



WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

New Visions . . .

Matt. 6:1, 5-8

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

We all need to understand that prayer - speaking . . . having a conversation with, God, is something we do more in our private times of "worship," and that's where we need to focus our attention. In doing so we can perhaps discover again, for the first time, that the key to vibrant and growing discipleship is remembering what the lad in the following story discovered!

A father watched through the kitchen window as his small son attempted to lift a large stone out of his sandbox. The boy couldn't get enough leverage to lift the rock over the side. Finally, he gave up and sat on the edge of the sandbox with his head in his hands.

"What's wrong, Son? Can't you lift that rock out?" the dad asked. "No, sir," the boy said, "I can't do it." "Have you used all the strength that's available to you?" the father asked. "Yes, sir," the boy replied.

"No, you haven't," the father said. "You haven't asked me to help you."

Have a wonderful summer and time away, but remember that the ministries of MBC continue! Don't forget to pray for and support each other during these summer months!

Blessings,
Rick

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Joanie and Harvey Broglin are a local couple living near Murfreesboro. Mr. Broglin lost his job in January, due to failing vision. He has been diagnosed by Services for the Blind with cataracts which can be removed but not until this summer because of scheduling. Currently they have no transportation. Joanie expressed an interest in coming to church here and so far, Booker has been able to bring her.

With no current income, they continue to have ongoing monthly needs. Harvey has applied for SS disability, but this is a lengthy process. Help with rent, utilities are also of concern.

If you feel led to reach out to them, please contact the church office or Booker Daniel at 252-396-1836. Donations can be offered by specifying Broglin family on your check or offering envelope.

Thank you for helping with this local need.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you are interested in placing
Flowers

**in the
Sanctuary**

on any given Sunday, please call the church office to reserve a date.
398-3613



Vacation Bible School



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!

UPCOMING DATES

June 4	Communion
June 13	Deacons' Meeting
June 14	VBS
June 18	Father's Day
June 20	Food Bank of the Albemarle
June 21	VBS
June 26	MBC Food Pantry
July 4	Administrative Office Closed
Aug. 5	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

MUSIC MINISTRY

As we approach the summer months and our choir takes a well deserved break in July and part of August, I'd like to thank each choir member for being so loyal and faithful to the church's music ministry. You inspire all of us!

Please consider attending these free concerts at Lasker Baptist Church featuring Dr. Charles Hulin and other Christian musicians. Dr. Hulin graduated with music degrees from Peabody Conservatory and Juilliard, and his father's last pastorate was at Lasker Baptist.

LASKER SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023 SCHEDULE

- **Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 P.M.●**
Chapel Service and Concert
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Zachary Tackett and a performance of Bach's Goldberg Variations by Pianist Thomas Ingui
 - **Saturday, June 3 at 7:30 P.M.●**
An Evening of Jazz with the David Esleck Trio
 - **Sunday, June 4 at 2:30 P.M.●**
Flutist Jeremy McEntire and Pianist Charles Hulin joined by Festival Musicians to present Symphonia Spiritus
- All events take place at Lasker Baptist Church and are free and open to the public.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Happy Birthday

June 5 Michael Wollan

June 6 Charlie Gallop

June 7 Alexandra Miles

June 15 Jay Jenkins

June 15 Gerald Taylor

June 17 Cliff Forbes

June 18 Jill Awuni

June 19 Vanessa Bunch

June 19 Steve Fowler

June 23 Linda White

June 25 Landon Burgess

June 26 Ciera Cox


June 27 Tom Caulkins

June 27 Dean Lawson

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

APPLY FOR COLLEGE Scholarships

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.

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, June 20 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 15th of each month. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN JUNE

DEACON OF THE MONTH
Booker Daniel

OPENING OF THE CHURCH
Tommy Bird

USHERS
June
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, Hunter Brown
July
Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen, Bob Lee, Hunter Brown

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR
Jay and Elicia Revelle

CAREGIVERS
May 21 - June 3 Lisa Forbes
June 4 - 17 Lynette Bunch
June 18 - July 1 Sara Frances Hill

NURSERY CAREGIVERS
June 4 Mollie Madden
June 11 Charlie Cole
June 18 Sarah Davis
June 25 Ed Snyder

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
June 2 Available
June 11 Available
June 18 Available
June 25 Jay and Elicia Revelle

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

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for May 2023						
	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$122,211.61
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$5,985.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,490.00	\$2,118.00	\$12,193.00	\$154,052.90
Other Income						
Over (Under)	\$2,042.69	(\$1,342.31)	(\$2,452.31)	(\$1,824.31)	(\$3,576.24)	\$31,841.29

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