

Using their Gifts to Serve in May:

Deacon of the Month of May:	Lynette Bunch
May Radio Ministry Sponsor	Diane Dixon
Opening of the Church in May:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for June:	Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Hunter Brown
Ushers for July:	Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazan, Bob Lee, and Hunter Brown
Caregivers for June 2 – June 15:	Mary Etta Flowers
Communion Sunday:	June 23

Today is Graduate Recognition Sunday. This morning a breakfast was held for our graduates and their families (including grandparents) and our other youth to celebrate the milestone for Elizabeth Brown and Will Revelle, graduates from Ridgcroft School. We are recognizing Elizabeth and Will in our worship service today and will present them with a gift from our congregation.

Applications are now being accepted for the two scholarships available to Murfreesboro Baptist Church members and their children. The Robert E. Lee, III Scholarship is awarded to Chowan University students. The Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker Scholarship is awarded to students attending any institution of higher education, but with a preference toward those studying at Chowan University. Applications are available in the church office and must be completed by July 31, 2024

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, June 16 all dates are available through June 30, July 14, and July 28 through August 18. 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, June 2, 2024 Second Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude & Processional *Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello

*Gathering Hymn No. 564 *Great God, We Sing Your Guiding Hand* (verses 1, 2 & 3) OLD 100th

Great God, we sing Your guiding hand by which supported still we stand;
the opening year Your mercy shows; that mercy crowns it till its close.
By day, by night, at home, abroad, still are we guarded by our God;
by His incessant bounty fed, by His unerring counsel led.
With grateful hearts the past we own; the future, all to us unknown,
we to Your guardian care commit, and peaceful leave before Your feet.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30

Mark Gaskins

Invocation

Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 597

He Keeps Me Singing

SWEETEST NAME

**Please stand as you are able.*

Children's Sermon

Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 1:7; 3:5-6; 9:10 (NRSV) Elizabeth Brown & Will Revelle

ELIZABETH: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;

CONGREGATION: **fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

WILL: Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

CONGREGATION: **In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.**

ELIZABETH: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

CONGREGATION: **and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

WILL: The Word of God, for the People of God.

CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God.**

Graduate Recognition & Prayer for Graduates

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark Gaskins

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. 383

Near to the Heart of God

MCAFFEE

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Mark Gaskins

Offertory

*Doxology 706

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Message in Song

This We Pray

Jay Althouse

Scripture and Sermon

Mark Gaskins

Psalm 13

Suffering and the Saints:

When It Seems God Has Forgotten Us

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 563

In Unity We Lift Our Song

EIN' FESTE BURG

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

Mark Gaskins

**Postlude

Faith the Cornerstone

Edward Broughton

***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 Second Sunday after Pentecost, in a part of the Christian Year known as Ordinary Time, when we focus on what it means to be and to live together as the people of God, the church of Jesus Christ. The color for this time is green, symbolizing our life and growth as followers of Jesus.

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.
	Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.
	Youth Group	5:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	Choir Practice	6:00 P.M.
	Prayer and 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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