

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Booker Daniel in memory of her father, Aubrey Glenn Daniel, whose birthday was January 27, 1908.

Using their Gifts to Serve in January:

Deacon of the Month of January:	Susan Alston
January Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Colon and Jane Ballance
Opening of the Church in January:	Johnny Jenkins
Ushers for January:	Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen, Bob Lee, and Bob Turner
Ushers for February:	Colon Balance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Caregiver for January 28 – February 10:	Booker Daniel

For anyone that may be a bit chilly during worship service, throws are available and are on the steps to the right (used to go to the choir loft) just outside the sanctuary on the elevator side

We are excited to resume BIG WEDNESDAY on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the church office to make your reservation by Monday, February 5.

If anyone with children under the age of five desires a nursery during the worship service, please speak to an usher and they will let Sarah Davis know, and she will go to the nursery. Thank you.

2023 MBC contribution statements have been placed in the mail to members. Anyone not receiving one or having questions about their statement, please contact the church office.

The 2024 offering envelopes are in the church library available for pick-up. If you do not see your name on a box and would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

The children will once again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will collect cans of soup until Feb 11. Please place your cans on the table in the connector. We have 180 cans. We need 70 to make our goal of 250 cans.

In memory of Dr. Claude Wilson (Debbie Hill’s brother-in-law): Diane Dixon

In memory of Shirley Faile (Garth Faile’s sister-in-law): Alice Hassell and  
Colon and Jane Balance

In memory of Janet Collins: Judy Clark, Colon and Jane Ballance, Sarah Davis, and  
Janet Vincent and Family



MURFREESBORO  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, January 28, 2024  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i>	Chester G. Allen
Gathering Hymn No. 325	<i>Great Is the Lord</i>	GREAT IS THE LORD
Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; by His mercy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice; now lift up your voice; Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! Great are You Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise; Great are You Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice; Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!		
Words of Welcome	Mark Gaskins	
The Lord be with you! <b>And also with you!</b>		
Ministry Opportunities	Mark Gaskins	
Call to Worship	Psalm 111 (NRSV)	

Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.  
Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.  
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.  
He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.  
They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.  
**He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.**  
**Holy and awesome is his name.**  
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
**His praise endures forever.**

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God’s Word

\*Hymn of Praise No. 52 O Worship the King LYONS

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament LessonDeuteronomy 18:15-20 Lynette Bunch  
The Word of God, for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Church at Prayer  
Call to Prayer  
The Prayers of the People  
The Lord’s Prayer (*trespasses*)

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 629 Be Strong in the Lord STRENGTH

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20 Mark Gaskins  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Praise His Holy Name!**

Message in Song I Speak Jesus Kristen Dutton

Scripture and Sermon Mark 1:21-28 Mark Gaskins  
“As One Having Authority”

We Respond to God’s Word

\*Hymn of Response No. 431 Jesus Is Lord of All LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins  
Offertory O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Smith/Larson  
\*Doxology 706 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

\*Commission and Benediction

\*\*Postlude How Firm a Foundation arr. Lloyd Larson

*\*Please stand as you are able. \*\*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

To our guests this morning . . .

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to worship at Murfreesboro Baptist Church! Worshiping God together is one of the most important things we do as a church. We gather to hear and tell the good news of what God has done, is doing, and will do in Jesus Christ his Son, and respond to him in faith and obedience as he sends us out with his blessing to love and serve him in the world. We believe every member of the congregation should be involved, so we encourage active participation through responsive readings, the prayers, giving our tithes and offerings, and singing the hymns together.  
As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God’s written word. We invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior and be baptized. We frequently share the Lord’s Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.  
As members of the larger body of Christ, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the Christian year. Today is the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. The color for today is green, symbolizing life and growth.

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor  
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist & Choir Director  
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Prayer and Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Kids’ Club</b>	<b>6:00 – 6:45 P.M.</b>

*Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:*  
Phil Royce Bern Davenport Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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