



The Messenger

A Newsletter of the
Murfreesboro Baptist Church
February 2023



WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

New Visions

“I Am . . .”

During this season of Lent we will direct our attention each Sunday to the “I Am” sayings of Christ that are found in the Gospel of John. I hope that these messages will be a blessing for you as we share together and my hope is that you will be able to be present with us each week!

The following are the dates and foci of each week:

February 26

“I Am . . . the Bread of Life”
John 6:22–59

March 5

“I Am . . . the Light of the World
John 1:4-5; 8:12-13; 9:1-5

March 12

“I Am . . . the Door”
John 10:1-10

March 19

The “Good Shepherd”
John 10:11-21, 27

March 27

The “I Am”
John 8:48-59

April 2 -Palm Sunday

The Vine
John 15:1-17

April 9 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection and the Life
John 11:17-27

April 16 - 1st Sunday after Easter

“The Way, the Truth and the Life”
John 14:1-7

I hope you'll be a part of worship during Lent as we celebrate the impact of the words of Christ in our lives as we journey with Him to the Cross..

**Blessings,
Rick**

MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Quarterly
CHURCH
Conference

**Sunday, February 5
After Worship Service**

Please Plan To Attend

After worship service on Sunday, February 5 we will have a quarterly conference to discuss two important items.

We will discuss the financial results of the first quarter of the church year. There will also be a presentation from the Pastoral Search Committee of the Compensation Package that would be presented to an incoming pastor.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**February Children's Church Dates:
February 5 and February 19.**

Effective February 2023, we will have children's church twice a month. We will continue to have third Sunday & an additional Sunday with dates TBD as soon as possible.



BACKPACK BUDDIES

WEEKEND MEALS FOR STUDENTS

We are once again participating in conjunction with First Baptist Church of Ahsokie with the Backpack Buddies Program. This program provides weekend meals for students in need to ensure their nourishment. Snacks are picked up once a month in Ahsokie by Tommy Bird and Lynette Bunch is scheduling volunteers to deliver them to Riverview School each Thursday. If you are interested in delivering backpacks, please contact Lynette Bunch.

Ash Wednesday Service

PLEASE JOIN US

On Wednesday, February 22, we will have our annual Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. This service of worship reminds us that as God told Adam in Genesis 3:19, we are dust and to dust we return. This truth is symbolized by the Imposition of Ashes, in which individuals may come forward and receive ashes on their foreheads in the sign of the cross.

Lent



LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE 12:00 UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

- † February 22 - Ash Wednesday
Murfreesboro Baptist Church
Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
200 W. Main Street
- † March 1 - Meherrin Baptist Church
Rev. John Porter
519 Meherrin Lane, Murfreesboro
- † March 8 - Murfreesboro United Methodist Church
Rev. Jason Villegas
301 E. High Street, Murfreesboro
- † March 15 - Chowan University
1 Jones Drive
Murfreesboro
- † March 22 - Mt. Sinai Church of God
Bishop Arthur Clark
913 Main Street, Murfreesboro
- † March 29 - To Be Announced
- † April 5 - To Be Announced

KIDS' CLUB NEWS



Don't forget to bring cans of soup to the box in the connector by Sunday, Sunday, Feb 12.

This year's goal is to collect 100 cans to place in our church food pantry ...and we are only 16 cans away from our goal! The cans of soup will go in our church food pantry.

Thank you.



2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

are in the Church library available for pick-up. If you do not see a box with your name, and would like to have one, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING DATES IN FEBRUARY

- Feb. 5 Communion
- Feb. 5 Children's Church
- Feb. 5 Quarterly Conference
- Feb. 7 Deacons' Meeting
- Feb. 8 No Kids' Club
- Feb. 12 Souper Bowl of Caring Deadline
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 Kids' Club 6:00-6:45
- Feb. 19 Children's Church
- Feb. 21 Food Bank of the Albemarle
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22 No Kids' Club

BLESSING MINISTRIES

FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed on February 21 by 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

FOOD PANTRY

As a reminder, if you have committed to help us keep our pantry filled, please remember to bring twelve of your selected items to the church by the 15th of each month. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN FEBRUARY

Deacon of the Month
Wayne Brown

Opening the Church
Tommy Bird

Ushers
Colon Ballance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Dr. Garth Faile

Radio Ministry Sponsor
Sara Frances Hill

Caregivers
Jan. 29-Feb. 11

Charlie and Dell Aycock;
Feb. 12 - Feb. 25

Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell;
Feb. 26-Mar. 11

Gertrude Revelle and
Daynelle Trent

Nursery
Feb. 5 Mollie Madden; Feb. 12
Charlie Cole; Feb. 19 Sarah Davis;
Feb. 26 Ed Snyder

Children's Sermon
Feb. 5 Sarah Davis; Feb. 12 Sarah
Davis; Feb. 19 Sarah Davis; Feb. 26
Sarah Davis

Children's Church - Feb. 5
Patty Joyner
Children's Church Feb. 19
Sarah Davis

Sanctuary Flowers
Feb. 5 Booker Daniel
Feb. 12 The Cole Family
Feb. 19 Jay and Elicia Revelle
Feb. 26 Lent

Musical Greetings to Everyone!

I'm so thankful for our choir, and we will enjoy hearing Calvin Carter sing with us on Sunday, February 12th. Also, looking ahead to Sunday March 19th, Calvin is bringing his Chowan University Gospel Choir to sing for us! This will certainly be another great time to bring friends and family to church.

Pastor Rick is exactly right in saying that the choir has the most comfortable seats in the house, plus there's plenty of room for more folks! Please consider joining us!

Paula Pressnell



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

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| February 4 | Hallie Moore |
| February 5 | Garth Faile |
| February 6 | Mike Alston |
| February 8 | Brooke Reich |
| February 9 | Ned Snyder |
| February 10 | Michael Bunch, II |
| February 11 | Shirley Hill |
| February 11 | Tracey Piper |
| February 12 | Genivieve Broadhead |
| February 13 | Bern Davenport |
| February 13 | Tommy Forbes |
| February 17 | Catherine Jenkins |
| February 17 | Jon Royce |
| February 21 | Mary Dilday |
| February 21 | Mary Elizabeth Torres |
| February 23 | Joel McCormick |
| February 24 | J. E. Dilday |
| February 28 | Janet Collins |

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

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
INTERIM PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....ORGANIST
& CHOIR DIRECTOR

TOM CAULKINS.....PASTOR
EMERITUS

TERESA MARTIN....ADMINISTRATIVE
ASST.

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for January 2023

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$19,711.55	\$70,961.58
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$3,256.00	\$2,025.44	\$2,262.00	\$1,542.00	\$3,060.00	\$12,145.44	\$94,411.19
Other Income							
Over (Under)	(\$686.31)	(\$1,916.87)	(\$1,680.31)	(\$2,400.31)	(\$882.31)	(\$7,566.11)	\$23,449.61

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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