

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

Happy Mother's Day! We are grateful for the many ways that the women among us have nurtured our faith with the loving care of a mother. May you know that you are loved, today and every day.

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.

VBS 2024 will be held 9:30 am-12 noon July 22-26. This year's theme is *Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God*. Children from age 3 to the completion of fifth grade are welcome to attend. Dr. Mark Gaskins will provide the daily Bible study. Leaders for snacks, music, and crafts are already in place. Volunteers are needed to lead crews, lead recreation, or assist with crafts. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please let Sarah Davis know.

For anyone wanting to place flowers in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, May 19 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 12, 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	<i>Look Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious</i>	William Owen
*Gathering Hymn No. 342	<i>He Is Exalted</i>	HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him!
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities	Mark Gaskins
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Call to Worship	Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8 (NRSV)
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Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation

Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 219 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

LLANFAIR

Children's Sermon

Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-53

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. 221 *King of Glory, Risen Lord*

KING OF GLORY

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Mark Gaskins

Offertory *Bless His Holy Name*

Crouch/Hayes

*Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100TH

Message in Song *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Darwall/Raney

Scripture and Sermon

Mark Gaskins

Acts 1:1-11

Taken Up and Coming Back

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 594 *Before the Throne of God Above*

BEFORE THE THRONE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

*Commission and Benediction

Mark Gaskins

**Postlude

The Risen Christ!

Lani Smith

***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 Seventh 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. It is also Ascension Sunday, when we commemorate how the risen Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven to sit at the Father's right hand in glory and exaltation. 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.
	No Youth Group Today	
Wednesday:	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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