

Using their Gifts to Serve in October:

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 19 – Nov. 1	David and Carole Farnham

Trunk or Treat is tonight, October 26 from 5:30-7:00. We will eat a pizza dinner at 5:30 and then go to the trunks.

Thank you to all who signed up for church ministries at the ministry fair. If you were unable to attend the ministry fair, please contact the church office or Sarah Davis and we can put you on the list for the ministry of your choice.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are now available for pick up from the library. Please grab a box, fill it, and return the box to church by Sunday, November 16, 2025. Thank you for providing children around the world with a Christmas.

Throughout October, we will be collecting the CBF Global Missions offering. We have set a goal for the church of \$2500. Please prayerfully consider donating to this special offering to support CBF missionaries such as Revs. Marc and Kim Wyatt.

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.

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: Colon and Jane Ballance

In Memory of Ann Baird Caulkins: Judy Clark, Linda Hassell, Garth and Erin Faile, Mabel Dilday, Diane, Hope, and Faith Dixon, and Sarah T. Davis



MURFREESBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, October 26, 2025
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Dale Wood

*Gathering Hymn No. 50 *How Lovely, God, How Lovely* (verses 1 & 2) MERLE'S TUNE

How lovely, God, how lovely is Your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon Your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
and so Your temple calls us within its walls to rest.
In your blest courts to worship, O God,
a single day is better than a thousand if I from You should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim You as my Lord,
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.

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

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Mark Gaskins

Litany of Invocation Psalm 84:1, 5, 8-9, 11-12 (NRSV)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.

**Please stand as you are able.*

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.
For the LORD is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 640 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 15:1-6 Kayleigh Lance
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:18-27 Mary Welch Gallop
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. 509 *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Prayer
Offertory *More Precious Than Silver with Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Marilyn Ham
*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 *One Step He Leads* Pepper Choplin

Scripture and Sermon Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-19 Mark Gaskins
Following by Faith

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 491 *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* FALLS CREEK

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *Recessional in C* 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, prayers, the offering, and singing hymns.
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 Twentieth 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.
	Trunk or Treat	5:30-7:00 P.M.
	Youth Group	5:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	Kids Club	6:00 - 6:45 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	Cheryl Whitley	Gertrude Revelle
Genevieve Broadhead	Chris Broadhead	Ed and Verlie Rainey

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