



FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE . . .

There are many things I love and appreciate about our beloved Murfreesboro Baptist Church. From the very start of our time with you, you have made JoAnn and me feel appreciated and a part of the congregation. Our church and its members have been so involved in our community, both as a congregation and individually, demonstrating a genuine care for our neighbors. I think our church does more direct ministry in our surrounding community than most of the other churches we have served, some of them much larger congregations. I commend you for these caring ministries! I have said to JoAnn and to some close friends that I feel like serving as your pastor is God's reward to us for having served in some of the other churches we've served.

One of the things I especially appreciate about our church is our worship. For many years now our church has enjoyed a way of worship that is structured but not stilted, orderly but open to the Spirit. By following the Christian Year, we join other Christians around the world week by week. Since the beginning of the Christian Year on the First Sunday of Advent, which fell on November 30, we've prepared for Jesus' coming by observing Advent, celebrated his birth at Christmas, focused on growing as his disciples during Lent, remembered his suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection during Holy Week and Easter, and the salvation all this brought to us. We've reflected on the significance of his resurrection for our lives and our life and mission together. We've celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church at Pentecost, and contemplated and celebrated the mystery of one God in three Persons on Trinity Sunday.



That's roughly the first half of the Christian Year, filled with special seasons and observances. Now comes the rest, made up of the Sundays after Pentecost, also known as "Ordinary Time." This is the time when we focus on what it means to be and to live together as the people of God, the church of Jesus Christ. And that's where we are now.

This past Sunday, Trinity Sunday, I began a series of sermons on "The Foundations of our Faith."

We'll take a brief break from the series this Sunday, June 7, as Matty Grace Gilliam, whom we recently voted to support financially as well as with our prayers and encouragement in her work with Welcome House Raleigh, will speak in our service and share about her ministry with refugees.

On June 14, I'll resume the series. With these sermons, we'll think together about what the Bible and historic orthodox Christianity teach about the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, the Holy Spirit, humanity, the church, and our hope in Christ. We'll conclude the series by considering how we should live as Christians in light of these doctrines. We'll take another break in the series on July 5 as we think about why religious liberty matters (in conjunction with our nation's semiquincentennial, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence), and as I take a vacation Sunday sometime this summer.

I know many of our church members and families will be traveling throughout the summer, but remember that you can watch our services online on our website, our app, or on our church's YouTube or Facebook pages. In addition, if you'd ever like to have a printed copy of any of my sermon manuscripts, just contact the church office and I'll be glad to share them.

With the coming of summer, our Sunday morning schedule will remain the same, but our weekly schedule has changed. Kids' Club and Youth Group have wrapped up their regular meetings until school starts back, and after June 3, Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study will take a break and resume on August 19. Watch for an announcement from Paula Pressnell about the choir's summer schedule.

On a personal note, so many of you have been so kind to ask about my cataract surgery. Everything has gone very well with my left eye, and I anticipate the same will be true with my right eye, which I'll have done on June 9. Thank you so much for your prayers and concern!

Grace and peace,

Mark E. Perkins



MUSIC MINISTRY

Ephesians 5:18-20 states: Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These verses are inspirational and affirming to each of us. Our choir sings beautifully from their hearts, and you as a Congregation sing from yours. It's beautiful making music together!

If you'd like to join us in the choir, you are more than welcome!

Paula Pressnell

**Hearing Assistance
Devices for Worship
Services**



MBC has reactivated the hearing assistance devices for those in the congregation who need them. The devices are in the foyer. Once you pick up the device, you will need to cut it on and adjust the volume. A red light will come on when the device is on. If you have any questions, please let Sarah Davis know.

**APPLY
FOR
COLLEGE
Scholarships**



**ROBERT E, LEE, III
SCHOLARSHIP
AND
DR. BRUCE E. WHITAKER
SCHOLARSHIP**

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.

**BLESSINGS MINISTRIES
FOODBANK
OF THE
ALBEMARLE**

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, June 16 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 15th of each month. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

**UPCOMING
DATES**

- June 2 Deacons' Meeting
- June 16 Food Bank of the Albemarle
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 29 MBC Food Pantry

**USING THEIR GIFTS
TO SERVE IN JUNE**

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Ronnie Coltrain

OPENING OF THE CHURCH

Sarah Davis

USHERS

June

Don Johnson, Wayne Brown,
Bruce Brown, Hunter Brown

July

Johnny Jenkins, Jay Revelle,
Bob Lee, Hunter Brown

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR

Debbie Hill

CAREGIVERS

- May 24 - June 6 Lynette Bunch
- June 7 - June 20 Charlie and Dell Aycock
- June 21 - July 4 Booker Daniel

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- June 7 Available
- June 14 Available
- June 21 Available
- June 28 Available

**CELEBRATING
BIRTHDAYS
IN JUNE**

- June 6 Charlie Gallop
- June 15 Jay Jenkins
- June 15 Gerald Taylor
- June 17 Cliff Forbes
- June 18 Jill Awuni
- June 19 Vanessa Bunch
- June 19 Steve Fowler
- June 23 Linda White
- June 26 Ciera Cox
- June 29 JoAnn Gaskins

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

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



**CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday - Thursday
8:30 - 1:30
252-398-3613

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins
PASTOR

- PAULA PRESSNELL.....ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
- MINISTRY KAYLEIGH
- LANCEDIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
- TERESA MARTIN.....ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

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