

The bud vases in the sanctuary today are given by Booker Daniel in honor of the birth of Liliana and Alessandra Blackburn, twin daughters of Sarahi and Cody Blackburn, born on April 23, 2024.

### Using their Gifts to Serve in March:

Deacon of the Month of April:	Steve Fowler
April Radio Ministry Sponsor	Sara Frances Hill
Opening of the Church in April:	Charlie Cole
Ushers for April:	Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, Thomas Bird, and Jay Revelle
Ushers for May:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston, and Jay Revelle
Caregiver for April 21 – May 4	Colon and Jane Ballance

BIG WEDNESDAY will be held Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. Mary Etta’s menu is a “SURPRISE” with strawberry shortcake for dessert. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Please call the church office to make your reservations.

For anyone wanting to place flowers in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, May 5 all dates are available through July 18, and July 28 through August 18 are available. Please call the church office to reserve the date.

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



**MURFREESBORO**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Murfreesboro, North Carolina

*Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.*

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## The Lord’s Day, April 28, 2024

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### *We Gather to Worship*

Prelude *Welcome, Happy Morning!* arr. Edward Broughton

\*Gathering Hymn No. 291 *God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness* (verses 1 & 4) MOSSY CREEK

God of beauty, truth, and goodness, Lord of wisdom yet unknown,  
grant us strength to match the vision as we come before Your throne.  
Sing a joyful alleluia, praising God in all you do, and remember as you witness, God is singing over you!  
Make a joyful celebration, God in Christ has conquered death!  
If you really are a witness, sing until you have no breath.  
Sing a joyful alleluia, praising God in all you do, and remember as you witness  
God is singing over you!

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 22:27-31 (NRSV)

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation

Mark Gaskins

***We Hear God's Word***

\*Hymn of Praise No. 323

*How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

Children's Sermon

Sarah Davis

Acts Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Debbie Hill

The Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Debbie Hill

The Word of the Lord.

**Praise His Holy Name!**

The Church at Prayer

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 23

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Mark Gaskins

Offertory

*Total Praise*

Smallwood/Hayes

\*Doxology 706

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Message in Song

*With One Heart*

Mark

Patterson

Scripture and Sermon

John 15:1-17

Mark Gaskins

Vital Union

***We Respond to God's Word***

\*Hymn of Response No. 575

*Redeemed*

ADA

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

***We Go Forth with God's Blessing***

\*Commission and Benediction

Mark Gaskins

\*\*Postlude

*Let There Be Joy*

Beatrice Miller

*\*\*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

**To our guests . . .**

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 encourage active participation through responsive readings, the prayers, the offering, and singing hymns together.

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 of Easter, the season in which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and reflect on what it means for our lives and our life together as followers of Jesus. The color for today is white, symbolizing our risen Lord's glory.

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>Youth Group</b> (Going to Greenville to see movie)	<b>1:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Big Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Kids' Club</b>	<b>6:30-7:15 P.M.</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>6:45 P.M.</b>
	<b>Presentation by Bob Lee</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>

*Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:*

Phil Royce   Tom & Ann Caulkins   Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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