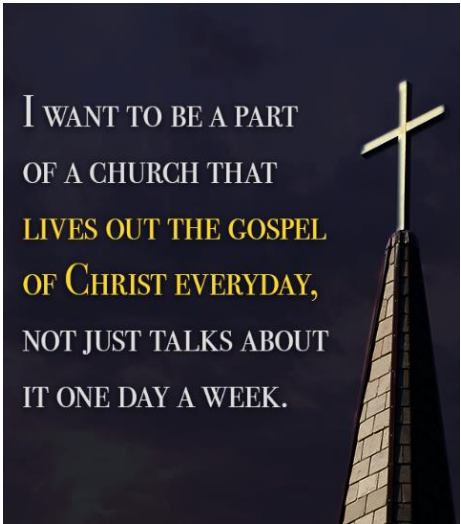




The
Messenger
A Newsletter from
Murfreesboro Baptist Church
August 2023

WORDS FROM PASTOR

NEW VISIONS...



How would you respond to the text in the picture on the left???

How about this quote - *Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words.* (St. Francis)

Let me share with you another quote from *Letters from the Desert* by Carlo Carretto that was printed in *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants* (Upper Room).

Jesus was himself the carrier of the message; he was at the same time the Supreme Intelligence, capable of devising the best way of making himself understood, and of carrying out the divine plans.

Well, what did he do? He did not open hospitals or found orphanages. He became flesh, lived among people and he embodied the Gospel message in its entirety, Coepit facere . . . He began to act.

He lived his message before he spoke of it. He preached it by his life before explaining it in words. This was Jesus' method and we too easily forget it. In many cases catechesis [oral instruction i.e. sermons] is reduced to words rather than to 'life,' to discussions rather than to the pursuit of Christian living.

And here, perhaps, is the reason for the poor results, and still more, the reason for so much of the apathy and indifference among Christians today. Teaching is ineffective because it is not life-centered; there is no life because there is no example; there is no example because empty words have taken the place of faith and charity.

"I want to preach the Gospel with my life," Charles de Foucauld [19th century French Catholic priest who lived with the Tuareg nomads of the Saharan interior of North Africa] often said. He was convinced that the most effective method of preaching the Gospel was to live it. Especially today, people no longer want to listen to sermons. They [Those OUTSIDE the church] want to see the Gospel in action. [My emphasis].

Blessings, *Rick Bailey*

Church
DEACONS
ELECTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Deacon elections will be held on Sunday, August 13, 2023. Included in this newsletter is a list of members that are eligible. Currently serving deacons, staff members, spouses of current deacons, and members who have been off the board fewer than two years are not included in the list. Please prayerfully consider who you will call to serve as a deacon for the next three years.

Pancake And Sausage
Breakfast
Saturday, August 5, 2021
8:00 A.M Until 10:00 A.M.
Eat-In or Take-Out
Adults....\$10 Children 12 & Under.....\$5
Tickets available in advance or at the door.
Breakfast Located in Church Fellowship Hall

Thanks be to God
For the Life of
Clifton "Clif"
Shell Collins
October 4, 1931 - July 20, 2023

Thanks be to God
For the Life of
David Alexander Day, III
July 10, 1937 - June 22, 2023

Vacation Bible School



Wednesday, August 9
5:15 to 7:30 pm

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

JOIN US FOR

Big Wednesday



With Potato Salad, Butterbeans, Deviled Eggs, Rolls, & Dessert **\$10⁰⁰ Per Plate**

We are excited to announce the return of Big Wednesday on September 6. This will be a time to once again to engage with our church family and connect with our community while enjoying a home cooked meal prepared by Mary Etta Flowers. Invite your neighbors, family, friends, and their children.

Please call the church office each month (398-3613) to make your reservations.

We look forward to seeing you.



Hello Everyone!

As you've noticed, our choir has taken a break for a little over a month, but rehearsals begin again on Wednesday night, August 16th, at 6:00! We will welcome anyone who would like to join us. We are a fun little group who enjoys singing, laughing and sharing prayer requests and concerns.

How many church newsletters quote Elton John? This one will! "Just the noise you make. The camaraderie..., it's such a life-affirming experience, singing in a choir." Won't you consider joining us in making a joyful, musical noise? We would love to have you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

MBC will once again collect school supplies for Hertford County Public Schools. Please place the school supplies in the box in the connector. Supplies will be delivered at the end of August to the local schools. Supplies needed are: notebook paper (wide ruled and college ruled), spiral notebooks (wide ruled and college ruled), composition notebooks, 3 ring binders, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, pencils (mechanical and traditional), pens (black or blue), markers, highlighters, pocket folders, backpacks (clear or mesh). Thank you.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Come Join Us!

KIDS' CLUB

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

RESUMES SEPTEMBER 6

Blessing of the Backpacks



Deacon Elections

Are Scheduled for Sunday, August 13, 2023

This insert is included in the August newsletter in keeping with our church by-laws regarding deacon elections. The by-laws require a letter informing the congregation of the date scheduled for deacon elections and the individuals in the congregation who are eligible to serve. This insert fulfills these requirements.

Please prayerfully consider the names on this list, asking the Holy Spirit’s guidance in discerning who among us has the spiritual gifts, sound judgement, and Christian character needed for leadership at this time in our church’s life. On August 13, we will call four church members to serve three-year terms as deacons. Church staff members, their families, spouses of currently serving deacons, and former deacons whose terms ended less than two years ago are not eligible and do not appear on this list.

Awuni, Jill

Boyd, Heather

Brett, Kathy

Copeland

Britt, J. W., Jr

Broadhead,

Christopher

Broadhead,

Genevieve

Brown, Hunter

Brown, Sarah

Bunch, Mike

Bunch, Vanessa

Burgess, Brice

Burgess, Kyleen

Cavin, Karen

Davis, Sarah

Dilday, Mabel

Forbes, Lisa

Forbes, Tommy

Fowler, Sandra

Fowler, Steve

Gallop, Charlie

Gallop, Mariah

Harders, Lori

Harders, Steve

Hill, Debbie

Hill, Carol

Lee, Ann

McLean, Ben

McLean, Peg

Mitchell, Christina

Mitchell, Jennifer

Moore, Danny

Moore, Hallie

Moore, Lynne

Moore, South

Piper, Tracey

Rainey, Verlie

Revelle, Elicia

Revelle, John Page

Royce, Philip

Sumner, Chris

Sumner, Leslee

Surface, Sallie

Taylor, Gerald

Taylor, Jennifer

Thomas, Hal

Thomas, Kay

Torres, Bardin

Torres, Christina

Torres, Pat

Trent, Daynelle

Turner, Bob

Vincent, Janet

Warren, Yvonne

White, Travis

Currently Serving

Susan Alston

Colon Ballance (Rotating Off)

Thomas Bird

Bruce Brown

Wayne Brown

Lynette Bunch

Charlie Cole

Booker Daniel

Mary Etta Flowers (Rotating Off)

Linda Hassell (Rotating Off)

Bob Lee (Rotating Off)

T. K. Warren

Not Eligible Until 2024

Ronnie Coltrain

Jay Revelle

Not eligible Until 2025

Colon Ballance

Mary Etta Flowers

Linda Hassell

Bob Lee

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN AUGUST

DEACON OF THE MONTH
Charlie Cole

OPENING OF THE CHURCH
Sarah Davis

USHERS
August
Colon Ballance, Armando Torres,
Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
September
Jay Revelle , Ronnie Coltrain,
Hal Thomas, Charles Gallop

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSORS
Charlie and Dell Ayock


COMMUNION
August 20,

CAREGIVERS
July 30- August 12
Charlie and Dell Aycock
August 13-26
Booker Daniel
August 27-September 9
Gertrude Revelle and Daynelle Trent

CHILDREN’S SERMON
Sarah Davis

FLOWERS
Aug. 6, Available
Aug. 13, Available
Aug. 20, Gene and Mary Etta Flowers
Aug 27, Available

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST



August 1

August 2

August 3

August 9

August 10

August 10

August 12

August 14

August 14

August 14

August 16

August 18

August 20

August 22

August 22

August 23

August 29

Caleb Peterson

Rusty Boyd

Gertrude Revelle

Rachel Peterson

Liam Ballance

Paula Pressnell

John Revelle, III

Lou Ann Gilliam

Barbara Myers

Elicia Revelle

Bardin Torres

Phil Royce

Lloyd Hill

Lisa Forbes

Nate Place

Mary Etta Flowers

Chris Torres

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

UPCOMING DATES

Aug. 5 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Aug. 8 Deacons’ Meeting

Aug. 9 Vacation Bible School

Aug. 13 Deacon Elections

Quarterly Conference

Aug. 16 Food Bank of the Albemarle

Aug. 20 Communion

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sept. 4 Office Closed for Labor Day

Sept. 6 Big Wednesday

Kids’ Club Resumes

Sept. 12 Deacons’ Meeting

Sept. 17 Children’s Church

Sept. 19 Food Bank of the Albemarle

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES

FOOD BANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

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

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

Church Office will be closed on
Monday, September 4
in observance of Labor Day

| Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for July 2023 | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | July 2 | July 9 | July 16 | July 23 | July 30 | Monthly Total | For the Year |
| Weekly Budget | \$3,942.31 | \$3,942.31 | \$3,942.31 | \$3,942.31 | \$3,942.31 | \$19,711.55 | \$173,461.64 |
| Weekly Tithes & Offerings | \$4,755.00 | \$2,455.00 | \$1,605.00 | \$2,354.00 | \$5,746.00 | \$16,915.00 | \$178,520.90 |
| Other Income | | | | | | | |
| Over (Under) | \$812.69 | (\$1,487.31) | (\$2,337.31) | (\$1,588.31) | \$1,803.69 | (\$2,796.55) | \$5,059.26 |

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