

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by David and Carole Farnham in memory of their parents, John F. and Luella Farnham and David A. and Louise Holloway.

Using their Gifts to Serve in October:

Deacon of the Month of October:	Wayne Brown
October Radio Ministry Sponsor	Mark and JoAnn Gaskins
Opening and Closing the Church:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for October:	Charlie Aycock and Lloyd Hill
Ushers for November:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, and Mike Alston
Caregivers for October 6-19:	Judy Clark

Today is Pastor Appreciation Day and October is Pastor Appreciation Month. A special basket will be outside the pastor's office for anyone who would like to leave a card, message, gift, etc. to show Mark how much he is appreciated in our church family.

Please join us this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. as we welcome back The Reverent Quartet. Bring friends and family to this joyous event! A love offering will be collected and refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, October 15. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

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.

Photos for the MBC Church Directory will be on Monday, October 21. Please reserve your time by going online to: www.uccdir.com. The church code is: NC520. The password is: photos. If you are unable to schedule a time online, please contact Dell Aycock at 1-804-690-1921 or e-mail: aycock2@coastalnet.com.

Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 5:30 -7:00 pm. We will have a pizza dinner before the children visit the trunks. If you would be willing to provide drinks, chips, or fruit for the pizza dinner, please let Sarah Davis know. Trunks with treats are needed as well. This is a community event so please invite children in the community to join us.



MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord's Day, October 13, 2024 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Count Your Blessings* Edwin O. Excell

*Gathering Hymn *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Rejoice!
Rejoice and again I say rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice and again I say rejoice.
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Words of Welcome
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Invocation Psalm 90:1-4, 12, 14, 16-17 (NRSV)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like

**Please stand as you are able.*

a watch in the night. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude Charles Gabriel
Higher Ground

***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 twenty-first 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. No Youth Group Reverent Quartet Concert 5:00 P.M.		Tuesday: Food Bank of the Albemarle 1:30 P.M. Wednesday: Choir Practice 6:00 P.M. Kids' Club 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 P.M.
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Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

Contact us at:

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We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 349 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson James 1:19-25 Debbie Hill

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 7:21-27 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. 395 *Open My Eyes that I May See* SCOTT

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins

Offertory *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Redman/Hayes

*Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

Anthem *Eternal Life* Olive Dungan

Calvin Carter, tenor

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins

1 Samuel 3:1-10

God's Listening Servant

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 503 *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak* CANONBURY

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins