

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Paula Pressnell, MBC Director of Music by Booker Daniel.

Using their Gifts to Serve in August:

Deacon of the Month of August:	Mary Etta Flowers
August Radio Ministry Sponsor	Bob and Ann Lee
Opening of the Church in August:	Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown
Ushers for August:	Colon Ballance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole
Caregiver for August 16-29	Aldeen Gatewood

Thank you to everyone who provided snack items, packed, or distributed bags to the Chowan freshmen on August 15.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, August 18. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

All are invited to the Murfreesboro United Methodist Church Fundraising Event on August 16, 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Hertford-Gates Relay for Life. The event features a silent auction, spaghetti lunch and baked goods sale. Lunch plates are \$10.00, eat-in or take-out. Fundraising location is at the Murfreesboro United Methodist Church, 301 E. High Street, Murfreesboro. Silent auction items will be posted on the MUMC Facebook page. For details on the silent auction call 252-209-5522.

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.

For the last several years, Hertford County Schools has employed many international teachers. The international teachers arrive in Hertford County with very few possessions. To assist these teachers with the adjustment from their homes to HC, we will be collecting items for them. Items needed are hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, hand sanitizer, shampoo, conditioner), household items (laundry detergent, hangers, dish-washing detergent, dishes, glasses, cups, dish cloths, kitchen utensils, cutlery), or small appliances (microwave, toaster, blender, coffee pot, pots, pans). If you have any questions, please see Sarah Davis. Thank you.

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sunday:	Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.
Tuesday:	Food Bank of the Albemarle	1:30 P.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	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, August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude He's Done So Much for Me arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

*Gathering Hymn No. 356 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer (verses 1 & 3) KREMSER

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator, in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
With voices united our praises we offer, and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 67 (NRSV)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*Please stand as you are able.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God’s Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 319 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson Colossians 1:9-20 Kayleigh Lance
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Kayleigh Lance
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. 412 Sweet Hour of Prayer SWEET HOUR

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins
Offertory Great Is the Lord Smith/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 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Darwall/Raney

Scripture and Sermon 1 Samuel 8 Mark Gaskins
The Great Reign Robbery

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn of Response No. 431 Jesus Is Lord of All LORDSHIP OF CHRIST
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

*Commission and Benediction
**Postlude Allegro Vivace Handel/Peterson
***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 Twelfth 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
Mrs. Teresa Martin, Administrative Assistant

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