

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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MAY 9, 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

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
Lula Williams
Sandy Parmer

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Dean Wray

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Robert Parmer

Scripture
Hebrews 11: 29-31
Read by Philip Goodlet

Sunday Sermon:
An Unlikely Heroine
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Jerry Queen

Job Titles

It matters little what title we hold. What is important is that we strengthen the faith of God's people. When we gauge our effectiveness by the standard that the Bible gives us, it will not matter when we are moved to use our talents or no longer hold a specific title. Out of love for God, we serve to build up fellow believers, and we let God give His commendation in heaven as He sees fit (Matthew 25:21).

God's gifts to us are not for us but for others.



- 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, but he remains in good spirit.

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Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

- Sandy Parmer's friend Betty Rivers is bed ridden in a nursing home in Alabama. She asked that we also add the following to the prayer list: Ramona Vance, Barry Winslow, Angel Wells a friend of her daughter, and Robert's brother, Harold Parmer who is having a hard time grieving the death of his wife. Robert also asked that we add a friend Tim Craig who was cutting down a tree and had to have surgery for broken legs and he was told no weight bearing for at least two months.

- Mindy Scaffe had surgery March 4th for knee replacement and has a long rehab. ahead. She also learned she has spinal stenosis further complicating her rehab.

- Lee Sanders continues to have health issues and ask for our continued prayers.

- Richard Brenner's surgery to relieve is back pain went well, He is recuperating at home and wants us know he misses us and looks forward to when he will feel strong enough to return to church.

- Jim and Sybil Eubanks were quarantining at home after Jim tested positive for Covid-19 on March 29th. He developed pneumonia and had to be admitted to the hospital because of low oxygen level. He is better and back home with Sybil and his daughter Jody quarantined. Thank you for your prayers

- Darlene Queen is home after being evaluated for TIA. She tires easily and has trouble maintaining her balance.

- Darlene requested prayers for Tom Dean, a co-worker of Jerry, who has cancer.

- Michelle Dockery, daughter of Jerry and Darlene Queen, had bone spurs removed from her knee, and is confined to home for three weeks.

- 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.

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

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 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 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.



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

April 25 – \$756.00 is under budget by \$494.00.

May 2 – \$2,211.00 is over budget by \$961.00.

Sunday Bible Study – 10
Morning Worship Attendance – 25

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. Vaccines are available for anyone 16 years and older to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and through 'herd immunity' as we know everyone will not get the vaccine. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes. STAY SAFE!

Wayne's Outreach Ministries

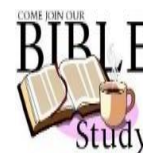


If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell, she can share contact information with you. Wayne was the only person that some of these men had reaching out to them. They are sending some amazing words of encouragement as well as telling Wayne about the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

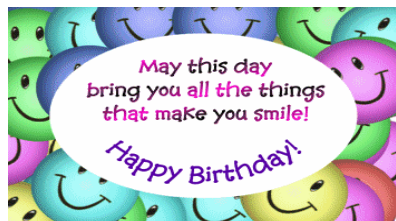


FreeConferenceCall®

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.



May Birthdays

Glenda Kirby	8
Stephanie Wilkins	19
Shirley Ryan	26
Glenn Wilkins	27



May Wedding Anniversaries

Mike and Caron Terrill	5
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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. Sunday, April 11th, Dean announced that we have a new outside donor from Texas. Karen wrote him a letter and he responded. He encourages us to continue to show our Christian love to our members and our community. If you have suggestions regarding other contacts let him know.



*Mothers
hold their
children's hands
for a while,
but their hearts
forever.*



Any day is a great day to appreciate mothers and everything they have done for us. Today, we tend to celebrate with flowers, chocolates, and special meals out with Mom. But Mother's Day did not start out as a day marked by gifts and greeting cards.

Interesting Facts

- Franklin D. Roosevelt personally designed a Mother's Day stamp in 1934. It featured the famous "Whistler's Mother" painting by James Abbott McNeill Whistler.

- The white carnation is the official flower of Mother's Day. Founder Anna Jarvis compared carnations to a mother's love in a 1927 interview, according to National Geographic. "The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother's love is never dying," she said.



There will be a "Stronger Marriage Seminar" at the Ellijay church on **May 21st and May 22nd**. The visiting speakers will be Trey and Lea Morgan.



May 30th is our 5th Sunday Fellowship lunch immediately following morning worship. Start thinking about what you want to bring to share.

May 31st - Memorial Day.
Never Forget!



**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. \$64 registration price ends today but if it is extended, we will let you know.

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.

