

Using their Gifts to Serve in June:

Deacon of the Month of July:	Sarah Davis
July Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Susan Benthall
Opening of the Church in July:	Sarah Davis
Ushers for July:	Johnny Jenkins, Bob Lee, and Hunter Brown
Caregiver for June 29-July 12	Garth and Erin Faile

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

MBC is proud to announce we have online giving once again. You may set up a recurring account or use occasionally. Credit cards and bank accounts may be linked to the site. Go to this URL: <https://subsplash.com/u/-68S5CD/give>.

We are in the process of upgrading our website and social media presence. While the upgrade is happening, the website may not function properly. If you encounter this problem, please understand and contact the church office, the pastor, or Sarah Davis if you need something from the website. Thank you for your patience. More information will be forthcoming.

The nursery is now available during worship service for children under the age of five. If you need assistance, please see any usher. Also, anyone wishing to volunteer to assist in the nursery, please contact Frances Cole.

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, 2025.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on any given Sunday, please contact the church office to reserve the date.

In Memory of Thomas Herbert Caulkins: Katherine Brett and Don and Lynn Johnson



MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, July 6, 2025 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *This Is My Song* Jean Sibelius

*Gathering Hymn No. 346 *Majesty* MAJESTY

Majesty, worship His majesty; Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne, unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 145:8-13a (NRSV)

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation		Mark Gaskins	*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment		Mark Gaskins
<i>We Hear God’s Word</i>					
*Hymn of Praise No. 439	<i>Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory</i>	BATTLE HYMN			
Children’s Sermon		Sarah Davis			
Old Testament Lesson	Zechariah 9:9-12	Mary Etta Flowers			
The Word of God for the People of God.					
Thanks be to God!					
Gospel Lesson	Luke 20:20-26	Gene Flowers			
The Word of the Lord.					
Praise His Holy Name!					
*Gloria Patri No. 705	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	GLORIA PATRI			
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.					
The Church at Prayer					
Call to Prayer					
The Prayers of the People					
The Lord’s Prayer (<i>trespasses</i>)					
*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 62	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	NATIONAL HYMN			
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings					
Offertory Prayer		Mark Gaskins			
Offertory	<i>America the Beautiful</i>	Ward/McDonald			
*Doxology 706	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100 TH			
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.					
Worship in Song		Leslie Jernigan, soprano			
Scripture and Sermon		1 Peter 2:13-17	Mark Gaskins		
God and Government – Getting It Right					

<i>We Go Forth with God’s Blessing</i>		
*Commission and Benediction		
**Postlude	<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i>	arr. Mary McDonald
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<i>**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.</i>		
To our guests this morning . . .		
In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to worship at Murfreesboro Baptist Church! Worshipping 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.		
<div><div>Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor</div><div>Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist & Choir Director</div></div>		
This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...		
Sunday:	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.
Tuesday:	Deacons’ Meeting	6:00 P.M.
<i>Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:</i>		
Phil Royce Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley		