

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

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Class
Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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“ 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
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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 and Sunday evening service is temporarily on hold while Roy Stephenson awaits the rescheduling of his knee surgery and recovery rehab.

On the 5th Sunday of each month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal

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
Linda Tusty
Sheri Goodlet

Order of Service
Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Bruce Corcoran

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Jerry Queen

Scripture: James 2: 19-23
Read by Chuck Brehm

Sunday Sermon:
"Good Friends"
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Jeff Leiby

James continues making his point that genuine saving faith in Christ results in doing good works. This includes loving other believers and obeying God. It is not enough to simply agree to certain facts about God. It is not enough to claim to be a believer.

Today marks the beginning of the time change. Hopefully you remembered to change your clocks back one hour.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sandy Parmer asked that we keep her family and friends in our prayers.
- Mindy Scaffa continues to have multiple health problems. She remains positive with a cheerful attitude. Many of you follow her on Facebook and she enjoys reading your comments!
- Darlene Queen is adjusting to her new pacemaker. As her husband Jerry likes to say, "she has her good bad days".
- Warren Reynolds, the nephew of Darlene Queen, has been released from the hospital.
- Mike Smith, a friend of Lee Sanders, is on life support in Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC.
- After an unscheduled surgery, two weeks ago, Roy Stephenson has been able to return to teach Bible study and deliver the sermon today as he looks forward to knee replacement on November 20th. He and DJ thanks and appreciate all the prayers offered on his behalf.
- Buddy and Carmen Fitton, friends of Roy Stephenson, are going through chemotherapy.
- Vaughn Day, friend of Roy Stephenson going through second round of chemotherapy.
- Sheri's friend Debbie and Cayle have cancer. Debbie is beginning a course of treatment. Prayers that treatments will put her in remission. She also asks for prayers for her sister, Lori, as she struggles with health issues.
- Butch Jones, minister of the Hiwassee Church of Christ, is

recovering after recent heart bypass surgery.

• 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 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!

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.

Please note that because the bulletin is uploaded to the website, we do not include details regarding home address and phone information for privacy reasons.



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Smedlund who passed away last week after an extended illness. He was a Civil War historian and author. He was a widower and friend of Roy and DJ Stephenson.



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 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.

 **News and Announcements**

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

October 20 – \$845.00 is under budget by \$405.00.

October 27 – \$1,265.00 is over budget by \$15.00.

Sunday School Attendance – 14
Morning Worship Attendance – 26

As we begin the flu season, 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

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

Because of the uncertainty of the re-scheduling of Roy Stephenson's knee surgery, recuperation and rehab. therapy the Bible study classes arrangements will be made on a weekly basis. **Today we will be doing a review of the book of Genesis.**

NO - Weekday Bible Study Devotional

Wednesday devotional is postponed until Roy Stephenson's doctor lets him know when he can resume daily activity while he goes through rehab post-surgery. His left knee replacement surgery has been re-scheduled for November 20th.

Building Maintenance

Dean Wray continues to keep us updated on the status of maintenance projects, so if you want to help or **if you notice something that needs repairing, please let him know.** He is working to get the baptistry repaired.

Because of a leak to the refrigerator ice maker there was extensive water damage to the flooring and cabinets in the kitchen, so they had to be replaced. **Yeah, we completed setting up the kitchen and replacing the flooring. Now we will be doing some touch of painting in the main auditorium and the minister's office will be set up as our library.**

Dean Wray can use our help to move items, doing touch of painting and with any last-minute details to help complete all projects. Upon completion of things inside the church, we will begin working on the breeze way concrete repair.



Jenny Corcoran	1
Sandy Parmer	1
John Dykema	4
Nell Ard	5
Ed Diaz	13
Norma Leiby	13
Sun'Jay Jones	14
Connie Diaz	16
Jeff Leiby	17
Dean Wray	24
David Windsor	30

November Wedding Anniversaries



Ed and Connie Diaz	1
Ute Chewing	24

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.

40th ANNIVERSARY

Murphy church had its' beginning on September 3, 1984, and we had hoped to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in September by having a **Homecoming Sunday** and encouraging all former members along with their family and friends to come back to celebrate with us.

Because of the water damage to the flooring and the uncertainty as to when the flooring and carpet replacement would be completed, we had to change the date twice for

Homecoming. Now we are hoping to plan something special to celebrate our 41st year.

We will continue to adjust our plans and choose another date once the project to replace the flooring and entrance breezeway has been completed and all storage boxes emptied, and furniture set up.

Toys For Tots



We officially began collecting toys October 1st through October 30th. Boxes have been provided under the picture directory in the foyer for ease of collection. **Please do not wrap the toys.**

Parents or guardians are requested to complete the application for how many children along with their ages 0 up to 12 by November 1, 2024. Toys will be distributed 12/01/2024. Location, date and time will be posted in the Cherokee Scout. If you miss the deadline we can save the toys for next year.

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 Facebook page and website <http://murphy-nc.toysfortots.org> with more information.



A Night in Bethlehem 2024

If you want to help us by donating funds to purchase books and crafts, please make checks payable to the

church and indicate on the check it is for 'A Night in Bethlehem'. We will need volunteers to bake cookies and put labels in the books.

The Culberson Community and local churches have begun meeting to discuss plans for this year's event.

The activities will be held on December 14th from 5 – 8 pm at the Fairgrounds on West US 74/64. All volunteers are asked to dress in period clothing, but it is not a requirement. Your support by your presence is most important!

If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to attend future meetings, please check with Roy and Sheri Goodlet for more details

Roy Goodlet wants to introduce us to a new song. See You Tube version by Michael W. Smith a contemporary Christian singer.

Above All

[Verse 1]

Above all powers, above all kings
 Above all nature and all created things
 Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
 You were here before the world began

[Verse 2]

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
 Above all wonders the world has ever known
 Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
 There's no way to measure what You're worth

[Chorus]

Crucified, laid behind a stone
 You lived to die, rejected and alone
 Like a rose, trampled on the ground
 You took the fall and thought of me
 Above all

November 28, Thanksgiving Day



Some are making plans to travel out of town to be with family and friends and some are making plans for a big meal to share with family and friends getting together.

No matter the reason, Thanksgiving is a unique holiday in the United States. People celebrate and acknowledge the help of family and friends, and a reminder of what a gift it is to be alive.

Thanksgiving is a holiday that evokes many different emotions in those who celebrate it or are around those who do. For some, it is a time of religious gratitude in which they can turn their minds to all that God has provided for them. For others, it's a time to remember the mistakes of our past and the long-lasting consequences of colonialism. For others still, it's a time to consider the changes that have occurred over the preceding year and what's going to happen when the new year begins.