

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Thomas K. Warren, III's special day, by Trish Jenkins.

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 23-November 5:	David and Carole Farnham
Nursery Caregiver:	Ed Snyder

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
				Choir Practice	6:00

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will hold its' Annual Ministry Fair and covered dish lunch today 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 in the Fellowship Hall. **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.

Today begins our participation in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. Shoeboxes are available in the Church Library. Each box will come with a label and information on how to pack a shoebox. Shoeboxes are due back by Sunday, November 13 (final deadline) so that they can be delivered as part of OCC Nations Collection Week.

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

On October 30, we will have our annual Trunk or Treat. At 5:30, we will have 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 30 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 December 4. Please contact the church office. Prepackaged elements will continue to be available for those who prefer them.

In Memory of Raymond Carson Benthall, Jr.: Fran Minton

In Memory of Percy Elvin Bunch: Dennis and Susan Helsel

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 23, 2022 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey - Interim Pastor
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Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Know Whom I Have Believed* James McGranahan

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 38
Thy Word THY WORD

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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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 84:1-7 Mr. Charlie Cole
(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah
Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

INVOCATION Mr. Cole

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 163
Wonderful Words of Life WORDS OF LIFE

CHILDREN'S SERMON Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 10:12
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. 34
Word of God, Across the Ages AUSTRIAN HYMN

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Mr. Cole

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Glaser/Hayes

*DOXOLOGY NO. 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.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Cole

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

MESSAGE IN SONG *God Will Make a Way* Don Moen

GOSPEL LESSONS Matthew 12:35-37; Luke 18:9-14
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God

MESSAGE IN WORD "*Roadblocks on Our Spiritual Journey: Communication!*" Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 625
Standing on the Promises PROMISES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* William Lyons

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.