

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

Judy Clark

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

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| Sun. | Radio Broadcast, 98.3 | 10:00 A.M. | Tues. | Deacons’ Meeting | 6:00 P.M. |
| | Worship | 11:00 A.M. | Wed. | Kids’ Club | 6:00-6:45 P.M. |
| | | | | Choir Practice | 6:00 P.M. |

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, October 17. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

Please join us today after worship service in the fellowship hall for a welcome pot-luck lunch for Dr. and Mrs. Gaskins. Also, we will hold our annual Ministry Fair.

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.

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.

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 15, 2023
Twentieth 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

I Know Whom I Have Believed

James McGranahan

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

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| Choral Call to Worship No. 362 | <i>I Love You, Lord</i> | I LOVE YOU, LORD |
| I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. | | |
| Response | Psalm 63:1-8 (NRSV) | |
| O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. | | |
| Invocation | Dr. Gaskins | |
| <i>We Hear God's Word</i> | | |
| *Hymn of Praise No. 550 | <i>We're Marching to Zion</i> | MARCHING TO ZION |
| Children's Sermon | Dr. Gaskins | |
| Old Testament Lesson | Isaiah 25:1-9 | 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 (<i>trespasses</i>) | | |
| *Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 629 | <i>Be Strong in the Lord</i> | STRENGTH |
| Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings | | |
| Offertory Sentence | Dr. Gaskins | |
| Offertory | <i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i> | arr. David Schwoebel |
| *Doxology 706 | <i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | OLD 100 TH |
| *Offertory Prayer | Dr. Gaskins | |

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| New Testament Lesson | Philippians 4:4-9 | Dr. Gaskins |
| The Word of the Lord Praise His Holy Name! | | |
| Message in Song | <i>Lord, I Need You</i> | Matt Maher |
| Scripture and Sermon | Luke 10:38-42 Duty or Devotion? | Dr. Gaskins |

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn of Invitation No. 484 *The Love of Jesus Calls Us* ANGEL'S STORY

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

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| Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Meal | Dr. Gaskins |
| Commission and Benediction | |
| **Postlude | <i>The God of Abraham Praise</i> arr. Gordon Young |

**Please stand as you are able.*

***Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

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.