



FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

There's a lot of big news in this month's *Messenger*!

First, on Saturday, August 2, during the Watermelon Festival, we held our annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast in the fellowship hall. The proceeds from this event will go to support our participation in the Backpack Buddies nutrition program for students in need at Riverview Elementary School in Murfreesboro. Thank you to all who work so diligently to make this effort a success and to those who help deliver the food boxes to the school throughout the school year!

Second, on Wednesday, August 6, we'll resume our Wednesday evening Adult Prayer and Bible Study meetings and choir practice. Choir practice will be at 6:00 p.m. and Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. Come study God's word with us each week, and Paula would gladly welcome new choir members! Kids' Club will start up a little later.

Third, on Sunday, August 17, we will welcome Kayleigh Lance as our part-time Director of Youth Ministry! She will lead her first weekly youth meeting that evening at 5:30 as our youth group resumes for the new school year. We're looking forward to Kayleigh's joining us to lead our ministry to youth and their families. I encourage you to pray for her and for our youth, and to show your support with words of welcome and encouragement, and by volunteering as you are able when called on to help with youth events. Welcome, Kayleigh!

Last, but certainly not least, our new improved website is up and running and our MBC app is now available!

The intent of our website is an outward focus, to be a "front door" to welcome people who are looking for a church. These days, when people look for a church, they usually start by looking online. Our website introduces them to MBC.

The purpose of our app is more inwardly focused as a tool to help our members connect with Christ and with one another to grow as his disciples. As we further develop it, there will be tools to encourage spiritual growth and to enhance communication and relationships within our congregation.

Elsewhere in this edition of *The Messenger*, there's an article explaining how to download the app, create an account, and use it. Please read it carefully and take advantage of this wonderful tool and opportunity. Video and audio recordings of our worship services are available on it, not only to view if you're unable to attend on a Sunday, but also to review and reflect on throughout the week in your devotional times. There's a Bible available in the app in various translations. As well as using it for your own benefit, what if you have a person in your home or a care facility who can no longer read for some reason, but can listen? Just choose your Bible version and passage and click the play button, and they'll be able to listen to God's word beautifully read!

There are a lot of good things going on with Murfreesboro Baptist Church, even more than what I've mentioned here. Take a careful look at the rest of this *Messenger* and take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to *love God, follow Jesus, and serve others*!

Grace and peace,

Mark E. Perkins



MBC's Online Presence Has Been Updated.

Check out our new
website at murfbc.org.

On the home page, there is a form to submit ministry needs. This is a confidential form. There are tabs for "who we are", "what we do", "who we welcome", "media", and "giving". All tab titles are self-explanatory. Newsletters and the weekly service are under the media tab. You can rewatch any service back to Easter on the website. Those services and many others are on the church YouTube page as well. Our new app is now available for download in both the Apple store and Google Play store. In the store, search "Murfreesboro Baptist Church." The blue dome should be the icon next to the name. The app has the livestream, previous services, and upcoming events in the form of a calendar on the main page. At the bottom of the page are the following tabs: home, Bible, connect, and give. "Bible" allows you to read the Bible or have the Bible read to you. You can choose different translations. "Connect" provides the following options--ministry needs, events, website, Facebook, and YouTube. "Ministry needs" allows members to submit ministry needs confidentially to the pastor. "Events" has three calendars: Ministry Calendar (a list of our services and activities), Food Ministries (a list of our food service projects), and Upcoming Events. Our website, Facebook page, and YouTube are linked on the app. Give is the online giving. In the upper right corner, click the message bubbles and create an account to join the messaging feature of the app. Once you have created the account, you will be accepted and added to the group "MBC Congregation." This group will be used for messages, prayer concerns, and notices. When you download the app, please select "allow notifications." If you have any questions, please let Sarah Davis know.

Church DEACONS ELECTION

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21**

Deacon elections will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2025. In the near future you will receive in the mail a list of members that are eligible to serve as a deacon. Currently serving deacons, staff members, spouses of current deacons, and members who have been off the board less than one year are not included in the list. Please prayerfully consider who you will call to serve as a deacon for the next three years.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR

Big Wednesday

Wednesday, September 10 6:00 p.m.

Fried Chicken Dinner

Includes Potato Salad,
Butterbeans, Deviled Eggs,
Rolls, & Dessert!



We are excited to announce the return of Big Wednesday on September 10. This will be a time to once again to engage with our church family and connect with our community while enjoying a home cooked meal prepared by Mary Etta Flowers. Invite your neighbors, family, friends, and their children.

The cost is \$10.00 per plate.

**Please call the church office each month
(398-3613) to make your reservations.**

We look forward to seeing you.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Franz Joseph Haydn or "Papa Haydn," the great musician and composer, was once asked why his music was so cheerful. He replied, "When I think upon God, my heart is so full of joy that the notes dance and leap, as it were, from my pen, and since God has given me a cheerful heart, it will be pardoned me that I serve Him with a cheerful spirit." What a great testimony! Haydn is certainly one of my favorite composers, and his music is joyful and fun.

Speaking of joyful and fun, choir practice begins again on August 6th at 6:00 p.m. I am so proud of the choir, and something that would make us all happy is if you would come and join us or at least check us out. We would love to have you sing with us during a rehearsal and see if God is leading you to sing with us Sundays. You will be happily and joyfully welcomed!

Paula Pressnell



We will collect school supplies for Hertford County Schools from now until the end of August. Supplies needed are pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glue sticks, binders, composition books (college and wide ruled), notebook paper (college and wide ruled), and clear book bags. HCPS only allows clear bookbags. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Come Join Us!

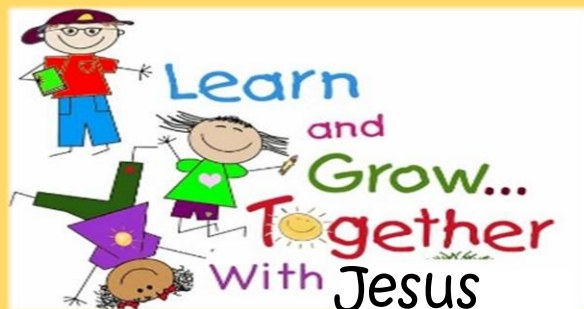
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Blessing of the Backpacks



All children, youth, and college students are welcome. Plan to attend this service to receive a blessing for the new school year.

**KIDS' CLUB
RESUMES SEPTEMBER 3**



USING THEIR
GIFTS TO
SERVE
IN AUGUST

DEACON OF THE MONTH
Steve Fowler

OPENING OF THE CHURCH
Sarah Davis

USHERS
August
Colon Ballance, Armando Torres,
Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
September
Jay Revelle , Ronnie Coltrain,
Hal Thomas, Charlie Gallop

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSORS
Colon and Jane Ballance

COMMUNION
August 24

CAREGIVERS
July 27- August 9
Booker Daniel

August 10-23
Lynette Bunch

August 24-September 6
T.K. Warren

CHILDREN’S SERMON
Sarah Davis

FLOWERS
Aug. 10, Available
Aug. 17, Booker Daniel
Aug. 24, Gene and Mary Etta Flowers
Aug. 31, Available
Sept. 7, Sarah Davis
Sept. 14 Susan Benthall

CELEBRATING
BIRTHDAYS
IN AUGUST



August 1	Caleb Peterson
August 3	Gertrude Revelle
August 6	Johnathan Vick
August 9	Rachel Peterson
August 10	Liam Ballance
August 10	Paula Pressnell
August 12	John Revelle, III
August 14	Barbara Myers
August 14	Elicia Revelle
August 15	Gabriel Higgins
August 16	Bardin Torres
August 18	Phil Royce
August 20	Lloyd Hill
August 22	Lisa Forbes
August 23	Mary Etta Flowers
August 29	Chris Torres

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

UPCOMING
DATES

Aug. 6	Bible Study Resumes
	Choir Practice Resumes
Aug. 12	Deacons’ Meeting
Aug. 16	Chowan Freshman Lunch
Aug. 17	Blessing of the Backpacks
Aug. 19	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Aug. 24	Communion
Sept. 1	Office Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 3	Kids’ Club Resumes
Sept. 9	Deacons’ Meeting
Sept. 10	Big Wednesday

BLESSINGS
MINISTRIES

FOOD BANK OF THE
ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, August 19 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 1:30
252-398-3613
www.murfbcb.org
Church Office will be closed on
Monday, September 1
in observance of Labor Day

CHURCH STAFF
Dr. Mark E. Gaskins
PASTOR

Kayleigh Lance
Director of Youth Ministry

PAULA PRESSNELL
Organist & Director of Music Ministry

TERESA MARTIN
Administrative Assistant



CHOWAN
UNIVERSITY

WELCOME CHOWAN CLASS OF 2029

The Chowan class of 2029 will arrive on campus Saturday, August 16, and we have been invited to help make them feel welcome in their new home away from home. CU Campus Ministry partners with us and other local congregations to serve lunch beginning at 11 a.m. to the students and their families. Set up will begin at 10:00 a.m. This year, we need your help to make it possible. We will be providing a list of items needed for the lunch. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Most importantly, we need volunteers to help that Saturday to serve the students and their families. If you would like to help with this hospitality ministry, please contact the church office 252-398-3613 to volunteer.

We are proud to continue this great tradition of supporting the Chowan community!

The missions and ministry July 2025 financials were unavailable at the time of printing the August edition of the MBC Messenger. Financials will be posted in the Murfreesboro Baptist Church Order of Worship when completed.

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