

Using their Gifts to Serve in July

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

Ushers for August:

Caregiver for July 16 – July 29:
Nursery Caregiver:

Tommy Bird
T.W. and Debbie Hill
Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen,
Bob Lee, and Hunter Brown
Colon Balance, Armando Torres,
Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Garth and Erin Faile
Sarah Davis

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Tues.	Food Bank of the Albemarle	2:30
	Worship	11:00	Thurs.	Nominating Committee Meeting	6:00

Please welcome Dr. Dennis Bazemore to the Pulpit this morning.

Sunday, July 30, we are excited to announce a trial sermon featuring a potential new pastor for Murfreesboro Baptist Church and we will have a called Church Conference immediately following worship service to vote on the candidate as our next pastor. Please make every effort to attend.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, July 18. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

The Nominating Committee will meet on Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. (Mariah Gallop, Sara Frances Hill, Debbie Hill, and Jay Revelle)

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will host its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, August 5 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available from any deacon or at the church office. Proceeds will benefit Backpack Buddies.

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held after worship service on Sunday, August 13 for Deacon Elections.

VBS 2023 will be held on 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.

Sunday, August 6 and 13 are 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.

In Memory of Clifton “Clif” Shell Collins: Judy Clark, Sarah T. Davis, Garth and Erin Faile, Colon and Jane Ballance, Dr. and Mrs. John Davis, Hugh Davis, and David and Carole Farnham

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

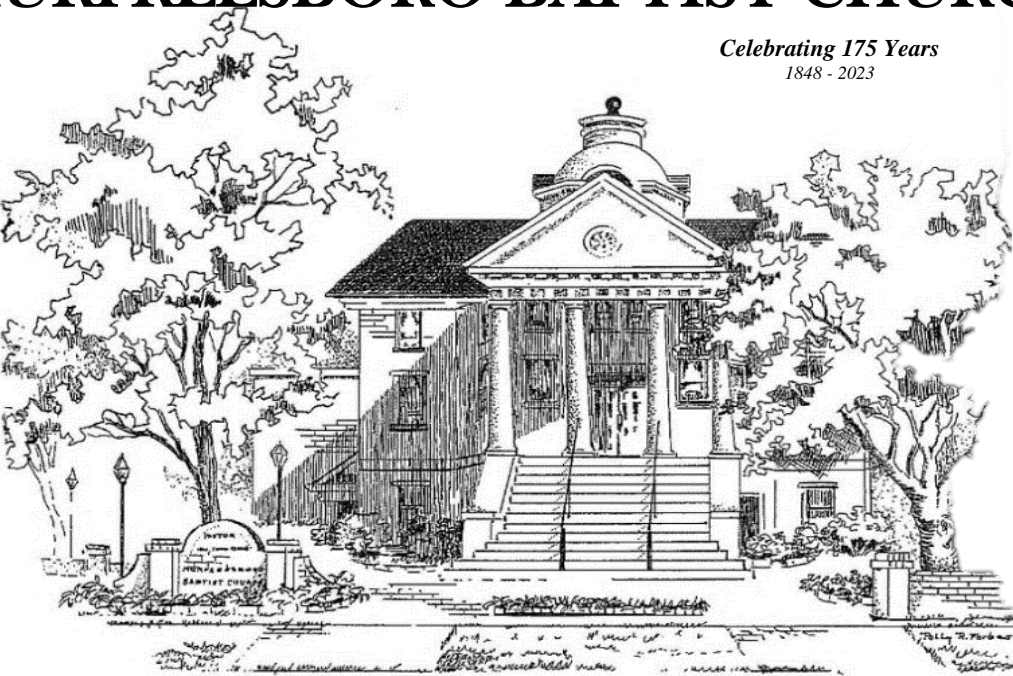
Phil Royce Janet Collins Bern Davenport Tom and Ann Caulkins Randy and Cheryl Whitley

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years
1848 - 2023



Sunday, July 16, 2023
Seventh 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 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus George Webb

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 268
The Bond of Love SKILLINGS

We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God; we are one in the bond of love.

Let us praise Jesus Christ the Son, praise Him now for the work begun.
Let us join our hands that the world may know we are one in the bond of love.

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
(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

Dr. Bazemore

Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God’s steadfast love for us.
For God gives ear to our words; God listens to the sound of our cries.

Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.
For God is our shield, our protection at all times.

Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!
For God is surely in this place! Let us now worship God, our Heavenly Father!

INVOCATION

Dr. Bazemore

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 640
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Haggai 1:2-8, 14, 2:1-5

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

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Bazemore

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 345
When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bazemore

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

arr. Mark Hayes

*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. Bazemore

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9

The Word of the Lord;
Praise His Holy Name

MESSAGE IN SONG

How Beautiful

Jim Wiggins, tenor

Twila Paris

MESSAGE IN WORD

" Called to Build Up "

Dr. Bazemore

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 633
All the Way My Savior Leads Me

ALL THE WAY

BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

POSTLUDE

Victory in Jesus

E. M. Bartlett

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.