

# Using their Gifts to Serve in July

Deacon of the Month of July:	Tommy Bird
July Radio Ministry Sponsor:	T.W. and Debbie Hill
Opening of the Church in July:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for July:	Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen, Bob Lee, and Hunter Brown
Ushers for August:	Colon Balance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Caregiver for July 2 – July 15:	Booker Daniel
Nursery Caregiver:	Mollie Madden

## This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 Worship	10:00 11:00	Wed. Personnel Committee Meeting	6:00
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The church administrative office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 & 4.

The Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. (Charlie Aycock, Frances Cole, Lynette Bunch, Carole Farnham, Jennifer Taylor, and Mike Alston)

VBS 2023 will be held on 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.

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, July 13 at 6:00. (Wayne Brown, Charlie Cole, Liz Brown, Sallie Surface, and David Farnham).

Sunday, July 16, 23, and 30 is available if anyone is interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Please call the church office to schedule a date.

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:*

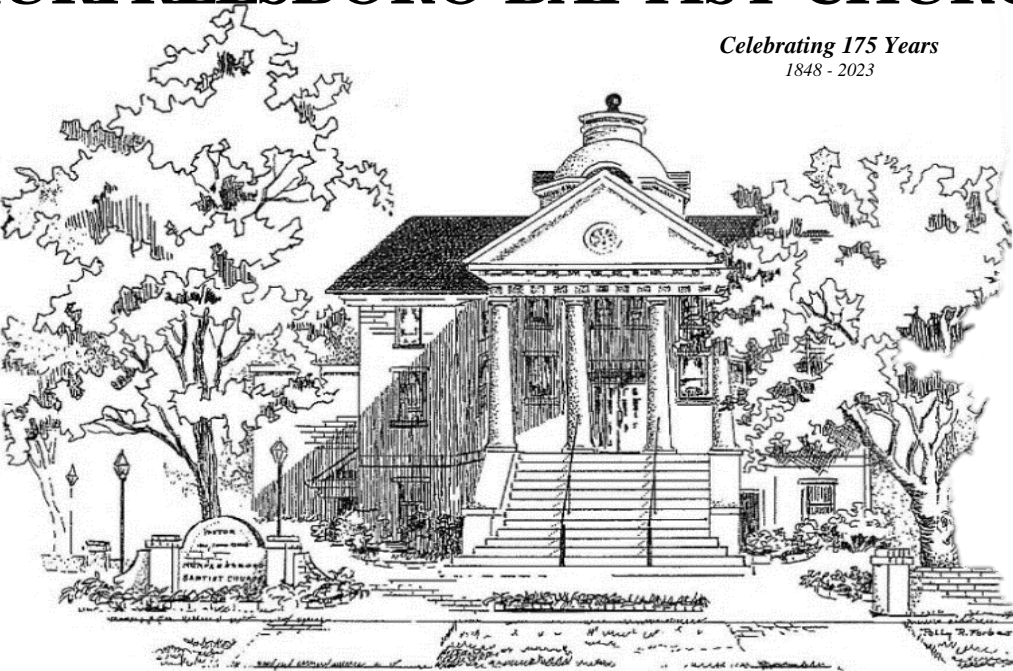
Phil Royce    Clif and Janet Collins    Bern Davenport    Tom and Ann Caulkins    Randy and Cheryl Whitley

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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

*Celebrating 175 Years*  
1848 - 2023



Sunday, July 2, 2023  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS		Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 44		
	<i>O My Soul, Bless God the Father</i> (verses 1 & 6)	STUTT GART

O my soul, bless God the Father; all within me bless His name;  
Bless the Father, and forget not all His mercies to proclaim.  
Bless the Father, all His creatures, ever under His control,  
All throughout His vast dominion; bless the Father, O my soul.

*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.)

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.  
**Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.**  
The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.  
**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!**

INVOCATION Dr. Bailey

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 701  
*My Country 'Tis of Thee* AMERICA

CHILDREN’S SERMON Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:8-9  
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  
  
\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 702  
*America the Beautiful* MATERNA

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY *Bless His Holy Name* Crouch/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

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 8:31-36; 2 Peter 2:17-19  
The Word of the Lord;  
**Praise His Holy Name**

MESSAGE IN SONG *Statue of Liberty* Neil Enloe  
Dr. Rick Bailey, bass

MESSAGE IN WORD "What Are You Going to Do With Freedom?" Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP  
\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 697  
*This Is My Song* FINLANDIA

BENEDICTION Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* Americana Folk Song  
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. We are currently in the season of Pentecost. The color for the season is green, symbolizing the growth we experience as disciples of Christ Jesus.