

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed in memory of Rosemary Thomas Royce by the Royce family.

### Using their Gifts to Serve in March

Deacon of the Month of April:	Lynette Bunch
April Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Bruce and Liz Brown
Opening of the Church in April:	Mike Alston
Ushers for April:	Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, Tommy Bird, and Jay Revelle
Ushers for May:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston, and Kirk Peterson
Caregiver for April 9 - April 22:	Judy Clark
Nursery Caregiver:	Sarah Davis

### This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Choir Practice	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Bible Study	7:00
Tues.	Food Bank of the Albemarle	1:30		175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting	7:00

**Local Mission Opportunity:** Joanie and Harvey Broglin are a local couple living near Murfreesboro, who are in need of assistance. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the church office or Booker Daniel. Donations are welcome. Please mark your donation by specifying Broglin family.

Children’s Church will meet today in the nursery.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, April 18. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

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-along 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, Mary Etta Flowers or T.K. Warren, III.

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 tomorrow, April 17, 2023.

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

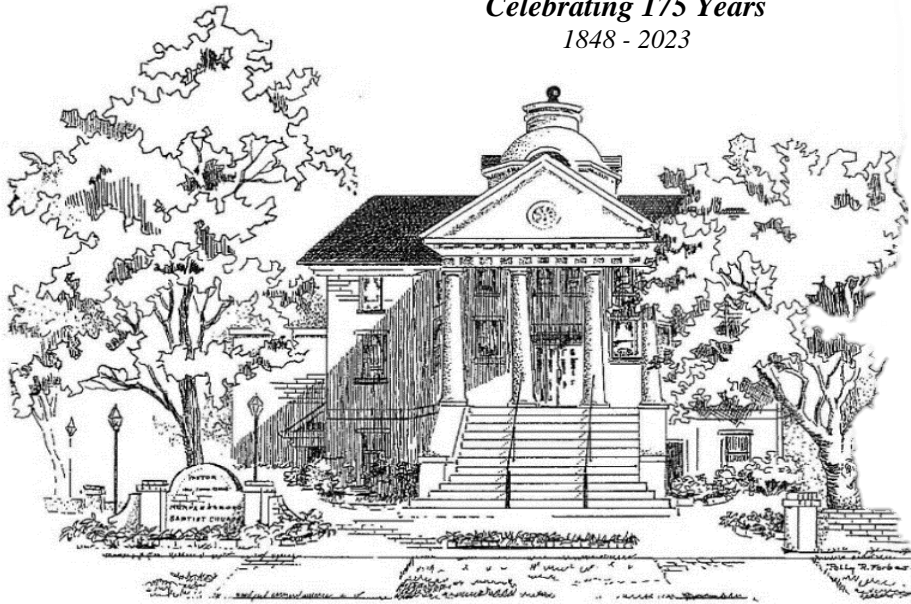
Phil Royce	Clif and Janet Collins	Bern Davenport	Tom and Ann Caulkins
	Doris Taylor	Randy and Cheryl Whitley	

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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

*Celebrating 175 Years  
1848 - 2023*



**Sunday, April 16, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

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

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>With High Delight Let Us Unite</i>	Henry Balcombe
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS		Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 392		
<i>Open Our Eyes</i>		OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him,  
and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes,  
Lord, we want to see Jesus.

*O God, prepare us, through the active presence of your Holy Spirit, to come before you worthily and ask of You rightly. Enlighten our understanding, purify our every desire, encourage our wills to instant obedience to your Word, strengthen every right purpose, direct this hour of worship to the magnifying of Your name, and to the enduring good of us your children and servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Bailey

(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

We read that we are to trust you and not our own logic.

**We need Your help to enlarge our faith and trust!**

We read in scripture that You are “the Way, the Truth and the Life”, yet we keep relying on our own strength, wondering why we struggle.

**As we gather here today forgive us of our stubbornness and willful disregard to Your counsel. Give us ears to not only hear but to listen to Your Spirit as He speaks to our hearts today!**

INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 622

*He Lives*

ACKLEY

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:5-6

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. 640

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Blessed Assurance*

Knapp/Hayes

\*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 14:1-6

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

MESSAGE IN SONG

*The Way*

Pat Barrett

MESSAGE IN WORD

"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life!"

Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 384

*Speak to My Heart*

HOLCOMB

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Lancashire"*

Smart/Payne

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. The color for the Easter season is white, symbolizing the newness of life we have in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.