

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the children of the church.

Sound System Operator Today/Next Week:	Patty Joyner/Nate Place
Caregivers This Week:	Colon and Jane Ballance
Acolytes Today/Next Week:	Will Revelle/Jimmy Boone
Nursery Caregivers Today/Next Week:	Joel McCormick, Lynne Moore, and Patricia Torres/ Claire Place/Brooke Reich, and Patricia Torres
September 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	Wed.	Kids' Club & Youth Group	6:30
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00		Fall Adult Study	6:40
	Worship	11:00		Choir Rehearsal	6:50
Mon.	K&C Group	10:00			

**Hurricane Florence Recovery Supplies Needed!** Murfreesboro United Methodist Church is collecting supplies today, 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. under the carport at the church. For a list of supplies that are needed, please see the bulletin board in the connector. If you are unable to get your donations to Murfreesboro UMC today, you may bring them to the connector and they will be delivered to other future collections.

**Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation towards Hurricane Florence Recovery** may do so by making a check out to Murfreesboro Baptist Church and write "Hurricane Donation" in the memo line. These funds will be used to purchase additional recovery items.

**New Year's Eve Breakfast** given by the Old Men's Sunday School Class in conjunction with the Ladies' Class invite every church member and a guest for breakfast on Sunday morning, September 30, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office to make your reservations or sign-up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall by Monday, September 24.

**Chowan University International students have returned.** The students are in need of twin size sheets, twin size blankets, pillows, new or used microwave, and new or used micro refrigerators. Donations may be put in the International Student Box in the connector.

**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:*

<i>Lori Lowe</i>	<i>Bern Davenport</i>	<i>Jennifer Moore</i>
<i>Jeanne Parker</i>	<i>Cheryl Whitley</i>	<i>Billy Futrell Carol Piper</i>

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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



September 23, 2018  
Eighteenth 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 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus* Kirkpatrick/Kendall

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Rev. Lane Bass

\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 343  
*His Name Is Wonderful* MIEIR

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him,  
love and adore Him, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

*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 54

Mr. Sean Timmons

Save me, O God, by Your name;

**Vindicate me by Your might.**

Hear my prayer, O God;

**Give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For the insolent have risen against me;

**The ruthless seek my life.**

But surely, God is my helper;

**The Lord is the upholder of my life.**

He will deliver us from those that bring evil;

**In His faithfulness, He will put it to an end.**

With a freewill offering we will worship you;

**We will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

Let us now, with joyful hearts, worship the God of glory, Lord of love.

INVOCATION

Mr. Timmons

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 310

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

THE DEDICATION OF JACQUELINE PATRICIA ANNE SNYDER

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ms. Bonnie Boone

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1

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. 437

*How Wide the Love of Christ*

EBENEZER

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Mr. Timmons

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Immortal, Invisible*

Handel/Ham

\*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. Timmons

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:30-37

The Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE IN SONG

*Lord, Lead Me, Lord*

Wesley/Martin

MESSAGE IN WORD

"Be Great"

Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 263

*To Worship, Work and Witness*

WEBB

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*God, the Almighty*

Gary Davidson

*\*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.