

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Murfreesboro Baptist Church in appreciation of Dr. Bailey and his wife, Edwina for their ministry to Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

Using their Gifts to Serve in September

Deacon of the Month of September:

Deacon of the Month of October:

September Radio Ministry Sponsor:

October Radio Ministry Sponsor:

Opening of the Church in September:

Opening of the Church in October:

Ushers for September:

Ushers for October:

Caregiver for September 24 – October 7:

World Day Communion: October 1:

Bob Lee

Wayne Brown

Diane Dixon

Lynette Bunch

Charlie Cole

Colon Balance

Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Hal Thomas, and Charlie Gallop

Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill, Thomas Bird

Aldeen Gatewood

Mary Etta and Gene Flowers

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	6:00

Today please join us in thanking Dr. Bailey and his wife, Edwina for the wonderful year they have spent at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. His guidance and exceptional ministry to the church have enabled us to move forward as a congregation. He has made a positive impact on the lives of many in our community. Thanks be to God, for His blessings on Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will receive communion on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 1.

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.

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

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 24, 2023
Seventeenth 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>The Love of God</i>	Frederick Lehman
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS		Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO 574		
<i>My Tribute</i>		MY TRIBUTE

To God be the glory, to God be the glory!
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With his blood He has saved me; with His power He has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things He has done.

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

Dr. Bailey

(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

Come sons and daughters, mothers and fathers,
sisters and brothers and aunts!
**Come grandmas and grandpas, uncles and nephews,
nieces and neighbors and friends!**
Christ calls us together as parts of one Body, for worship and service and praise!
Let’s worship God together!

INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 563

In Unity We Lift Our Song

EIN' FESTE BURG

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 16:3

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. 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sunshine in My Soul

Sweney/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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:14; Romans 12:6-8

The Word of the Lord

Praise His Holy Name!

MESSAGE IN SONG

I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy

arr. Lari Goss

Rick Bailey, bass

MESSAGE IN WORD

“The Two Sides of the Pulpit!”

Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 267

Blest Be the Tie

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

Dr. Bailey

POSTLUDE

God Be With You

Wiliam Tomer

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.