

Murphy Church of Christ
P. O. Box 511
Murphy, NC. 28906

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TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Class	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class	6:00 p.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

“ May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in believing, so that by the
power of the Holy Spirit you may abound
in hope. Romans 15:13

BULLETIN



***MURPHY CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST ROAD***
(located above King Ford on Highway 64 West)

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APRIL 18, 2021

WELCOME

We welcome you to the Murphy Church of Christ where every visitor is our special guest, and we want to make sure you always remember that. If you are looking for a "family" that will offer you the most important things in life, then why not give us a chance to be part of your family?

Please fill out a visitor's form and drop it in the collection box.

Please do not hesitate to ask any of our members for assistance.

Please join us for Sunday evening service at 6:00 pm. First Sunday is always set aside as a special evening of prayer.

Wednesday 6:00 PM devotional classes. Free conference call. Phone number and access code to dial in is listed in the bulletin.

Website: murphychurchofchrist.com

The bulletin is posted on the website and hard copies are in the foyer for members and visitors.



Be sure to check out the website for articles by Roy Goodlet. [The church's Facebook page](#) also contains the morning worship sermons.

The bulletin hardcopy cover is designed so you can mail a copy to a shut-in, friend, or family member. If you have any suggestions for the website or see an error or want to make a change, please contact Nell Ard and Lula Williams.

Greeters

Lula Williams
Sandy Parmer

Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Robert Parmer

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Dean Wray

Scripture

Proverbs 3: 1-2

Read by Jerry Queen

Sunday Sermon:

"What the Virus Taught Us"

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Roy Goodlet

Where Our Fears Live

We serve a God who is mightier than the struggles we inherit and who is full of the desire to forgive, love, and heal the brokenness that rise up between us and Him. God is present in the places where our fears live. (Psalm 56:3)

Let us pray. . .

Father, make Yourself know to us in our weakest moments and in our greatest fears. Teach us to receive Your love in a way that enables us to show it to others, especially those closest to us.



• Keep Wayne, Nell and his parents in your prayers during this difficult time. Wayne is under hospice care, he has impaired vision and is slowly getting weaker due to the progression of the brain cancer complicated by the medications he takes to help keep him comfortable, but he remains in good spirit.

P. O. Box 746

Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

• Sandy Parmer's friend Betty Rivers is bed ridden in a nursing home in Alabama. She asked that we add the following to the prayer list: Ramona Vance, Barry Winslow, and Robert's brother, Harold Parmer.

• Mindy Scaffa had surgery for knee replacement on March 4th. She has a long rehab. ahead to help her learn how to walk using her new knee.

• Lee Sanders is seeing a heart specialist. He continues to have health issues and ask for our continued prayers.

• Richard Brenner was able to worship with us last Sunday. He hasn't been feeling well and the doctor is trying different interventions to relieve his back pain. We pray he gets better soon.

• Jim and Sybil Eubanks were quarantining at home after Jim tested positive for Covid on March 29th. He developed pneumonia and had to be admitted to the hospital because of low oxygen level. He is better and back home with Sybil and his daughter Jody quarantined.

• Darlene Queen was admitted to the local hospital ICU for evaluation of multiple TIA.

• Darlene requested prayers for Tom Dean, a co-worker of Jerry, who has cancer.

• We are all in need of prayers as we manage our daily lives during these uncertain times in America and around the world and personal health issues.

Condolences

James "Chappy" Chapman, former church member for over 18 years, moved to Stockbridge, GA in 2017 because of declining health and to be close to his family. He died March 19th at the age of 83. Memorial service was held April 10th at the Fairview Church of Christ in Stockbridge, GA.

You can send condolences to www.haistenfunerals.com or you can send flowers and/or cards to the following address.

Angie and Jeff Benton

734 Erin Dr.

Stockbridge, GA 30281

Just Christians



Come grow with us. If you have any questions or would like to start a home study, contact Roy

Stephenson, Minister/Counselor. Phone (828) 557-8882 or email: murphychurchofchrist@yahoo.com

Do you need the help of the church to help strengthen you in your belief? Whatever you need, please join us each Sunday morning for Bible study followed by morning worship in prayer and song.



REACH, Inc. – Community Project

The ladies made a commitment to supply the Cherokee County domestic violence shelter with cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. Staff has requested hair shampoo and conditioners, hair bands and clips and nail polish. Many have never been to a salon and this helps to boost their self-esteem. Adult coloring books and 500 or smaller piece puzzles help them emotionally. **Please do not forget them when you are out shopping.** If you have items of clothing (clean and in good condition), children's books, etc. to donate please place them in the bin provided in the pantry area or you can take them to the REACH office located behind the thrift store on HWY 64. We can always use some small tote bags and small travel size items to fill them with, e.g. combs, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, travel size toothpaste, deodorant, etc. Recommended size for the tote bags is 9"X9" but they can be a little larger. Put them on the table in the pantry and we will fill them as time permits.

Please contact the Thrift Store if you have furniture you want to donate and arrange pickup. They also asked for some cooking utensils for helping them start over. So, if you have some things you no longer want, they could use them. Often the victims leave home with only the clothes on their back, so they are given clothes, furniture, and items for the home from the Thrift Store until they can get back on their feet.

They can always use volunteers to help with some of their community

outreach activities and local fundraiser events. Call the office at 828-837-2097 or 828-837-8064 for more information.

Pantry Items



We need your help to restock our pantry. If no family or individual has made a special request; then, at the end of each month Lula pulls items off the shelves and take them to the Cherokee County Food Bank, Inc. in Andrews since they have access to the Cherokee County community at-large and average about 100 clients a week but has seen a three-fold increase in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and increase in unemployment. **NOTE: We give out food only if someone is here when an individual comes to the church or special arrangements have been made to meet someone.**

The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12. They have requested empty dozen size egg cartons so they can divide the large crates of eggs they receive from other organizations and from people who raise chickens.

Toys for Tots



If you wish to continue to donate throughout the year or get more involved contact the local coordinator for Cherokee County, Barbara Hudson at barbarahudson727@gmail.com for more information or visit the Toys for Tots website. Look for special sales throughout the year.

We received a beautiful thank you plaque that is hung on the wall in the entry way. Please take time to check it out.



Our church's weekly budget is set at \$1,250.00.

April 4 – \$1,231.00 is under budget by \$19.00.

April 11 – \$785.00 is under budget by \$465.00.

Sunday Bible Study – 9
Morning Worship Attendance – 16

Members are asked to please check their temperature before deciding to leave home and wearing a mask while inside is optional. Chairs have been set up to maintain social distancing in keeping with current guidelines. We pray that vaccines will be available soon to everyone to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes. STAY SAFE!

Wayne's Outreach Ministries



If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell, she can share contact information with you. Wayne was the only person that some of these men had reaching out to them. They are sending some amazing words of encouragement as well as telling Wayne about the positive impact he has been on them. At Wayne's request, Nell will be continuing to correspond with some of these men since they truly have no one else. Let her know if you have any questions.

Wayne was also active with World Bible Study and had several people he was corresponding with. If you need help getting started with WBS (World Bible Study) or know someone who has indicated an interest in WBS, please contact Roy Stephenson.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am.

The **spring issue** of our Adult Bible Study will be the **Thessalonian Letters**. Please pick up a copy off the table in the back of the church. Please don't forget to bring your Bible and your questions.

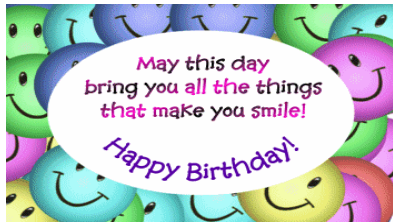


FreeConferenceCall®

6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

Some have indicated they are not comfortable traveling at night because of multiple curves in the roads and poor lighting that make driving at night hazardous.

In order, to increase participation and avoid members having to travel at night, we are conducting Bible Studies via a phone conference call! It is as easy as calling your friends or family. **A few minutes before 6:00, dial 1-425-436-6324. You will be asked for your access code. Dial 5155915#. Identify yourself after you dial in and place your phone on mute. Remember to take the phone off mute if you have question or want to make a comment.** If you have a topic you would like presented, please let Roy Stephenson know.



April Birthdays

Mattie Sutton	2
Alora Collins	4
Caron Terrill	16
Steven Wilkins	17
Ed Raber	19



April Wedding Anniversaries

None listed	
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If you do not see your birthday or wedding anniversary listed or the date is incorrect, or your name is misspelled please let Lula know.

Directory Updates

Contact Dean Wray if you need a picture taken for our picture directory located in the foyer or need changes made to the directory print out provided for your reference.

Building Maintenance

Dean reminded us that he has several projects that require attention to help maintain the building, so if you want to help, please let him know. Our large outside donations will not continue, so the congregation will need to increase their individual donations to help us maintain our financial reserve. If you have suggestions regarding other contacts let him know.



4th Sunday Singing – April 25th

Please mark your calendar and make plans to join April 25th at the Cherokee Church of Christ. This is our quarterly fellowship singing. After we sing a few songs we will have a few refreshments as we enjoy fellowshiping with others and hopefully make some new friends.



Christian Women's Conferences - Extraordinary Women

<https://www.ewomen.net>

Extraordinary Women exists to help draw **women** closer to the heart of God every day. It is not just a Christian **women's** conference it is a lifestyle. Go to Facebook Twitter or type in Extraordinary Women on the internet search page. Scroll down the page and select Charlotte, NC Extraordinary Women 2021 and click on the title and it will take you to the registration site. The event is only one day, October 2. Cost is \$64 until Mother's Day

DJ and Sheri already have reservations (not used from last year). They plan to participate in the one scheduled for Charlotte, NC, October 2, 2021. Please see Sheri Goodlet if you have questions. Register yourself. If you need assistance let Sheri know.



The Ellijay Church of Christ will hold a Reach Lectureship Series at their church building in Ellijay, GA. from April 26th-April 28th at 7 P.M. nightly.

May Flowers and What Else?

You have heard it many times – April showers bring May flowers. In one more week we will be start a new month. April 30th is Arbor Day, so it reminds us of new beginnings and planting for the future of our planet's health.

You know what else May is noted for, **Mother's Day, Memorial Day** and for us there are **5 Sundays** so we will make plans for our **5th Sunday fellowship**.

2020 has been marked by sadness, periods of feeling deprived and depression associated with the pandemic. So, let us pray that this will be a better year with a promise of hopefulness that we will be able to see and hug family and friends as many begin to receive the COVID vaccine and the end of quarantine associated with the prevention of the spread of the coronavirus.



Feeling of Hope

Spring is a miraculous experience.

The whole world comes alive after the winter in which it seemed that everything was dead. The world comes filled with color and the scent of delicious greenery. The world that seemed so dull and cold has come alive once again. Little did we know that beneath the cold hard ground the plants and trees were preparing for rebirth. Spring gives us hope for rejuvenation in our own lives as well. Spring is a time to renew the excitement and zest for life that lives inside.



Friendship is one of life's greatest treasures. Friends that are loyal are always there to make you laugh when you are down, they are not afraid to help you avoid mistakes and they look out for your best interest. This kind of friend can be hard to find, but they offer a friendship that will last a lifetime. Other friends may not be quite as loving. The pain caused by a friendship marred by betrayal is not easy to overcome. In fact, many poems find their inspiration from the joy brought about by a loving friendship or the pain caused by a failed friendship.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/friend/>