

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:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
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 March 10 – March 23	Gertrude Revelle and Daynelle Trent

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, March 19. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

A short church meeting will be held following worship service today to present a proposed change to the Murfreesboro Baptist Church By-Laws

Chowan University will host Lenten Lunch on Wednesday, March 20 at 12 noon.

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.

Please plan to join us for Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will hold our Annual Revival on Sunday, April 14. Please save the date. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Roger Gilbert of Mt. Airy, N.C. There will be a 11:00 a.m. worship service and an 7:00 p.m. evening service. Special music during the evening service will be presented by Middle Swamp Baptist Church. A covered dish dinner will be served from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. The church will provide the meat and we ask that you please bring a covered dish or dessert.

A nursery is available during the worship service for children under the age of five.

In Memory of Bern Griffin Davenport: Lloyd and Tommie Hill and Wayne and Shirley Brown

In Memory of Jake Sturtz (Debbie Hill’s Nephew-In-Law): Diane Dixon

In Memory of Madelyn Hodgin (Diane Dixon’s Sister): Lloyd and Tommie Hill and Gertrude Revelle



MURFREESBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	<i>Share His Love</i>	William Reynolds
*Gathering Hymn No. 571	<i>You Are My All in All</i>	JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name; You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

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

Only God Almighty can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners.
When he does, he grants us, his people, grace to love what he commands and to desire what he promises, fixing our hearts on Christ, in whom we find true joy.
Let us worship our God together now, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Based on Psalm 51:1-2, 12

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain a willing spirit in us. Then we will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you; in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Children’s Sermon

Mark Gaskins

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sarah Davis

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 5:5-10

Sarah Davis

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 (trespasses)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 598

Jesus Is the Song

SIMPSON

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Mark Gaskins

Offertory

Impromptu with Nearer, My God, to Thee

Schubert/Shackley

*Doxology 706

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Message in Song

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Scripture and Sermon

Mark 12:28-34

Mark Gaskins

What Matters Most

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 472

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

LEMMEL

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

**Postlude

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Jacques Lemmens

**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 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 FM10:00 A.M.

Worship11:00 A.M.

Youth Group5:30 P.M.

Tuesday:

Food Bank of The Albemarle1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Lenten LunchChowan University12 NOON

Kids Club6:00 – 6:45 P.M.

Choir Practice6:00 P.M.

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil RoyceTom & Ann CaulkinsRandy & Cheryl Whitley

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