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

Ushers for May:

Caregiver for April 9 - April 22:

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 Judy Claqrk Charlie Cole

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	$\mathbf{Wed}.$	Children's Team Meeting	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Choir Practice	6:00
Tues.	Deacons' Meeting	6:00		Bible Study	7:00

The church administrative office will be closed Monday, April 10.

Thank you to the congregation for filling eggs for the Easter egg hunt. The children had a great time.

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 175th Anniversary of Murfreesboro Baptist Church. Please join us for the 100th 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' 175th 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

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.

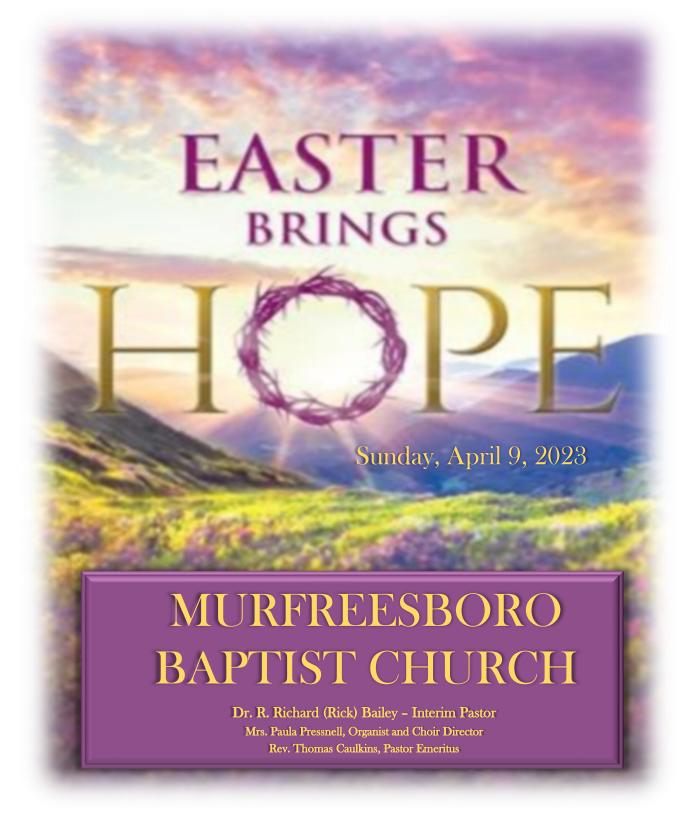
As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God's written word. We also practice believers' baptism, and at the end of each service, we invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. On the first Sunday of the month, 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. The color of the Easter season is white, symbolizing the newness of life we have in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Christ Is Risen, Allehua! arr. Albin C. Whitworth

PASCHAL GREETING

(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

Christ is risen!

The Lord has risen indeed!

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 197

We Welcome Glad Easter (verses 1 & 4).

ST. DENIO

We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose, and won a great victory over His foes.

Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,

bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

We think of the promise which Jesus did give:

"That he who believes in Me also shall live."

Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,

bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Bailey

(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

INVOCATION Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 194

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

Ms. Sarah Davis CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:14-15

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

Dr. Bailey CALL TO PRAYER

SILENT PRAYERS

Dr. Bailey CORPORATE PRAYER

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 214

The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Dr. Bailey OFFERTORY SENTENCE

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Low in the Grave He Lay Robert Lowry

*DOXOLOGY NO. 706

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100^{TH}

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.

Dr. Bailev *OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

John 11:23-27 GOSPEL READING

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

Rise Up! MESSAGE IN SONG Pepper Choplin

" I Am the Resurrection and the Life!" Dr. Bailey MESSAGE IN WORD

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 620

Because He Lives RESURRECTION

THE DIMINISHING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

Festive Postlude on Jesus Christ Is Risen Today POSTLUDE

Williams/McDonald

Please stay seated until the conclusion of the music.

*Denotes that the congregation may stand.