

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 September

Deacon of the Month of September:
September Radio Ministry Sponsor:
Opening of the Church in September:
Ushers for September:

Ushers for October:
Caregiver for September 10 – September 23:

Bob Lee
Diane Dixon
Charlie Cole
Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Hal Thomas,
and Charlie Gallop
Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill, Thomas Bird
Colon and Jane Ballance

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Kids' Club	6:00-7:45
	Worship	11:00		Choir Practice	6:45
Tues.	Deacons' Meeting	6:00			

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

A Gift Basket has been placed outside the Pastor’s door for anyone wanting to place cards or small gifts in appreciation of Dr. Bailey and his dedication to Murfreesboro Baptist Church as Interim Pastor for the past year. The basket will be available when administrative office is open and on Sundays 9:30 until noon.

Help us “Fill the Pantry” for Dr. and Mrs. Gaskins. Please place donated pantry items on the table in the connector by Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

Sunday, September 24 and October 1 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, September 10, 2023
Fifteenth 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

O God, Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 343

His Name Is Wonderful

MEIR

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of Everything. His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is He;
bow down before Him, love and adore Him;
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

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

Praise the God of all Creation.
**Worship the One who calls us— speaking with a different voice,
offering an unexpected invitation.**
Celebrate the presence of our loving God.
Rejoice, the kingdom of God is near so come, let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 350
Blessed Be the Name

BLESSED NAME

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 1:12-17

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. 395
Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCOTT

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sing Hallelujah

Stassen/Hayes

*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 PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:16-20

The Gospel of Christ;
Praise His Holy Name!

MESSAGE IN SONG

Down to the River to Pray

Medema/McDonald

MESSAGE IN WORD

“God Doesn't Like Call-Waiting!"

Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN EISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 648
Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father

MADILL

BENEDICTION

Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Robert Lau

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.