

Using their Gifts to Serve in June:

Deacon of the Month of July: Booker Daniel
July Radio Ministry Sponsor: Garth and Erin Faile
Ushers for July: Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen, Bob Lee,
and Hunter Brown
Ushers for August: Colon Ballance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole,
and Garth Faile
Caregivers for June 30 - July 13: Patty Joyner

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m.

The All-State Youth Choir, supported by CBFNC, will present a free concert in the Chowan Chapel on Thursday morning, July 18 at 10:00 a.m. Admission is free and open to the public. They will also perform Thursday evening, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Ahoskie.

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. Volunteers are needed to lead crews. VBS will conclude with a cookout on July 26 at noon. If you would like to provide chips, baked beans, fruit, drinks, or desserts for the cookout or if you are interested in helping with VBS, please let Sarah Davis know.

For anyone wanting to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, 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, July 7, 2024 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Song of the Redeemed* Lani Smith

*Gathering Hymn No. 7 *Worthy of Worship* (Verses 1 & 3) JUDSON

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;
worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, worthy of all of the offerings we bring.
You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; worthy of worship and praise.
Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Savior and Source of our life without end.
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You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; worthy of worship and praise.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:8-11, 18, 20-22 (NRSV)

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the earth stand in awe of him.
For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

**The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

**Please stand as you are able.*

**Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.
 Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
 Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 52 *O Worship the King* LYONS

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 Mark Gaskins

The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:15-22 Mark Gaskins

The Word of the Lord.
Praise His Holy Name!

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

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 701 *My Country 'Tis of Thee* AMERICA

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins
 Offertory *I Then Shall Live* Sibelius/Hayes
 *Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

Message in Song *Statue of Liberty* Neil Enloe
 Sigmund Tyler, baritone

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins
 1 Peter 2:13-17
 Christian Patriots or Patriotic Christians?

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 26 *God of Creation, All-Powerful* SLANE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *The Star-Spangled Banner* arr. Mary McDonald

***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 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 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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