

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 February 25 – March 9:	Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell

Mt. Sinai Church of God will host Lenten Lunch on Wednesday, February 28 at 12 noon.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 6 pm. Please pick up Easter eggs from the connector and fill them with candy, stickers, small toys, or money. Return the filled Easter eggs to the box in the library by Wednesday, March 27 at 5:00 pm. We will have a pizza dinner with our egg hunt. This event is open to the community so invite community children to join us. If you are willing to donate drinks, chips, or fruit for the dinner, please let Sarah Davis know.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will hold our Annual Revival on Sunday, April 14. Please save the date. Details will follow.

MBC would like to recognize the graduates of 2024. If your son, daughter, or grandchild will be graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the church office with their full name, school, and degree of the graduate by Sunday, March 10, 2024.

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, it is now available each Sunday.

In Memory of Bern Griffin Davenport: Janet Vincent, T.W. and Debbie Hill, Alice Hassell, Linda Hassell, Judy Clark, and Sarah T. Davis

In Memory of Madelyn Hodgin (Diane Dixon’s Sister): T.W. and Debbie Hill, Alice Hassell, Linda Hassell, Judy Clark, Sarah T. Davis, and Aldeen Gatewood



MURFREESBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	<i>How Blessed from the Bonds of Sin</i>	Paul Karvonen
*Gathering Hymn No. 377	<i>There Is a Redeemer</i> (verses 1&2)	GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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

Ministry Opportunities		Mark Gaskins
Call to Worship	Psalm 22:23-24, 27-28, 30-31	Mark Gaskins
Prayer of Confession (unison)		

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

<i>We Hear God's Word</i>		
*Hymn of Praise No. 354	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i>	JOYFUL SONG
Children's Sermon		Mark Gaskins
Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Debbie Hill
The Word of God, for the People of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
New Testament Lesson	Romans 4:13-35	Debbie Hill
The Word of the Lord.		
Praise His Holy Name!		
The Church at Prayer		
Call to Prayer		
The Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer (<i>trespasses</i>)		
*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 581	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	HANKEY
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Mark Gaskins
Offertory	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>	Kirkpatrick/Larson
*Doxology 706	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100 TH
Message in Song	<i>Change My Heart, O God</i>	Espinosa/Harlan
Scripture and Sermon	Mark 7:1-23 From the Inside Out	Mark Gaskins
<i>We Respond to God's Word</i>		
*Hymn of Response No. 633	<i>All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i>	ALL THE WAY
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment		
Mark Gaskins		
<i>We Go Forth with God's Blessing</i>		
*Commission and Benediction		
**Postlude	<i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	Larry Visset

**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 Second Sunday in Lent, the season of prayer, fasting, self-examination, and penitence to prepare our hearts to remember Christ's death and to celebrate his resurrection. The color for Lent is purple, symbolizing penitence and preparation.

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.
	Youth Group	5:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	Lenten Lunch <i>Mt. Sinai Church of God</i>	12 Noon
	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
	Kids Club	6:00 – 6:45 P.M.
	Choir Practice	6:00 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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