

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Charlie and Dell Aycock in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Using their Gifts to Serve in July:

Deacon of the Month of July:	Sarah Davis
July Radio Ministry Sponsor	Colon and Jane Ballance
Opening of the Church in July:	Sarah Davis
Ushers for July:	Johnny Jenkins, Bob Lee, Hunter Brown
Caregiver for July 19 – August 1	David and Carole Farnham

MBC will host its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Aug 1 from 8-10 am. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Proceeds benefit Backpack Buddies. If you would like to purchase a ticket, you may call the church office or see a deacon.

MBC will once again participate in "Welcome Chowan Freshmen." The date is August 15. This year, we are going to provide snack bags for the students to take back to their dorm rooms. Please bring items for these bags to the church by August 10. Items can be bottled water, Gatorade, chips, Little Debbie snacks, Hostess snacks, nabs, cookies, candy (but no chocolate), gum, etc.

Applications are now being accepted for the Robert E. Lee, III Scholarship (awarded to Chowan University students) and the Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker Scholarship (awarded to students attending any institution of higher education, with a preference toward Chowan University). Applications are available in the church office and must be completed by July 31. The finance committee will award the scholarships and notify the recipients.

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sunday:	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.
Saturday:	Pancake and Sausage Breakfast	8:00-10:00 A.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce	Cheryl Whitley	Gertrude Revelle
Genevieve Broadhead	Chris Broadhead	Ed and Verlie Rainey

Please silence and refrain from using cell phones and other electronic devices during the worship service.



MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, July 26, 2026 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	Dale Wood
*Gathering Hymn No. 378	<i>We Gather Here in Grateful Praise</i> (verses 1, 3 & 4)	TRURO

We gather here in grateful praise, in prayer and song our voices raise,
for all our blessings, large and small, we thank You God, who gives us all.
We thank You for the sacred word, and for the call Your church has heard
to live as You would lead each day, we thank You God, Your will obey.
Praise God, the source of everything, praise God, the Son, Our Lord and King,
praise God, the Holy Spirit near, we thank You God, for You are here.

Words of Welcome	
The Lord be with you! And also with you!	
Ministry Opportunities	Mark Gaskins
Call to Worship	Psalms 105:1-6 (NRSV)
O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.	

**Please stand as you are able.*

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.		
Invocation		Mark Gaskins
<i>We Hear God's Word</i>		
*Hymn of Praise No. 246	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	AURELIA
Children's Sermon		Sarah Davis
Old Testament Lesson	Ezekiel 34:11-24, 30	Mike Alston
The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks be to God.		
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 16:13-19	Susan Alston
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. 361	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	GORDON
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Mark Gaskins
Offertory	<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>	Hughes/Hayes
*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.		
Anthem	<i>Sing Your Praise to the Lord</i> Jayme Leigh & Frances Cole	Rich Mullins

Scripture and Sermon	Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 Foundations of Our Faith: The Church	Mark Gaskins
<i>We Respond to God's Word</i>		
Hymn of Response No. 590	<i>The Solid Rock</i>	SOLID ROCK
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment		Mark Gaskins

<i>We Go Forth with God's Blessing</i>		
*Commission and Benediction		
**Postlude	<i>Toccata Jubiloso</i>	Lani Smith
<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! 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 Ninth 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.

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist & Choir Director
Ms. Kayleigh Lance, Director of Youth Ministry
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