



The Messenger

A Newsletter of
Murfreesboro Baptist Church
May 2025



FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

April was a wonderful month in the life of our church! The Lenten Lunches, our worship on the Sundays in Lent, our Holy Week services, our Easter celebration, baptizing a new believer, welcoming another new member – what a wonderful month!

Over the past several months, we have seen some signs of the beginnings of spiritual renewal. We've seen new and returning faces among us, attendance at worship has grown, giving has been generous, and members have been showing signs of spiritual growth. For all these things, thanks and glory be to God!

While May's schedule is not as full, I want to call one particular event to your attention and encourage you to make it a priority. For the past several years, sometime during the spring we have had what we have called a "one-day revival." Last year we were blessed to have Dr. Roger Gilbert, a retired pastor and excellent preacher from Mount Airy as our guest preacher. If you missed that day, you missed a real blessing.

This year we are changing what we call this event. Rather than a "one-day revival," we are calling it our "Spiritual Renewal Focus." It will take place on Sunday morning and evening, May 18. We will also have a fellowship dinner that evening prior to the service.

Our guest preacher will be Dr. Mike Cogdill, a long-time pastor, interim pastor, religion professor, and the founding and long-time Dean of the Campbell University Divinity School. I have known Dr. Cogdill since the early 1980s when I was an undergraduate student at Campbell, where he was teaching religion and sociology. He left Campbell about the time I finished my studies there to return to the pastorate for several years, serving the Spilman Memorial Baptist Church in Kinston. He later returned to Campbell as chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and became the founding Dean of the Divinity School when it was established. Fourteen years later he stepped down as Dean but continued teaching in the Divinity School until his retirement in 2019. Throughout his 36 years at Campbell and after his retirement, he has served more than 25

churches as interim or transitional pastor. He has been an outstanding preacher, teacher, and leader, and we are very blessed to have him as our guest preacher for this year's Spiritual Renewal Focus!

The schedule for that day will be as follows:

- **Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Dinner and Fellowship at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Evening Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.**

I hope you will make this event a priority on your calendar. I want to encourage you to invite inactive church members or unchurched family, friends, and neighbors to attend as well. I look forward to having a good attendance and participation for this focus on spiritual renewal!

May will also bring us two other important days – Mother's Day on May 11 and Memorial Day on May 26. To all our mothers, Happy Mother's Day! And for those who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country to preserve our freedoms, we give thanks.

Grace and peace,

Mark E. Perkins

MUSIC MINISTRY



Hooray for the month of May! Spring is in the air, and on May 18th, with our Spiritual Renewal Focus that night, Calvin Carter will be our guest musician. I am excited to have this opportunity to play for him to sing for us as it has been a while.

I thank God for our choir and for their great leadership during worship. We look forward to bringing you lovely anthems again this month! Come join this great group. We would love to have you!

Paula Pressnell

BIG WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Join us for a delicious Meal!

Please call the church office by Monday, May 5, 12 noon to make your reservation.
332-3613

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



May 7 Kids' Club
6:30-7:15

May 14 Kids' Club
6:00-6:45
(last one for this school year)

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

May 4 - 5:30

May 11
No Youth Group Meeting

May 18 - 5:30

May 25
No Youth Group Meeting

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



ROBERT E, LEE, III AND 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.

UPCOMING DATES

- May 7 Big Wednesday
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 13 Deacons' Meeting
- May 18 Spiritual Renewal Focus
 - Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.
 - Dinner and Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
 - Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
- May 20 Food Bank of The Albemarle
- May 26 Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Happy Mother's Day May 11

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.



- May 7 Heather Boyd
- May 10 Susan Alston
- May 10 Mike Bunch
- May 14 Aaron Higgins
- May 14 Pat Torres
- May 15 Booker Daniel
- 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 20 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 2025

	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$4,038.46	\$4,038.46	\$4,038.46	\$4,038.46	\$16,153.84	\$121,153.80
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$5,063.00	\$4,521.00	\$4,845.00	\$3,548.25	\$17,977.25	\$131,364.24
Other Income						
Over (Under)	\$1,024.54	\$482.54	\$806.54	(\$490.21)	\$1,823.41	\$10,210.44

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

252-398-3613 Administrative Office will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day Holiday. www.murfbc.org



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Return Service Requested