The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Garth and Erin Faile in appreciation of our church family.

### 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: Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell

The newly elected Deacons for the 2024-2027 term beginning October 1 are Frances Cole, Ronnie Coltrain, Sarah Davis, and Jay Revelle. Alternates elected are Bob Turner and Gene Flowers.

There will be no Kids' Club on Sept 25.

We are pleased to announce that today will be 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:** Debra Godwin, and Johnny and Catherine Jenkins



# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

## The Lord's Day, September 22, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine Fanny Crosby

\*Gathering Hymn 529 See the Children Here Before Us (verses 2 & 3) DEANNA

Priceless gifts beyond all measure are the children in our care. At this hour of dedication, Lord, please hear our humble prayer; bless these parents on their journey through a vast, uncharted land; help them follow as You lead them with a gentle guiding hand.

Now the church has come together with a promise we must share; to be faithful to the children You entrusted to our care. Let us see Your love reflected in this small and precious face; help us show her all the wonders of Your endless love and grace.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 127:1-5a (NIV)

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

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

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.

Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

Invocation: The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Congregation

We Hear God's Word

\*Hymn of Praise No. 532 Hands of Blessing ELLESDIE

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

The Dedication of Maggie Louise Torres & Her Parents

Scripture Lessons Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Mark 10:13-16 Mark Gaskins

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Presentation

The Charge to the Parents

The Charge to the Grandparents

The Charge to the Congregation

The Prayer of Dedication and Blessing

The Presentation of the Bible and Certificate

Anthem Jesus Loves You, Little One Bradbury/Choplin

The Church at Prayer

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 366 O God Beyond All Praising THAXTED

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer
Offertory

Jesus Loves the Little Children
\*Doxology 706

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Scripture and Sermon Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 11:17-19 Mark Gaskins

"The LORD Will Provide"

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

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

\*Commission and Benediction

Mark Gaskins

\*\*Postlude

Let Your Light So Shine

Tom Birchwood

#### 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 eighteenth 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 . . .

Sunday: Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.
Youth Group 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6:00 P.M.
Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 P.M.
No Kids' Club

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.