

Using their Gifts to Serve in May:

Deacon of the Month of May:	Charlie Cole
May Radio Ministry Sponsor	T.W. and Debbie Hill
Opening of the Church in May:	Garth Faile
Ushers for May:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston, and Jay Revelle
Ushers for June:	Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Hunter Brown
Caregiver for May 5 - May 18	Judy Clark

The family of Diane Dixon would like to thank all those who gave a donation in memory of her sister, Madelyn Hodgkin.

The Kids' Club Celebration will be Wednesday, May 8. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and go to Murfreesboro Creamery.

Sunday, May 19 will be Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate how God poured out his Holy Spirit on the church on that first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. Since red is the color to symbolize the Holy Spirit, we encourage everyone to wear something red on that Sunday. We will also share in Holy Communion during that service.

For anyone wanting to place flowers in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, May 12 all dates are available through July 14, 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.

The Lord's Day, May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *I've Found a Friend* Stebbins/Calkins

*Gathering Hymn No. 299 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* (verses 1, 4 & 5) OLD 134TH

Stand up and bless the Lord; you people of His choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
God is our strength and song, and His salvation ours;
then be His love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.
Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless His glorious name, henceforth forevermore.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-3, 9b (NRSV)

O sing to the **LORD** a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 332 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Children's Choir *Butterfly Song*

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Acts Lesson Acts 10:44-48 Bruce Brown

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson John 3:16-21, 31-36 Carole Farnham

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. 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins

Offertory *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke
Calvin Carter, tenor

*Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

Message in Song *Come Lift Up Your Voice* Stan Pethel

Scripture and Sermon 1 John 5:1-13 Mark Gaskins
The Ultimate Test

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 569 *In Christ Alone* IN CHRIST ALONE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* Prichard/Blake

***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 Sixth 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 . . .

Sunday:	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.
	Youth Group	5:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	Kids' Club Celebration	6:00 P.M.
	Meet at Church at 6:00 and go to Murfreesboro Creamery.	
	Choir Practice	6:00 P.M.
	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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