

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of David and Louise Holloway and John and Luella Farnham, by David and Carole Farnham.

Using their Gifts to Serve in August

Deacon of the Month of August:	Charlie Cole
Deacon of the Month of September:	Bob Lee
August Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Charlie and Dell Aycock
September Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Diane Dixon
Opening of the Church in August:	Sarah Davis
Opening of the Church in September:	Charlie Cole
Ushers for August:	Colon Ballance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Ushers for September:	Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Hal Thomas, and Charlie Gallop
Caregiver for August 27 – September 9:	Gertrude Revelle and Daynelle Trent

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 Worship	10:00 11:00	Wed.	Choir Practice	6:00
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The church administrative office will be closed on Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4. If you need assistance, please contact deacon of the month, Bob Lee or Deacon Chair, Tommy Bird.

Order forms for Murfreesboro Baptist Church T-Shirts are available in the church office. Deadline to place your order is September 5, 2023. Please make check payable to Murfreesboro Baptist Church

Big Wednesday will resume September 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following September’s Big Wednesday, Dr. Bailey will have a short devotional. Plates are \$10.00 each. Please call the church office (398-3163) each month to reserve your dinner reservation.

Save the Date: Sunday, September 17, 2023. As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will have a special musical performance by The Reverent Quartet during worship service. A pot luck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will follow worship service. Please invite family and friends!

MBC will once again collect school supplies for Hertford County Public Schools. Please place the school supplies in the box in the connector. Supplies will be delivered at the end of August to the local schools. Supplies needed are: notebook paper (wide ruled and college ruled), spiral notebooks (wide ruled and college ruled), composition notebooks, 3 ring binders, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, pencils (mechanical and traditional), pens (black or blue), markers, highlighters, pocket folders, backpacks (clear or mesh). Thank you.

Sunday, September 10, 17, and 24 dates are available if anyone is interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Please call the church office to schedule a date.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

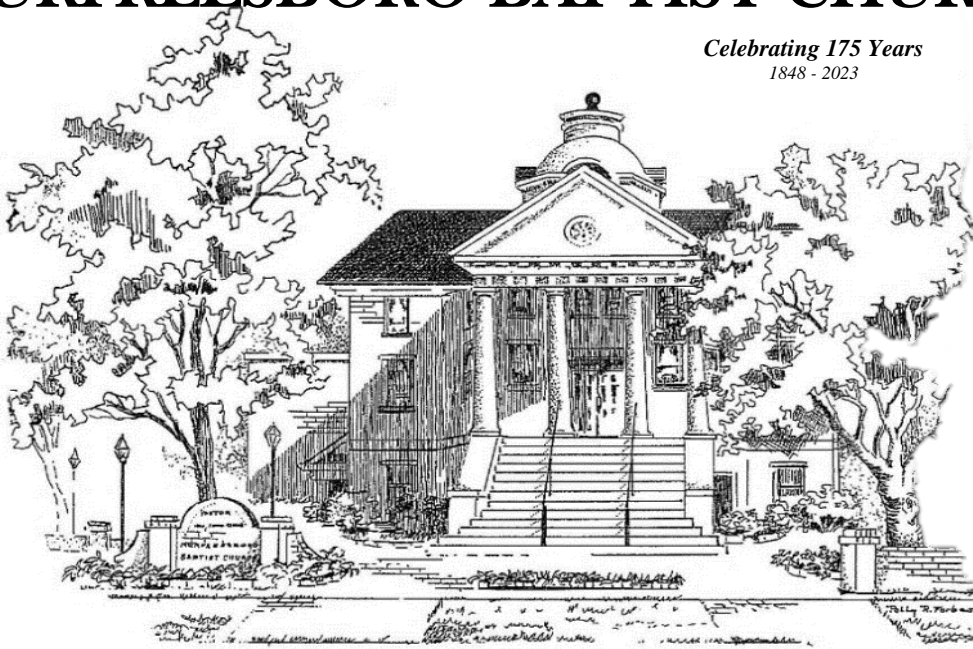
Phil Royce   Janet Collins   Bern Davenport   Tom and Ann Caulkins   Randy and Cheryl Whitley

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years  
1848 - 2023



Sunday, August 27, 2023  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey – Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>Fill My Cup, Lord</i>	Richard Blanchard
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS		Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 291		
<i>God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness</i> (verse 1)		MOSSY CREEK

God of beauty, truth and goodness, Lord of wisdom yet unknown,  
grant us strength to match the vision as we come before Your throne.  
Sing a joyful alleluia, praising God in all you do,  
and remember as you witness, God is singing over you!  
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*O God, prepare us, through the active presence of your Holy Spirit, to come before you worthily and ask of You rightly. Enlighten our understanding, purify our every desire, encourage our wills to instant obedience to your Word, strengthen every right purpose, direct this hour of worship to the magnifying of Your name, and to the enduring good of us your children and servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP  
(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

Dr. Bailey

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears  
**Call us into Your way of life, O God**  
The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision  
**Lead us into Your vision of life, O God**  
The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts  
**Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God**  
Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God  
**Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.**  
**Let us worship You together.**

INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 33  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:1-18

The Word of God, for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 280  
*Speak, O Lord*

SPEAK, O LORD

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Revive Us Again*

Husband/McDonald

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 706  
*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**  
**Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-7

The Gospel of Christ;  
**Praise His Holy Name!**

MESSAGE IN SONG

*Hosanna*

Brenton Brown

MESSAGE IN WORD

“How Big is Your 'Boat' - Your Dream?"

Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN EISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 633  
*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

ALL THE WAY

BENEDICTION

Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Fanfare*

Henry Purcell

Please stay seated until the conclusion of the music.  
*\*Denotes that the congregation may stand.*

To our guests this morning...

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We believe that worshipping together is one of the most important activities we do as a church, strengthening our faith and drawing our attention to God, who created us, calls us, and sustains us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In keeping with New Testament practices, we believe that worship rightly involves every member of the congregation, and not just the few people in leadership roles. We encourage active participation in worship through responsive readings, corporate prayer, giving our tithes and offerings, and singing hymns together.

As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God’s written word. We also practice believers’ baptism, and at the end of each service, we invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. On the first Sunday of the month, we share the Lord’s Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.

As members of the larger body of Christ, meanwhile, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the church year. We are currently in the season of Pentecost. The color for the season is green, symbolizing the growth we experience as disciples of Christ Jesus.