Using their Gifts to Serve in October

Deacon of the Month of October: October Radio Ministry Sponsor: Opening of the Church in October:

Ushers for October:

Ushers for November:

Caregiver for October 8 - October 21:

Wayne Brown Lynette Bunch

Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill, and

Thomas Bird

Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, III, and

Mike Alston

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.

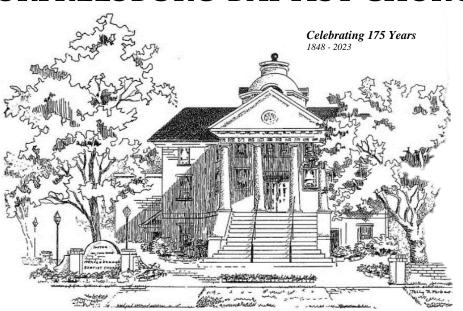
Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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

Contact us at:

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



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

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.

Taylor/Eliot

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

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 today.

Invocation Congregation

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.

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 344 Glorious Is Thy Name GLORIOUS NAME

Children's Sermon Ms. Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Proverbs 3:3-7 Dr. Gaskins

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Church at Prayer

Call to Prayer

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 649 Christ, You Call Us All to Service IN BABILONE

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentence Dr. Gaskins
Offertory In Christ Alone arr. Mark Hayes
*Doxology 706 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*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

Scripture and Sermon

Romans 16:1-2 A Deacon, a Helper Dr. Gaskins

We Respond to God's Word

Deacon Ordination

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 Invitation No. 491 Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

FALLS CREEK

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Dr. Gaskins

David Paxton

Commission and Benediction

**Postlude The Lord God Has Spoken It

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, 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. We frequently share the Lord's Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.

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.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

^{**}Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.