

## Using their Gifts to Serve in May:

Deacon of the Month of May: T.K. Warren, III  
May Radio Ministry Sponsor: Diane Dixon  
Opening of the Church in May: Garth Faile  
Ushers for May: Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren,  
and Mike Alston  
Caregiver for May 18-May 31: Sara Frances Hill

Applications are now being accepted for the two scholarships available to Murfreesboro Baptist Church members and their children. The Robert E. Lee, III Scholarship is awarded to Chowan University Students. The Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker Scholarship is awarded to students attending any institution of higher education, but with a preference toward those studying at Chowan University. Applications are available in the church office and must be completed by July 31, 2025.



## MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

*Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.*

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### The Lord's Day, May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### *We Gather to Worship*

Prelude *When In Our Music, God Is Glorified* Charles V. Stanford

\*Gathering Hymn No. 302 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* (verses 1 & 3) PROMISE

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;  
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.  
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;  
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.  
Come, then, children, with your burdens - life's confusions, fears and pain.  
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His kingdom's reign.  
Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them - He alone will satisfy.  
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

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.

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

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 Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5 Lynette Bunch

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Lesson John 14:23-29 Linda Hassell

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. 295 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins

Offertory *Just As I Am with Gymnopedie No. 1* Bradbury & Satie/Hayes

\*Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

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 *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche

Scripture and Sermon Acts 16:6-15 Mark Gaskins

Clear Vision, Open Hearts

***We Respond to God's Word***

\*Hymn of Response No. 472 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* LEMMELE

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

***We Go Forth with God's Blessing***

\*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

\*\*Postlude *Suite in G Minor* G. F. Handel

*\*\*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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, the season in which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and reflect on what it means for our lives and our life together as followers of Jesus. The color for the season is white, symbolizing our risen Lord's victory and glory.

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.**

***Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:***

Phil Royce Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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