

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Gene and Mary Etta Flowers in memory of her mother, Melba A. Ward on her birthday.

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 16-29	Aldeen Gatewood

The Youth Group will resume meeting on Sunday evening at 5:30 p.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.
	Youth Group	5:30 P.M.
Wednesday:	Choir Practice	6:00 P.M.
	Bible Study	7:00 P.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.

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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MURFREESBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face	Edward J. Hopkins
*Gathering Hymn No. 456	I Come With Joy (verses 1, 4 & 5)	DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy,
to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Words of Welcome

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

Psalms 138:4-8 (NRSV)

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

*Please stand as you are able.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Invocation Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 457 Come and Feast, for All are Welcomed REGENT SQUARE

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 24:3-8 Paula Pressnell
The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 26:26-30 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 Blessing of the Backpacks (see insert) Kayleigh Lance

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 466 Jesus, at Your Holy Table BEACH SPRING

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Prayer Mark Gaskins
Offertory O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go Peace/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 Prayer of Communion Mary McDonald

Scripture and Sermon 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Mark Gaskins
The Meaning of This Meal

We Respond to God's Word

Communion Hymn No. 455 Here, at Your Table, Lord BREAD OF LIFE

Holy Communion
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Quiet Meditation
The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
The Bread
The Cup

Hymn of Response No. 469 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands ST. COLUMBA

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

**Postlude Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Goss/Smith

**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 Thirteenth 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.