

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in honor of his wife, Erin Faile's birthday on September 23, by Garth Faile.

### Using their Gifts to Serve in September

Deacon of the Month of September:	Rachel Peterson
September Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Charlie and Dell Aycock
October Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Brinson Paul
Opening of the Church in September:	Bruce Brown
Opening of the Church in October:	Charlie Cole
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 25-October 8:	Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell
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

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

Please welcome the Chowan Singers, directed by Dr. Benjamin Thorburn and Dejuan Lee, pianist, providing the special music today during worship service.

All are invited to join us for special fellowship and a pot luck lunch after worship service.

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.

*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

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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



## September 25, 2022

### Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director  
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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Total Praise* Smallwood/Hayes

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Mr. Charlie Cole

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 571  
*You Are My All in All* JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!  
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name; You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

*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 91:1-6, 14-16          Mr. Cole  
(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
**Will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**  
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;  
**He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**  
You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,  
**Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**  
Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.  
**When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.**  
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

INVOCATION          Mr. Cole

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 323  
*How Great Thou Art*          HOW GREAT THOU ART

CHILDREN'S SERMON          Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING          Esther 4:12-17  
  
The Word of God, for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

### WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER          Mr. Cole

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER          Mr. Cole

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 349  
*To God Be the Glory*          TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCE          Mr. Cole

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY          *The Lone, Wild Bird*          arr. Ruth Schram  
The Chowan Singers

\*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          Mr. Cole

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD

MESSAGE IN SONG          *Ezekiel Saw the Wheel*          arr. Gilbert M. Martin  
The Chowan Singers

GOSPEL READING          Mark 6:49-50  
The Word of God, for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE IN WORD          "Is This Your Time?"          Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 507  
*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*          I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE          *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*          Peter C. Lutkin  
The Chowan Singers

POSTLUDE          *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*          arr. Jack Jones

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.