

The flowers are given by Dr. and Mrs. John H. Davis, Sarah T. Davis, and Hugh H. Davis to the glory of God, with gratitude for the many years of servant ministry of Dr. and Mrs. R. Hargus Taylor, and with fond memories of their Fourth of July celebrations.

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:	Charlie Cole

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Vacation Bible School	5:45 – 7:30
	Worship	11:00	Thurs.	Finance Committee Meeting	6:00
Tues.	Deacons’ Meeting	6:00			

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service For Clifton “Clif” Shell Collins will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 10:00 am at the Riverside Cemetery, Murfreesboro, NC, with Rev. Rick Bailey officiating.

Sunday, July 30, we are excited to announce a trial sermon featuring a potential new pastor for Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We encourage all to attend. Please mark your calendar.

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. (Wayne Brown, Charlie Cole, Liz Brown, Sallie Surface, David Farnham, Don Johnson, Patty Joyner, and Thomas Bird)

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.

Sunday, July 16, 23, 30, 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 Doris Tittsworth Taylor: Larry and Paula Pressnell

In Memory of David Alexander Day, III: Judy Clark, Diane Dixon, Eley Whitehead, and Edward P. and Sheila Banks

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

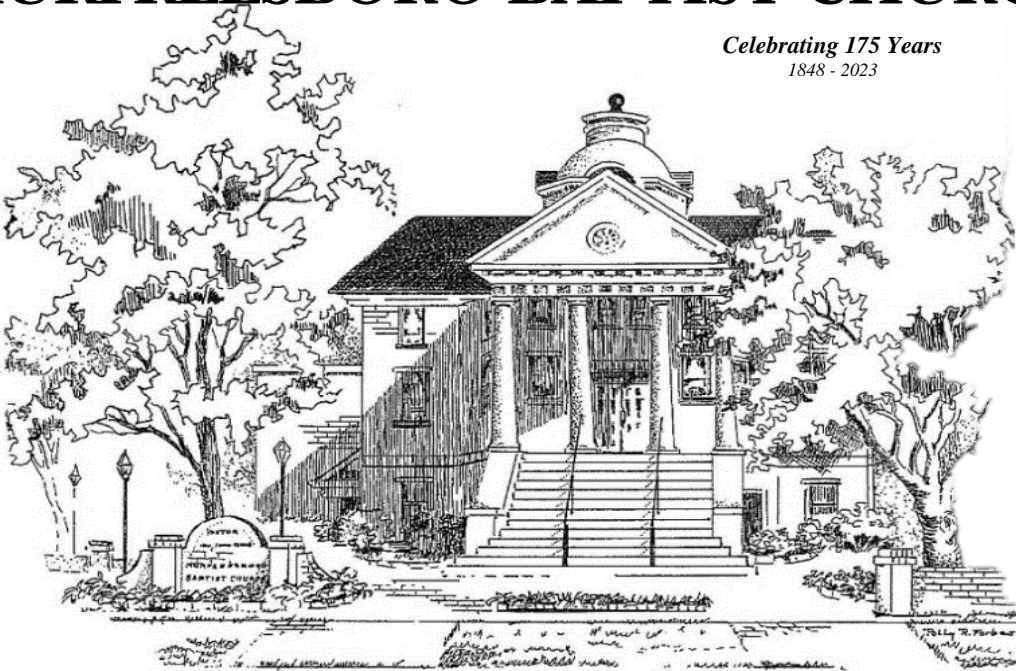
Phil Royce Janet Collins Bern Davenport Tom and Ann Caulkins Randy and Cheryl Whitley

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years
1848 - 2023



Sunday, July 9, 2023
Sixth 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>Let Others See Jesus in You</i>	B. B. McKinney
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS		Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 268	<i>The Bond of Love</i>	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 Dr. Bailey
(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

Jesus offers a new-old commandment, that we should love each other.
**With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth
of God's love for us we can, we must love one another.**
And it is in this our love for one another that the world will know whom and what we worship
**Come, children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, may our worship empower us to
love our neighbors as ourselves!**

INVOCATION Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 601 O HOW I LOVE JESUS
O How I Love Jesus

CHILDREN’S SERMON Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18
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. 281 BEECHER
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Lord, I Need You* arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY NO. 706 OLD 100TH
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
**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

GOSPEL READING John 13:31-35
The Word of the Lord;
Praise His Holy Name

MESSAGE IN SONG *The Lighthouse* Ronnie Hinson
DeAnna Presley, alto

MESSAGE IN WORD "A Root Beer and a Twinkie" Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 618 SAFETY
Love Lifted Me

BENEDICTION Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE *Let There Be Joy* Beatrice Miller
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.