

Using their Gifts to Serve in May:

Deacon of the Month of May:	Mike Alston
May Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Kay Thomas
Opening of the Church in May:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for May:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston, and Jay Revelle
Caregiver for April 26 – May 9	Alice and Linda Hassell

This Wednesday is Big Wednesday. Mary Etta’s Menu is hotdogs with chili and all the extras, baked beans, chips, and strawberry shortcake. Please call the church office by Monday, May 4, 2026 at 12 noon to make your reservations.

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sunday:	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.
	Youth Group	5:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	Big Wednesday	6:00 P.M.
	Kids’ Club	6:30 P.M.
	Choir Practice	6:45 P.M.
	Prayer and Bible Study	7:00 P.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.

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

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *He Leadeth Me* Bradbury/Payne

*Gathering Hymn No. 299 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* (verses 1, 2 & 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.
 Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
 who would not fear His holy name, and laud and magnify?
 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 Mark Gaskins

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 (NRSV)

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
 do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.
 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

**Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
 You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,
 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 418 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Acts Lesson Acts 4:1-12 Mike Alston

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10 Susan 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. 442 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* DOVE OF PEACE

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Kayleigh Lance

Offertory *Here I Am to Worship* Hughes/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 *Christ In You* Roelofs/Vogt

Scripture and Sermon John 14:1-11 Mark Gaskins

"The Way, and the Truth, and the Life"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 349 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *Go Out With Joy!* Mary McDonald

***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, prayers, the offering, and singing hymns.

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 Fifth 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. The color for today is white, symbolizing our risen Lord's victory and glory.