

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Diane Dixon in honor of the members of Murfreesboro Baptist Church and all they contribute to the work of God's kingdom.

## 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
Caregivers for September 7 - September 21:	T.K. Warren, III

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

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, September 17. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, September 22 for the parent-child dedication for Armando and Bardin Torres' daughter Maggie Louise Torres.

There will be a Quarterly Church 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 Peggy Copeland McLean:** Katherine Brett, Bruce and Liz Brown, Bobby Joe and Beth Edwards, Reggie and Annette Askew, and Forrest and Holly Dance



## MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

*Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.*

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### The Lord's Day, September 15, 2024 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### *We Gather to Worship*

Prelude *He Cares for Me* Murray/Ellis

\*Gathering Hymn No. 360 *We Will Glorify* (verses 1 & 3) WE WILL GLORIFY

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;  
we will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;  
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:7-11, 14 (NRSV)

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**  
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Invocation Mark Gaskins

***We Hear God's Word***

\*Hymn of Praise No. 58 *Immortal, Invisible* ST. DENIO

Children's Sermon Mark Gaskins

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 11:8-16 Sarah Davis

The Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 16:16-22 Sarah Davis

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. 31 *Ancient Words* ANCIENT WORDS

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins

Offertory *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Showalter/Hayes

\*Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Message in Song *God Be in My Head* Victor C. Johnson

Scripture and Sermon Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 Mark Gaskins

Laughing with God

***We Respond to God's Word***

\*Hymn of Response No. 565 *God of Past, Who By His Spirit* HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

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

\*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

\*\*Postlude *A Song of Rejoicing* John M. Rasley

*\*\*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

**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 seventeenth 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 . . .**

<b>Sunday: Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Food Bank of the Albemarle</b>	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>		<b>Deacons' Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Kids' Club</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>		<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
			<b>Prayer and Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>

*Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:*

Phil Royce Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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