



The Messenger

Murfreesboro Baptist Church

September 2024

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

As summer comes to a close and we move into the fall, we have a lot going on at Murfreesboro Baptist Church!

On Wednesday, September 4, Big Wednesday will resume. Our meal will be at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal, instead of our regular Wednesday evening Prayer and Bible Study, Scott Setzer of Provision (formerly the North Carolina Baptist Foundation) will be with us to talk about how we can give to the Lord's work (through our church, missions, Chowan or other universities, or other charities) beyond our death through wise estate planning. This will complement the presentation Bob Lee gave us back in May about the legal documents we need to have in place (will, advanced directives, power of attorney, and health care power of attorney). I hope you'll be able to be here for the meal and the presentation.

On Sunday, September 15, we will be electing four deacons to serve for the 2024-2027 term. Please be in prayer about this important process. Deacons are to be spiritual and ministry leaders within our congregation, so it's vital that we prayerfully choose those whose character, gifts, and example fit them for this office. Earlier this year, we amended our bylaws to move the Deacon election from August to September so most folks would be back in place from their summer travels to participate in the voting. Remember that our bylaws do not allow for absentee or proxy voting; you must be present to vote. Please mark your calendar and make this a priority.

Then on Sunday, September 29, we will have a quarterly church conference at the end of the worship service to vote on the 2024-2025 MBC budget and the Nominating Committee's recommendations for officers, teachers, and committees. That day we'll also have a fellowship lunch following the service, along with our annual Ministry Fair where you will have the opportunity to sign up for various ministry teams and opportunities for the 2024-2025 church year. Please mark your calendar and plan to be here for this important day.

October will also bring some important events and opportunities as well, with World Communion Sunday on the 6th, a concert by the Reverent Quartet on the evening of the 13th, and a special worship service and fellowship lunch on the 20th culminating the festivities of the inauguration of Dr. Rosemary Thomas as the new President of Chowan University.

One other important date in October . . . We will be putting together a new pictorial church directory this fall. Photography for our members and friends is scheduled for October 21, with more details to come.

Grace and peace,

Mark E. Perkins



ELECTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Deacon elections will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2024. 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.

It's Back!
Wednesday, September 4
6:00 p.m.

BIG WEDNESDAY

Mary Etta's Menu



Fried Chicken

Served with Potato Salad, Butterbeans, Deviled Eggs, Rolls and Dessert

Adults... **\$10** Per Plate

Please call the church office to make your reservations.

Join Us Immediately Following Big Wednesday Dinner For A Presentation On

ESTATE PLANNING

Presented by Scott Setzer

from Provision

(Formerly NC Baptist Foundation)

We Cordially Invite You to A Special Musical Performance by



The Reverent Quartet

Gospel Recording Artists based out of Suffolk, VA.

Sunday, October 13
5:00 p.m.

Save the Date...

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

MINISTRY FAIR

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

The Church will provide the meat for the lunch and we ask that you please bring a covered dish or dessert.



Choir rehearsals are back in full force and we are enjoying praising God through music. I am grateful for each singer. We will all welcome new singers!

We have an exciting special music program on Sunday, October 13th at 5:00 in the Sanctuary, followed by light refreshments in the fellowship hall. The Reverent Quartet will be singing and leading us in an extremely uplifting service. You can find them on Facebook or at thereverentquartet.com. On the web site, go to the top of the home page, click music, and choose the third song, "I Want to Walk with My Lord." This will give you a great idea what they sound like and how blessed we will be. This is free and open to the public, so please invite friends and neighbors.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Paula Pressnell

For The Life Of
Peggy Copeland McLean

May 18, 1957 - August 14, 2024

Thanks Be To God.

**Kids' Club
Resumes**



Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 -7:15 pm.

All children from age 2 to 5th grade are welcome to attend. Kids' Club includes Bible study, crafts and/or games, and music. On non "Big Wednesday" dates we will meet at 6:00 -6:45p.m.

**CELEBRATING
BIRTHDAYS
IN SEPTEMBER**



September 2	Zakk Royce
September 7	Leah Faile
September 7	Jen Place
September 7	Allen Revelle, Jr.
September 8	Margaret Murray
September 9	Barbara Labbous
September 12	Jo Revelle Murray
September 14	Alice Hassell
September 14	South Moore
September 15	Alexandra Piper
September 21	Christina Mitchell
September 23	Erin Faile
September 23	Christina Torres
September 25	Sara Frances Hill
September 28	Lynn Johnson
September 28	Will Revelle

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

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Is pleased to announce that we are in the planning stages for a

History & Archive Room

The room will be located in what used to be the Mixon Classroom. Anyone needing more details, please contact Bruce Brown or Linda Hassell.

UPCOMING DATES

September 2
Office Closed for Labor Day

September 4
Big Wednesday 6:00
Kids' Club Resumes 6:30-7:15

September 8
Youth Group 5:30

September 11
Kids' Club 6:00-6:45

September 15
Deacon Elections

September 17
Food Bank of the Albemarle 1:30
Deacons' Meeting 6:00

September 18
Kids' Club 6:00-6:45

September 25
Kids' Club 6:00-6:45

September 29
Quarterly Conference
Ministry Fair
Fellowship Lunch



Youth Group meeting for grades 6-12 will resume on Sunday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.

**USING THEIR GIFTS
TO SERVE IN
SEPTEMBER**

Deacon of the Month
Bruce Brown

Opening of the Church
Charlie Cole

Ushers
September

Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain,
Hal Thomas, and Charles Gallop

October
Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill,
And Jay Revelle

Radio Ministry Sponsors
Dr. Mark and JoAnn Gaskins

Children's Sermon
Sarah Davis

Caregivers
Aug. 25-Sept. 7
Booker Daniel

Sept. 8-21
T.K. Warren, III

Sept. 22-Oct. 5
Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell

Flowers
September 1 - Sarah Davis
September 8 - Booker Daniel
September 15 - Available
September 22 - Garth and Erin Faile
September 29 - Sally Surface

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins

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

Administrative Office Will Be Closed
September 2 in Honor of Labor Day.

**BLESSINGS MINISTRIES
FOODBANK**

OF THE

ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, September 17 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.

BUDGET REMINDER

September is the final month of our 2023-2024 fiscal year, and we are thankful and grateful your faithful and continued support of our church and its ministries.

As we prepare to close out this year, if you find you may have overlooked a regular gift, or you may be willing and able to be a little extra generous, we would be grateful.

As always, we are appreciative of your support of our church whether it be through financial gifts or with gifts of time, presence, or prayer.

The August financial statement was unavailable when the messenger went to press. Information shown is from weekly tithes and offerings. When completed, the report will appear in the church bulletin and copies will be available in the church office.



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