



The Messenger

A Newsletter from
Murfreesboro Baptist Church
July 2023

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

...And so it was with Jesus!

Tony Campolo tells the story of a new recruit who went to boot camp at Paris Island, SC, hoping to become a Marine. He was one of those young men who seemed to be a bit out of step with the norm, and he easily became the subject of ridicule for those who enjoy picking on off-beat people.

In the particular barracks to which his young Marine was assigned, there was an extremely high level of meanness. The other young men did everything they could to make a joke of the new recruit and to humiliate him. One day, someone came up with the bright idea that they could scare the daylights out of this young man by dropping disarmed hand grenade onto the floor and pretending it was about to go off. Everyone else knew about this and they were all ready to get a big laugh!

The hand grenade was thrown into the middle of the floor, and the warning was yelled, "It's a live grenade, it's a live grenade! It's about to explode!"

They fully expected that the young man would get hysterical and perhaps jump out of a window. Instead, the young Marine fell on the grenade, hugged to his stomach, and yelled to the other men in the barracks, "Run for your lives! Run for your lives! You'll be killed if you don't!"

The other Marines froze in stillness and shame. They realized that the one they had scorned was the only one ready to lay down his life for them.

And so it was with Jesus!

Thanks be to God
For the Life of

Doris Tittsworth Taylor

December 21, 1930 – May 6, 2023

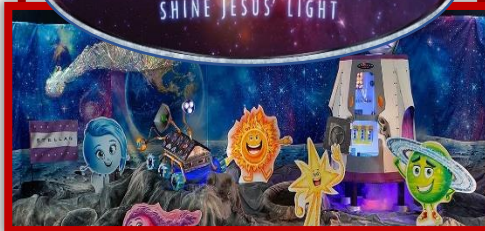


PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sat., August 5 8 am-10 am

Please join us once again as we host the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, August 6 from 8 until 10 a.m. Tickets are available from any Deacon and at the church office. (\$10.00 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.) Also, we need volunteers. If you would like to assist with cooking, serving, or helping with clean-up, please contact the church office at 398-3613. We look forward to seeing you for a delicious breakfast and wonderful fellowship.

Vacation Bible School



**Wednesday, July 12,
Wednesday, July 26,
and
Wednesday, August 9
5:45 to 7:30 pm**

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!

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It is hard to believe that we are only a few months away from October and the start of a new church year, but it is that time. One key part of these preparations, as you've found in this newsletter, is the election of four new deacons. Another key part is the work of the Personnel, Finance, and Nominating Committees. In the month of July, these committees will meet on the following dates:

Personnel Committee

Wednesday, July 5 at 6:00

(Charlie Aycock, Mike Alston,
Frances Cole, Carole Farnham,
Jennifer Taylor, and Lynette Bunch)

Finance Committee

Thursday, July 13 at 6:00

(Wayne Brown, Charlie Cole, Liz
Brown, Sally Surface,
David Farnham)

If you are unable to meet with your committee at the times listed above, please contact the Church Office. Thank you all for your willingness to serve our church.

Thanks be to God
For the Life of

Rosemary Thomas Royce

January 2, 1941 – April 3, 2023

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY



- July 7 Charlotte Cole
- July 9 Yvonne Warren
- July 11 Frances Cole
- July 11 Jeff Llewellyn
- July 12 Mary Welch Gallop
- July 12 Linda Hassell
- July 16 Ronnie Coltrain
- July 18 Sarah Tinkham
- July 20 Steve Harders
- July 31 Lynette Bunch

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

THANK YOU Lynette Bunch and Volunteers

The Backpack Buddies program providing food to Hertford County School children for the weekend away from school has come to an end for the summer. Many thanks to Lynette Bunch for organizing the weekly deliveries, and all of the volunteers who delivered packets of food to Riverview School during the school year. This program assures children in need receive nourishment weekends when not at school.

God Bless,
Tommy Bird

UPCOMING DATES

- July 3 Church Office Closed
- July 4 Holiday - Church Office Closed
- July 5 Personnel Committee Meeting
- July 11 Deacons' Meeting
- July 12 Vacation Bible School
- July 13 Finance Committee Meeting
- July 18 Food Bank of the Albemarle
- July 26 Vacation Bible School
- July 28 Deadline For Name Removal From Deacon Elections
- July 31 MBC Food Pantry
- Aug. 5 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- Aug. 8 Deacons' Meeting
- Aug. 9 Vacation Bible School
- Aug. 15 Food Bank of the Albemarle



APPLY FOR A COLLEGE Scholarship ROBERT E, LEE, III SCHOLARSHIP AND DR. BRUCE E. WHITAKER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted for two scholarships available to Murfreesboro Baptist Church Members and their children. The Robert E. Lee, III Scholarship is awarded to Chowan University Students. The Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker Scholarship is awarded to students attending any institution of higher education, with a preference toward those studying at Chowan. Applications are available in the church office and must be completed by July 31. The finance committee will award the scholarships and notify the recipients.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE

DEACON OF THE MONTH Tommy Bird

OPENING OF THE CHURCH Colon Balance and Wayne Brown

USHERS July

Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen, Bob Lee, Hunter Brown

August

Colon Ballance, Armondo Torres, Charlie Cole, Garth Faile

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR T.W. and Debbie Hill

CAREGIVERS

- June 18 - July 1 Sara Frances Hill
- July 2 - July 15 Booker Daniel
- July 16 - July 29 Garth and Erin Faile
- July 30 - August 12 Charlie & Dell Aycock

NURSERY CAREGIVERS

- July 2 Mollie Madden
- July 9 Charlie Cole
- July 16 Sarah Davis
- July 23 Ed Snyder
- July 30 Sarah Davis

SANTUARY FLOWERS

- July 2 The Cole Family
- July 9 Sarah Davis
- July 16 Available
- July 23 Available
- July 30 Available



It is time once again for our church to begin its important and yearly work of selecting four new deacons to serve as shepherds of our congregation. Along with this month's copy of the newsletter, you have received a list of those who are eligible to serve as a deacon. If you do not see your name listed and believe that you should be eligible, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can make sure you are added.

Additionally, if see your name on the list and would like to be removed from consideration, please call or email the church office. However, before you do so, I encourage you to spend some time in prayer and reflection. Please do not remove yourself from consideration simply because you do not want to serve.

Being elected as a deacon is not only a high honor and an opportunity to serve your church, it is also an indication that your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ have seen God's work in you and that they have seen your willingness to do God's work. Therefore, hopefully you will make yourself open to this calling.

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES

FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

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

FOOD PANTRY

If you have committed to help us keep our pantry filled, please remember to bring twelve of your selected items to the church before the last Monday of each month. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you notes to the church were received in June from Chowan University.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL Organist & Choir Director

TOM CAULKINS Pastor Emeritus

TERESA MARTIN Administrative Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 - 1:30 252-398-3613 www.murfbc.org

The June financial statement 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.

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for June 2023

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$153,750.09
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$2,122.00	\$2,075.00	\$1,465.00	\$1,891.00	\$7,553.00	\$161,605.90
Other Income						
Over (Under)	(\$1,820.31)	(\$1,867.31)	(\$2,477.31)	(\$2,051.31)	(\$8,216.24)	\$7,855.81

Eligible For Deacon Elections

Deadline: Friday, July 28, 2023

If your name appears below, but you will be unable to complete a 3-year term as deacon (October 01, 2023 thru September 30, 2026), you must call the church office by 12:00 noon on Friday, July 28, 2023 to have your name removed.

Awuni, Jill	Lee, Ann	Currently Serving
Benthall, Susan	McLean, Ben	Susan Alston
Boyd, Heather	McLean, Peg	Colon Ballance (Rotating Off)
Brett, Kathy Copeland	Mitchell, Christina	Thomas Bird
Britt, J. W., Jr	Mitchell, Jennifer	Bruce Brown
Broadhead, Christopher	Moore, Danny	Wayne Brown
Broadhead, Genevieve	Moore, Hallie	Lynette Bunch
Brown, Hunter	Moore, Lynne	Charlie Cole
Brown, Sarah	Moore, South	Booker Daniel
Bunch, Mike	Murray, Margaret	Mary Etta Flowers (Rotating Off)
Bunch, Vanessa		Linda Hassell (Rotating Off)
Burgess, Brice	Peterson, Kirk	Bob Lee (Rotating Off)
Burgess, Kyleen	Piper, Tracey	T. K. Warren
Cavin, Karen	Rainey, Ed	
	Rainey, Verlie	
Davis, Sarah	Revelle, Elicia	Not Eligible Until 2024
Day, David, III	Revelle, John Page	
Dilday, Mabel	Royce, Philip	Mike Alston
Dixon, Diane		Ronnie Coltrain
	Sumner, Chris	Rachel Peterson
Faile, Erin	Sumner, Leslee	Jay Revelle
Faile, Garth	Surface, Sallie	
Forbes, Lisa		
Forbes, Tommy	Taylor, Gerald	
Fowler, Sandra	Taylor, Jennifer	
Fowler, Steve	Thomas, Hal	Not eligible Until 2025
	Thomas, Kay	
Gallop, Charlie	Torres, Bardin	Colon Ballance
Gallop, Mariah	Torres, Christina	Mary Etta Flowers
Gatewood, Aldeen	Torres, Pat	Linda Hassell
	Trent, Daynelle	Bob Lee
Harders, Lori	Turner, Bob	
Harders, Steve		
Hassell, Alice	Vincent, Janet	
Hill, Debbie		
Hill, Carol	Warren, Yvonne	
Hill, Sara Frances	White, Travis	
T.W. Hill		
Johnson, Don		
Johnson, Lynn		
Joyner, Patty		

Come Join Us...

For a Delicious Breakfast & Fellowship!

*Anyone wishing to volunteer to cook, serve, or help with clean up,
please contact the church office at 398-3613.*



Pancake And Sausage



Breakfast



Saturday, August 5, 2023

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Eat-In or Take-Out

Adults....\$10

Children 12 & Under.....\$5

Get Your Tickets From Any Deacon and in the Church Office

Tickets Available In Advance and At The Door!

Breakfast Located in Church Fellowship Hall

Murfreesboro Baptist Church
200 West Main Street
Murfreesboro, N. C. 27855

Return Service Requested

