

Today's flowers are given by Mark and JoAnn Gaskins in appreciation for the saints of Murfreesboro Baptist Church, in honor of those still among us and in loving memory of those who have gone on before us to be with the Lord.

### Using their Gifts to Serve in November:

Deacon of the Month of November:	Bruce Brown
November Radio Ministry Sponsor	Linda Hassell
Opening and Closing the Church:	Bruce Brown
Ushers for November:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, and Mike Alston
Caregivers for October 3-November 6:	Sara Frances Hill

Thanks to all you donated chips, drinks, fruit, or provided trunks with treats for Trunk or Treat 2024.

Operation Thanksgiving Blessings is a project led by David Burke from Margarettsville. The goal is to provide a Thanksgiving meal for over 5,000 western NC residents affected by Hurricane Helene. A part of this project is to collect gently used Bibles (any translation) to share with residents who lost most of all of their possessions. If you have a gently used Bible or Bibles that you can share, please bring them to the church by November 24, and they will be sent on to western NC for distribution. Visit the Facebook Page OPERATION THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS for more information.

If you volunteered to bring food items for the MBC Food Pantry, please remember to bring your selected items no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

#### In Memory of Janet Gibbs Vincent:

Don and Lynn Johnson, Gene and Mary Etta Flowers, Judy Clark, Earlene Futrell, Gertrude Revelle, Sarah T. Davis, Larry and Paula Pressnell, Aldeen Gatewood, T.W. and Debbie Hill, Dr. John and Mrs. Sarah Davis, Colon and Jane Balance, David and Carole Farnham, Lloyd and Tommie Hill, Charlie and Dell Aycock, Alice Hassell, Linda Hassell, and East West Partners Management Company

#### In Memory of Jack Hassell:

Linda Hassell



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BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

*Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.*

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## The Lord's Day, November 3, 2024 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday

### *We Gather to Worship*

Prelude	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	Arthur Messiter
*Gathering Hymn No. 299	<i>Stand Up and Bless the Lord</i> (verses 1 & 5)	OLD 134TH

Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of His choice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.  
Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless His glorious name, henceforth forevermore.

#### Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

#### Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 24:1, 3-6 (NRSV)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it . . .  
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
**Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation

Mark Gaskins

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

\*Hymn of Praise No. 334 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

AMSTERDAM

Children's Sermon

Sarah Davis

A Chowan Moment

Kayleigh Lance

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 12:1-2

Eva Mitzell

The Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:43-49

Taylor Furlough

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*)

Remembering the Saints: Litany of Remembrance and Hope (see insert)

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 567 *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Mark Gaskins

Offertory

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Croft/Larson

\*Doxology 706

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Anthem

*Gather With the Saints*

arr. Larry Shackley

Scripture and Sermon

1 Kings 18:17-24

Mark Gaskins

Limping or Loyal?

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

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Prayers

The Bread and Cup

\*Hymn of Response No. 565 *God of Past, Who by Your Spirit*

HYFRYDOL

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Mark Gaskins

Choral Benediction

*A Choral Benediction*

Barbara Revelle

\*\*Postlude

*Marching to Zion*

Garrett Parker

*\*\*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-fourth 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. Today is also All Saints Sunday, when we remember with gratitude our brothers and sisters who have gone to be with the Lord since last year's All Saints Sunday. The color for today is white, symbolizing the purity, glory, and joy that those who have gone before us now enjoy as they are with the Lord.

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>Wednesday: Kids' Club</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>6:15 P.M.</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11:00 A.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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