

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 Ballance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile
Caregiver for Aug. 10-Aug. 23	T.K. Warren

Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, August 19. Volunteers are needed and should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and donated items for the welcoming of the Chowan University Class of 2029. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated.

Union Mission Clothing Drive: September is the month to donate all of your unwanted, non-fitting, and out of style clothing to help Union Mission in Roanoke Rapids. Please leave your donations in the connector. Deadline is September 30.

We are collecting 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 will hold a Quarterly Conference on Sunday, September 14 after worship service to approve 2025-2026 annual Budget.

Mark your calendar...Deacon elections will be held on Sunday, September 21 after worship service.

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 is in the August newsletter. If you have any questions, please let Sarah Davis know.

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.

For anyone wanting to place flowers in the sanctuary, we have August 31 available. Please contact the church office to reserve a date.

In Memory of Thomas Wells Hill, Jr.: Stuart and Sandra Pierce

In Memory of Thomas Herbert Caulkins: William Hall, Mark Banks, Joe and Carol Lowe, and Ben and Valerie Sutton

In Memory of Becky Brett: Katherine Brett



MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

*Gathering Hymn *Surely the Presence of the Lord* Janice Cowan

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 145:8-13 (NRSV)

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.
**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 310 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

Blessing of the Backpacks (see insert) Sarah Davis and Kayleigh Lance

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 1:7-10; 3:1-10 Kayleigh Lance
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:16-10 Sarah Davis
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. 71 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer
Offertory Day By Day arr. Craig Courtney
*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 Give Us A Vision, Lord Tom Stone

Scripture and Sermon Haggai 2:1-9 Mark Gaskins
Nostalgia or Vision?

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 620 Because He Lives RESURRECTION

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Heinrich Reimann

**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 Tenth 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 & Director of Music Ministry
Ms. Kayleigh Lance, Director of Youth Ministry

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.
Tuesday:	Food Bank of the Albemarle	1:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	Choir Practice	6:00 P.M.
	Prayer & Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce	Ann Caulkins	Randy & Cheryl Whitley	Gertrude Revelle
Genevieve Broadhead	Chris Broadhead	Ed and Verlie Rainey	

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