

## Using their Gifts to Serve in October

Deacon of the Month of October:	Linda Hassell
October Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Brinson Paul
Opening of the Church in October:	Charlie Cole
Ushers for October:	David Farnham, Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill, and Thomas Bird
Ushers for November:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston, and Kirk Peterson
Caregiver for October 9-October 22:	Judy Clark
Nursery Caregiver:	Sarah Davis

## This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Kids' Club	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Bible Study	6:00
Tues.	Food Bank of the Albemarle	1:30		Choir Practice	6:00

Today we come together as a congregation to ordain new deacon, Mr. Thomas K. Warren, III.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, October 18. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

The church administrative office will be closed on Friday October 21 and 28. If you need immediate assistance, please call Tommy Bird, Deacon Chair.

Church Outdoor Clean-up Day: Saturday, October 22. Come join us in insuring that the outside of our church and church grounds are tidy for the winter season. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will hold its' Annual Ministry Fair on October 23<sup>rd</sup> after worship service. Please prayerfully consider which ministry team you would like to join (Kids, Youth, Worship & Arts, Bereavement, Ushers, etc. Sign-up sheets for specific dates for Sanctuary Flowers, Worship Leader, Communion Set-up, etc. will be available. There will also be a Pastoral Search round table discussion. Please plan to attend this important event and remember that the ministries of this church are a responsibility that we all share.

October 23 during Ministry Fair: We will have a covered dish lunch. The church will provide the meat and we ask that you bring a vegetable, casserole, or dessert.

On October 30, we will have our annual Trunk or Treat. At 5:30, we will a meal of hamburgers and hotdogs. If you are willing to provide drinks, sides, or manage the grill, please let Sarah Davis know. After dinner, we will have Trunk or Treat. The event is open to any children under the age of 11. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Members of the congregation are encouraged to decorate their trunks and provide candy or treats for the children.

Anyone wishing to place flowers in the Sanctuary beginning October 23 and beyond, please contact the church office 398-3613 to reserve the date.

We are asking for volunteers to sign-up to help prepare for communion on November 6, and December 4. Please contact the church office. Prepackaged elements will continue to be available for those who prefer them.

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

Phil Royce	Clif and Janet Collins	Bern Davenport	Tom and Ann Caulkins
	Doris Taylor	Randy and Cheryl Whitley	

# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey - Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Gerald Peterson

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 652

*Make Me a Servant*

SERVANT

Make me a servant, humble and meek;

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

*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 119:97-104      Mr. Bruce Brown  
(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.  
**Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**  
I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.  
**I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**  
I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.  
**I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.**  
How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
**Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

INVOCATION      Mr. Brown

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 263  
*To Worship, Work, and Witness*      WEBB

CHILDREN'S SERMON      Ms. Sarah Davis

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      Dr. Bailey

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER      Dr. Bailey

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 648  
*Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father*      MADILL

### WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE      Mr. Brown

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY      *In Christ Alone*      Getty/Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 706  
*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*      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.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER      Mr. Brown

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD

MESSAGE IN SONG      *Here I Am, Lord*      Schutte/Schraeder

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Acts 6:1-7  
The Word of God, for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE IN WORD      "Hello, I'll be Serving You!"      Dr. Bailey

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON (SEE ATTACHED INSERT)

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT  
*Serve the Lord with Gladness* (SEE ATTACHED INSERT)      LEE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*      John Goss

Please stay seated until the conclusion of the music.

*\*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.