

Using their Gifts to Serve in October

Deacon of the Month of October:	Wayne Brown
Deacon of the Month of November:	Debbie Hill
October Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Lynette Bunch
October Radio Ministry November:	Linda Hassell
Opening of the Church in October:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Opening of the Church in November:	Tommy Bird
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 22 – November 4:	David and Carole Farnham

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00 A.M.	Wed.	Big Wednesday	6:00 P.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.		Kids’ Club	6:30-7:15 P.M.
	Trunk or Treat	5:30 P.M.		Choir Practice	6:45 P.M.
			Sat.	Church Clean-Up	8:00 A.M.

MBC will host its annual Trunk or Treat today 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.

Wednesday Nov. 1 is Big Wednesday. Mary Etta’s Menu is pork loin, pineapple and cheese casserole, snaps and potatoes, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per plate. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

Saturday, November 4 is MBC Clean-Up Day. Volunteers are needed. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and lunch will be served by Mary Etta Flowers.

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.

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



The Lord’s Day, October 29, 2023
Twenty-Second 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 Here I Am to Worship Tim Hughes

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 Mr. Tommy Bird

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Choral Call to Worship No. 422		
<i>How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds</i> (verses 1 & 4)		DOVE OF PEACE
How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes all sorrows, heals all wounds, and drives away all fear; and drives away all fear.		
O Christ, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest and King, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring; accept the praise I bring.		
Spoken Call to Worship	Psalm 1	Mr. Bird
Invocation		Mr. Bird
The Sign of Faith: The Baptism of Snowlyn Higgins & Sandra Scott		

We Hear God’s Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 452	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine</i>	MARYTON
Children’s Sermon		Ms. Sarah Davis
Old Testament Lesson	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	
The Word of God, for the People of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
The Church at Prayer		
Call to Prayer		Dr. Mark Gaskins
The Prayers of the People		Dr. Gaskins
The Lord’s Prayer (<i>trespasses</i>)		Congregation
*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 570	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>	TRUST IN JESUS
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Sentence		Dr. Gaskins
Offertory	<i>Am I a Soldier of the Cross?</i>	Arne/Schwoebel
*Doxology 706	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100 TH
*Offertory Prayer		Dr. Gaskins
New Testament Lesson	Romans 6:1-4	Dr. Gaskins
The Word of the Lord		
Praise His Holy Name!		
Message in Song	<i>The Great Commission</i>	John Carter
Scripture and Sermon	Mark 8:31-38	Dr. Gaskins
What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?		

We Respond to God’s Word

Confession of Faith	Congregation
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.	
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn of Invitation No. 612	<i>Jesus Is All the World to Me</i>	ELIZABETH
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We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment	Dr. Gaskins
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Commission and Benediction

**Postlude	<i>Postlude in F</i>	Rex Koury
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<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>		<i>**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.</i>

To our guests this morning . . .

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We believe that worshiping 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.