

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed in memory of Charles Paul, former professor emeritus at Chowan University and member of Murfreesboro Baptist Church, by Linda Paul Martin and husband, Brett, Andrew Paul and wife, Sarah, and grandchildren Nicholas Martin, Abigail Paul, and Elise Paul.

## 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:

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

Ushers for November:

Caregiver for October 8 – October 21:

## This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Radio Broadcast, 98.3</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Deacons' Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Kids' Club</b>	<b>6:00-6:45 P.M.</b>
				<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>

**The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m.**

On Sunday, October 15 Murfreesboro Baptist Church will have a welcome pot-luck lunch for Dr. and Mrs. Gaskins. The church will provide the meat and we ask that you bring a vegetable, casserole, or dessert.

**On Sunday October 15 MBC will hold its Annual Ministry Fair. Please give thought as to how you can best serve your church and its missions.**

**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 175<sup>th</sup> 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 8, 2023**  
**Nineteenth 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

*Prelude on "Kingsfold"*

arr. Rex Koury

*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!**

Choral Call to Worship NO. 362		I Love You, Lord	I LOVE YOU, LORD		New Testament Lesson	Hebrews 11:8-10	Dr. Gaskins
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.				The Word of the Lord Praise His Holy Name!			
Message in Song		Oh Happy Day!		Edward Rimbault			
Sermon		“Destination: Unknown, But Certain”		Dr. Gaskins			
We Respond to God’s Word							
Invitation to Christian Discipleship							
*Hymn of Invitation No. 548		When We All Get to Heaven		HEAVEN			
We Go Forth with God’s Blessing							
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment				Dr. Gaskins			
Commission and Benediction							
**Postlude		Jubilate Deo!		Edward Broughton			
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*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 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.							
The Church at Prayer							
Call to Prayer							
The Prayers of the People							
The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)							
*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 71		Be Thou My Vision		SLANE			
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings							
Offertory Sentence				Dr. Gaskins			
Offertory		Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee		Dykes/Berry			
*Doxology 706		Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow		OLD 100TH			
*Offertory Prayer				Dr. Gaskins			