

Murphy Church of Christ
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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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MARCH 5, 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 Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Dean Wray

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Jeff Leiby

Scripture:
Matthew 5:1-10
Read by: Robert Parmer

Sunday Sermon:
"Blessed Jesus"
Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Jerry Queen



March is National Women History Month

A common phenomenon in the Bible is the pivotal role that women take in subverting man-made power structures. These prominent women include the Matriarchs **Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, Miriam the prophetess, Deborah the Judge, Huldah the prophetess, Abigail (who married David), Rahab, and Esther.**

Challenge yourself to learn about these famous figures in the Bible. What can we learn from them? They exceeded expectations – but how?

PRAYER REQUEST

- Sandy Parmer asked that we keep the following people in our prayers: Erik and Ashley Brown, Jim Smith, has Parkinson Disease, Kailyn, who is Sandy's 15 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 is being treated for pancreatic cancer. Rob Seel surgery to remove the cancer from his duodenum went well. Shirley Lynne doctors trying to find what's causing her eye problem. Carolyn Terrill in Mobile is having many health 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 six-month-old 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.
- Sheri's co-worker Barbara breast biopsy is negative for cancer, but the doctor will continue to monitor her. Barbara is a believer but not a church goer so let's pray for her salvation as well.
- 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.
- 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: murphychurchofchrist@yahoo.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**

They also want to raise awareness of National Human Trafficking and Stalking. More information is available in their newsletter posted on the bulletin board and on their Facebook page. They need volunteers to be a member of their Support Groups.



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.

News and Announcements

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

Feb. 19 – \$1,430.00 is over budget by \$198.00.

Feb. 26 - \$665.00 under budget by \$567.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 10
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, she can share contact information with you. 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 winter series is titled “One-Chapter Books”. This quarter’s study provides the

opportunity to consider the truth in the five one chapter books in the Bible , one in the Old Testament and four in the New. *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.*



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, you can meet at the church.

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.**

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.



March Birthdays

Chris Astoria	1
Ute Chewning	3
Woody Scaffa	4
Lee Sanders	7
Michael Sutton, Jr,	13
DJ Stephenson	22
Robert Parmer	26



March Wedding Anniversaries

Robert and Sandy Parmer	11
Dean and Karen Wray	21

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.

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. Rain can also create visibility issues. Heed the weather alerts and do not drive if you don't need to be out.

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

Ellijay C of C Ladies Day
351 North Main Street
Ellijay, GA 30540

Saturday, March 11th

9:00 AM: Registration and Breakfast
 9:30 AM Welcome, Prayer, and Singing
 9:45 AM: Lesson 1:
 The Changing Nature of Seasons
 11:00 AM: Singing
 11:15 AM: Lesson 2:
 The Unchanging Nature of God
 12:15 PM: Lunch

Pre-registration highly encouraged for food planning purposes. Light continental breakfast and lunch served. The Christian bookstore from Chattanooga is back and there will be door prizes to help keep the day fun.

Contact for more info: 706-635-2950.
 Office @ellijaychurchofchrist.com

New 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 know.

Lyrics: **Shout to the Lord**

My Jesus, my Savior
 Lord there is none like You
 All of my days I want to praise
 The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter
 Tower of refuge and strength
 Let every breath, all that I am
 Never cease to worship You.

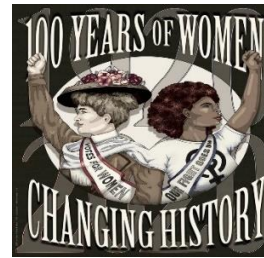
Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
 Power and majesty, praise to the King
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar.

At the sound of Your name
 I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
 Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
 Nothing compares to the promise I have In You.

The 2023 National Women's History Theme: "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories"

The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.

19th Amendment



"Ratified on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution

declared that states could not deny women the right to vote based on sex and added the largest number of voters to the electorate of any measure in American history." "The Nineteenth Amendment inspired millions of women to vote. But its promise of first-class citizenship only came to fruition after myriad battles over many decades, some of which continue today."

However southern Black women, like men, were quickly disfranchised as were many Mexican American women in western states. Other groups, including most American Indian and Chinese American women, were excluded because they had not yet been granted citizenship. Women in the U.S. colonial possessions of Puerto Rico and the Philippines were also excluded from the Amendment's benefits.

African American women were well organized via suffrage organizations, women's clubs, churches, and black colleges, and they used these organizations to get out the vote which continues to this day.

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.