The flowers are given by Murfreesboro Baptist Church to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and celebration for the 20th anniversary of our organist and music director, Paula Pressnell.

Using their Gifts to Serve in November:

Deacon of the Month of November:	Bruce Brown
November Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Linda Hassell
Opening of the Church in November:	Bruce Brown
Ushers for November:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston
Caregiver for November 8 - November 21:	David and Carole Farnham

In celebration of Paula's 20th anniversary, there is a basket in the hall outside the office for you to place cards or tokens of appreciation. The basket will be there for the remainder of the month.

The deacons will meet on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are available in the library for pickup. Please grab a box, fill it, and return the box to the church by Wednesday, November 18. Thank you for participating in this mission opportunity to bring Christmas to children around the world.

Join us for Hanging of the Green on Sat, Nov 28 at 3:00 as we decorate the church grounds and sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

If you would like to donate to the Northeastern North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Scholarship, please make check payable to Murfreesboro Baptist Church. Write on the memo line of any check: "NENC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Scholarship." Any contributions beyond our church's original $2500 commitment will be sent to Chowan University for the scholarship fund.

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:	**Deacons' Meeting**	**6:00 P.M.**
Wednesday:	**Choir Practice**	**6:00 P.M.**
	Bible Study	**7:00 P.M.**

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce	Cheryl Whitley	Gertrude Revelle
Genevieve Broadhead	Chris Broadhead	Ed and Verlie Rainey

MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord's Day, November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude — *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* — arr. John Drakestone

*Gathering Hymn No. 392 — *Open Our Eyes* — OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen;
open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities — Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship — Psalm 78:1-7 (NRSV)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

**Please stand as you are able*

He established a decree in Jacob, and he appointed a law in Israel,
Which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,

and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments . . . .

Invocation — Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 550 — *We're Marching to Zion* — MARCHING TO ZION

Children's Sermon — Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson — Daniel 12:1-3 — Mark Gaskins

The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson — John 11:17-27 — Mark Gaskins

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. 412 — *Sweet Hour of Prayer* — SWEET HOUR

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
*Offertory Prayer — Jimmy Stapleton
Offertory — *Soon and Very Soon* — Crouch/Hayes
*Doxology 706 — *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* — OLD 100TH

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 — *Fly Away to Glory* — arr. Don Hart

Scripture and Sermon — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 — Mark Gaskins
Comforting Words

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 548 — *When We All Get to Heaven* — HEAVEN

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment — Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

Commission and Benediction — Mark Gaskins

**Postlude — *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* — James M. Black

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

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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 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. The color for today is green.

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist & Choir Director
Mr. Jimmy Stapleton, Director of Youth Ministry
Mrs. Teresa Martin, Administrative Assistant

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Please silence and refrain from using cell phones and other electronic devices during the worship service.