

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 Balance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole
Caregiver for August 2-15	Mary Etta Flowers

Thank you to all those who helped with the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast.

MBC will once again participate in "Welcome Chowan Freshmen." The date is August 15. This year, we are going to provide snack bags for the students to take back to their dorm rooms. Please bring items for these bags to the church by August 10. Items can be bottled water, Gatorade, chips, Little Debbie snacks, Hostess snacks, nabs, cookies, candy (but no chocolate), gum, etc. Bags will be packed at 10:00 a.m. on August 11. Volunteers are needed to pack bags and then to distribute bags at Chowan on August 15.

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.

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 2, 2026 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	<i>We've a Story to Tell</i>	H. Ernest Nichol
*Gathering Hymn No. 423	<i>This Is the Threefold Truth</i> (verses 1, 3 & 4)	ACCLAMATIONS

This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends, and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
By this we are upheld when doubt or grief assails our Christian fortitude, and only grace avails: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast, changes the world and us and brings us home at last: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

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

Ministry Opportunities	Mark Gaskins
Call to Worship	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (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.

**The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

**The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God’s Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 323 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9 Kayleigh Lance
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson John 5:19-29 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. 407 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins
Offertory *Soon and Very Soon* Crouch/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 *He’s Always Been Faithful* Sara Groves
Jayme Leigh, alto

Scripture and Sermon 1 Peter 1:1-9 Mark Gaskins
Foundations of Our Faith: Our Hope

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn of Response No. 500 *Just As I Am* WOODWORTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

**Postlude *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Ritter/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 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.

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