The flowers are given by Sarah Davis to the glory of God and in celebration of the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

## Using their Gifts to Serve in September:

Deacon of the Month of September: Bruce Brown
September Radio Ministry Sponsor Lynette Bunch
Opening and Closing the Church: Charlie Cole

Ushers for September: Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain,

Hal Thomas, and Charlie Gallop

Ushers for October: Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill,

and Jay Revelle

Hal Thomas, and Charlie Gallop

Caregivers for August 25-September 7: Booker Daniel

The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

We are pleased that Big Wednesday will resume on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. Mary Etta's menu is fried chicken, potato salad, butterbeans, deviled eggs, rolls, and dessert. Cost per plate is \$10.00. Please call the church office and leave message to make your reservation by Monday, September 2.

Join Us Immediately Following Big Wednesday dinner for a presentation on Estate Planning, presented by Scott Setzer from Provision (Formerly NC Baptist Foundation).

Deacon elections are scheduled for Sunday, September 15. Please prayerfully consider who you will call to serve as deacon for the next three years.

There will be a Church Quarterly Conference held on Sunday, September 29. During this conference we will vote on the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 church year, the recommendations from the Nominating Committee, and discuss other church business. Afterwards we will hold our yearly Ministry Fair, and have a fellowship lunch. The church will provide the meat and we ask that you bring a vegetable, covered dish or dessert.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 13th, as we welcome back The Reverent Quartet at 5:00 pm! Bring several friends! A love offering will be collected and refreshments will be served afterwards.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday for any special occasion, (memorial, anniversary, birthday, etc.) on any given date, please call the church office to reserve the date.

In Memory of Joyce Garrison: Edward P. and Sheila Banks

**In Memory of Peggy Copeland McLean:** Sarah Davis, Judy Clark, Gene and Mary Etta Flowers, Garth and Erin Faile, David and Carole Farnham, Clay and Teresa Martin, Wingate Joyner, Diane Dixon, Charlie and Dell Aycock, Janet Vincent, and Mary Beth Parker



# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

### The Lord's Day, September 1, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### We Gather to Worship

Prelude In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came Charles Gabriel

\*Gathering Hymn No. 362

I Love You, Lord

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.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14, 17-18, 19b (NRSV)

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

Praise the LORD!

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

\*Hymn of Praise No. 601 O How I Love Jesus O HOW I LOVE JESUS

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson1 Chronicles 19:10-18 Debbie Hill

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Mark 12:41-44 Debbie Hill

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

The Church at Prayer

Call to Prayer

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 378 We Gather Here in Grateful Praise TRURO

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins
Offertory Jesus Loves Me Medley arr. Mark Hayes
\*Doxology 706 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Message in Song Hymn of Fellowship Marty Parks

Scripture and Sermon 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:6-15 Mark Gaskins

Expressions of the Heart

We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn of Response No. 672 All Things Are Yours GERMANY

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

#### We Go Forth with God's Blessing

\*Commission and Benediction

Mark Gaskins

\*\*Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Glaser/Scott

#### To our guests . . .

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to worship at Murfreesboro Baptist Church! Worshiping God together is one of the most important things we do as a church. We gather to hear and tell the good news of what God has done, is doing, and will do in Jesus Christ his Son, and respond to him in faith and obedience as he sends us out with his blessing to love and serve him in the world. We encourage active participation through responsive readings, the prayers, the offering, and singing hymns together.

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. Today is the fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, in a part of the Christian Year known as Ordinary Time, when we focus on what it means to be and to live together as the people of God, the church of Jesus Christ. The color for this time is green, symbolizing our life and growth as followers of Jesus in the body of Christ, his church.

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

#### This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM Sunday: 10:00 A.M. **Sunday School** 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. **Big Wednesday** Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. Kid's Club 6:30-7:15 P.M. **Choir Practice** 6:40 P.M. Presented by Scott Setzer from Provision 7:00 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.