Using their Gifts to Serve in October

Deacon of the Month of November:
October Radio Ministry November:
Linda Hassell
Opening of the Church in November:
Tommy Bird

Ushers for November: Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, III,

and Mike Alston

Ushers for December: Don Johnson, Wayne Brown,

Bruce Brown, and Bob Turner

Caregiver for November 5 – November 18: Mary Etta Flowers

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.

Thank you to everyone who provided chips, drinks, trunks, and candy for Trunk or Treat. A good time was had by all.

Today we will collect an annual offering for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina during their Annual Week of Prayer, November 5 thru 12. Please pray for the BCH ministry and the lives of children and families we serve together.

Next Sunday, November 12 we are excited to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Murfreesboro Baptist Church. 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.

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are available in the church library. Please note they are due back on Monday, November 13 so that they can be delivered as part of the OCC National Collection Week.

Sunday, November 19 there will be a brief church conference to discuss the final results of the fiscal year 2023-2023.

In Memory of Arthur Glen Aycock (Charlie Aycock's Brother): Garth and Erin Faile

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, November 5, 2023 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday

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

We Gather to Worship

Prelude You Are My All in All

Dennis Jernigan

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Amen.

Gathering Hymn No. 312

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (verses 1 & 5)

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing beneath the standard of your God, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, The Father, Son and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Words of Welcome Dr. Mark Gaskins

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1, 3, 8, 22 (NRSV)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Invocation Dr. Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 559 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing WARRENTON

Children's Sermon Ms. Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Lamentations 3:19-26 Dr. Gaskins

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Church at Prayer

Call to Prayer Dr. Gaskins
The Prayers of the People Dr. Gaskins
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses) Congregation

Remembering the Saints: Litany of Remembrance and Hope (see insert)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 567 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentence Dr. Gaskins
Offertory Praise His Greatness arr. Mark Hayes
*Doxology 706 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
*Offertory Prayer Dr. Gaskins

New Testament Lesson Matthew 5:1-12
The Word of the Lord
Praise His Holy Name!

Message in Song Saints Will Rise Conrad Cook

Dr. Gaskins

Scripture and Sermon Revelation 7:9-17 Dr. Gaskins

What Happens in Heaven?

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn of Invitation No. 560 Listen, Now We Tell a Mystery HYMN TO JOY

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Dr. Gaskins

Commission and Benediction

**Postlude On Jordan's Stormy Banks William Walker

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 the hymns together.

As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God's written word. We also practice believers' baptism. Toward 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. Today is All Saints Sunday, and the color for the day is white.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

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

The Litany of Remembrance and Hope

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have testified to your truth,

We praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who are still shining lights in the world.

We thank you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, for husbands and wives, parents and grandparents, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, teachers and colleagues and friends, for all who by their faithful obedience and steadfast love have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

We honor you, O God.

Keep us grateful for their witness, and like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at last, bring us all together at home with you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light,

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Remembering the Saints of Murfreesboro Baptist Church

Clifton "Clif" Shell Collins David Alexander Day, III Larry Wilson Futrell Charles Livingston Paul Rosemary Thomas Royce Doris Tittsworth Taylor

After each name is read, the congregation will respond: "Thanks be to God."

Prayer for the Saints (in unison)

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: grant that we, encouraged by the example of your departed servants, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may with them attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit as one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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