

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Garth and Erin Faile in honor and appreciation of Mary Etta Flowers and Teresa Martin.

Using their Gifts to Serve in May

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

Ushers for June:

Caregiver for May 21-June 3:
Nursery Caregiver:

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

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.

Radio Broadcast, 98.3
Worship

10:00
11:00

Wed.

Choir Practice

6:00

Children’s Church will meet today in the nursery.

VBS 2023 will be held on June 14, June 21. July 12, July 26, and August 9 from 5:45 to 7:30. The theme is *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light*. Our children will participate in music, crafts, Bible story, science, and recreation. Our children will learn to shine Jesus' light when life feels dark, when people don't get along, when good things happen, when people are sad, and when people need help. Meet Cosmo, Ringo, Luna, Sol, and Halley. Mark your calendars now.

The church administrative office will be closed on Friday, May 26 and Monday May 29. If you need assistance, please call any deacon of the church.

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.

In Memory of Doris Tittsworth Taylor: Dr. John and Sarah Davis, Garth and Erin Faile, Judy Clark, Linwood and Jane Taylor, Aldeen Gatewood, Sarah T. Davis, Lynette Bunch, Diane Dixon, and Hugh Davis

In Honor of Watson Harris: Mary Harris
In Memory of E.G. Brett: Katherine Brett
In Memory of Louise Copeland: Katherine Brett
In Memory of Rosemary Thomas Royce: Wayne and Shirley Brown

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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Contact us at:

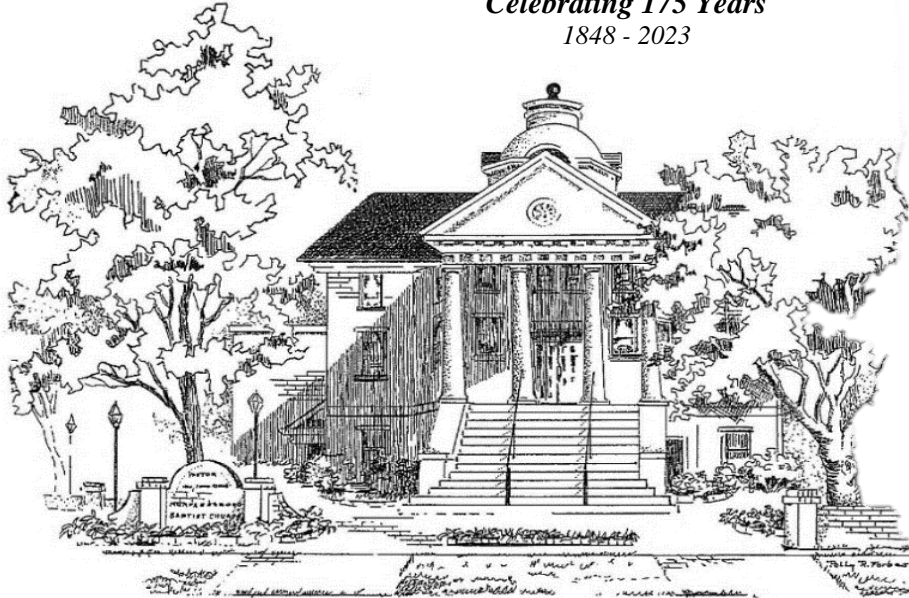
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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years
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Sunday, May 21, 2023
Ascension Sunday

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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 389

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.
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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.)

Are you awake? Are you alert?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?
Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.
Christ has extended the invitation:
let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 263

To Worship, Work and Witness

WEBB

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 7:9; Micah 6:6-8

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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

SILENT PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES

Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 387

God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us

GALILEE

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Mighty Is Our God

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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

GOSEPEL READING

Matthew 25:37-40

The Word of the Lord,
Praise His Holy Name!

MESSAGE IN SONG

We Have Come Into His House

Ballinger/Logan

MESSAGE IN WORD

"What Can I Tell You?"

Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 482

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

BENEDICTION

Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Taylor/Young

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.