

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Diane Dixon and family in memory of her sister, Madelyn Hodgin.

Using their Gifts to Serve in March:

Deacon of the Month of March:	Bardin Torres
March Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Bob and Ann Lee
Opening of the Church in March:	Charlie Cole
Ushers for March:	Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, Charlie Aycock, and Charles Gallop
Ushers for April:	Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, Thomas Bird, and Jay Revelle
Caregiver for February 25 – March 9:	Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell

First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro will host Lenten Lunch on Wednesday, March 6 at 12 noon.

Big Wednesday will be held on Wednesday, March 6. Mary Etta’s menu is ham and cabbage, boiled potatoes, cornbread and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please contact the church office (398-3613) by Monday 12 noon to make your reservation.

A short church meeting will be held on Sunday, March 17 to present a possible change to the Murfreesboro Baptist Church Bi-Laws.

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office by Wednesday March 20. The cost per lily is \$23.00.

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: Colon and Jane Balance, Gertrude Revelle, Diane Dixon, and Katherine Brett

In Memory of Madelyn Hodgin (Diane Dixon’s Sister): Colon and Jane Ballance



MURFREESBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Abide With Me arr. Allan Mahnke

*Gathering Hymn No. 389 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.
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Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 19:7-14 Mark Gaskins

Invocation (unison)

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

<i>We Hear God's Word</i>		
*Hymn of Praise No. 344	<i>Glorious Is Thy Name</i>	GLORIOUS NAME
Children's Sermon		Sarah Davis
Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 20:1-17	Charlie Cole
The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks be to God.		
New Testament Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Charlie Cole
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. 412	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	SWEET HOUR
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Mark Gaskins
Offertory	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	Scott/McDonald
*Doxology 706	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100 TH
Message in Song	<i>Jesus, Name Above All Names</i>	Hearn/Wilson
Scripture and Sermon	Mark 9:14-29 "Only through Prayer"	Mark Gaskins

<i>We Respond to God's Word</i>		
*Hymn of Response No. 384	<i>Speak to My Heart</i>	HOLCOMB
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment		Mark Gaskins

<i>We Go Forth with God's Blessing</i>		
*Commission and Benediction		
**Postlude	<i>Jesus Is Lord</i>	Getty & Townend

***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 Third 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>First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro</i>	12 Noon
	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
	Kids Club	6:30 – 7:15 P.M.
	Choir Practice	6:45 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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