

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 16 – June 29:	Sara Frances Hill
Communion Sunday:	June 23

The Food Bank of The Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, June 18. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

The Lasker Summer Music Festival is this coming weekend! Friday night is Paula Pressnell, Lisa Lowry and Calvin Carter. Saturday night is David Esleck, jazz pianist. Sunday night is Charles Hulin, piano and Jeremy McEntire, flute. The concerts start at 7:30 p.m. at Lasker Baptist Church and are 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. There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting on Monday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.

For anyone wanting to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 23, 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 16, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Carol Tornquist

*Gathering Hymn No. 436 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!
Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:19-25 (RSV)

Remember my affliction and my bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!

My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

**Please stand as you are able.*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Children's Sermon Mark Gaskins

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 41: 8-10; 43:1-3 Sarah Davis

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson John 16:16-20 Sarah Davis

The Word of the Lord.

Praise His Holy Name!

The Church at Prayer
Call to Prayer Psalm 20:1-5 Mark Gaskins

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 425 *How Firm A Foundation* FOUNDATION

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins

Offertory *Wonderful Peace* Cooper/Hayes

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

Message in Song *God Will Make a Way* Dan Moen

Scripture and Sermon Romans 5:1-11 Mark Gaskins

Suffering and the Saints: "The Miracle of Endurance"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 45 *Faith of Our Fathers* ST. CATHERINE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* Josiah Booth

***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 Fourth 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:	Food Bank of the Albemarle	1:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	Choir Practice	6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study will resume August 7, 2024.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Tom & Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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