

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed in memory of Fletcher Pierce by Bruce and Liz Brown.

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
Ed Snyder

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun. Radio Broadcast, 98.3
Worship

10:00
11:00

Wed. Vacation Bible School

5:15 – 7:30

Saturday, July 29 Murfreesboro Baptist Church will host a Meet and Greet Reception for the potential new pastoral candidate from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Please plan to attend.

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 church administrative office will be closed on Friday, July 29.

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: Janet Vincent, Ben and Valerie Sutton, and Lynette Bunch

In Memory of Raymond Carson Benthall: Janet Vincent

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce

Janet Collins

Bern Davenport

Tom and Ann Caulkins

Randy and Cheryl Whitley

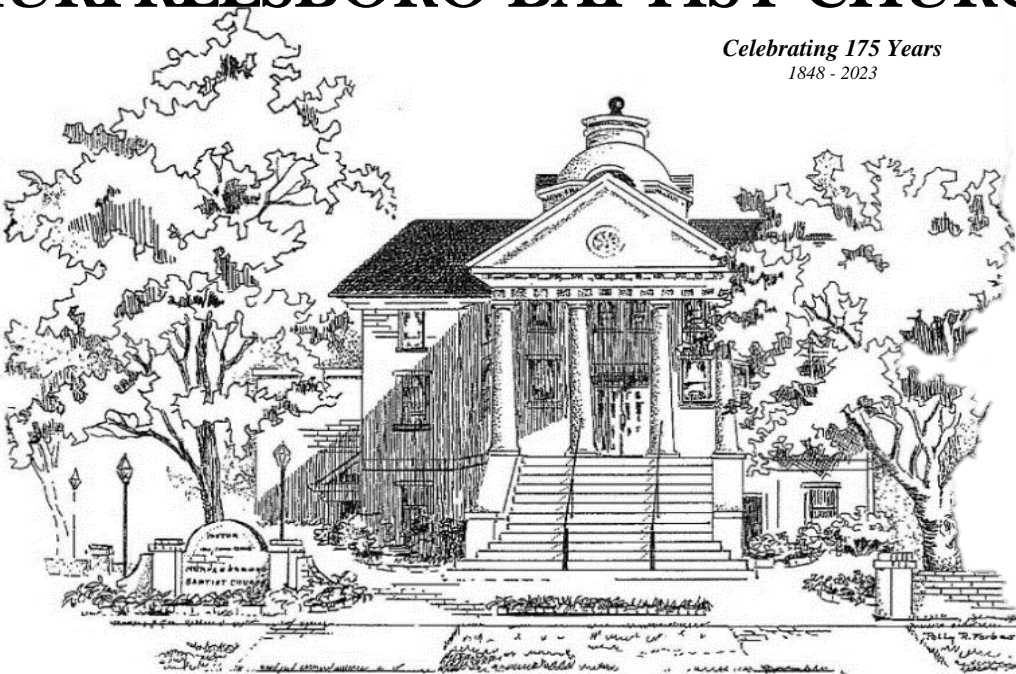
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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years
1848 - 2023



Sunday, July 23, 2023
Eighth 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

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 436

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

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.)

Why have you come to this place?
We have come to find Jesus.
Why have you come today?
We are tired in body and spirit.
Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.
We are hungry with nothing to eat.
Come and eat your fill.
But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.
There is plenty for all.
Will we find wholeness here?
Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 354
Praise Him! Praise Him!

JOYFUL SONG

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 4:42-44; Zechariah 4:10

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

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

Matthew 18:19-20

Dr. Bailey

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 431
Jesus Is Lord of All

LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Soon and Very Soon

Crouch/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. Bailey

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-14

The Word of the Lord;
Praise His Holy Name

MESSAGE IN SONG

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Leslie Jernigan, soprano

MESSAGE IN WORD

"Don't Discount the Small Stuff!"

Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 484
The Love of Jesus Calls Us

ANGEL'S STORY

BENEDICTION

Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

Priscilla Owens

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.