

Using their Gifts to Serve in February:

Deacon of the Month of February:	Thomas K. Warren, III
February Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Wayne and Shirley Brown
Opening of the Church in February:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for February:	Colon Ballance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Ushers for March:	Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Charlie Aycock, and Charles Gallop
Caregiver for January 28 – February 10:	Booker Daneil

We are excited to resume BIG WEDNESDAY on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. Mary Etta’s Menu is Chinese Chicken Casserole, green beans, cranberry congealed salad, rolls, and red velvet cake. Please contact the church office to make your reservation by Monday, February 5.

Please join us for a churchwide Baby Shower for Bardin and Armando Torres on February 18, from 2:00 until 4:00, in the church fellowship hall. The Torreses are expecting a baby girl in March.

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.

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.

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 are once again participating 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 collected 242 cans as of Jan 31. One of the children immediately said "I'll get the 8 cans to make our goal." Let's see how far we surpass our goal. Thank you.

In memory of Janet Collins: Gertrude Revelle, Charlie and Dell Aycock, and Dr. John and Sarah Davis

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for January 2024						
	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$4,905.66	\$19,622.64	\$88,301.88
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$2,831.00	\$2,664.00	\$2,602.00	\$4,520.00	\$12,617.00	\$74,828.48
Other Income						
Over (Under)	(\$2,074.66)	(\$2,241.66)	(\$2,303.66)	(\$385.66)	(\$7,005.64)	(\$13,473.40)



MURFREESBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	Meditation on "Italian Hymn"	Giardini/Smith
Gathering Hymn No. 495	Step by Step	STEP BY STEP

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
and step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

Words of Welcome	Mark Gaskins
The Lord be with you! And also with you!	

Ministry Opportunities	Mark Gaskins
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Call to Worship	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (NRSV)
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Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.
He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth,

makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.
**His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
 in those who hope in his steadfast love.
Praise the LORD!**

InvocationMark Gaskins

We Hear God’s Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 334*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*AMSTERDAM

Children’s SermonSarah Davis

Old Testament LessonIsaiah 40:21-31Debbie Hill
 The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson1Corinthians 9:19-27Debbie Hill
 The Word of the Lord.
Praise His Holy Name!

*Hymn of Devotion No. 48*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*FAITHFULNESS

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

Message in Song*If We Will Seek the Lord*Don Besig

Scripture and SermonMark 1:29-39Mark Gaskins
“Why Jesus Came; Why We’re Here”

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response No. 646*Teach Me Your Way*CAMACHA

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory PrayerMark Gaskins
Offertory*Higher Ground*Gabriel/Larson
*Doxology 706*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and CommitmentMark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

**Postlude*The Lily of the Valley*Hays/Hayes

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 Fifth 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 . . .

Sunday:	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.
Wednesday:	Choir Practice	6:45 P.M.
	Kids’ Club	6:30 - 7:15 P.M.
	Prayer and Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Bern Davenport Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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