



FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

It's been a full fall so far, but a good one.

September saw our Deacon election, a parent-child dedication, and our quarterly church conference, fellowship lunch, and ministry fair. Throughout September, our youth were participating in a discipleship study about what it means to follow Jesus and be a member of his church here at Murfreesboro Baptist.

October brought us World Communion Sunday, a concert by the Reverent Quartet, a wonderful worship service and fellowship lunch where we celebrated our unique and longstanding relationship with Chowan University and the inauguration of Chowan's new president, Dr. Rosemary Thomas, and our annual Trunk or Treat. October also brought us a memorial service that marked the passing of one of our longtime and beloved members, Mrs. Janet Vincent.

To everyone who provided leadership or support or who participated in these events, *thank you!* Much time and effort went into each one, and each was a blessing to those who participated. Even the memorial service was a time of worship that celebrated and gave thanks to God for Janet's life and God's help in our time of grief.

November will bring several opportunities as well. The first Sunday will be All Saints Sunday, when we will pause to remember those of our church family who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year. We will also share in Communion as a part of that service. Sunday, November 24 will be Christ the King Sunday. Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be held that evening at First Baptist Church with Rev. Sandy Outlaw, Pastor of New Vision Ministries, preaching. Because the week of Thanksgiving is so full with preparations for or travel out of town to family gatherings, the pastors decided to move the service from the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day to the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving Day. Last year we had a good number of our folks attend this service; I look forward to seeing many of you there this year as well. It's very important



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for the churches in a town or community to come together from time to time in worship and fellowship. It serves as a powerful witness to Christ, and shows that while we may differ in some ways, we are one in Christ.

September, October, November . . . and then Advent will be upon us!

On a personal note, please allow me to express JoAnn's and my appreciation for your kindness and affirmation in so many ways. Many of you expressed good wishes at my birthday and kind words and gifts of appreciation for Pastor Appreciation Month. In addition, you have showed concern for our family with the recent illnesses and deaths on both sides of our family. For all this, we are grateful.

Since Thanksgiving Day will soon be here, let me share some things I am thankful for . . .

First, for the grace and mercy of God in our Lord Jesus Christ and the love and spiritual blessings God has lavished on us in him.

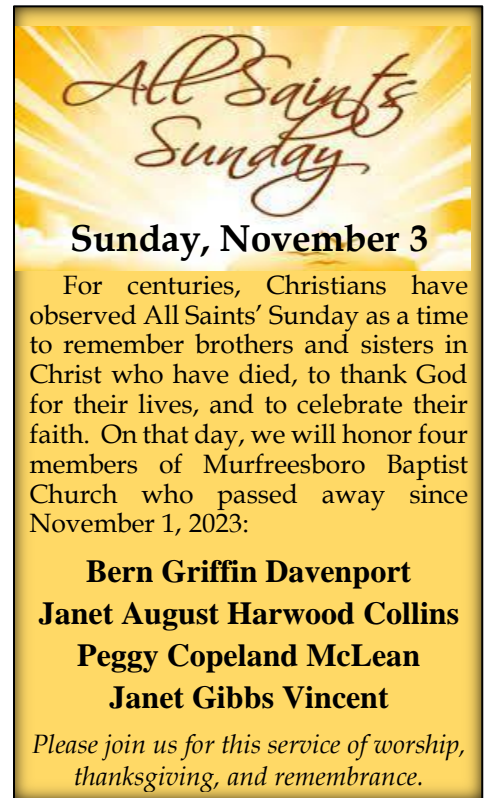
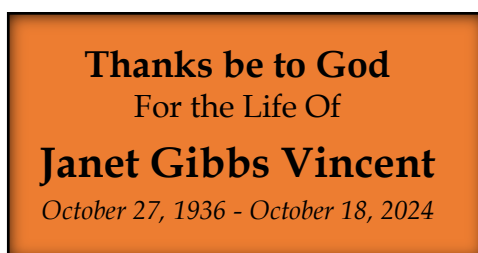
Second, for my family. On November 4, JoAnn and I will celebrate our 46th wedding anniversary. I am of all men most blessed! We are grateful for our sons and their families as well.

And third, for this congregation. It is a joy to serve you as your Pastor. We love you and appreciate you and are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of your lives and of our life together as a church!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Grace and peace,

Mark E. Perkins



USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Deacon of the Month
Bruce Brown

Opening the Church
Bruce Brown

Ushers November
Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren,
and Mike Alston,

Ushers December
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce
Brown, and Bob Turner

Radio Ministry Sponsor
Linda Hassell

Caregivers
Oct. 22 - Nov. 4 David and Carole
Farnham; *Nov. 3 - Nov. 16* Sarah
Frances Hill; *Nov. 17- Nov. 30* Mary
Etta Flowers

Flowers
Nov. 3 Mark and JoAnn Gaskins; *Nov.*
10 T.K. Warren; *Nov. 17* Bruce and Liz
Brown; *Nov 24* Gertrude Revelle



You are invited to join us on
Saturday, November 30th
Time To be Announced
to decorate our sanctuary for the
Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Please call the Church office and let us
know if you will be volunteering to help.
We hope you will be able to join us!



THANK YOU

Hello, my name is Gabriel Espirity.
I am a student at Chowan University
and proud recipient of the Murfreesboro Baptist
Church Scholarship. This scholarship makes it
possible for me to attend Chowan University
and study recreation, wellness, and sport. I am
very grateful to you for making this opportunity
possible.

Sincerely,
Gabriel Espirity

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins

PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....Organist & Choir
Director

TOM CAULKINS.....Pastor Emeritus

TERESA MARTIN.....Administrative Asst.

Church Directory Update

A second date to take
photos for the
MBC Church Directory
will be on
Wednesday, November 20
from 2 p.m.-9 p.m.



Please reserve your time online at:
www.ucdir.com. The church code is: NC520.
The pass-word is: Photos. If you are unable to
schedule a time online, contact

Dell Aycock at 1-804-690-1921 or email:
aycock2@coastalnet.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Shoeboxes

Fall has arrived and that means that
Christmas is just a few short months
away! Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes will be available in the
church library as soon as they arrive.
Each box will come with labels and
information on how to pack a shoebox.
If you prefer to use your own shoebox
or a shoebox-sized plastic tote, extra
labels will be available.

Shoe boxes will be due back by
Sunday, November 17th so that they
can be delivered as part of OCC
National Collection Week. Our goal
this year is to pack 50 shoeboxes.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KIDS' CLUB

November 6 6-6:45 p.m.
November 13 6-6:45 p.m.
November 20 6-6:45 p.m.

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES

FOODBANK
OF THE
ALBEMARLE
Volunteers are needed Tuesday,
November 19 by 1:30 p.m. in the church
parking lot to distribute food.



FOOD PANTRY

If you have committed
to help us keep our pantry filled, please
remember to bring your selected items
to the church before the 20th of each
month. As always, any donations are
greatly appreciated.



On Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m., our
adult choir, along with members of Middle Swamp
Baptist and others from Gates County, will present
a Christmas Cantata in our Sanctuary, "Love Came
Down at Christmas," by Marty Parks. I am
practicing with the Middle Swamp folks Sunday
nights and will accompany the same cantata twice
at their church December 1st for their Hanging of
the Greens. This is all very exciting and is a
wonderful way to share the good news of our
Savior's birth and the reason He came.

This Thanksgiving and every day, I am thankful
for our choir members, Mark, Teresa, each person
in the church, and my family and friends. God
bless.

Paula Pressnell

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 2	Chris Broadhead
November 3	Dell Aycock
November 5	Christiana Sawyer
November 6	Yolanda Faile
November 8	Tommy Bird
November 10	Rebecca Willson
November 17	Aldeen Gatewood
November 20	Gus McLean
November 26	Katherine Brett
November 28	Corey Forbes

*Don't see your birthday? Please call the church
office and let us know when your special day is.*

UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 3	• All Saints' Sunday • Communion
Nov. 17	• Christmas Shoebox Deadline
Nov. 12	• Deacons' Meeting
Nov. 19	• Food Bank of the Albemarle
Nov. 24	• Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 24	• Christ the King Sunday
Nov. 28 & 29	• Thanksgiving <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Nov. 25	• MBC Food Pantry
Nov. 30	• Hanging of the Greens

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Office Closed November 28 & 29
For Thanksgiving Holiday



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