

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)

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

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**Minister/Counselor**  
Roy Stephenson

***Cell Phone: 828-557-8882***

**APRIL 11, 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](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 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**

DJ Stephenson  
Sandy Parmer

**Welcome/Song Leader**

Jerry Queen

**Opening Prayer**

Robert Parmer

**Lord's Supper Thoughts**

Roy Stephenson

**Scripture**

**Matthew 5: 1-10**

Read by Chuck Cathey

**Sunday Sermon:**

**"Purer in Heart"**

By Roy Stephenson

**Announcements**

Roy Goodlet

**Closing Prayer**

John Dykema

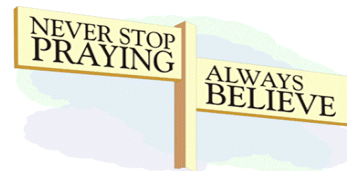
**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

"The things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (v. 18)

The way we view eternity will affect the way we live in time.

**Let us pray:**

Dear God, please help us to see this life from a heavenly perspective. Remind us that our trials, however difficult, will one day fade from view when we see You face to face.



- 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 Scaffe had surgery for knee replacement on March 4<sup>th</sup>. She has a long rehab. ahead to help her learn how to walk using her new knee. It was great seeing her at church last Sunday.

- 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 are quarantining at home after Jim tested positive for Covid on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Jim has contacted Roy to let us know he is doing better.

- 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, died March 17<sup>th</sup> at the age of 84 after a long battle with lung cancer, COPD and heart problems. Memorial service was held April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Fairview Church of Christ in Stockbridge, GA. His daughter requested that you 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](mailto: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.**

### **News and Announcements**

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

**March 28** – \$1,701.00 is over budget by \$451.00.

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

**Sunday Bible Study** – 12  
**Morning Worship Attendance** – 24

*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**

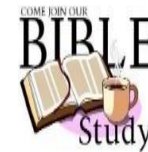


If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell, she can share contact information with you. Wayne was the only person that some of these men had reaching out to them. They are sending some amazing words of encouragement as well as telling Wayne about the 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.

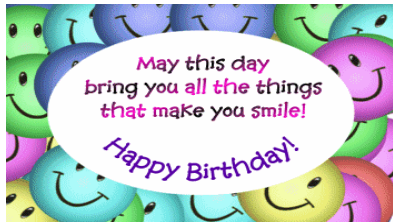


### **6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study**

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.

### Georgia-North Carolina Annual Gathering of Churches of Christ for Singing and Fellowship



At our last gathering in 2019 we had 7 different congregations represented. For directions, type in "Senior Center Dr., Georgia 30512 in your GPS device. Look for a large outdoor pavilion when you arrive.



### 4th Sunday Singing – April 25<sup>th</sup>

Please mark you calendar and make plans to join April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cherokee Curch 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.



### Who Am I?

Self-awareness means knowing your values, personality, needs, habits, emotions, strengths, weaknesses, etc. With a sense of who you are and a vision of the person you want to become, a plan for professional or personal development can be created.

Self-awareness is important because when we have a better **understanding** of ourselves, we are better able to experience ourselves as unique and separate individuals. We are then empowered to make changes and to build on our areas of **strength** as well as identify areas where we would like to make improvements.

### What are self-awareness skills?

1. Keep an open mind. When you can regulate your own emotional world, you can be attuned to others' emotions. ...
2. Be mindful of your strengths and weaknesses. ...
3. Stay focused. ...
4. Set boundaries. ...
5. Know your emotional triggers. ...
6. Embrace your intuition. ...
7. Practice **self-discipline**.



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.

