



WORDS FROM THE PASTOR



New Visions . . .

I read the following meditation and thought I'd share it as we approach Holy Week in just a few days.

Psalm 106 | "They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things at the Red Sea."

Pray

Blessed be the struggles, the setbacks, the failures that have driven you to your knees and helped you discover the courage to stand, when all else conspired to keep you down. May you know that in the hurt, resides the power of healing and wholeness.

May you hear in the rejection, the still small voice of hope to try again. May you find that in the "not enough", slumbers God's deep call of "beloved." May you hear in the chorus of "cannot," the message of the angels, "fear not." May you discern in the wandering, the blessing of wonder. May you behold the hand of the Almighty guiding you to new journeys and along right paths. Amen.

Reflection

We need not forget. As we age our memory begins to fade. We start to lose track of little details things begin to feel fuzzy. We forget. It is natural to forget. To let go of the minor little things that at the time seemed so important, so pressing. As people of faith, we too can forget. We forget that God's goodness and grace are always with us even when we may not feel it, see it, or experience it. We may forget but God never forgets us. Thanks be to God.

(March 23: Thursday in the Fourth Week of Lent | Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (diocesemo.org))

A few reminders concerning Holy Week . . .

- April 2 - Palm Sunday:** "I Am the Vine"; Children will sing.
- April 5 - Final Lenten Luncheon:** Murfreesboro United Methodist Church
- April 6- Maundy Thursday Communion Service** 6:30 p.m.
- April 7 - Good Friday "Floating" Personal Worship* -** 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

*You may come to the sanctuary any time between 6 - 7:30 p.m., picking up a "worship guide" as you enter. Simply read and follow the worship guide. At a certain point you'll be asked to come to the communion table where after I wash your hands, you take communion. You'll then return to your seat for a final time of prayer and reflection. You leave at the time of your choosing.

- April 9 - Easter Resurrection Celebration - 11:00 a.m.**
"I Am the Resurrection and the Life!"

Blessings,
Rick

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 2

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 6 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service
"Floating Personal Service"
Friday, April 7 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
April 9

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

EASTER EGG HUNT

Wednesday, April 5
6:00 p.m.

Children will enjoy a pizza dinner and hunt for eggs. This event is open to the community.

BUILDING ON A LEGACY OF FAITH AND SERVICE

1848 **175** YEARS 2023

2023 Marks the 175th Anniversary of Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

On April 30, 2023
The Murfreesboro Baptist Church
"Sanctuary Building"
Turns
100 Years Old

In celebration, we will have a
Sing-A-Long
During Worship Service
and provide
Birthday Cake
to the congregation as you depart the Church.

Please Remember to Bring Flowers to church on Easter Sunday

To flower the cross in front of the church



REVIVAL SUNDAY

Save the Date:
May 7, 2023

Murfreesboro Baptist Church's Annual Revival has been scheduled for May 7. With the help of Dr Bailey, our Revival pastor will be Dr. Larry Hovis, an Executive Director with CBF of North Carolina. Paula has scheduled special music and Mary Etta is doing her magic on a church pot luck dinner for the evening. There will be a morning and an evening service. Please mark your calendar for May 7.

UPCOMING DATES IN APRIL

- APRIL 2 Palm Sunday
Children Sing
Children's Church
- APRIL 5 Lenten Lunch
Murfreesboro United Methodist Church
Easter Egg Hunt
6:00 p.m.
- APRIL 6 Maundy Thursday
Communion
- APRIL 7 Good Friday
Communion
- APRIL 9 Easter
- APRIL 11 Deacons' Meeting
6:00 p.m.
- APRIL 12 Children's Team
Meeting 6:00 p.m.
No Kids' Club
- APRIL 16 Children's Church
- APRIL 18 Food Bank
of the Albemarle
Volunteers Needed by 1:30 p.m.
- APRIL 19 No Kids' Club
- APRIL 23 Quarterly
Conference, Pot Luck
Lunch
- APRIL 26 Kids' Club - 6-6:45
- APRIL 30 Birthday Party
Sanctuary Turns 100

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship service:

- April 23
- May 7
- May 21
- May 28
- June 4
- June 11
- June 18
- July 9
- July 16
- July 23

Plus... many other dates!

Please call the Church office to reserve a date if you're interested in placing flowers.



USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN APRIL

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Lynette Bunch

OPENING OF THE CHURCH

Mike Alston

USHERS

April

Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill,
Thomas Bird, and Jay Revelle

May

Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren,
Mike Alston, and Kirk Peterson

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR

Bruce and Liz Brown

CAREGIVERS

March 26 - April 8

T.K. Warren, III

April 9-April 22

Judy Clark

April 23-May 6

Dave and Carol Farnham

NURSERY CAREGIVERS

April 2 - Mollie Madden

April 9 - Charlie Cole

April 16 - Sarah Davis

April 23 - Ed Snyder

April 30 - Sarah Davis

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

April 16 - Judy Clark

April 30 - Lynette Bunch

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL



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| April | 2 | Colon Ballance |
| April | 2 | Gibson Hill |
| April | 4 | Jane Ballance |
| April | 4 | Elaine Snyder |
| April | 5 | Lynne Moore |
| April | 7 | Hunter Brown |
| April | 10 | Karen Cavin |
| April | 10 | Joe Murray |
| April | 11 | Molly Brown |
| April | 11 | Sarah Davis |
| April | 12 | Liz Brown |
| April | 13 | Susan Benthall |
| April | 13 | Ben McLean |
| April | 14 | Elizabeth Brown |
| April | 14 | Thomas Hill |
| April | 18 | Clifton Joyner |
| April | 22 | Lauren McCormick |
| April | 22 | Lou Vann |
| April | 22 | Lynn Miles |
| April | 24 | Grace Harders |
| April | 28 | Lori Harders |
| April | 29 | Mariah Gallop |

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

BLESSINGS MINISTRY

FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, April 18 by 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

MBC FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring your selected food items before the last Monday of each month.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....Organist & Choir Director

TERESA MARTIN.....Administrative Asst.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 - 1:30

252-398-3613

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Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for March 2023

The financial statement for March 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.

	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$102,500.06
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$8,730.00	\$2,170.00	\$2,372.00	\$3,265.00	\$16,537.00	\$125,232.07
Other Income						
Over (Under)	\$4,787.69	(\$1,772.31)	(\$1,570.31)	(\$677.31)	\$1,485.36	\$22,732.01



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