

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Charlie and Dell Aycock in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary on July 31, 2025.

Using their Gifts to Serve in June:

Deacon of the Month of July:	Sarah Davis
July Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Susan Benthall
Opening of the Church in July:	Sarah Davis
Ushers for July:	Johnny Jenkins, Bob Lee, and Hunter Brown
Caregiver for July 27-Aug. 9	Booker Daniel

Please join us for the Annual MBC Pancake and Sausage Breakfast which will be held Sat., August 2 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Tickets are available from any deacon or in the church office. Adults - \$10.00/ Children under 12 - \$5. You may eat-in or take-out.

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.

The new website is now live at murfbc.org. The app will be coming to a store soon. To give online, you may go to the app and select giving from the menu on the top. Our services and newsletters are located under the media tab in the menu. If you have any questions or comments, 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.

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.

In Honor of Michael Alston: Judy Clark and Family



MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord’s Day, July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	<i>My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff</i>	David H. Hegarty
*Gathering Hymn No. 600	<i>O How He Loves You and Me</i>	PATRICIA

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

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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.**
**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.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

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. 418 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

Children’s Sermon Sarah Davis

Epistle Lesson Romans 8:35-39 Lynette Bunch

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:25-30 Mark Gaskins

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. 244 Blessed Quietness BLESSED QUIETNESS

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory God Will Take Care of You Martin/Larson

*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.

Worship in Song Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone Chris Tomlin
Jim Wiggins, baritone

Scripture and Sermon Habakkuk 3:16-19 Mark Gaskins
Faith for the Tough Times

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response No. 584 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place LANDAS

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God’s Blessing

*Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude Postlude in G Minor Franklin Ritter

***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 Seventh 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 & Choir Director

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...
Sunday: Radio Broadcast, 98.3 FM 10:00 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:
Phil Royce Ann Caulkins Randy & Cheryl Whitley

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