

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Gene and Mary Etta Flowers in memory of Gene’s mother, Lucille Flowers.

Using their Gifts to Serve in October:

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| Deacon of the Month of October:   | Lynette Bunch                  |
| October Radio Ministry Sponsor:   | Mark and JoAnn Gaskins         |
| Opening of the Church in October: | Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown |
| Ushers for October:               | Lloyd Hill and Charlie Aycock  |
| Caregiver for October 5 - Oct. 18 | Judy Clark                     |

Community Missions Volunteer Opportunity: Volunteers are needed to help deliver meals on wheels in our local area. Days needed are Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 until 11:30. If you are interested, please contact Tracie at the Hertford County Office of Aging at 202-358-7856, and let the church office know you have volunteered.

Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 26 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the church parking lot. All children from birth to 5th grade are welcome to attend. Costumes are encouraged but not required. We will have a pizza dinner from Napoli's and then the children will visit the trunks. Drinks and chips are needed for dinner. Trunks with candy or small prizes are needed in the parking lot. If you would be willing to provide food for dinner or a trunk for the children, please let Sarah Davis know.

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.

In Memory of Randolph (Randy) Woodard Whitley: Charlie and Dell Aycock

In Memory of W.C. Copeland: Paula Pressnell

In Memory of George A. Copeland: Katherine Brett



MURFREESBORO  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, October 5, 2025  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

We Gather to Worship

Prelude You Satisfy the Hungry Heart Robert Kreutz

\*Gathering Hymn No. 268 The Bond of Love SKILLINGS

We are one in the bond of love. We are one in the bond of love.  
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God; we are one in the bond of love.  
Let us sing now, everyone. Let us feel His love begun;  
Let us join our hands that the world will know, we are one in the bond of love.

Words of Welcome  
The Lord be with you!  
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 133 (NIV®)

How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!  
It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe.  
It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

\*Please stand as you are able.

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| Invocation   |   | Mark Gaskins          | *Hymn of Response No. 272 <i>They'll Know We Are Christians</i>  |                         | ST. BRENDAN'S          |
| <i>We Hear God's Word</i>  |   |                       | *Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment   |                         | Mark Gaskins           |
| *Hymn of Praise No. 303  | <i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>            | HOLY MANNA            | <i>We Go Forth with God's Blessing</i>   |                         |                        |
| Children's Sermon  |   | Sarah Davis           | *Commission and Benediction  |                         | Mark Gaskins           |
| Old Testament Lesson   | Ecclesiastes 4:9-12                             | Kayleigh Lance        | **Postlude <i>Postlude in A-flat</i>   |                         | Charles J. Frost       |
| The Word of God for the People of God.   |   |                       | <hr/>  |                         |                        |
| Thanks be to God!  |   |                       | <i>**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.</i>   |                         |                        |
| Epistle Lesson   | Ephesians 4:1-6                                 | Kayleigh Lance        | <b>To our guests this morning . . .</b>  |                         |                        |
| The Word of the Lord.  |   |                       | 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, prayers, the offering, and singing hymns.   |                         |                        |
| Praise His Holy Name!  |   |                       | 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 Seventeenth 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. Today is also World Communion Sunday, when we celebrate our unity with the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world in all its expressions. |                         |                        |
| *Gloria Patri No. 705  | <i>Glory Be to the Father</i>                   | GLORIA PATRI          | <div><div>Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor</div><div>Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist &amp; Director of Music Ministry</div><div>Ms. Kayleigh Lance, Director of Youth Ministry</div></div>   |                         |                        |
| 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   |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
| *Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 563  | <i>In Unity We Lift Our Song</i>                | EIN' FESTE BURG       |  |                         |                        |
| Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings   |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
| Offertory Prayer   |   | Mark Gaskins          |  |                         |                        |
| Offertory  | <i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>               | Maker/Larson          |  |                         |                        |
| *Doxology 706  | <i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | 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   | <i>One World, One Communion</i>                 | Pepper Choplin        |  |                         |                        |
| Scripture and Sermon   | John 17:20-23                                   | Mark Gaskins          |  |                         |                        |
| "That They May Be One"   |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
| <i>We Respond to God's Word</i>  |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
| A Sign of Unity: Confessing Our Faith (The Nicene Creed, see insert)                 |   | Congregation          |  |                         |                        |
| The Sign of Our Fellowship in Christ: Holy Communion                                 |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
| Invitation to the Lord's Table   |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
| Meditation and Confession  |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
| Communion Prayers and the Lord's Prayer ( <i>trespasses</i> )                        |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
| The Bread and Cup  |   |                       |  |                         |                        |
|  |   |                       | <i>Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:</i>   |                         |                        |
|  |   |                       | Phil Royce   | Ann Caulkins            | Cheryl Whitley         |
|  |   |                       | Gertrude Revelle   |                         |                        |
|  |   |                       | Genevieve Broadhead  | Chris Broadhead         | Ed and Verlie Rainey   |
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