

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Gene and Mary Etta Flowers in memory of her mother, Melba A. Ward on her birthday.

Using their Gifts to Serve in August:

Deacon of the Month of August:	Charlie Gallop
August Radio Ministry Sponsor	Armando and Bardin Torres
Opening and Closing the Church:	Sarah Davis
Ushers for August:	Colon Ballance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Ushers for September:	Jay Reville, Ronnie Coltrain, Hal Thomas, and Charlie Gallop
Caregivers for August 25-September 7:	Booker Daniel

MBC is collecting school supplies for Hertford County Public Schools. The collection box will be in the connector from now until the end of Aug. Supplies needed are: notebook paper (wide ruled and college ruled), spiral notebooks (wide ruled and college ruled), composition notebooks, three ring binders, folders (with pockets), pencils (wooden and mechanical), pens (black and blue), markers, colored pencils, crayons, and erasers. Clear bookbags and lunch bags are also needed. This is a requirement for all HCPS students. We are also accepting monetary donations for clear bookbags to be purchased. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Davis.

We are pleased that Big Wednesday will resume on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. Mary Etta's menu is fried chicken, potato salad, butterbeans, deviled eggs, rolls, and dessert. Cost per plate is \$10.00. Please call the church office to make your reservation by Friday, August 27.

Join Us Immediately Following Big Wednesday dinner for a presentation on **Estate Planning**, presented by Scott Setzer from Provision (Formerly NC Baptist Foundation).

Deacon elections are scheduled for Sunday, September 15. Please prayerfully consider who you will call to serve as deacon for the next three years.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 13th, as we welcome back The Reverent Quartet at 5:00 pm! Bring several friends! A love offering will be collected and refreshments will be served afterwards.

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, August 25, 2024 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *My Lord Is Near Me All the Time* Barbara Gaultney

*Gathering Hymn No. 299 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* (verses 1 & 4) OLD 134TH

Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of His choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

God is our strength and song, and His salvation ours;
then be His love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1, 10-12 (NRSV)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
 No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 639 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* WEBB

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-8 Mariah Gallop
 The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13 Mary Welch Gallop
 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. 34 *Word of God, Across the Ages* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins
 Offertory *I Am His and He Is Mine with Bach's Arioso in A Major* arr. Marilyn Ham
 *Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

Message in Song *Shout to the Lord* Darlene Zschech

Scripture and Sermon Ephesians 6:10-20 Mark Gaskins
 "The Whole Armor of God"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 629 *Be Strong in the Lord* STRENGTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *Sinfonia* G. F. Handel

***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 fourteenth 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.
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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