



FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

It hardly seems possible, but November is already here! And with it come some important observances and celebrations!

On Sunday, November 5, we will observe All Saints' Sunday. From ancient times, Christians have remembered their brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone to be with the Lord. Those who were notable examples or who had been martyred for their faith had special days set aside to commemorate them. In time, when the Christian calendar became full of such saint's days, the church set aside November 1 as All Saints' Day. Like many other churches today, here at Murfreesboro Baptist Church we observe All Saints on the first Sunday in November. As Protestants, we hold the view that Scripture teaches that all believers in Christ are saints, set apart to him for his purposes. So, on All Saints' Sunday, we remember our brothers and sisters who have died during the year since the previous year's All Saints' Sunday.

We've been counting down to our 175th anniversary all year, and it will soon be here on Sunday, November 12. This observance of our demisemiseptcentennial will be a wonderful day of worship, fellowship, and celebration. Many former members who have moved away as well as former pastors or staff members are planning to be here. It will be a time to renew old acquaintances and friendships, to celebrate what God has done through these 175 years, and to look forward to what he will do in the coming years.

A reminder . . . Since our meal is being catered, we need an accurate head count for the caterer to be adequately prepared. If you are planning to attend and stay for the meal, and you haven't already done so, please RSVP to the church office (252-398-3613 or office@murfbc.org) no later than November 3.

This is a very special event in the life of our church, and the third of three special services commemorating this momentous milestone. I hope you'll all be able to be here!

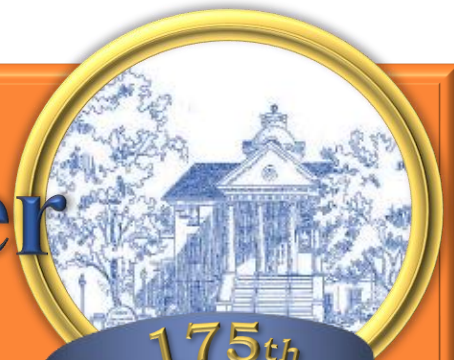
November is also the Thanksgiving season. While we should be thankful and express our

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gratitude to God all year round, it's certainly appropriate for us to have a special day set aside for Thanksgiving as well. As in past years, we intend to have a community Thanksgiving service with numerous other churches in Murfreesboro on November 21. Details are not yet worked out, but we'll announce them when they are. It's always good for God's people from various congregations to come together for worship, and the Thanksgiving season is a wonderful time to do so. Go ahead and set aside Tuesday evening, November 21 on your calendar so you can participate in this special service.

On a personal note, November holds one more very special celebration for JoAnn and me personally. On November 4, we will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. God was very good to me when he brought us together early in life, and I am so grateful! She has been and is an amazing partner in life and ministry! So, we'll have so much to be thankful for at Thanksgiving this year—45 years together, a wonderful congregation we have quickly come to love, and a home in a lovely town that we are enjoying so much.

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday, and for all these special services!

Grace and peace,

Mark E. Perkins

Don't Forget... **BIG WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER**

Wednesday, November 1st 6:00

Mary Etta's Menu

Pork Loin, Pineapple & Cheese Casserole, Snaps & Potatoes, Rolls & Dessert

\$10.00 Per Plate



Please call the church office to add, change or delete your reservations.

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5

For centuries, Christians have observed All Saints' Sunday as a time to remember brothers and sisters in Christ who have died, to thank God for their lives, and to celebrate their faith. On that day, we will honor six members of Murfreesboro Baptist Church who passed away since November 1, 2022:

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

Please join us for this service of worship, thanksgiving, and remembrance.

MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

175th Anniversary Celebration

**Please Join Us
Sunday, November 12, 2023**

RSVP to Church Office by November 3, 2023
398-3613

NOTICE

Sunday, November 19 Murfreesboro Baptist Church will hold a brief church conference after worship service to discuss the final results for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS...

Sunday, November 5

FALL BACK



Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday

CHANGE your fire alarm's batteries!

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Deacon of the Month
Debbie Hill
Opening the Church
Tommy Bird

Ushers November
Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren,
and Mike Alston,

Ushers December
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce
Brown, and Bob Turner

Radio Ministry Sponsor
Linda Hassell

Caregivers
Oct. 22 - Nov. 4 David and Carole
Farnham; *Nov. 5 - Nov. 18* Mary Etta
Flowers; *Nov. 19- Dec. 2* Sara Frances
Hill

Flowers
Nov. 5 Available; *Nov. 12* Linda
Hassell; *Nov. 19* Available; *Nov 26*
Available



You are invited to join us on
Sunday, November 26th at 3:00 p.m.
to decorate our sanctuary for the
Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Please call the Church office and let us know if
you will be volunteering to help.
We hope you will
be able to join us!

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins
PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....Organist & Choir
Director
TOM CAULKINS.....Pastor Emeritus
TERESA MARTIN..... Administrative
Asst.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Shoebboxes

Fall has arrived and that means that
Christmas is just a few short months away!
Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes are
available in the church library. Each box
will come with labels and information on
how to pack a shoebox. If you prefer to use
your own shoebox or a shoebox-sized
plastic tote, extra labels will be available.

Shoe boxes will be due back by
Monday, November 13 so that they can be
delivered as part of OCC National
Collection Week. Our goal this year is to
pack 50 shoeboxes.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KIDS' CLUB

Nov 1: Kids' Club 6:30-7:15
Nov 8: Kids' Club 6:00-6:45
Nov 15: Kids' Club 6:00-6:45
Nov 22: No Kids' Club
Nov 29: Kids' Club 6:00-6:45

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES

FOODBANK

OF THE

ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday,
November 14 by 1:30 p.m. in the church
parking lot to distribute food.



FOOD PANTRY

If you have committed
to help us keep our pantry filled, please
remember to bring your selected items
to the church before the last Monday of
each month. As always, any donations
are greatly appreciated.



November 2	Chris Broadhead
November 3	Dell Aycock
November 4	Ashley Revelle
November 5	Christiana Sawyer
November 6	Yolanda Faile
November 8	Tommy Bird
November 10	Rebecca Willson
November 11	Dock Boone
November 16	Tim Place
November 17	Aldeen Gatewood
November 20	Gus McLean
November 24	Katelyn Sumner
November 26	Katherine Brett
November 28	Corey Forbes

*Don't see your birthday? Please call the church
office and let us know when your special day is.*

UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 1	• Big Wednesday
Nov. 4	• Church Clean-Up
Nov. 5	• All Saints' Sunday
Nov. 13	• Christmas Shoebox Deadline
Nov. 12	• 175 th Anniversary Celebration
Nov. 14	• Deacons' Meeting
Nov. 21	• Food Bank of the Albemarle
Nov. 21	• Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 23 & 24	• Thanksgiving <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Nov. 26	• Christ the King Sunday Communion
	• Hanging of the Greens
Nov. 27	• MBC Food Pantry

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

252-398-3613

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Office Closed November 23 & 24
For Thanksgiving Holiday

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for October 2023

	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$24,528.30	\$260,000.00
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$4,728.00	\$2,655.00	\$3,290.00	\$4,052.00	\$3,282.00	\$18,007.00	\$18,007.00
Other Income							
Over (Under)	(177.66)	(2,250.66)	(\$1,615.66)	(853.66)	(\$1,623.66)	(\$6,521.30)	(\$241,993.00)



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