

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Gene and Mary Etta Flowers in memory of her mother, Melba A. Ward.

Using their Gifts to Serve in August

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

Ushers for September:

Caregiver for August 13 – August 26:

Charlie Cole
Charlie and Dell Aycock
Sarah Davis
Colon Ballance, Armando Torres,
Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Hal Thomas,
and Charlie Gallop
Booker Daniel

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.

Radio Broadcast, 98.3
Worship

10:00
11:00

Wed.

Choir Practice

6:00

Today we are pleased to have the Blessing of the Backpack for our school children.

A special presentation for the Murfreesboro Baptist Church Robert E. Lee, III Scholarship will be held during worship service.

Last Sunday the congregation elected 4 church members to serve as deacon for a three-year term beginning on October 1, 2023. Please join us in congratulating Steve Fowler, Charlie Gallop, Debbie Hill, and Bardin Torres as well as alternates Sarah Davis and Ben McLean.

The church administrative office will be closed on Friday, August 25. If you need assistance, please contact deacon of the month, Charlie Cole or Deacon Chair, Tommy Bird.

Order forms for Murfreesboro Baptist Church T-Shirts are available in the church office. Deadline to place your order is August 31, 2023. Please make check payable to Murfreesboro Baptist Church

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, September 10, 17, and 24 dates are 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: Katherine Brett, Judy Clark, and Garth and Erin Faile

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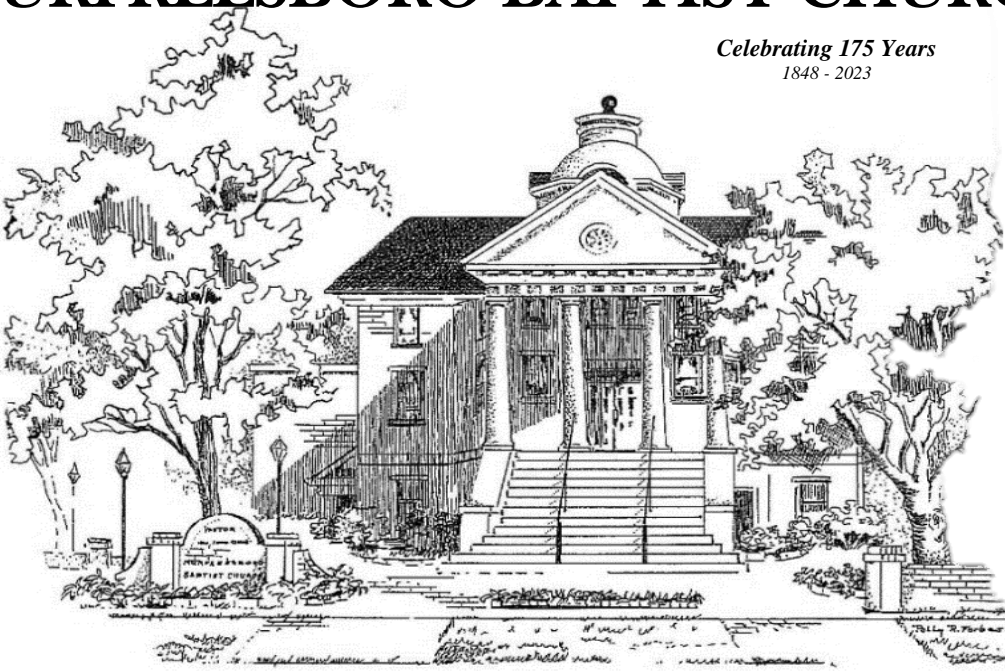
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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years
1848 - 2023



Sunday, August 20, 2023
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey – Interim Pastor

Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director

Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sunshine and Joy Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 326

How Majestic Is Your Name

HOW MAJESTIC

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise Your name; O Lord, we magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

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.)

Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

Let us worship together, the young and the old.

The good news is proclaimed in God’s words, and with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

Let us worship together, every generation.

We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, “Let the children come!”

Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope!

INVOCATION Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 306
Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (SEE INSERT) Ms. Sarah Davis / Dr. Bailey

ROBERT E. LEE, III SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO.603
Jesus Loves Me CHINA

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Let Us Break Bread Together* Spiritual/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

SCRIPTURAL MEDITATION Isaiah 43:1; I Corinthians 16:13-14

MESSAGE IN WORD Start Strong . . . Finish Stronger! Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

THE PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION Dr. Bailey

THE EPISTLE LESSON I John 1:5-2:2

SILENT MEDITATION AND PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, there are times when we all feel like victims—pawns in the powerplays which are so much a part of life these days. As usual, however, you look into our hearts and question what part we play in these power games. We know that in your eyes it is not social status, or wealth or reputation that count, and we confess how easily our lives can become enmeshed in such worldly values. You risked personal comfort and security when you reached out to those on the edge of your society, lepers and sinners—people whom others considered unclean.

Forgive us when we fail to meet your challenge to identify with those whom society would call worthless.

You showed us that the journey of discipleship is a journey into servanthood and powerlessness.

Forgive us for being tempted to pursue power and to favor competition over compassion. You, Lord, saw the good in everyone and showed us exactly what it means to be the servant of all, while too often we see others as rivals in the race for success, influence and popularity. “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Imprint these words on our hearts and put your living Spirit within us, we pray, so that we serve others and you with wisdom, understanding, love and compassion. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Micah 7:18-19

THE CHORAL ANTHEM
I Come With Joy/Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Lovelace/Potter

THE OBSERVANCE OF COMMUNION Diaconate / Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 589
At Calvary CALVARY

BENEDICTION Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* Glaser/Mason

Please stay seated until the conclusion of the music.

**Denotes that the congregation may stand.*