

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Dr. and Mrs. John H. Davis, Sarah T. Davis, and Hugh H. Davis to the glory of God and in memory of Joe Dickerson with gratitude for his service and that of his comrades-in-arms who stormed the beaches of Normandy eighty years ago.

Flowers in the vestibule are given to the glory of God, and in honor of the 75th wedding anniversary (June 8, 1949) of Tom and Ann Caulkins by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Using their Gifts to Serve in June:

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

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m.

On Friday night, June 21st at 7:30 pm, Paula Pressnell, Calvin Carter and Lisa Lowry will present a concert at Lasker Baptist Church. It's free and open to the public.

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 9, 2024 Third Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Be Still, My Soul* Jean Sibelius

*Gathering Hymn No. 55 *Give to the Wind Your Fears* (verses 1, 2 & 4) FESTAL SONG

Give to the winds your fears, hope, and be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.
Through waves and clouds and storms He gently clears the way;
wait for His time, so shall the night soon end in joyous day.
Leave to His sovereign will to choose and to command;
with wonder filled, you then shall know how wise, how strong His hand.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 73: 21-26, 28 (NRSV)

When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you.

Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.
 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord my refuge.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 33 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Mark Gaskins
 The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Church at Prayer
 Call to Prayer
 The Prayers of the People
 The Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-9 Mark Gaskins
 The Word of the Lord.
Praise His Holy Name!

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 72 *Day By Day* BLOTT EN DAG

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins
 Offertory *El Shaddai* Thompson/Hayes
 *Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

Message in Song *The Lord Never Closes His Eyes* David Angerman

Scripture and Sermon Job 38:1-11 Mark Gaskins
 Suffering and the Saints: Reframing the Issue

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 67 *In Suffering Love the Thread of Life* LAND OF REST

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Ralph V. Williams

***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 Third 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 in the body of Christ, his church.

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.
Tuesday:	Deacons' Meeting	6:00 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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