

Flowers in the sanctuary today are placed by Murfreesboro Baptist Church in honor of Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor and Mrs. JoAnn Gaskins.

Using their Gifts to Serve in September

Deacon of the Month of October:	Wayne Brown
October Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Lynette Bunch
Opening of the Church in October:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for October:	Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill, Thomas Bird
Ushers for November:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, III, and Mike Alston
Caregiver for September 24 – October 7:	Aldeen Gatewood
World Day Communion: October 1:	Mary Etta and Gene Flowers

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Big Wednesday	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Kids’ Club	6:30-7:15
				Choir Practice	6:45

Big Wednesday will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

A short church meeting will be held today after worship service. The purpose is to adopt the 2023-2024 Murfreesboro Baptist Church Budget.

On Sunday, October 15 Murfreesboro Baptist Church will have a welcome pot-luck lunch for Dr. and Mrs. Gaskins. The church will provide the meat and we ask that you bring a vegetable, casserole, or dessert.

On Sunday October 15 MBC will hold its Annual Ministry Fair. Please give thought as to how you can best serve your church and its missions.

MBC will host its annual Trunk or Treat on Oct 29 at 5:30 pm. The evening will begin with a pizza dinner from Napoli’s. Then the children will visit the trunks in the parking lot for treats. The community and congregation is invited. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Volunteers are needed for trunks. If you are willing to bring chips or drinks, please let Sarah Davis know.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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

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.

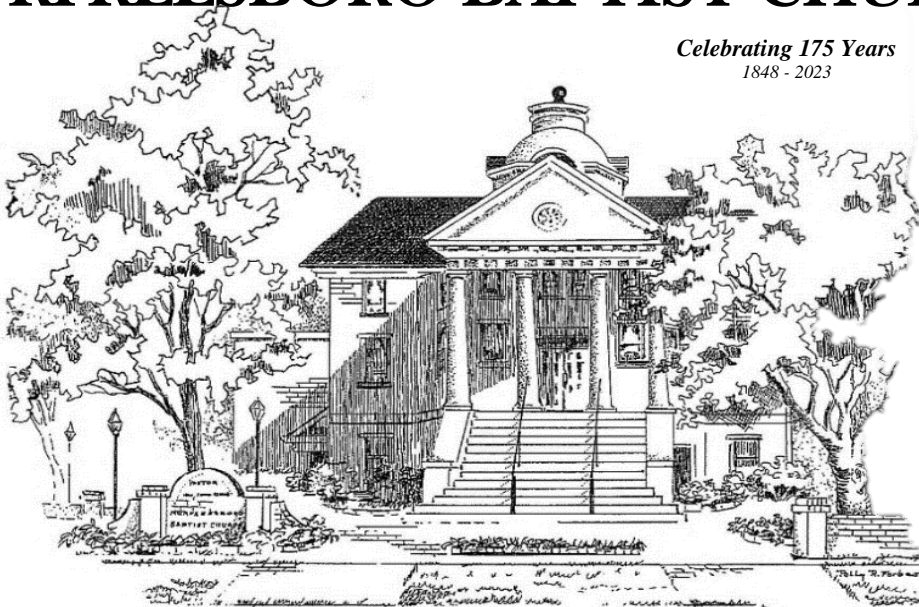
As members of the larger body of Christ, meanwhile, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the church year. We are currently in the season of Pentecost. The color for the season is green, symbolizing the growth we experience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

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



Celebrating 175 Years
1848 - 2023

Sunday, October 1, 2023
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	arr. Austin Lovelace
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS		Mr. Tommy Bird
INTRODUCTION OF DR. MARK E. GASKINS		Mr. Bird
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 268	<i>The Bond of Love</i>	SKILLINGS

We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God; we are one in the bond of love.

Let us praise Jesus Christ the Son, praise Him now for the work begun.
Let us join our hands that the world may know we are one in the bond of love.

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 WORSHIPPsalm 133 (NRSV)
(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

INVOCATIONDr. Gaskins

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 457
*Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed*REGENT SQUARE

CHILDREN’S SERMONMs. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READINGEcclesiastes 4:9-12
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYERDr. Gaskins

SILENT PRAYERS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 463
*From Every Race, from Every Clime*ST. PETER

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCEDr. Gaskins

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*Kirkpatrick/Bjorck

*DOXOLOGY NO. 706
*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*OLD 100TH
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 PRAYERDr. Gaskins

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

NEW TESTAMENT READINGJohn 13:34-35; 17:20-26
The Word of the Lord
Praise His Holy Name!

MESSAGE IN SONG*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*Matt Redman

MESSAGE IN WORDRomans 12:1-5
“Belonging to the Body”Dr. Gaskins

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Communion Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer
The Bread and Cup

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 580
*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*MY REDEEMER

BENEDICTIONDr. Gaskins

POSTLUDE*Laudation*Gilbert Martin

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