The flowers are given by Yolanda Faile and Bill Pataky in honor of the birthday of her mother, Erin Faile.

## Using their Gifts to Serve in September

Deacon of the Month of September: Rachel Peterson September Radio Ministry Sponsor: Charlie and Dell Aycock

Opening of the Church in September: Bruce Brown

Ushers for September: Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Hal Thomas, and

Charlie Gallop

Ushers for October: David Farnham, Charlie Aycock, Lloyd Hill, and

Thomas Bird

Caregiver for September 11-24: Gertrude Revele and Daynelle Trent

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

Please welcome Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey to the pulpit this morning.

We welcome Mollie Madden as guest musician and her daughter, Elaine Snyder, who is playing the Offertory.

Today is Children's Church after the children's sermon.

The church administrative office will be closed next week for vacation. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Deacon of the month, Rachel Peterson at 252-619-0001 or any other Deacon.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here Tuesday, September 20. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 25 the church will have a special celebration featuring music from the Chowan Singers, directed by Dr. Benjamin Thorburn, and Dejuan Lee, pianist, during Worship Service. A pot luck luncheon will follow. The church will provide the meat and we ask that you bring a vegetable, casserole, or dessert.

Anyone wishing to place flowers in the Sanctuary beginning October 2 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 October 2, November 6, and December 4. Please contact the church office. Prepackaged elements will continue to be available for those who prefer them.

In Memory of Percy Elvin Bunch: Milton and Carol Outten, and Norman, Janet Vincent, and Peggy Buskill

In Memory of Edgar Brinson Paul: Janet Vincent

In Memory of Hugh Carroll Vincent, Jr.: Norman and Peggy Buskill

In honor of Chris Harris: Mary Harris

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

Clif and Janet Collins Bern Davenport Tom and Ann Caulkins

Doris Taylor Randy and Cheryl Whitley

#### Contact us at: 200 West Main Street, Murfreesboro, NC 27855

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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



# September 18, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

I Love You, Lord/Father, I Adore You

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Mrs. Lynette Bunch

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 342

He Is Exalted

HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him!
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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 113

Mrs. Bunch

(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

To make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

Mrs. Bunch

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 619

Blessed Assurance

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Ms. Sarah Davis

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ms. Davis

ASSURANCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

## WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER Mrs. Bunch

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER Mrs. Bunch

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 404

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

#### WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Mrs. Bunch

Vivaldi/Ecklund

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Spring Theme

Elaine Snyder

\*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

Mrs. Bunch

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12, 17-18

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

MESSAGE IN WORD

"A Journey Without Maps!" Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

#### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 497

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Canon in D

Pachelbel

Please stay seated until the conclusion of the music.

# 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 Iesus 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes that the congregation may stand.