

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

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.

“ 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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BULLETIN



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

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JUNE 30, 2024

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 was changed to 6:00 PM with the changed to daylight savings times.

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

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: Stacy Packer and Twila Jewell

Order of Service

**Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet**

Opening Prayer – Donald Jewell

**Lord's Supper Thoughts
Jeff Leiby**

**Scripture: Psalm 121: 1-8
Read by: Gregory Jones**

**Sunday Sermon:
"Free to Be..."
By Roy Stephenson**

**Announcements
Roy Goodlet**

**Closing Prayer
Ken McCurry**

**Potluck
Dinner**



Murphy church 5th Sunday fellowship lunch will be held today June 30th immediately following morning worship.

There is no charge! All visitors are invited to enjoy a meal and get to know us.



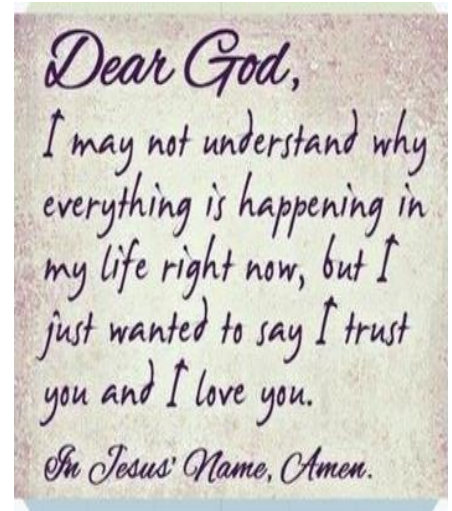
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jeremy Rexroat – Parkinson/CHF
- Joyce Saylor – NH and lonely.
- Sandy Parmer asked that we keep her family and friends in our prayers: April is doing great after her transplant, Rob Seel is getting better. Kailyn 17, her granddaughter and her son Erik need prayers to come back to God. Rob's brother, Harold Parmer has Parkinson.
- Dennis Long – kidney disease
- Mindy Scaffa continues to have multiple health problems. Many of you follow her on Facebook and she enjoys reading your comments!
- Darlene Queen's heart rate was very low. She now has a pacemaker. She continues to have episodes of Falling and confusion.
- Jeanne Horton's - remains cancer free and look forward to her return visits!
- Richard Hicks, the brother of Norma Leiby, has completed his chemotherapy.
- Jeff Leiby's brother, Brian Leiby, from Huntsville had two heart surgeries. So far he is doing ok.
- Russell & Laverne Lariscy- health issues.
- Gil Lennox – lung cancer
- Scott Mealer – stage 4 liver cancer
- Roy Stephenson - knee replacement surgery July 11th at Northside Cherokee Hospital in Canton, Georgia
- Sheri's friend Debbie and Cayle have cancer.
- Jim Maner – hip fracture
- Gene Vierling – heart issues

- Tonya Winsett – being tested to determine if she has cancer
- Doreene Weeks – health problems
- Chase Edwards – young boy having seizures
- Jim Dupont was in a bad accident.

Encouragement

- Tricia and her family
- A. J. Guerra
- Gary and Brenda Twiggs
- Hunter Patterson
- Kristan's friend
- Clay Moss (co-worker of Robin)
- Tim – the homeless man Kristan is evangelizing.
- **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, 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!





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.



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

June 16– \$905.00 is under budget by \$345.00.

June 23 - \$3,100.00 is over budget by \$1,850.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 31
(includes 6 children)

Morning Worship Attendance – 39
(includes 5 children)

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

Recommended reading for week of June 24-28 was 2 Samuel 1 – 11. if you want to get a headstart for Roy Stephenson's lessons the recommended readings

July 1-52 Samuel 12 - 19

July 8-12..... 2 Samuel 20-24

and 1 Kings 1-4

July 15-19.....1 Kings 5-14

July 22-26.....1 Kings 15-22

July 29-31.....2 Kings 1-5

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

This exact dates of the classes may change based on class participation and attendance..

Weekday Bible Study Devotional

The Murphy church **Wednesday** Bible devotional is being held at **6:00 pm**. The minister has requested that you email, text or call him with suggestions that you would like to have discussed

We are currently studying the book of Revelation. These studies are very informal and open to questions from everyone.

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.

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 repairing, please let him know. He is still working on getting the baptistry repaired.

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

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.

2024 Bi-Monthly Area Singing

Bi-monthly on the second Sunday local churches get together for a group singing. The church in Hiawassee will be hosting the sing along on August 11th. The last sing along for the year will be in October with the location to be announced. We're hoping either the church in Blairsville or the Blue Ridge Church of Christ will volunteer their facility.

Murphy Music Ministry

Mark Dickey is the event planner for Christian Music sing along at the Konehete Park Pavilion #3 from 6-10 pm on the 4th of July 2024. Bring your

own lawn chair. Flyers with more details are located on the round table.

July Wedding Anniversaries



Woody and Mindy Scaffa	2
David and Betty Windsor	28



July Birthdays

Gail Garland	10
Robin Gazaway	10
Karen Wray	12
Don Monico	18
Adam Weaver	21
Sybil Eubanks	21
Stephanie Monico	28
Sheila Hedrick	31

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.

Every WOMAN IN THE BIBLE

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Every chapter in the book discuss both named and unnamed women of the Bible. The following entries indicate where the women are mentioned in the Bible, and where they are discussed in the Bible.

This week we continue with the letter R.

REBEKAH [ruh BEK uh: meaning unknown.] This daughter of Abraham's nephew left her homeland

to marry Isaac, Abraham's son. She was the mother of Esau and the patriarch Jacob. She lived around 1825 B.C. See Genesis 22:23; 24-27.

REUMAH [ROO muh: meaning unknown]. The concubine of Nahor, Abraham's brother, about 2075 B.C. See Genesis 22:24.

RHODA [ROE duh: "rose"]. This young slave girl was a member of the Jerusalem church. She answered Peter's knock on her mistress' door when Peter was miraculously released from prison around A.D. 45. See Acts 12.

RIZPAH [RIZ puh: "hot stone"]. This concubine of Saul played an unexpected role in the unification of the Hebrew tribes into a united kingdom under David. When Saul's son accused his commanding general of having sex with Rizpah, the insulted commander, Abner, transferred his allegiance to David about 1010 B.C. See Samuel 21:8-14.

RUTH [ROOTH]: meaning unknown]. The Moabite wife of Mahlon, Ruth accompanied her mother-in-law Naomi to Judah after their husbands died. Her commitment to Naomi and to the Lord is celebrated in the book that bears her name.

HOMEcoming CELEBRATION!

Murphy church will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary by having a Homecoming Sunday and encouraging all former members along with their family and friends to come back to celebrate with us. We will be having a Fellowship Dinner on that Sunday and encourage everyone to attend.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for a program and/or guest speaker, please let Roy and DJ Stephenson know if you want to volunteer to help with the planning. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

Please mark your Calendar and plan to attend September 1st, 2024, to help us celebrate!



Toys For Tots

You can take advantage of sales throughout the year and place them in the Toys for Tots boxes in the back classroom.

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'.

Roy Goodlet would appreciate your input and suggestions. A questionnaire is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.