

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Raymond Benthall by Susan, Raymond, and Bland Benthall.

Using their Gifts to Serve in September:

- Deacon of the Month of September: Debbie Hill
- September Radio Ministry Sponsor: Debbie Hill
- Opening of the Church in September: Charlie Cole
- Ushers for September: Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Hal Thomas, and Charles Gallop
- Caregiver for Sept 7- Sept. 22 Aldeen Gatewood

MBC will hold a Quarterly Conference after worship service today to approve 2025-2026 annual Budget and Nominating Committee recommendations

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, September 16. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

Union Mission Clothing Drive: September is the month to donate all of your unwanted, non-fitting, and out of style clothing to help Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids. Please leave your donations in the connector. Deadline is September 30.

Mark your calendar...Deacon elections will be held on Sunday, September 21 after worship service.

Thank you to those who have downloaded the new MBC app. For the app to be used to its full potential, you must create an account. Once you create the account, you will be added to groups for communication purposes. If you have any questions, please ask Sarah Davis.

The nursery is now available during worship service for children under the age of five. If you need assistance, please see any usher. Also, anyone wishing to volunteer to assist in the nursery, please contact Frances Cole.

Note of Thanks:

Dear Murfreesboro Baptist Church,

Thank you for the school supplies. The supplies will be distributed to students and teachers to use. Thanks for your support. Thank you for your kindness.

Sarah Davis, School Improvement Chair  
Dr. R. Tripp, Principal  
Hertford County High School



MURFREESBORO  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, September 14, 2025  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Blessed Assurance Knapp/Wagner

\*Gathering Hymn No. 31 Ancient Words (verse 2) ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age;  
came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in the world,  
they resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart.  
Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you;  
we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!  
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 139:1-4, 6,17-18, 23-24 (NRSV)

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

\*Please stand as you are able.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God’s Word

\*Hymn of Praise No. 344 Glorious Is Thy Name GLORIOUS NAME

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:1-8 Paula Pressnell  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Lesson Luke 8:4-15 Kayleigh Lance  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Praise His Holy Name!**

\*Gloria Patri No. 705 Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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 Kayleigh Lance  
Offertory Worthy of Worship Blankenship/Young  
\*Doxology 706 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>  
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem Thy Word Grant & Smith/Larson

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
The Word of God

We Respond to God’s Word

\*Hymn of Response No. 280 Speak, O Lord SPEAK, O LORD

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

\*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

\*\*Postlude I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Douglas Wagner

*\*\*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

To our guests this morning . . .

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 Fourteenth 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 & Director of Music Ministry  
Ms. Kayleigh Lance, Director of Youth Ministry

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...		
Sunday:	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.
	Youth Group	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday:	Food Bank of the Albemarle	1:30 P.M
Wednesday:	Kids Club	6:00 P.M.
	Choir Practice	6:15 P.M.
	Prayer & Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

*Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:*  
Phil Royce Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley Gertrude Revelle  
Genevieve Broadhead Chris Broadhead Ed and Verlie Rainey

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