

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of the Reverend Thomas H. Caulkins, by Cecil Holloman.

The bud vase placed in the sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Sutton Belle Forbes, born on May 23, 2025. Sutton is the daughter of Cliff and Jo Ann Forbes, and granddaughter of Tommy and Lisa Forbes.

Using their Gifts to Serve in June:

Deacon of the Month of June:	Ronnie Coltrain
June Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Mike and Susan Alston
Opening of the Church in June:	Colon Balance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for June:	Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Hunter Brown
Caregiver for June 1-June 14	Mary Etta Flowers

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Linda Bazemore as our pianist for today's service.

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.

In Memory of Thomas Herbert Caulkins: Judy Clark, Sarah T. Davis, Dr. John and Sarah Davis, Hugh Davis, Garth and Erin Faile, Wayne and Shirley Brown, Suzanne Brown, Linda Hassell, Ronnie and Betsy Coltrain, Wingate (Don) Joyner, Jr., Diane Dixon, and Boyette Robertson Agency, Inc.

In Memory of Louise Copeland: Katherine Brett



MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord's Day, June 1, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Glorify Thy Name with When Morning Gilds the Skies* Donna Adkins

*Gathering Hymn No. 221 *King of Glory, Risen Lord* (verses 1 & 3) KING OF GLORY

King of Glory, risen Lord, in ascending to Your throne,
sitting at the right hand of God on high, Your sovereignty is shown.
By Your rule from heaven's throne, at the end of everything every knee will bow,
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is King,

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-9 (NRSV)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 219 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* LLANFAIR

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23 Susan Alston

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-53 Mike Alston

The Word of the Lord.

Praise His Holy Name!

*Gloria Patri No. 705 *Glory Be to the Father* 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 (*trespasses*)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 220 *Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious* BRYN CALFARIA

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins

Offertory *Servant Medley* Mark Hayes

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

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 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* arr. Wayne Earnest

Scripture and Sermon Acts 1:1-11 Mark Gaskins

Famous Last Words

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 488 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *Stand Up For Jesus* George Webb

***Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter, the season in which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and reflect on what it means for our lives and our life together as followers of Jesus. It is also Ascension Sunday, when we commemorate how Jesus ascended into heaven as the Father exalted him and he took his seat at the Father's right hand in glory. The color for today is white, symbolizing our risen Lord's victory and glory.

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist & Choir Director

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sunday: Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM 10:00 A.M.

Worship 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6:00 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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