, October 25 at 6 pm. Please come with the trunk filled with treats for our kids and community children. This year, our youth will be organizing games for the event as well as providing a hot dog supper with trimmings. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Sarah Davis or Patty Joyner.

**NOTES OF
 APPRECIATION...**

Thank you notes to the church were received in September from: Mary Wiles with Chowan University Campus Ministry.

**CELEBRATING
 BIRTHDAYS
 IN OCTOBER AND
 NOVEMBER**



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

- October 4 Percy Bunch
- October 4 Ann Lee
- October 4 Eley Whitehead
- October 5 Gilbert Tinkham
- October 6 Annie McLean
- October 12 Avery Boyd
- October 16 Chris White
- October 19 Dakota Wilson
- October 23 T.K. Warren, III
- October 25 Freddie Bazen
- October 27 Nicholas Bunch
- October 27 Jay Revelle
- October 27 Janet Vincent
- October 30 Lorene Paul

- November 3 Dell Aycock
- November 4 Ashley Revelle
- November 5 Christiana Sawyer
- November 6 Fal Burnette
- November 6 Yolanda Faile
- November 10 Rebecca Willson
- November 11 Dock Boone
- November 13 Lynn Gray
- November 13 Gene Hardin
- November 14 Billy Thornton
- November 16 Tim Place
- November 17 Aldeen Gatewood
- November 20 Gus McLean
- November 24 Katelyn Sumner
- November 26 Katherine Brett
- November 28 Corey Forbes

CHURCH STAFF

DR. DENNIS BAZEMORE
 INTERIM PASTOR
 THOMAS CAULKINS
 PASTOR EMERITIS
 PAULA PRESSNELL,
 ORGANIST & INTERIM CHOIR DIRECTOR
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