

Using their Gifts to Serve in May

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

Ushers for June:

Caregiver for May 7-20:
Nursery Caregiver:

Mary Etta Flowers
Garth and Erin Faile
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Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston,
and Kirk Peterson
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce
Brown, and Hunter Brown
Mary Etta Flowers
Charlie Cole

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 Worship	10:00 11:00	Tues. Food Bank of the Albemarle Wed. Choir Practice Bible Study	1:30 6:00 7:00
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The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, May 16. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30.

The church administrative office will close on Friday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. If you need assistance, please call any deacon of the church.

Please have your chosen donations to the Church Food Pantry delivered to the church by the 15th of each month.

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

On May 21 Murfreesboro Baptist Church will recognize the graduates of 2023. Please plan to join us.

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.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years
1848 - 2023



Sunday, May 14, 2023
Sixth 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 *Give of Your Best to the Master* Howard Grose
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 569
In Christ Alone (verse 1) IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

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.)

Throughout the ages, disciples have said, “I will follow you wherever you go.”
Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.
We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.
Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.
In times of struggle, we look to God for help.
Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.
Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.
Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.

INVOCATION Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 310
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

CHILDREN’S SERMON Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 16:7-12,15
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. 407
My Faith Looks Up to Thee OLIVET

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Jesus Loves Me with This Little Light of Mine* Arr. Faber
Mary Welch Gallop

*DOXOLOGY NO. 706
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH
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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 4:21-26; 5:1-26
The Word of the Lord,
Praise His Holy Name!

MESSAGE IN SONG *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Founds/Pethel

MESSAGE IN WORD "Be All You Can Be . . .
Living Up to Your Potential!" Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 491
Wherever He Leads, I'll Go FALLS CREEK

BENEDICTION Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE *Fanfare on an Original Theme* Gilbert M. Martin
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.