

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Mike and Susan Alston.

Sound System Operator Today/Next Week: Ciera Cox/Matty Grace Gilliam  
Caregivers This Week: Lynette Bunch  
Acolytes Today/Next Week: Logan Harders/Claire Place  
Nursery Caregivers Today/Next Week: Mariah Gallop, Matty Grace Gilliam, and Patricia Torres/  
Lorie Harders, Mollie Madden, and Patricia Torres  
August Radio Ministry Sponsor: Lloyd and Tommie Hill  
Opening of the Church in September: Freddie Bazen  
Ushers for September: David Farnham, Ronnie Coltrain, Jay Revelle, and Charles Gallop  
Ushers for October: Raymond Benthall, Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill, and Keith Reich  
Deacon of the Month: Frances Cole

### This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Bible Study	10:00	Mon.	K&C Group	10:00
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Big Wednesday	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Kids' Club & Youth Group	6:30
				Choir Rehearsal	6:50

The Church administrative office will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

The Deacons' will meet on Tuesday, September 4 at 6:00 in the Library. All deacons and newly elected deacons please plan to attend.

The first Big Wednesday of the season begins on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Mary Etta is serving fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, butterbeans, Watergate salad, and dessert. Please call the church office to make reservations for the new season by Tuesday, September 4 at 11:00 a.m.

The Kids' Club and Youth Group will resume this Wednesday at 6:30 after Big Wednesday dinner.

The Church will hold a Quarterly Conference, Ministry Fair, and luncheon next Sunday, September 9 after services. Meat and bread will be provided, and we ask that you please bring a covered dish or dessert.

Fall Adult Study begins Wednesday, September 12 at 6:40 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will consider Richard Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline*. In the book he introduces us to 12 spiritual disciplines and helps us consider ways that we may practice those disciplines ourselves so that we might grow deeper in our faith.

Now through the end of September, you will have the opportunity to sign-up to serve in the ministries of our congregation for the coming church year. Please prayerfully consider which ministry team you would like to join (Kids, Youth, Worship & Arts, Bereavement, Ushers, etc.) and fill out the card inserted in your bulletin and drop it in the offering plate. If you sign up for something that requires a specific date (Sanctuary Flowers, Worship Leader, Communion Set-Up, etc.) please make sure to come to the Ministry Fair on September 9 or to call the church office to select your dates. Please remember that the ministries of this church are a responsibility that we all share.

Our Food Pantry is in need of restocking. All Items are needed including: mayonnaise, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, soups, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned milk, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter & jelly, and cereal. Donations may be made Monday thru Friday 8:30 am until 1:30 pm or during any church activity.

*Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:*

Lori Lowe      Bern Davenport      Jennifer Moore  
Jeanne Parker      Cheryl Whitley      Billy Futrell      Carol Piper

In Memory of Bob Freeman Hill, Sr.: Joe and Rebecca Dickerson, Tommy and Patricia Bryant, Kathleen Alman, Colon and Jane Balance, and Diane Dixon

In Memory of Viola Meade, Lorene Paul's Sister: Garth and Erin Faile and Diane Dixon

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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



September 2, 2018

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Lane Bass, Pastor

Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director

Mr. Sean Timmons, Youth Ministry Intern

Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*In This Holy Hour*

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Rev. Lane Bass

\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 619

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (verse 1)*

ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

*O God, prepare us, through the active presence of your Holy Spirit, to come before you worthily and ask of You rightly. Enlighten our understanding, purify our every desire, encourage our wills to instant obedience to your Word, strengthen every right purpose, direct this hour of worship to the magnifying of Your name, and to the enduring good of us your children and servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34 Mrs. Frances Cole

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous;  
**His ears are open to their cry.**  
When the righteous call out for help,  
**The LORD hears and rescues them.**  
He is near to the brokenhearted,  
**And saves the crushed in spirit.**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**But the LORD rescues them from them all.**  
The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
**None who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

INVOCATION Mrs. Cole

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 163  
*Wonderful Words of Life*

WORDS OF LIFE

CHILDREN’S SERMON Mr. Sean Timmons

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 24:14-18

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

**WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER**

CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Bass

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER Rev. Bass

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 469  
*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands* ST. COLUMBA

**WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCE Mrs. Cole

**RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY *Here I Am to Worship* Hughes/Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 706  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100™

**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.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Mrs. Cole

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD**

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 6:56-69

The Word of God, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE IN SONG *Come to the Table* Allen Pote

MESSAGE IN WORD "Less is More" Rev.  
Bass

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 35  
*Break Thou the Bread of Life* BREAD OF LIFE

**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *The Lord God Has Spoken It* David Paxton

*\*Denotes that the congregation may stand.*

**To our guests this morning...**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We believe that worshipping together is one of the most important activities we do as a church, strengthening our faith and drawing our attention to God, who created us, calls us, and sustains us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In keeping with New Testament practices, we believe that worship rightly involves every member of the congregation, and not just the few people in leadership roles. We encourage active participation in worship through responsive readings, corporate prayer, giving our tithes and offerings, and singing hymns together.

As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God’s written word. We also practice believers’ baptism, and at the end of each service, we invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. On the first Sunday of the month, we share the Lord’s Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.

As members of the larger body of Christ, meanwhile, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the church year. We are currently in the season of Pentecost. The color for the season is green, symbolizing the growth we experience as disciples of Christ Jesus.