



# The Messenger

A Newsletter of

## Murfreesboro Baptist Church

May 2024

### FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The past several months have been a meaningful time in the life of our church. The Lenten season prepared us to remember Christ's life, teachings, suffering, and death in a deeper way. Our Easter celebration was just that as we celebrated Christ's resurrection with praise and proclamation, joy and jubilation. As the season of Eastertide has continued, we've thought together about what Jesus' resurrection means for and the difference it makes in our lives and our life together.

In the midst of all this, we had a wonderful Revival Sunday with Dr. Roger Gilbert as our guest preacher. I know you enjoyed and appreciated his messages and were blessed by them.

Eastertide continues for two more Sundays in May. The last Sunday of Easter (May 12) is also Ascension Sunday, when we'll be thinking together about the significance of the risen Jesus' ascending into heaven to be seated at the Father's right hand. The following Sunday (May 19) will be Pentecost Sunday, when we reflect on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church in Acts 2. We'll also share in Holy Communion that Sunday and recognize this year's high school graduates.

This will be a full month! Along with all these celebrations in worship, we'll also mark Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

Another important opportunity this month will be on Big Wednesday, May 1. Realizing how difficult health care decisions can be when parents are aging (or for individuals who have no spouse or children), our own Bob Lee, retired attorney, will present some valuable information on legal matters such as living wills or advanced directives, healthcare power of attorney, power of attorney for financial and other matters, etc.

As many of you may know from experience, having or not having these items in place makes a huge difference when a person becomes unable to make healthcare or other related decisions on their own. I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity and give your children or other potential caregiver a special gift by addressing these matters ahead of time.

Grace and peace,  
*Mark E. Gaskins*

### To the Congregation of Murfreesboro Baptist Church

Dear Congregation:

It was a special joy and honor to be with you for your revival emphasis the weekend of April 14. You were so warm and gracious to Deidra and me. Thank you for the way you welcomed us and made us feel at home. Thank you for the hospitality and care that you provided for us. We were very well fed and given very comfortable accommodations. You were so gracious and generous to us in every way.

We enjoyed the worship at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. You have a beautiful sanctuary and the atmosphere of worship was so meaningful. You are a very special church that is a blessing to the community.

Dr. Mark Gaskins is a longtime friend and I have great respect for him and his ministry across the years. I am thankful for your call of him as your pastor. I am confident he will continue to provide excellent leadership and ministry for you and the community and that you will be a powerful blessing to him and to JoAnn as they serve you and the Lord there in Murfreesboro.

Again, thank you for the joyous opportunity to worship and fellowship with you.

Grace and Gratitude,

Roger Gilbert

### MUSIC MINISTRY

On April 19-21, I attended my Salem College class reunion in Winston-Salem and had a terrific time! Thanks to Denise Futrell for playing for me on the 21st. Attending Salem was a true blessing in my life, and it was great to reconnect with old friends.

Every Sunday is special at Murfreesboro Baptist! On the first Sunday in May, the children will sing a beautiful song, and Calvin Carter will sing for us also! I thank God every day for our adult choir, children, our wonderful pastor and his wife, and our congregation. We are truly blessed.

*Paula Pressnell*

### UPCOMING DATES

- May 1 Big Wednesday
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 14 Deacons' Meeting
- May 19 Pentecost Sunday *Wear Red to Church*  
Communion  
Presentation of Graduate Bibles
- May 21 Food Bank of The Albemarle
- May 27 Memorial Day

### BIG WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Please call the church office to make your reservation. 332-3613



### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Please join us

## Sunday, May 19

as we recognize our 2024 graduates:

**Elizabeth Redding Brown**

**William Daniel Revelle**

### Congratulations

Elizabeth Redding Brown is the daughter of Hunter and Sarah Brown and granddaughter of Bruce and Liz Brown and T.W. and Debbie Hill. Elizabeth is graduating from Ridgcroft School and planning to attend the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.

William Daniel Revelle is the son of Jay and Elicia Revelle and grandson of John Page and Barbara Revelle. Will is graduating from Ridgcroft School and planning to attend Pitt Community College, Greenville, NC.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- May 1 Kids' Club 6:30-7:15
- May 5 Children Sing Butterfly Song in Church
- May 8 Kids' Club Celebration  
Meet at Church ast 6:00 and go to Murfreesboro Creamery.

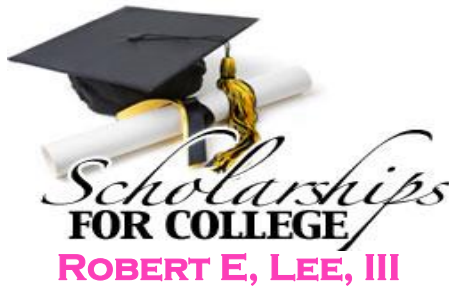
### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS 2024 will be held 9:30 am-12 noon July 22-26. This year's theme is Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God. The memory verse is Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." Children from age 3 to the completion of fifth grade are welcome to attend. Dr. Mark Gaskins will provide the daily Bible study. Leaders for snacks, music, and crafts are already in place. Volunteers are needed to lead crews, lead recreation, or assist with crafts. What can you do to help MBC prepare for VBS 2024? 1. Volunteer to assist. 2. Invite members of the community to attend. 3. Pray for a successful week. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Sarah Davis know.

# SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you are interested in placing Flowers in the Sanctuary on any given Sunday...Please call the church office to reserve a date. 398-3613



## DR. BRUCE E. WHITAKER SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted for two scholarships available to Murfreesboro Baptist Church members and their children. The Robert E. Lee, III Scholarship is awarded to Chowan University Students. The Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker Scholarship is awarded to students attending any institution of higher education, with a preference toward those studying at Chowan. Applications are available in the church office and must be completed by July 31. The finance committee will award the scholarships and notify the recipients.

Dear Members of Murfreesboro Baptist Church,

Please accept my sincere thanks for all of the wonderful well wishes and gifts in honor of Administrative Assistants Day. I truly enjoy working with and for each and every one of you. The kindness that you continue to show me is deeply appreciated and I feel fortunate to be a part of a church that truly cares about and supports its staff. You make me feel as if I'm not just an employee, but a part of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church Family, and for that I am grateful.

Blessings to you all,  
Teresa Martin



## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN MAY

### DEACON OF THE MONTH

Charlie Cole

### OPENING OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Garth Faile

### USHERS

#### May

Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren,  
Mike Alston, Jay Revelle

#### June

Don Johnson, Wayne Brown,  
Bruce Brown, Hunter Brown

### RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR

T.W. and Debbie Hill

### CAREGIVERS

#### April 21-May 4

Colon and Jane Ballance

#### May 5-May 18

Judy Clark

#### May 19-June 1

David and Carole Farnham

### NURSERY CAREGIVER

Patricia Torres

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

May 5, May 12, May 19, and May 26  
Dates are available to place flowers

Battle of the Books  
Team Members  
Harper Taylor, The Only Walker, Gates, Vaughan, Kimiko, Briar, Emma, Ashlynn, Victoria, Sophia, Sophie, Grace, Addison, W. Pierce, Chloe, Selwane.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for allowing Ridgcroft to host our Battle of the Books Competition at your beautiful church. The facility was just what we needed and it was such a blessing to be able to use it. All of the students had a wonderful day and the event was a total success. Thank you again for your generosity and know that you are appreciated!  
God Bless,  
Tori Tayloe  
Ridgcroft School

## CONGRATULATIONS MARY WELCH GALLOP...

whose Ridgcroft team won the Battle of the Books Competition for the elementary school group. Ridgcroft teams also won second and third place for the middle school group.

## Happy Mother's Day

May 12

Be faithful in remembering all of the women of God who have guided us in our faith. Mothers, grandmothers, and aunts who have nurtured us physically and Children's Ministers and Sunday school teachers and Pastors who have nurtured our spirits, let us be thankful for each and every one.



## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

- May 7 Heather Boyd
- May 8 Dot Combs
- May 10 Susan Alston
- May 10 Mike Bunch
- May 12 Nancy Peden
- May 14 Pat Torres
- May 15 Booker Daniel
- May 18 Peg McLean
- May 18 Hal Thomas
- May 20 Darren Piper

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

## FOODBANK

### OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed on May 21 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. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

## CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins

PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL..... ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR  
TOM CAULKINS..... PASTOR EMERITUS  
TERESA MARTIN..... ADMINISTRATIVE ASST

### Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for April 2024

	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21	Apr. 28	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$19,622.64	\$152,075.46
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$6,490.00	\$2,295.00	\$3,455.00	\$3,035.00	\$15,275.00	\$121,013.64
Other Income						
Over (Under)	\$1,584.34	(\$2,610.66)	(\$1,450.66)	(\$1,870.66)	(\$4,347.64)	(\$31,061.82)

Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 - 1:30

252-398-3613

Administrative Office will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day Holiday.

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