



FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE . . .

What kind of church would my church be

If every member were just like me?

I think I first heard that little ditty from someone in the church I was serving while I was in seminary. I don't know its original source, but it asks an incredibly important question. During this Lenten season, maybe each of us who are members of Murfreesboro Baptist Church would do well to take a few moments to ponder this question.

What kind of church would my church be if every member were just like me in my attendance at Sunday School, Sunday morning worship, Wednesday evening activities, special events, and other opportunities?

What kind of church would my church be if every member were just like me in my participation in the life of our church? Am I willing to accept responsibilities in specific areas and do I serve faithfully in those areas?

What kind of church would my church be if every member were just like me in my prayer life, both privately in my own devotional times and throughout the day, and corporately as I pray with small groups and with the congregation?

What kind of church would my church be if every member were just like me in my stewardship? Am I faithful to give cheerfully to the Lord through his church and to use the rest in ways that are pleasing to him, all the while seeking to grow in the graces of generosity and sacrificial giving?

What kind of church would my church be if every member were just like me in my discipleship, in how I follow Jesus with his people? Am I seeking to know him more deeply, learn from him more fully, and become like him more completely?

What kind of church would my church be if every member were just like me when it comes to being on mission with Christ in the world? Am I serving in his name, bearing witness of his saving life, death, and resurrection to those I meet who don't know him, blessing those I

come into contact with by deeds of love and words of witness?

Now I don't pose these questions to put a guilt trip on anybody. But I have been concerned for many years about the seemingly low levels of commitment to the Lord's church among those who profess to be Christians. And that concern continues here at Murfreesboro Baptist. We have a wonderful congregation, and it is truly a blessing and a joy to serve as your pastor. Yet when our typical Sunday morning attendance is far less than our membership, this is cause for concern. Granted, many of our elderly members are no longer able to come and participate as they once did. And sometimes there are other legitimate reasons for absence. But many who at some point cast their lot with this congregation now seem to see little or no need to be involved and to be a part of the Lord's kingdom work through his church here at Murfreesboro Baptist.

I challenge all of us who are active to renew our commitment to live as the Lord's church here at Murfreesboro Baptist, being model disciples, servants, missionaries, and church members. And I challenge all who have drifted away or become indifferent or inactive to return to the Lord and to his church, and to invest your life in following Jesus and serving him in the fellowship of his people and the mission of his church.

I always look forward to worshipping with you on Sundays!

Grace and peace,

Mark E. Gaskins



BIG WEDNESDAY
March 4 6:00 p.m.
Ham, Cabbage, Potatoes, Cornbread, and Dessert
 Please call the church office to make your reservation by Monday, March 2.



† **March 4**

Mt. Sinai Church of God

Dr. Arthur Clark, Pastor
913 Main Street, Murfreesboro

† **March 11**

First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro

Dr. Robert Richardson, Pastor
230 US-158 Business, Murfreesboro

† **March 18**

Murfreesboro Baptist Church

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor
200 W. Main Street, Murfreesboro

† **March 25**

Nebo Baptist Church

Rev. James K. Brown, Pastor
10555 US-258, Murfreesboro

† **April 1**

Chowan University

Rev. Jason Fowler, Interim Campus Minister
1 Jones Drive, Murfreesboro

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Murfreesboro Baptist Church,

I am truly honored to be selected as the recipient of this scholarship. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of students like me at Chowan University.

I am currently a senior majoring in recreation, wellness and sport. This scholarship will ease the financial burden of my education and allow me to focus more on my studies and professional growth.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and for your belief in my potential.

With sincere appreciation,

Gabriel Espiritu
Chowan University



MUSIC MINISTRY

This Lenten season is a time for self-reflection and the hope that we have in Christ Jesus.

One of the new songs we will sing during March is called "The Jesus Prayer" by David Baker. Our choir sang it during the Ash Wednesday service, and on March 1st, we will sing it the first time, and the congregation will sing it with us the second time. It has a beautiful melody in a minor key as we sing, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Our choir is doing a great job Sunday mornings, and we look forward to making music and worshipping with each of you.

Paula Pressnell



KIDS' CLUB

- Mar 4 Kids' Club 6:30-7:15
- Mar 11 Kids' Club 6-6:45
- Mar 18 Kids' Club 6-6:45
- Mar 25 Kids' Club 6-6:45

Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Wednesday, April 1 at 5:30 pm. We will have a pizza dinner and then hunt for eggs on the playground. Please take Easter eggs from the box in the connector and fill them with candy, coins, small toys, or stickers. When the eggs are filled, return them to the box in the library. Have filled eggs back to church by 5:00 on April 1. If you would be willing to provide drinks or chips for the dinner, let Sarah Davis know.

UPCOMING DATES

MARCH 4

- Lenten Lunch 12 Noon
- Mt. Sanau Church of God
- Big Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

MARCH 8

- Daylight Saving Time Begins

MARCH 10

- Deacons' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

MARCH 11

- Lenten Lunch 12 Noon
- First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro

MARCH 17

- Food Bank of the Albemarle

MARCH 18

- Lenten Lunch 12 Noon
- Murfreesboro Baptist Church

MARCH 25

- Lenten Lunch 12 Noon
- Nebo Baptist Church

March 29

- Palm Sunday

APRIL 1

- Lenten Lunch 12 Noon
- Chowan University

- Easter Egg Hunt 5:30 p.m.
- Murfreesboro Baptist Church

APRIL 2

- Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- Communion

APRIL 5

- Easter Sunday



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

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| March 6 | Jenni Chao |
| March 7 | Sarah Brown |
| March 8 | Patti Llewellyn |
| March 10 | Gene Flowers |
| March 15 | Sandra Fowler |
| March 16 | Mary Harris |
| March 17 | Patricia Fontutu |
| March 20 | Judy Clark |
| March 23 | Jo Cimini |

Don't see your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know when your special day is.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

Murfreesboro Baptist Church would like to recognize the graduates of 2026. If your son, daughter, or grandchild will be graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the church office with their full name, school and degree of the graduate by Sunday, March 31, 2026.

BLESSING MINISTRIES

FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, March 17 by 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

MBC FOOD PANTRY

If you have committed to help us keep our pantry filled, please remember to bring twelve of your selected items to the church before the 15th of each month.

Any and all donations are welcome.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN MARCH

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Jay Revelle

OPENING OF THE CHURCH

Colon Ballance and Wayne Brown

USHERS

March

Jay Revelle, Ronnie Coltrain, and Charles Gallop

April

Lloyd Hill and Jay Revelle

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR

Diane Dixon

CAREGIVERS

March 1-14 - Colon and Jane Ballance

March 15-March 28 - Judy Clark

March 20-April 11 - Diane Dixon

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins

PASTOR

KAYLEIGH LANCE

Director of Youth Ministry

PAULA PRESSNELL

Organist & Director of Music Ministry

TERESA MARTIN

Administrative Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thurs. 8:30 - 1:30

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