

The flowers are given by Murfreesboro Baptist Church to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 10-year anniversary of our administrative assistant Teresa Martin.

Using their Gifts to Serve in September:

Deacon of the Month of September:	Sarah Davis
September Radio Ministry Sponsor	Susan Benthall
Opening of the Church in September:	Charlie Cole
Ushers for September:	Jay Revelle, Ronnie Colltrain, & Charles Gallop
Caregiver for September 26	Judy Clark

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, September 15. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

Deacon elections will be held on Sunday, September 20 after worship service.

MBC will host a Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, September 27 following the Quarterly Conference. The church will provide the meat and asks that you bring vegetables, a covered dish, or dessert.

MBC will hold a Quarterly Conference and Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 27 after worship service. The Quarterly Conference is to approve the 2026-2027 Budget and Nominating Committee recommendations. The Ministry Fair and a fellowship lunch will follow the Quarterly Conference.

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:	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, September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Here I Am, Lord Schutte/Edwards

*Gathering Hymn No. 299 Stand Up and Bless the Lord (verses 1, 3 & 5) OLD 134TH

Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of His choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
O for the living flame from His own altar brought, to touch our lips,
our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!
Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless His glorious name, henceforth forevermore.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 104:1-5 (NRSV)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits –
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

*Please stand as you are able.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God’s Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 306 Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9 Susan Alston
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:20-28 Mike Alston
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. 477 We Are Called to Be God's People AUSTRIAN HYMN

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins
Offertory We Are an Offering Liles/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 A Servant Heart, A Servant Song Charles McCartha

Scripture and Sermon 1 Timothy 3:8-13 Mark Gaskins
The Qualifications of Deacons

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn of Response No. 649 Christ, You Call Us All to Service IN BABILONE

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

**Postlude A Trumpet Air Purcell/Smith
**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 Sixteenth 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.

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist & Choir Director
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.