

## 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 20-November 2: David and Carole Farnham

In conjunction with the inauguration of Dr. Rosemary Thomas as President of Chowan University, today we welcome Dr. Rosemary Thomas, President of Chowan University, 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.

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.

Photos for the MBC Church Directory will be on Monday, October 21. Please reserve your time by going online to: [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.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](mailto: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.*

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### The Lord's Day, October 20, 2024 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Chowan University Presidential Inauguration Worship Service

#### *We Gather to Worship*

Prelude *Glorious Is Thy Name* McKinney/Varner

\*Gathering Hymn No. 436 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia.  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find. Knock,  
and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Ministry Opportunities and Recognition of Guests Dr. Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 91:14-16 (NRSV)

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.  
When they call to me, I will answer them;

**I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.  
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation Dr. Gaskins

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

\*Hymn of Praise No. 33 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Children's Sermon Ms. Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson Philippians 3:7-14 Mr. Caleb Riggleman

The Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson Mark 12:28-34 Mrs. Lynette Bunch

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. 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Gaskins

Offertory

*If We Will Seek the Lord*

Don Besig

\*Doxology 706

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Solo Mr. JP Miller

Scripture and Sermon Jeremiah 29:10-14 Dr. Gaskins

Plans to Prosper

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

\*Hymn of Response No. 649 *Christ, You Call Us All to Service* IN BABILONE

Response Dr. Rosemary Thomas

*President, Chowan University*

A Prayer for Chowan Dr. Gaskins

Special Presentation Mr. John Tayloe

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

\*Commission and Benediction Dr. Gaskins

\*\*Postlude *Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"* Beethoven/Payne

*\*\*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-second 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>Youth Group</b>	<b>5:00 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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