

The flowers today are given by Booker Daniel for the glory of God and in honor of all new members and prospective members of Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

Using their Gifts to Serve in August:

Deacon of the Month of August:	Steve Fowler
August Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Colon and Jane Ballance
Opening of the Church in August:	Sarah Davis
Ushers for August:	Colon Balance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Caregiver for July 27-Aug. 9	Booker Daniel

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their services to ensure that the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast was a great success.

We will collect school supplies for Hertford County Schools from now until the end of August. Supplies needed are pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glue sticks, binders, composition books (college and wide ruled), notebook paper (college and wide ruled), and clear book bags. HCPS only allows clear bookbags. Thank you.

MBC's online presence has been updated. Check out the new website at murfbc.org. Our new app is now available for download in both the Apple store and Google Play store. In the store, search "Murfreesboro Baptist Church." The blue dome should be the icon next to the name. More detailed information will be in the August newsletter. If you have any questions, please let Sarah Davis know.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on August 17 for all children, youth, and college students. Plan to attend this service to receive a blessing for the new school year.

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.



MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, August 3, 2025 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Hail the Lord of All Creation* Franklin Ritter

*Gathering Hymn No. 571 *You Are My All in All* JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name; You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup; you are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

Words of Welcome
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-3 (NRSV)
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so; those he redeemed from trouble . . .

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God’s Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 640 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

**Please stand as you are able.*

Children’s Sermon		Sarah Davis
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 12:4-13	Frances Cole
	The Word of God for the People of God.	
	Thanks be to God!	
Gospel Lesson	John 15:1-8	Charlie Cole
	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. 350	Blessed Be the Name	BLESSED NAME
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	Trust In God	Brown, Furtick, Lake & Wong
	Lucas Ireland	
*Doxology 706	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow	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	I'll Fly Away	Albert E. Brumley
	Jayme Leigh, Lori Harders, Lucas Ireland, & Dale Harrington	
Scripture and Sermon	Zechariah 4:1-10	Mark Gaskins
	How to Do What God Calls Us to Do	

We Respond to God’s Word

Litany of Response

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

“Not but might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts.

Lord, you have called us to follow Jesus faithfully and to be your people in this place as we love God, follow Jesus, and serve others. But we are weak and often distracted. How shall we do what you have called us to do?

“Not but might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts.

Help us to depend on you, O God, that you might empower us through your Spirit to do whatever you call us to do, so that you might accomplish your will and purpose in us and among us and through us.

“Not but might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts. Amen.

*Hymn of Response No. 243 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *To God Be the Glory* Doane/Parker

***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 Eighth 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.

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.
	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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