

Using their Gifts to Serve in August

Deacon of the Month of August:	Charlie Cole
August Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Charlie and Dell Aycock
Opening of the Church in August:	Sarah Davis
Ushers for August:	Colon Ballance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Ushers for September:	Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Hal Thomas, and Charlie Gallop
Caregiver for August 13 – August 26:	Booker Daniel

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Choir Practice	6:00
	Worship	11:00			
Tues.	Food Bank of the Albemarle	1:30			

Please welcome Ms. Ellen Minton, as our guest pianist for today.
A Special Congregational Meeting will be held after worship service today for Deacon Elections.

Thank you to Mary Etta Flowers for refreshments and Paula Pressnell for music for VBS this year. We had a different VBS with a small group but we all learned when to shine Jesus' light. When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light. When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light. When good things happen, shine Jesus' light. When people are sad, shine Jesus' light. When people need help, shine Jesus' light. Help us to shine Jesus' light always.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped sell tickets, cook and serve for the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. This year's event was one of the most successful fundraisers ever raising approximately \$3600.00. Proceeds will go to the Backpack Buddies food program with Hertford County Schools.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, August 15. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

Big Wednesday will resume September 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following September's Big Wednesday, Dr. Bailey will have a short devotional. Plates are \$10.00 each. Please call the church office (398-3163) each month to reserve your dinner reservation.

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.

Sunday, August 27 is available if anyone is interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Please call the church office to schedule a date.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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

In Memory of Charles Livingston Paul: Sarah T. Davis., Dr. and Mrs. John Davis, and Hugh Davis

In Memory of Clifton "Clif" Shell Collins: Wayne and Shirley Brown, Gertrude Revelle

In Memory of Doris Tittsworth Taylor: Wayne and Shirley Brown

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years
1848 - 2023



Sunday, August 13, 2023
Eleventh 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 *Amazing Grace* Shaw/Minton

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 362
I Love You, Lord I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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.)

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:
here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.
Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:
here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!
Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:
here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.
We gather together to worship God, who comes to us when we least expect it, who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives and invites us to join Him in the adventure of faith.
Let’s worship God together!

INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 355

We Praise Thee, O God

REVIVE US AGAIN

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I Kings 19:9-16

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 341

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Ellen Minton

*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

Matthew 14:22-33

The Word of the Lord;

Praise His Holy Name

MESSAGE IN SONG

Through a Mirror Dimly

Ellen Minton

MESSAGE IN WORD

"There Are Waves Out Here!"

Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 235

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

BENEDICTION

Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Ellen Minton

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.