COMMISSIONING PRAYER		Marc Wyatt *Welcome House Raleigh*
HYMN 71	*"Be Thou My Vision"*	SLANE
BENEDICTION		Matty Grace Gilliam *Welcome House Raleigh*
POSTLUDE	"The Solid Rock" *Jeremy Poplin*	arr. Jeremy Poplin

A Missions Opportunity

The Northeastern North Carolina (NENC) Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Scholarship is a new scholarship at Chowan University established by the six CBFNC churches represented at our Gathering today. Its purpose is to provide assistance to students who have aged out of the NC foster care system, to help provide them an opportunity to attend a nurturing Christian university. Because young people who are in foster care are on their own once they turn 18 years old, the statistics for most are not good. Attending a university like Chowan has the potential to be a transforming experience for them as they prepare for their future in an atmosphere of academic excellence and spiritual nurture. Thank you to each of our churches, First Baptist Ahoskie, Earlys Baptist, Edenton Baptist, Littleton Baptist, Murfreesboro Baptist, and Roberts Chapel Baptist, for your support of and commitment to this wonderful missions opportunity!

Matty Grace Gilliam

Matty Grace Gilliam is an operations specialist at Welcome House Raleigh, a ministry offering temporary housing, resettlement support, and community connection for refugees in the Raleigh area.

Matty Grace grew up in Hertford County and was baptized at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. She is a 2020 graduate of Ridgecroft School. In 2024, she graduated from Randolph-Macon College with a degree in international studies. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages at Greensboro College.

Tom Ogburn

Dr. Tom Ogburn currently serves as pastor of Triangle Baptist Church in Raleigh. He and his wife, Beth, (a native of Murfreesboro) served as CBF missionaries in Southeast Asia in the 1990s and in CBF Global Missions administration following their field service. Tom subsequently served as pastor of FBC Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, FBC Knoxville, Tennessee, and Westwood Baptist Church in Cary. We welcome him as our guest preacher for this service today!

Music Leadership

Rev. Jeremy Poplin, *Associate Pastor of Music, Franklin Baptist*
Paula Presnell, *Organist and Director of Music Ministry, Murfreesboro Baptist*

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Sunday, October 25, 2026

Murfreesboro Baptist Church

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship North Carolina

NORTHEAST REGIONAL GATHERING SCHEDULE

4:15 p.m. | Registration & Gathering
4:30 p.m. | Worship Service
6:00 p.m. | Refreshments & Fellowship

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sanctuary | 4:30 p.m.

Murfreesboro Baptist

PRELUDE	"All Creatures of Our God and King" *Jeremy Poplin. Franklin Baptist*	arr. Jeremy Poplin
WELCOME		Mark Gaskins *Murfreesboro Baptist*
CALL TO WORSHIP		Mike Crawley *Littleton Baptist*

When the eleven disciples saw the risen Lord Jesus on the mountain, they worshiped him, even as some doubted.

Let us worship Christ, even in our times of doubt and fear.

He came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Let us remember that we worship and serve the Lord of the universe!

Then he told them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

May we obey Christ's call to make people of all nations his disciples!

INVOCATION		Claire Pressley *First Baptist, Ahoskie*
HYMN 295	"*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"	NETTLETON
CELEBRATING GOD'S WORK THROUGH CBFNC		Larry Hovis *CBFNC*
GREETINGS FROM CHOWAN UNIVERSITY		Rosemary Thomas *Chowan University*
A MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY		Mark Gaskins
PRAYER TIME		Mike Currin *Roberts Chapel*
HYMN 48	"*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*"	FAITHFULNESS
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Koby Strawser *Edenton Baptist*
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	"*He Leadeth Me*"	arr. Jeremy Poplin
SCRIPTURE READING	*Romans 10:8-15*	Joshua Prosser *Earlys Baptist*
ANTHEM	"*Lord, Here Am I*" *Combined Choir*	arr. John Ness Beck
INTRODUCTION		Mark Gaskins
MESSAGE	"*Sending and Sent*" *Acts 13:1-4*	Tom Ogburn *Triangle Baptist*

COMMISSIONING OF MATTY GRACE GILLIAM

Leader: Jesus has called us to make disciples of all the nations, and now many from many nations have come to our land, seeking refuge and asylum.

Congregation: We must share the good news of Jesus Christ with them through our deeds of love and mercy and our words of witness about Christ!

Leader: We can and must share the love of Christ with those we encounter personally. But what of those we will never meet in person?

Congregation: We must send one whom God has called to this task! But whom shall we send, and who will go for us?

Candidate: ***Here I am, send me. I have heard God calling me to this kingdom mission.***

Her Parents: *We have brought Matty Grace up in the ways of the Lord and taught her to listen for God's call on her life. We offer our blessing to her as she responds to that call.*

Her Supervisor: In her work at Welcome House, she has shown through her devotion, her deeds, and her witness that she is called to missions. We heartily commend her to you!

Congregation: We therefore, the churches of the Northeastern North Carolina Baptist Fellowship, commission you, our sister Matty Grace Gilliam, to your missions task as you join Christ on his mission in the world. We commend you to God and to the word of his grace, and commit ourselves to support you with our prayers, our financial gifts, our encouragement, and our cooperation in your work. May the Holy Spirit equip you and empower you for your work, and bless it to the advancement of his kingdom on earth!

Candidate: *I accept this commission, and with the Lord as my helper, I pledge to fulfill it faithfully.*

ALL: AMEN!