

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of Murfreesboro Baptist Church by Terry Saylor and Ruth Daniel.

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	Tues.	Food Bank of the Albemarle	1:30
	Worship	11:00	Wed.	Kids’ Club	6:00-7:45

As part of our 175th Anniversary, please welcome “The Reverent Quartet” who will be performing during worship service today. A love offering for the Quartet will be collected and a pot luck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will follow worship service. Please join us.

The church administrative office be closed next week for vacation. Anyone needing assistance, please contact the Deacon of the Month: Bob Lee, or Deacon Chair: Tommy Bird.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, September 19. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

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.

Today is the deadline to Help us “Fill the Pantry” for Dr. and Mrs. Gaskins. Please place donated pantry items on the table in the connector.

A short church meeting will be held on October 1, 2023 after worship service. The purpose is to adopt the 2023-2024 Murfreesboro Baptist Church Budget.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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

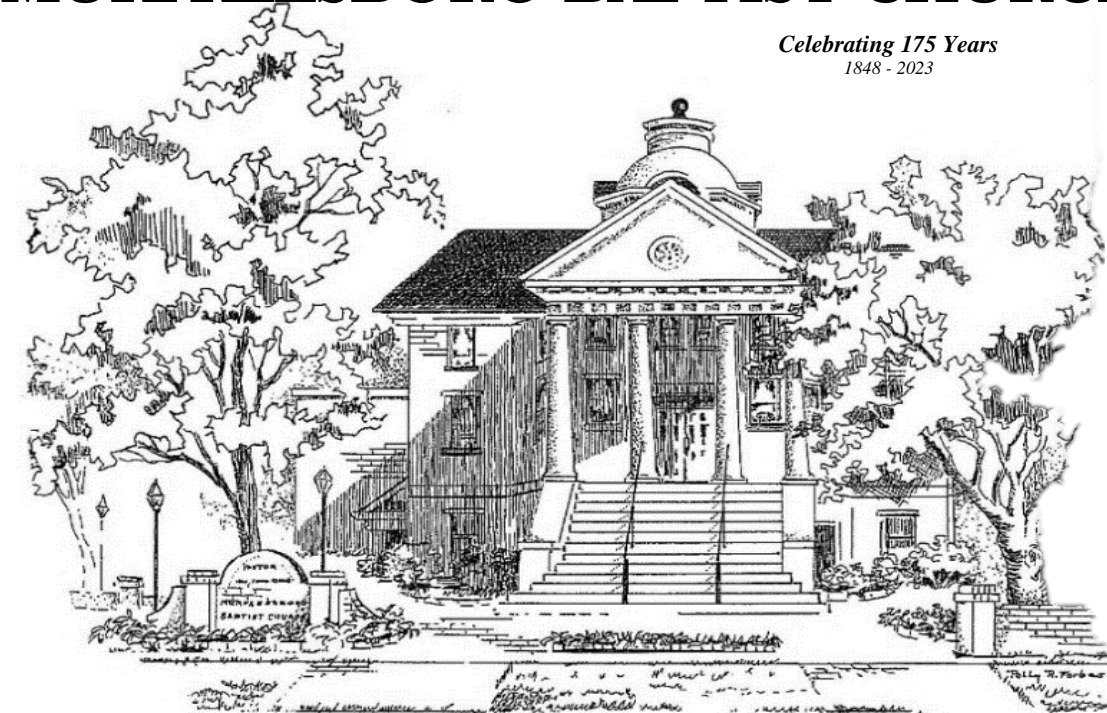
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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating 175 Years
1848 - 2023



Sunday, September 17, 2023
Sixteenth 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>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	arr. Jack Jones
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS		Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
INTRODUCTION OF THE REVERENT QUARTET		Mrs. Paula Pressnell
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 27		
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i> (verse 1)	BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

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

Come, sing and dance before the Lord.
Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!
Let every soul sing God’s praises!
Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!
Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.
Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. AMEN.

INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 306
Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

MEDITATION ON PSALM 100

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 640
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
*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 RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 501
I Am Resolved RESOLUTION

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING FOR THE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Jacque Lemmens

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.