

The flowers are given by Sarah Davis to the glory of God and in celebration of the new year.

Using their Gifts to Serve in January:

Deacon of the Month of January:	Bardin Torres
January Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Charlie and Dell Aycock
Opening of the Church in January:	Colon Balance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for January:	Johnny Jenkins, Bob Lee, and Bob Turner
Caregiver for December 29 – January 11:	Lynette Bunch

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

Sun. Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00 A.M.	Wed. Big Wednesday	6:00 P.M.
Worship	11:00 A.M.	Kids' Club	6:30-7:15 P.M.
Youth Group	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice	6:45 P.M.

This Wednesday is Big Wednesday. Please contact the church office by Monday, January 6 to make your reservation.

MBC has returned to live streaming the service. We are streaming on our YouTube page. The page is [youtube.com/@murfreesborobaptistchurch27855](https://www.youtube.com/@murfreesborobaptistchurch27855). The dome logo is the profile picture. Please subscribe to our page. You can watch the service live when you are not here or watch the broadcast at your convenience.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Tom and Ann Caulkins Randy and Cheryl Whitley

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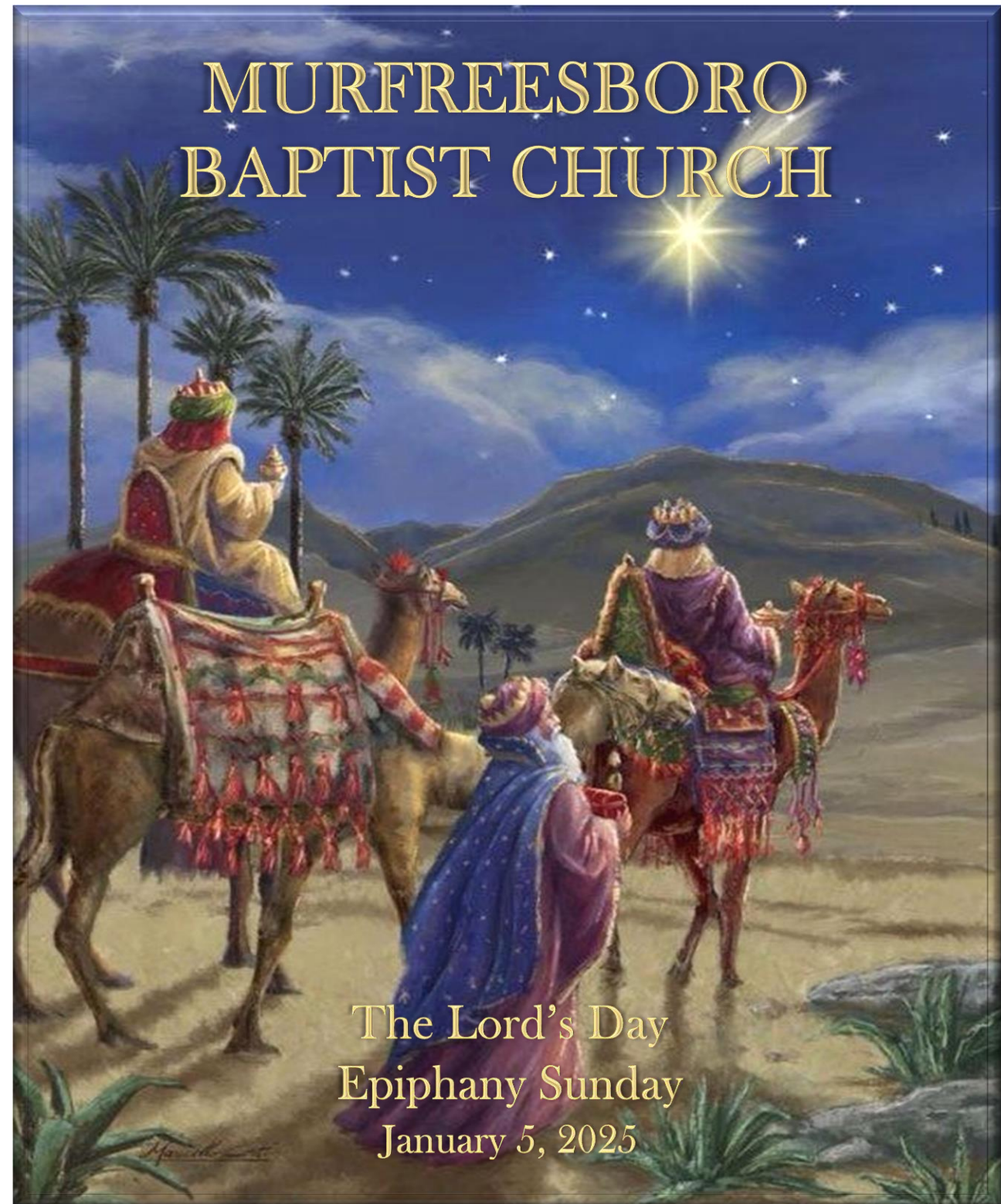
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We Gather to Worship

Prelude *How Far Is It to Bethlehem* arr. Andrew Daniels

Gathering Hymn No. 126 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (verses 1 & 3) REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar
seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen the Infant's star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11 (NRSV)

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Seba and Sheba bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 150 *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 Mark Gaskins

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

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12 Mark Gaskins

The Word of the Lord.
Praise His Holy Name!

The Church at Prayer

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 151 *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins

Offertory *Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus)* arr. Mark Hayes

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

Anthem *Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us* Benjamin Harlan

Scripture and Sermon Matthew 2:1-12 Mark Gaskins

The Magi and His Majesty

We Respond to God's Word

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

The Bread and Cup

*Hymn of Response No. 137 *Sing We Now of Christmas* FRENCH CAROL

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *What Star Is This?* arr. Franklin Ritter

**Please stand as you are able. **Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

To our guests this morning . . .

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We believe that worshiping God together is the most important thing we do as a church, strengthening our faith and drawing our attention to God, who created us, calls us, and sustains us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We encourage active participation in worship through responsive readings, corporate prayer, giving our tithes and offerings, and singing the hymns together.

As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God's written word. We also practice believers' baptism, and invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. We frequently share the Lord's Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.

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 Epiphany Sunday, when we remember how Jesus Christ came as Savior of the world, giving his light to people of all the nations. The color for today is white, representing how Christ has come as the Light of the World.