Using their Gifts to Serve in November:

Deacon of the Month of November:

November Radio Ministry Sponsor:

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 19 – December 2: Sara Frances Hill

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church ...

Sun. Radio Broadcast, 98.3 10:00 A.M. Tues. Food Bank of the Albemarle 1:30 P.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wed. Choir Practice 6:00 P.M.

There will be a brief Church Conference following the worship service today to discuss the final results of fiscal year 2022-2023.

The Annual Christmas Angel Tree is located in the foyer near the elevator. If you would like to be "A Christmas Angel" to a local child this Christmas, please take an Angel off the tree and sign the sign-in sheet on the lectern by the number you have chosen. Wrap all gifts, place in large bag and attach the Angel tag to the bag. All gifts should be returned to the church by December 15.

MBC will host the Food Bank of the Albemarle distribution on Tuesday, November 21. If you would like to help that day, please be here by 1:30 P.M.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 P.M. at Nebo Baptist Church. Our pastor will be the preacher for this service.

Sunday November, 26 is Christ the King Sunday. Please join us as we will observe Communion.

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, November 26 from 2-5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to decorate the sanctuary and church grounds for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

If you are looking for a way to help local families, the church food pantry is in need of volunteers willing to donate food items. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board next to the pantry in the fellowship hall.

In Memory of Charles Paul: Paula and Larry Pressnell In Memory of George Copeland: Katherine Brett In Memory of Jack Hassell: Linda Hassell

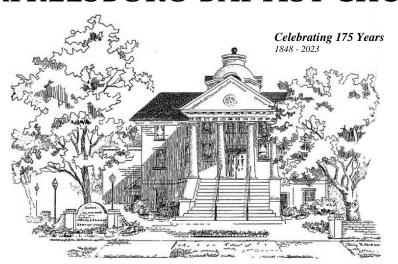
Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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 19, 2023 Twenty-Fifth 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 My Tribute Andre Crouch

Gathering Hymn No. 373 Give Thanks GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Words of Welcome Dr. Mark Gaskins

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Dr. Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 90:1-4, 10, 12 (NRSV)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Invocation Dr. Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 372 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Children's Sermon Dr. Gaskins

Old Testament Lesson Judges 4:1-10

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Church at Prayer

Call to PrayerDr. GaskinsThe Prayers of the PeopleDr. GaskinsThe Lord's Prayer (trespasses)Congregation

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 61 We Gather Together KREMSER

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentence Dr. Gaskins Offertory Simple Gifts arr. Robert Vandall *Doxology 706 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100^{TH} *Offertory Prayer Dr. Gaskins

New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord. **Praise His Holy Name!**

Message in Song Goodness of God

CeCe Winans

Scripture and Sermon

Dr. Gaskins

Matthew 25:14-30 Held in Trust

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn of Response No. 371 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Dr. Gaskins

Commission and Benediction

**Postlude Thanksgiving Toccata

Fenton Grode

*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 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.