

Using their Gifts to Serve in October

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, and Thomas Bird
Ushers for November:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, III, and Mike Alston
Caregiver for October 8 - October 21:	David and Carole Farnham

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00 A.M.	Wed.	Kids' Club	6:00-6:45 P.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.		Choir Practice	6:00 P.M.

Please join us as we celebrate Baptism on Sunday, October 29th.

Union Missions Clothing Drive - October is the month to donate all your unwanted, non-fitting or out of style clothing to help Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids. Please leave your donations in the connector. Deadline is October 31.

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 are 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.

We encourage everyone to invite family members and friends to the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the Church being held on November 12, 2023. Please supply us with a list of names of those who will be attending. PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS A CATERED EVENT, RSVP's ARE REQUIRED AND TAKE-OUT PLATES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

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

The Lord's Day, October 22, 2023
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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

We Gather to Worship

Prelude A Plea for Peace Taylor/Eliot

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.

Words of Welcome Dr. Mark Gaskins

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Choral Call to Worship No. 652		Make Me a Servant	SERVANT	Scripture and Sermon		Romans 16:1-2 A Deacon, a Helper	Dr. Gaskins
Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.				We Respond to God’s Word			
Invocation		Congregation		Deacon Ordination			
O God, our Father: You sent your Son among us as the Word become flesh, who laid aside his glory for a season and took the form of a servant. When his disciples argued about who was the greatest, he reminded them that whoever would be great must be a servant, just as he came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Help us now to worship you in spirit and in truth, and to serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.				Litany (see insert)			
				The Charges			
				Ordination Prayer			
				Laying on of Hands			
				Congregational Greeting and Affirmation			
				Welcome to the Diaconate & Presentation of Certificate			
				Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Hymn of Praise No. 344		Glorious Is Thy Name	GLORIOUS NAME	*Hymn of Invitation No. 491		Wherever He Leads, I'll Go	FALLS CREEK
Children’s Sermon				We Go Forth with God’s Blessing			
Old Testament Lesson		Proverbs 3:3-7	Dr. Gaskins	Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment			Dr. Gaskins
The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks be to God.				Commission and Benediction			
The Church at Prayer				**Postlude		The Lord God Has Spoken It	David Paxton
Call to Prayer				<hr/>			
The Prayers of the People				*Please stand as you are able.			
The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)				**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.			
*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 649		Christ, You Call Us All to Service	IN BABILONE	To our guests this morning . . .			
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings				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, 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.			
Offertory Sentence		Dr. Gaskins		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. We frequently share the Lord’s Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.			
Offertory		In Christ Alone	arr. Mark Hayes	As members of the larger body of Christ, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the Christian year. We are currently in the season after Pentecost. The color for the season is green, symbolizing the growth we experience as disciples of Christ Jesus.			
*Doxology 706		Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD 100 TH				
*Offertory Prayer		Dr. Gaskins					
New Testament Lesson		John 13:1-17	Dr. Gaskins				
The Word of the Lord Praise His Holy Name!							
Message in Song		The Potter's Hand	Darlene Zschech				