

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

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TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 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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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 the first Sunday evening prayer time at 6:00 PM. Any changes will be announced during morning worship.

Wednesday Bible devotional is temporarily on hold while Roy Stephenson awaits the rescheduling of his knee surgery.

On the 5th Sunday of each month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal but because of construction to repair leak in the kitchen there will be **NO potluck today.**

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 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 Lula Williams



Greeters
Lula Williams
Sheri Goodlet

Order of Service
Welcome/Song Leader
Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer
Dean Wray

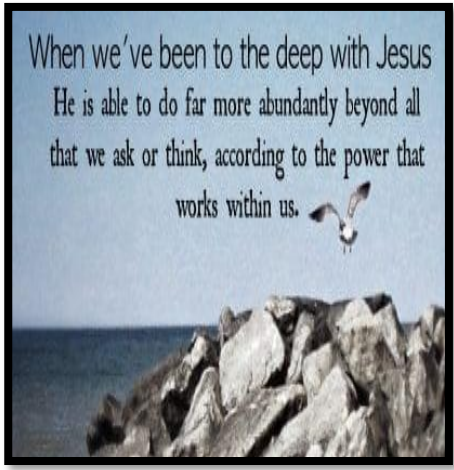
Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Roy Goodlet

Scripture: Matthew 4: 17-22
Read by Chuck Brehm

Sunday Sermon:
“Fishers of Men”
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Jeff Leiby



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sandy Parmer asked that we keep her family and friends in our prayers: April is doing great after her transplant, Kailyn 17, her granddaughter and her son Erik need prayers to come back to God. Rob’s brother, Harold Parmer has Parkinson.
- Mindy Scaffe continues to have multiple health problems. She remains positive with a cheerful attitude. Many of you follow her on Facebook and she enjoys reading your comments!
- Darlene Queen is adjusting to her new pacemaker. As her husband Jerry likes to say, “she has her good bad days”.
- Mike Smith, a friend of Lee Sanders, is on life support in Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC.
- Roy Stephenson would like to thank everyone for their prayers. Due to a favorable result from two different tests last week, the doctors have said that there’s no longer any need for IV treatment, and they have set up a new date of November 20th for him to have knee surgery..

Encouragement

- Sheri’s friend Debbie and Cayle have cancer.
- **You or family member or friend may not be on this list but, we are all in need of prayer.** The pandemic and flu season continues to take its toll on many. Depression, homicides, suicides, gun violence and wars and civil unrest are increasing as well as the impact of climate changes. Take time to check on your neighbors and keep our country in your prayers!



Directory Updates

Contact Nell Ard if you need a picture taken for our picture directory located in the foyer or need changes made to the directory printout provided for your reference. Complete the form provided on the back table and give it to Nell upon completion.

Please make sure the directory has your current contact information. It is important so we can initiate telephone or text notifications to keep members informed, especially during inclement weather.

Please note that because the bulletin is uploaded to the website, we do not include details regarding home and phone information for privacy reasons.

Lord’s Supper Preparation

There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for anyone wanting to make a commitment for a specific month. If you signed up and there is a change, please make a note on the sheet so we can make other arrangements.

Nursery Assistance

If you are willing to watch the younger children during worship service, please let DJ know. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table, or you let her know in person. Please note on many Sundays we do not have any children, so assistance is only needed when we have children.



REACH of Cherokee and Graham

County, Inc. is an outreach program for victims of domestic violence.

As the staff travel to the schools to discuss domestic violence, they have identified a need for children's shoes, underwear, and socks of varying sizes. They have also adopted some families to help as well. If you have items of clothing (clean and in good condition), children's books, etc. to donate please place them in the blue bin located in the pantry. Check out the clearance section at Walmart next time you go shopping.

Stacy can always use some **small tote bags** and small travel size items to fill them with, e.g. travel size shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes, tooth paste, travel size deodorant, hand sanitizer, etc. **Place items on the table located in the pantry on your left as you enter.**

Please contact the REACH office staff if you have furniture you want to donate to arrange pickup by the Thrift Store volunteers. They also ask for cooking utensils to help victims start over. 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 also can use items to help with their self-esteem and pass the time until they can be placed in a safe environment. You can provide puzzles (500 pieces or less), adult coloring books, reading material, word puzzles, make -up, nail polish, hair clips, etc.

Volunteers and donors are always needed. Call the office at 828-837-2097 or 828-837-8064 for more information.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We need your help to keep our pantry stocked. If no family, or individual has made a special request; then, Lula pulls items off the shelves and takes them to the Cherokee County Food Bank, Inc. in Andrews, NC. The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12.

Suggested items based on Lula's previous discussion with some of the female staffs: they can always use feminine hygiene products and other personal hygiene items, e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, small bottles of mouthwash, bars of soap, wipes, small bottles of shampoo, soups that can be heated over a small fire, small jars of peanut butter and items that do not require a stove for cooking. Most of the clients are homeless and/or senior citizens living on a fixed income, so they can use small bottles of laundry detergent and Clorox to wash their clothes. **Lula also includes assorted chips and crackers to give to the homeless who sit outside next to the food bank.** The food bank has a bakery that donates bread, and the local Walmart provides fresh produce.

You can also write a check payable to the Andrews Food Bank, P. O. Box 843, Andrews, NC 28901, and they will supplement items that are not being donated.

To whom much is given, much will be required (Luke 12:48). If you have heard that line of wisdom, you know it means we are held responsible for what we have. If we have been blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we benefit others.

 **News and Announcements**

Our church's 2023 weekly budget is set at \$1,250.00.

September 15 – \$1,295.00 is over budget by \$45.00.

September 22 – \$650.00 is under budget by \$600.00.

Sunday School Attendance – 9
Morning Worship Attendance – 14

As we begin the flu season, members are asked to please stay home if you are not feeling well, especially since many of our members are considered high-risk because of age and/or chronic health issues. Wearing a mask is still optional!

We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes regarding church services. STAY SAFE!

Wayne Ard's Outreach Ministries

If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell Ard, Wayne requested that Nell continues to correspond with some of these men since they truly have no one else. Thanks to Dean and Karen Wray for working with her to keep Wayne's prison ministries going.

Wayne was also active with World Bible Study. If you need help with WBS (World Bible Study) or know someone who has indicated an interest in WBS, please contact Roy Stephenson.

Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am

Roy Stephenson's goal is to go through the entire bible over the next four years.

Because of the uncertainty of the re-scheduling of Roy Stephenson's knee surgery, recuperation and rehab. therapy the Bible study classes arrangements will be made on a weekly basis. We are currently studying 2 Chronicles.

NO - Weekday Bible Study Devotional

Wednesday devotional is postponed until Roy Stephenson's doctor lets him know when he can resume daily activity while he goes through rehab post-surgery. His left knee replacement surgery has been re-scheduled for November 20th.

Building Maintenance

Dean Wray continues to keep us updated on the status of maintenance projects, so if you want to help or **if you notice something that needs repairing, please let him know.** He is working to get the baptistry repaired and replacement of the carpet in the breeze way.

Because of a leak to the refrigerator ice maker there was extensive water damage to the flooring and cabinets in the kitchen so they will need to be replaced. The damage is covered under the insurance policy. We anticipate the replacement will take about several weeks. **You may have noticed that the workers have left equipment so please be careful when you are in the building.**

Dean Wray can use our help to move items, painting and with any last-minute details to help complete all projects. Upon completion of

things inside the church, we begin working on the breeze way concrete repair and replacement.

Special thanks to Roy Goodlet for maintaining the sign on HWY 64 welcoming people to the church. And for maintenance of the grounds.

October Wedding Anniversaries



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| John and Patricia Dykema | 10 |
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October Birthdays

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| Roy Stephenson | 2 |
| Rachael Queen | 24 |
| Gregory Jones | 25 |
| Jeanne Horton | 28 |

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. **NOTE:** Some of the people listed are frequent visitors or former members that like to stay in touch.

40th ANNIVERSARY

Murphy church had its' beginning on September 3, 1984, and we had hoped to be celebrating our 40th Anniversary in September by having a **Homecoming Sunday** and encouraging all former members along with their family and friends to come back to celebrate with us.

Because of the water damage to the flooring and the uncertainty as to when the flooring and carpet replacement will be completed, we had to change the date twice for Homecoming. Now we are hoping to

plan something to celebrate our 41st year.

We will continue to adjust our plans and choose another date once the project to replace the flooring and entrance breezeway has been completed and all equipment being used has been removed for safety reasons.

Toys For Tots



Hopefully you have taken advantage of sales throughout the year and placed them in the Toys for Tots boxes in the back classroom. We will begin collecting toys in mid-October and based on the status of the work inside the church we will place the boxes under the picture directory for ease of collection.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the coordinator Jeana Conley at jeanaconley33@gmail.com or call her at 828-361-2161 or the assistant coordinator Sue Evans at 828-837-3035.

There is also a website <http://murphy-nc.toysfortots.org> with more information.



A Night in Bethlehem 2024

If you want to help us, get a head start raising funds for 2024 to purchase books and crafts, please make checks payable to the church and indicate on the check it is for 'A Night in Bethlehem'. We will need volunteers to bake cookies and put labels in the books collected so far.

We are getting closer to having planning meetings with the Culberson Community, local churches and vendors. If you have any suggestions, please let Roy Goodlet know. This is another one of the Murphy churches and local merchants' outreach to our community, so your input is greatly appreciated.

The group plans to have the first meeting around October 1st. Check with Roy and Sheri Goodlet for more details

2024 Bi-Monthly Area Singing



Bi-monthly on the second Sunday local churches get together for a group singing. **The last sing along for the year will be on October 13th at 3:00 p.m. hosted by the Cherokee Church of Christ.**



We would love to see all that is able to attend to come and join us in this wonderful day of fellowship with like Christian women. Our speaker again this year is Susan Davis from

Habersham congregation in Georgia. We have been blessed with her great knowledge and energetic lessons for several years and we are so excited to be able to enjoy her lessons again this year. A lite breakfast will be served at 9:00 and the first session will begin around 9:30. A lunch will also be served.

In Christian love,
The Ladies of the Andrews Church of Christ.



Why did Jesus say to his disciples I will make you fishers of men?

He tells them to "follow me and I'll make you fishers of men." In other words, you think what you're doing now is good, but if you follow me, I can show you greatness. They were content catching fish. Jesus called them to change lives. There are levels in our lives that God wants to take us to.

Eventually, being a "fisher of men" is about participating in God's plan to bring salvation to the world.

Jesus further emphasized that he would be the one doing the work to make his followers become catchers of men and women who would also follow Him. Jesus said, "I will make you become fishers of men." **This part of the scripture also points out that our spiritual development will take time and is a process.**