

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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OCTOBER 8, 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 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
Sheri Goodlet and Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Jeff Leiby

Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Jerry Queen

Scripture:
Luke 18: 1-8
Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:
“Prayer, Faith and Courage”
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Dean Wray



God requests us to come to Him with our wants and needs without fear of being a nuisance.

Our just God is the ultimate judge, and He longs for us to come to him persistently so he can answer us with swift justice.



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. Because of multiple health issues there are some days she just doesn’t feel well.
- 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 with a blood clot in her lung. She is stable and is being monitored closely.
- Jeanne Horton had some wonderful news from her doctor that the 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. Her mental and physical status continues to improve, and plans are being made for long term nursing home care. Thanks for your prayers!
- Lynda Trusty and Richard Brenner are back with us as of last Sunday after their brief illness with 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 24 – \$526.00 is under budget by \$706.00.

October 1 - \$870.00 under budget by \$362.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 8 (includes 1 toddler)

Morning Worship Attendance – 22 (includes two toddlers)

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. Upon his death, Wayne's 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.

Sundays at 10:00 am.



The summer series has ended and we will focus on the minor prophets. *Today we look at Amos. Over the next 9 weeks we will be studying:*

*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 at least 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.

New Member

Last Sunday Troy Pierce was baptized at the Hayesville CoC because our baptistry is still in need of repair and our minister is not yet healed from his foot wound. Let us please welcome him into our church family.



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.



October 21st 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.

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship.
Come now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God.
Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains.
For those who gladly choose You now

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now.

Brian Doerksen
CCLI Song #2430948

Fifth Sunday - October 29th



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.

Fall Revival October 27-29, 2023

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.



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 toys, please contact the coordinator for Murphy Jeana Conley at jeanaconley33@gmail.com or call her at 828-361-2161. The next volunteers meet will be held October 16th at 6:00 PM at the Murphy Senior Center.



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 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.