Using their Gifts to Serve in August:

Deacon of the Month of August: Steve Fowler

Deacon of the Month of September: Debbie Hill

August Radio Ministry Sponsor: Colon and Jane Balance

September Radio Ministry Sponsor: Debbie Hill Opening of the Church in August: Sarah Davis Opening of the Church in September: Charlie Cole

Ushers for August: Colon Ballance, Armando Torres,

Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile

Ushers for September: Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain,

Hal Thomas, and Charles Gallop

Caregiver for Aug. 24- Sept. 6 T.K. Warren

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 and Nominating Committee recommendations.

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.



MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord's Day, August 31, 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came Charles H. Gabriel

*Gathering Hymn No. 600 O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me. He gave His life, what more could He give? Oh how He loves you; O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalm 112:1, 4-7, 9 (NRSV)

Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

Invocation

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 590

The Solid Rock

Solid Rock

Children's Sermon

Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson
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.

Luke 8:40-56

The Church at Prayer

Call to Prayer

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 281 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Paula Pressnell

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Kayleigh Lance Offertory Precious Lord, Take My Hand Dorsey/Young *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.

Anthem Order My Steps Burleigh/Schrader

Scripture and Sermon Lamentations 3:19-33 Mark Gaskins

Hoping in the LORD

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 48 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

Mark Gaskins

**Postlude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Messiter/Torrans

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 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. |
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| Sunday. | • | |
| | Worship | 11:00 A.M. |
| | Youth Group | 5:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday: | Choir Practice | 6:15 P.M. |
| | Kids Club | 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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^{**}Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.