

The flowers are given by Sarah Davis to the glory of God and in celebration of the new year.

**Using their Gifts to Serve in December:**

- Deacon of the Month of January: Bardin Torres
- January Radio Ministry Sponsor: Mike and Susan Alston
- Opening of the Church in January: Bruce Brown
- Ushers for January: Johnny Jenkins, Bob Lee, Charlie Aycock, and Bob Turner
- Caregiver for Dec. 28-Jan. 10: Charlie and Dell Aycock

**This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .**

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| <b>Sun.</b> | <b>Radio Broadcast, 98.3</b> | <b>10:00 A.M.</b>     |
|             | <b>Worship</b>               | <b>11:00 A.M.</b>     |
|             | <b>Youth Group</b>           | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>      |
| <b>Wed.</b> | <b>Big Wednesday</b>         | <b>6:00 P.M.</b>      |
|             | <b>Kids' Club</b>            | <b>6:30-7:15 P.M.</b> |
|             | <b>Choir Practice</b>        | <b>6:45 P.M.</b>      |

Big Wednesday will be Wednesday, January 7. Mary Etta’s menu is Chinese Chicken Casserole, green beans, cranberry salad, rolls and dessert. Please contact the church by Monday, January 5 to make your reservation.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will host a Community Café to provide fellowship and food in Jesus’ name. This event will be on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This is a free meal to those in our community. Volunteers are needed to bring food items, help with food preparation, serving, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Contribution envelopes for 2026 are in the library. If you do not see your name on a box and would like one, please contact the church office.

Thanks to all who helped with putting up and taking down the Christmas decorations.

MBC Kids' Club will once again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring from now until Feb 8. Our goal is 400 cans of soup. We will place the cans of soup in the church food pantry to be distributed to those in our community.

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

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| Phil Royce          | Cheryl Whitley  | Gertrude Revelle     |
| Genevieve Broadhead | Chris Broadhead | Ed and Verlie Rainey |

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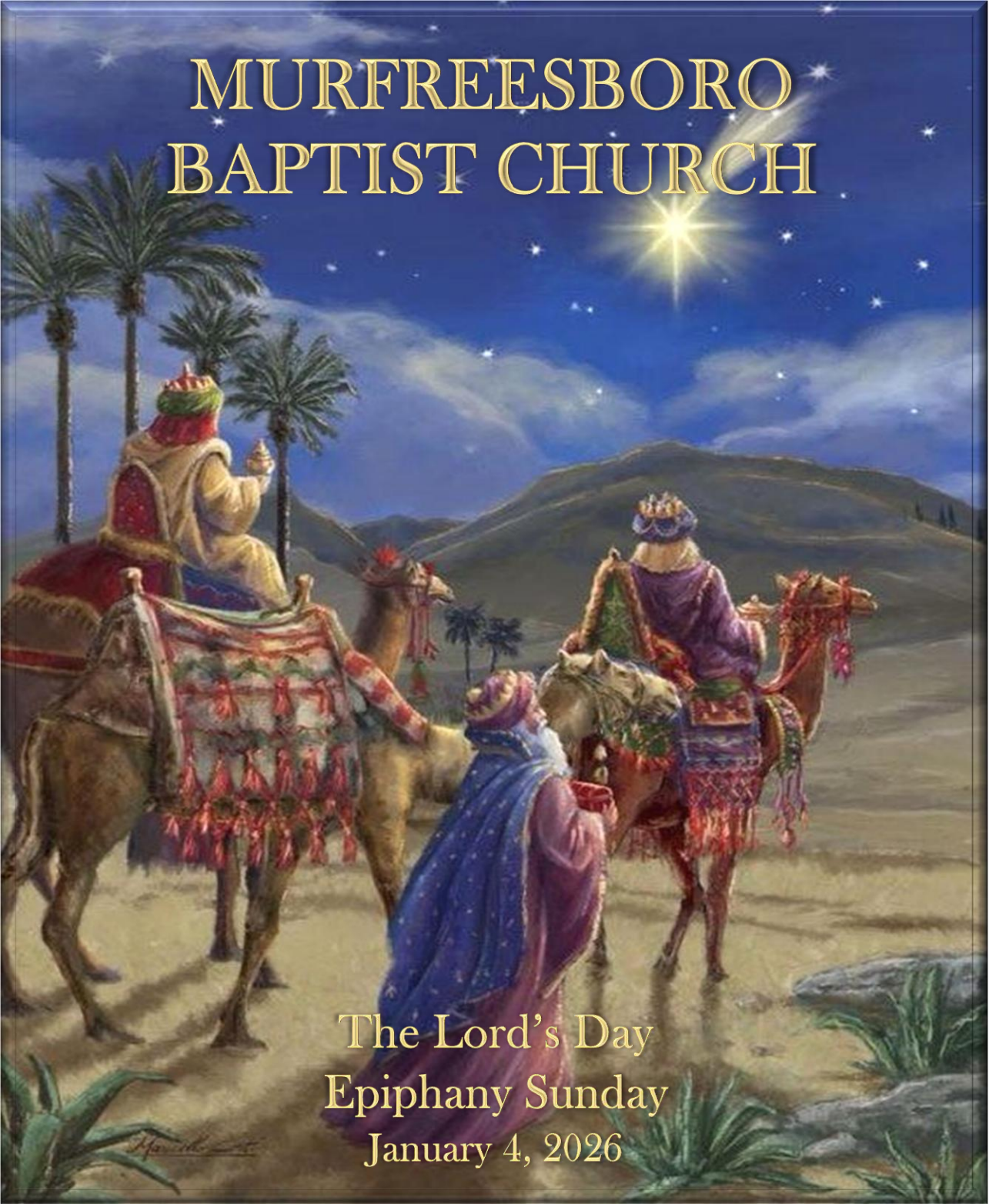
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<i>We Gather to Worship</i>		
Prelude	<i>Star of the East</i>	Amanda Kennedy
Gathering Hymn No. 87	<i>Arise, Your Light Is Come</i>	FESTAL SONG
Arise, your light is come! The spirit’s call obey. Show forth the glory of your God which shines in you today. Arise, your light is come! the mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing, God’s power will make us strong.		
Words of Welcome	Mark Gaskins	
The Lord be with you! <b>And also with you!</b>		
Ministry Opportunities		
Call to Worship	Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11 (NRSV)	
Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son. <b>May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.</b> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Seba and Sheba bring gifts. <b>May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.</b>		
Invocation	Mark Gaskins	
<i>We Hear God’s Word</i>		
*Hymn of Praise No. 156	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	SHINE
Children’s Sermon	Sarah Davis	
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 60:1-6	Mary Welch Gallop
The Word of God, for the People of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 3:1-12	Winslow Gallop
The Word of the Lord. <b>Praise His Holy Name!</b>		
*Gloria Patri No. 705	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	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.		

\*Please stand as you are able.

The Church at Prayer		
*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 151	<i>We Three Kings</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings		
*Offertory Prayer	Mark Gaskins	
Offertory	<i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne with Andante Cantabile</i>	Matthews & Tchaikovsky/Fettke
*Doxology 706	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100 <sup>TH</sup>
Anthem	<i>Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i>	R. Fisher Boyce
Scripture and Sermon	Matthew 2:1-12 The Lord of All Nations	Mark Gaskins

*We Respond to God’s Word*

Holy Communion		
Invitation to the Lord’s Table		
Communion Prayers		
The Lord’s Prayer ( <i>trespasses</i> )		
The Bread and Cup		
*Hymn of Response No. 150	<i>As With Gladness, Men of Old</i>	DIX
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment	Mark Gaskins	

*We Go Forth with God’s Blessing*

Commission and Benediction	Mark Gaskins	
**Postlude	<i>Hornpipe</i>	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, prayers, the offering, and singing hymns.  
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 Epiphany Sunday, when we remember how Jesus Christ came as Savior of the world, giving his light to people of all the nations. The color for today is white, representing how Christ has come as the Light of the World.