

Using their Gifts to Serve in July:

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 July 14 – July 27:	Garth and Erin Faile

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, July 16. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30.

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.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday for any special occasion, (memorial, anniversary, birthday, etc.) on any given date, 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 14, 2024 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Pastorale* J.S. Bach

*Gathering Hymn No. 315 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* (verses 1 & 5) MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who know His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
to God all praise and glory.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:1-6 (NRSV)

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 590 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Amos 7:7-15 Michael Alston

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:6b-13 Susan Alston

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. 409 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins

Offertory *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Marilyn Ham

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

Message in Song *Fires* Jordan St. Cyr
DeAnna Presley, alto

Scripture and Sermon Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark Gaskins
"In Christ"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 569 *In Christ Alone* IN CHRIST ALONE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *Ye Pure in Heart* Messiter/Torrans

***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 Eighth 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 Evening Choir Practice and 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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