

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Dan Surface by his family, Sallie, Eric, Julie, Brian, Olivia, and Ian.

## 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 22 - October 5:	Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell

The Quarterly Church Conference will be held today after worship service. 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.

In Conjunction with the inauguration of Dr. Rosemary Thomas as President of Chowan University, we will have a special worship service Sunday morning, October 20, with Dr. Thomas and her family and friends as our honored guests. The service will be followed by a churchwide fellowship lunch in honor of this historic occasion.

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:** Mike and Susan Alston and Ronnie and Betsy Coltrain.



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BAPTIST CHURCH  
Murfreesboro, North Carolina

*Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.*

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### The Lord's Day, September 29, 2024 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### *We Gather to Worship*

Prelude *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* arr. Dale Wood

\*Gathering Hymn 51 *On Eagle's Wings* (verse 2) ON EAGLE'S WINGS

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear,  
under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 124 (NRSV)

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side – let Israel now say –  
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,  
**then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;  
then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
 the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Invocation Mark Gaskins

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

\*Hymn of Praise No. 640 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson Romans 8:26-39 Mark Gaskins  
 The Word of God, for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 12:20-26 Mark Gaskins  
 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. 350 *Blessed Be the Name* BLESSED NAME

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings Mark Gaskins  
 Offertory Prayer Doane/Ham  
 Offertory *To God Be the Glory*  
 \*Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Anthem *The Promises of God* arr. Lloyd Larson

Scripture and Sermon Genesis 37:1-11 Mark Gaskins  
 A Portrait of God's Providence

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

\*Hymn of Response No. 72 *Day By Day* BLOTT EN DAG

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

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

\*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

\*\*Postlude *God Is Our Refuge and Strength* Robert J. Powell

*\*\*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 nineteenth 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:</b>	<b>Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>		<b>Kids' Club</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>		<b>Prayer and Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Fellowship Lunch and</b>				
	<b>Ministry Fair</b>	<i>After Worship Service</i>			
	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>5:30 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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