

## Using their Gifts to Serve in March

Deacon of the Month of April:  
April Radio Ministry Sponsor:  
Opening of the Church in April:  
Ushers for April:

Ushers for May:

Caregiver for March 26 - April 8:  
Nursery Caregiver:

Lynette Bunch  
Bruce and Liz Brown  
Mike Alston  
Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, Tommy Bird,  
and Jay Revelle  
Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston,  
and Kirk Peterson  
T.K. Warren, III  
Mollie Madden

## This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Easter Egg Hunt	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Choir Practice	6:45
				Bible Study	7:00
			Thurs.	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30
			Fri.	Good Friday "Floating Personal Service"	6-7:30

Children's Church will meet today in the nursery.

Murfreesboro United Methodist Church, will host Lenten Lunch on Wednesday, April 5 at 12 noon.

The church administrative office will be closed on Friday, April 7 and Monday, April 10.

Holy Week services will be as follows: Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service "Floating Personal Service, will be held on Friday, April 7, 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday, April 5. If you filled eggs, please have them at the church by 4:30 pm in the library. Hiding eggs will begin at 4:30 and volunteers to hide eggs are needed. We will have the egg hunt at 6 pm followed by a pizza dinner. Please come with your children and invite children in the community.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will hold a quarterly Conference on April 23 after worship. A pot luck lunch will follow with the church providing the meat and members are asked to bring a covered dish.

On Sunday, April 30, we will have first of three celebrations for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Murfreesboro Baptist Church. Please join us for the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of our Sanctuary. We will celebrate with a sing-a-long during worship service and birthday cake as you depart from the church. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will be celebrating its' 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Three special celebrations are being planned. Anyone who would like to join the committee and help with the planning and preparation of these special events are welcome, and should contact Lynette Bunch, Linda Hassell or Mary Etta Flowers.

MBC would like to recognize the graduates of 2023. If your son, daughter, grandchild or great-grandchild will be graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the administrative office with their name, school, and degree of graduate by April 17, 2023.

*Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:*

Phil Royce    Clif and Janet Collins    Bern Davenport    Tom and Ann Caulkins  
Doris Taylor    Randy and Cheryl Whitley

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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

*Celebrating 175 Years*

1848 - 2023



Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey - Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Teschner/Paxton

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHILDREN'S SONG

The Palm Sunday Song

CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 176

*With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise* (verses 1 & 2)

FOREST GREEN

With waving palms and shouts of praise they greeted Christ the Lord.  
Hosannas rang out bright and clear and to the heavens soared.  
The people welcomed Christ as King and followed Him that day.  
May we learn to be welcoming, and follow in His way.  
The children came to see the Lord and lined His path with song.  
Their perfect praises filled the air as Jesus rode along.  
Such simple faith and innocence reflected in each smile!  
May we aim to be pure in heart and faithful as a child.

CHILDREN'S SONG

The Palm Sunday Song

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Bailey

(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.  
**We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**  
The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.  
**We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**  
If we abide in Christ, then Christ’s words will abide in us.  
**We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**  
We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.  
*May we grow intensely as God tends us lovingly.*

INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 175

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Word of God, for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 172

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Ride On, King Jesus*

Spiritual/Shackley

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 706

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-12

"The Gospel of Christ,"  
**"Praise His Holy Name!"**

MESSAGE IN SONG

*The Holy City*  
Dr. Rick Bailey, bass

Michael Maybrick

MESSAGE IN WORD

"I Am . . . the Vine!"

Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 499

*I Surrender All*

SURRENDER

THE DIMINISHING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Ride On, Ride On In Majesty*

arr. Lani Smith

Please stay seated until the conclusion of the music.  
*\*Denotes that the congregation may stand.*

To our guests this morning...

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We believe that worshipping together is one of the most important activities we do as a church, strengthening our faith and drawing our attention to God, who created us, calls us, and sustains us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In keeping with New Testament practices, we believe that worship rightly involves every member of the congregation, and not just the few people in leadership roles. We encourage active participation in worship through responsive readings, corporate prayer, giving our tithes and offerings, and singing hymns together.

As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God’s written word. We also practice believers’ baptism, and at the end of each service, we invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. On the first Sunday of the month, we share the Lord’s Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.

As members of the larger body of Christ, meanwhile, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the church year. We are currently in the season of Lent. The color for the season is purple, which is the color of the robe the soldiers placed upon Jesus as they mocked him before the crucifixion. (Mark 16:17)