

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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APRIL 2, 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 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
Lula Williams and Sandy Parmer

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Stephenson

Opening Prayer
Dean Wray

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Dean Wray

Scripture:
Mark 15: 31-39
Read by: Jeff Leiby

Sunday Sermon:
"From the Cross"
Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Robert Parmer

Closing Prayer
Robert Parmer

PALM SUNDAY
CELEBRATING THE KING



- Sandy Parmer asked that we keep the following people in our prayers: Erik and Ashley Brown, and Jim Smith, Kailyn, who is Sandy's 16 year old granddaughter as she struggles with life challenges. Linda Raymond is receiving chemo therapy for inflammation as a result of COVID. John, Sandy's friend in Illinois is starting chemo for cancer. Phyllis Bryant pancreatic cancer is in remission. Shirley Linne treatment for eye disease. Harold Parmer has Parkinson and kidney problems.
- Mindy Scaffa has changed neurologist who is slowly weaning her off prednisone. She is feeling better.
- Darlene Queen tires easily and has trouble maintaining her balance Jerry says she has some good days.
- Darlene's daughter, Tabitha Sutton is still needing a heart transplant.
- Jeanne Horton went back to Florida to begin her series of chemotherapy. Her husband recently found out his cancer has returned. They found spots on his vertebrae and lungs.
- Jim Sexton, minister of the Cherokee congregation is still battling stage 4 cancer, he has moved with his wife to northern Mississippi.
- Sheilah Queen requests prayers for her husband Johnnie and herself. She is doing what she can to avoid having a shunt placed to remove the toxins not being removed by her kidney.

- Richard Hicks, the brother of Norma Leiby, has requested prayers as he goes through chemotherapy.
- Cheri Meaders, of Blairsville, friend of the Stephensons is in hospice.
- Ute Chewing's great-granddaughter, Aria Lopez had a successful liver transplant. She has been released from the hospital but will need to be on medication the rest of life. Family is moving to Florida as they struggle with financial issues.
- 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.
- Roy Stephenson waiting on clearance from his doctors for scheduling his knee replacement.
- Mel Ryan is home after short stay in the hospital for pneumonia. He has been assigned visiting nurse service to help monitor his health.
- **You may not be on this list but, we are all in need of prayer.** Pray for all victims of violence which seems to be increasing. The pandemic and flu season has taken and continues to take its toll on many and depression, homicides and suicides are higher. Take time to check on your neighbors!

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: MurphyNCchurchofchrist@gmail.com



REACH, Inc. – Community Outreach

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. She is having difficulty finding small bottles of hand sanitizer so next time you go shopping pick up a few bottles..

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 for helping them start over. So, if you have something 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 also can use items to help 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.

2022 Year-End Statistics

Crisis Calls – 4236

Males – 52

Females – 417

Child – 38

Sexual Assault – 447

Senior Attendance – 159

For the month of March, Reach puts focus on Men's Domestic Violence. Men are often forgotten when the term domestic violence is used. Reach wants to change that, Men, like others, can be physically, mentally, and emotionally abused etc. Often, they're looked over by society because of the stigma that men are strong and non-emotional. Because of this stigma, men often do not come forward for support.



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 and the last or first Tuesday of the month she 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.

Since the beginning of the pandemic and with inflation food insecurity has increased.



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

March 19 – \$725.00 is under budget by \$507.00.

March 26 - \$955.00 under budget by \$277.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 9

Morning Worship Attendance – 19

Members are asked to please check their temperature before deciding to leave home and wearing a mask while inside is optional. especially if you are considered high risk because of age or chronic healthcare diseases. Chairs are set up to maintain social distancing in keeping with current guidelines for COVID and seasonal flu,

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 spring series is titled Gospel Personages. The study in biblical personages enables the student of the Bible to value lessons learned and warnings heeded in the numerous accounts found in the bible. *Please pick up a copy of the Gospel series Advocate located on the back round table and don't forget to bring your Bible and your questions.*



FreeConferenceCall®

6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

You can sign in from anywhere. All you need is access to a phone and now that the weather is warmer, we are meeting at the church. **If you have trouble signing in let Roy Stephenson know so, he can contact the conference sponsor to troubleshoot.**

Bible Studies via a phone conference call is as easy as calling your friends or family. **About 3-5 minutes before 6:00 PM, 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 any questions or want to make a comment.**

New and Old favorite Songs

Do you have a new song you would like the congregation to learn or a favorite song you would like to hear? If you do let Roy Goodlet and Roy Stephenson know.

Building Maintenance

Dean 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.

Our next biggest expense will be the replacement of the fluorescent lights with LED lights and arranging to have the carpet cleaned.

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 print out provided for your reference.

We will initiate telephone or text contacts if services are cancelled. Please make sure the directory has your current contact information.

Weather Can Be Unpredictable!

Be careful when driving because of the early morning fog. Wet roads can be hazardous. Heed the weather alerts and do not drive if you don't need to be out. Make sure you have the recommended items to survive at home should there be a blackout and the stores are closed. Make sure you know the location of shelters should you not be able to remain at home.

People are still suffering through the impact of hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes. There have been deaths most recently during the recent earthquakes, flooding, blizzards, and snowstorms in the US and other countries.



April Birthdays

Mattie Sutton	2
Alora Collins	4
Caron Terrill	16
Steven Wilkins	17



April Wedding Anniversaries

Jeanne Horton	8
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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.

History of Easter

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the last day of the Holy Week, consisting of several days — each with their own significance. These include:

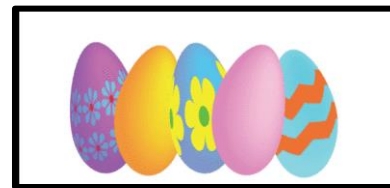
- **Palm Sunday:** commemorating when Jesus entered Jerusalem.
- **Holy Thursday:** commemorating the Last Supper and washing of feet.
- **Good Friday:** commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and death
- **Easter Sunday:** commemorating the resurrection of Jesus.

Easter Love

On Easter we celebrate love, love coming down from heaven, love blanketing the earth in a transforming embrace; unique and infinite love, giving more than we can imagine

for us, to cleanse our sin, a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God, the walking, talking Word. He is teacher, role model, friend, this God in human form, dying, then rising from the dead, proving all who believe will also rise to have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all.
Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!

By Joanna Fuchs



Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates to at least the 13th century, according to some sources.

April 30th

Sunday Fellowship Meal



Don't forget to mark your calendar. Please keep in mind we are a small congregation when planning what and how much to bring. We always invite our visitors to join us to get to know us and encourage them to return along with their family and friends.



A Night in Bethlehem 2023 If you want to help us, get a head start on the planning for 2023, you can donate funds for the purchase of 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".

Toys for Tots 2023 Campaign. If you want to take advantage of some of the toy sales throughout the year for 2023 you may store them in the boxes located in the back classroom.

Cherokee county has a new local coordinator, Jeana Conley. If you want to volunteer, please contact her. At jeanaconley33@gmail.com or you can visit the Toys for Tots Cherokee county, NC Facebook page or check their website murphy-nc@toysfortots.org.