

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

The Deacons’ will meet on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m.

All are invited to the Murfreesboro United Methodist Church Fundraising Event on August 16, 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Hertford-Gates Relay for Life. The event features a silent auction, spaghetti lunch and baked goods sale. Lunch plates are \$10.00, eat-in or take-out. Fundraising location is at the Murfreesboro United Methodist Church, 301 E. High Street, Murfreesboro. Silent auction items will be posted on the MUMC Facebook page. For details on the silent auction call 252-209-5522.

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 4:00 p.m. on August 11. Volunteers are needed to pack bags and then to distribute bags at Chowan on August 15 at 10:30 a.m.

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.
Tuesday:	Pack Chowan Freshman Bags	4:00 P.M.
	Deacons’ Meeting	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday:	Choir Practice	6:00 P.M.
Saturday:	Welcome Chowan Freshman	10:30 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 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude I Then Shall Live Jean Sibelius

*Gathering Hymn No. 38 Thy Word THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end.
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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 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

*Please stand as you are able.

**That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.**
Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 307 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 Charlotte Cole
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:43-49 Jack Cole
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. 676 Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray DIADEMATA

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Prayer Kayleigh Lance
Offertory O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Glaser/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 The Way of Christ Pepper Choplin
Scripture and Sermon Titus 2:1-2, 11 – 3:8 Mark Gaskins
Building on the Foundations: How, Then, Shall We Live?

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response No. 679 O for a Closer Walk with God AVON

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

**Postlude Praise Him with Pipes Ben Logan

***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 Eleventh 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
Mrs. Teresa Martin, Administrative Assistant

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