

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

**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.

“ 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

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# BULLETIN



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

**P. O. BOX 511**  
**MURPHY, NC 28906**

Website: [murphychurchofchrist.com](http://murphychurchofchrist.com)

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**OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**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.**

**Wednesday 6:00 PM devotional class sign in instruction is included in the bulletin.**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal immediately following morning worship.

**Website:** [murphychurchofchrist.com](http://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**  
Connie Diaz and Lula Williams

**Welcome/Song Leader**  
Jerry Queen

**Opening Prayer**  
Dean Wray

**Lord's Supper Thoughts**  
Roy Stephenson

**Scripture:**  
**Psalm 40: 1-5**  
Read by Jeff Leiby

**Sunday Sermon:**  
**“Waiting On God”**  
By Roy Stephenson

**Announcements**  
Roy Stephenson

**Closing Prayer**  
Ken McCurry

**Good Morning**

What's your favorite place to spend time with Jesus?

Do you go out on the porch and admire the beauty of God's creation or do you just sit and meditate?

How ever you start your day God knows what's in your heart.

**The Power of Prayer**

The power of prayer isn't in the words you utter. Prayer can be defined as talking to God. Prayer is an act of worship that glorifies God and reinforces our need for Him.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Sandy Parmer asked that we keep the following people in our prayers: Erik and Ashley Brown, Kailyn, who is Sandy's 16 year old granddaughter as she struggles with life challenges. Linda Raymond is suffering with kidney disease and 'long haul' COVID.. Phyllis Bryant pancreatic cancer is in remission. Shirley Linne treatment for eye disease. Rob's brother, Harold Parmer has Parkinson and kidney problems.
- Mindy Scaffa continues to recover from her knee replacement surgery.
- Darlene Queen was hospitalized in Asheville for the second time in a month after the doctors checked to see if she had a heart blockage. They found none so she is back home.
- Michelle Dockery, Darlene's daughter, was hospitalized at the Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital last week with a blood clot in her lung.
- Jeanne Horton had some wonerful news from her doctor last week. An MRI showed that a small scar in her lung was not cancerous. She is cancer free!
- Sheilah Queen requests prayers for her husband Johnnie and herself.
- Richard Hicks, the brother of Norma Leiby, has requested prayers as he goes through chemotherapy.
- Our minister, Roy Stephenson, is continuing to recover from a foot wound and is seeing doctors three times a week until he completely recovers.

- The Goodlet's ask that we pray for their son Andrew's safety because of the potential dangers involved in his special assignments in law enforcement.
- Bonnie Stine is one of Sheri Goodlet's best friends in Lakeland, FL. Her doctor just sent her home telling her to call hospice because there is nothing else that can be done about her heart problem. Bonnie is scared and needs our prayers for God's comfort and strength.
- Lula's neighbor Mary Whipple is still in the Hayesville, NC rehab center. We pray her mental and physical status continues to improve as plans are being made for long term care.
- Lynda Trusty and Richard Brenner are recovering at home after suffering through COVID.
- **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 has taken and continues to take its toll on many. Depression, homicides, suicides and gun violence are increasing as well as the impact of climate changes. Take time to check on your neighbors!,

**Just Christians**



Come grow with us. If you have any questions or want to start a home study, contact our minister, Roy Stephenson.



**REACH of Cherokee and Graham County, Inc.** is an outreach program for victims of domestic violence.

**Staff are requesting Clorox swipes, cleaning supplies and laundry detergent for the Safe House.**

As the staff travel to the schools to discuss domestic violence, they have identified a need for children's 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.

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. So, if you have something you no longer want, they could use it. 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, 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. Local REACH covers Cherokee and Graham County.

### **2023 Year - 1st Quarter Statistics**

**Crisis Calls – 4624**

**Males – 129**

**Females – 799**

**Child – 120**

**Sexual Assault – 222**

**Senior Attendance – 200**

We will keep working to reduce these numbers. If you or someone you know suffers from domestic violence, please know you are not alone! **24/7 Crisis Line (828) 837-8064.**



We need your help to keep our pantry stocked. If no organization, family, or individual has made a special request; then, Lula pulls items off the shelves the last or first Tuesday of the month and takes them to the Cherokee County Food Bank, Inc. in Andrews, NC.

**You can also write a check payable to the Andrews Food Bank, P. O. Box 843, Andrews, NC 28901**

The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12.

## **News and Announcements**

**Our church's 2023 weekly budget is set at \$1,232.00.**

**September 17** – \$865.00 is under budget by \$367.00.

**September 24** - \$526.00 under budget by \$706.00.

**Bible Study Attendance** – 4

**Morning Worship Attendance** – 19  
(includes one toddler)

*Members are asked to please check their temperature and 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. Chairs are set up to help us maintain social distancing in keeping with current guidelines for COVID, seasonal flu and RSV.*

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

### **Wayne's Outreach Ministries**

If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell Ard. Wayne was the only person that some of these men had reaching out to them. At Wayne's request, Nell will be continuing 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.

### **Sundays at 10:00 am.**



**The summer series has ended and we will focus on the minor prophets.** So far we have looked at Hosea and Joel. Over the next 10 weeks we will be studying:

Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah and  
Malachi

*This will take us through Sunday, December 10th. Please pick up any handout put together by Roy for discussion when you arrive..If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. We want the class to be interactive.*

### **6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study**

We invite you to join us at the church building for the Wednesday devotional. If you have a topic, you would like us to discuss please let Roy Stephenson know. **We stopped the regularly scheduled conference call.** If at any time you wish to call in for the study, please notify our minister 20 minutes before class for instructions.





### Building Maintenance

Dean Wray continues to keep us updated on the status of projects, so if you want to help or if you notice something that needs repair, please let him know.

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

Our next biggest expense will be the replacement of the fluorescent lights with LED lights and arranging to have the carpet cleaned and removal of the carpet at the entrance under the breeze way and in front of the minister's office entrance.

### 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.



### October Birthdays

Roy Stephenson	2
Rachael Queen	24
Gregory Jones	25
Jeanne Horton	28
Jim Eubanks	29



### October Wedding Anniversaries

John and Patricia Dykems	10
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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. NOTE: Some of the people listed are frequent visitors or former members that like to stay in touch.*



### Fifth Sunday - October 29<sup>th</sup>

As per our tradition, we get together when there is a fifth Sunday to fellowship and share a potluck meal with family, friends, and visitors. Please think of what you would like to bring and as always remember we are a small congregation. Even when we ask our visitors to remain after morning worship to get to know us there is always a lot of food. Attendance average is usually about 15 people.



### October 21<sup>st</sup> Ladies Day

The Andrews Church of Christ ladies invite the Murphy Church of Christ ladies to join them on October 21, 2023.

Guest speakers, Susan Davis and Nicole Johnson topic is "Rooted in Christ". Text is from Colossians 2:6-7.

Breakfast and registration will begin at 9:00. Lunch will be served at 12:00.



### Fall Revival October 27-29, 2023

[www.ellijaychurchofchrist.org](http://www.ellijaychurchofchrist.org)

351 North Main Street

Ellijay, GA 30540

706-635-2950

Jeff Jenkins will present five topics over a period of three days. He has been preaching for more than forty-five years. The revival begins Friday, October 27, 2023, at 6:30 PM and ends Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 1:00 PM afternoon worship.

If you want to attend a particular session. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board listing the name and presentation date of each topic.



### A Night in Bethlehem 2023

One Night in Bethlehem 2022 was a success! Several people signed up for world bible class, and we gave away all the cookies and children's bibles. **If you want to help us, get a head start on the planning for 2023, you can donate funds for the purchase of children books and make sure you write on the check for Night in Bethlehem or if you want to give cash let Dean know it is a donation for 2023 "Night in Bethlehem".** If you want to

attend the planning meetings please check with Roy and Sheri Goodlet for dates, time and location of the meeting. They welcome any suggestions. This is just another way we can reach out to our community.



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If you have unwrapped toys that you have purchased, you can store them in the back classroom in/or next to the Toys for Tots collection boxes provided. Time is getting close to starting the annual toy drive that starts in late October and goes through the beginning of December.

If you would like to volunteer to help with planning, sorting and distributing gifts, please contact the coordinator for Murphy Jeana Conley at [jeanaconley33@gmail.com](mailto:jeanaconley33@gmail.com) or call her at 828-361-2161.



### Why music is a form of communication?

A musical piece's melody can also communicate emotions.

Complimenting harmonies show happiness, relaxation and serenity, and clashing harmonies communicate excitement, anger, or unpleasantness. Lastly, music's rhythm can also communicate several emotions.

Do you have a special song you want included as part of the worship service? Roy Goodlet is looking to add songs that have special meaning for us.