

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 22, 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
Connie Diaz and Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader
Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer
Gregory Jones

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Jeff Leiby

Scripture:
Matthew 12: 38-42
Read by Troy Pearson

Sunday Sermon:
“Reluctant Jonah”
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Stephenson

Closing Prayer
Roy Stephenson



God's Love Is Unconditional

1 John 4:16 ... And we have known and believed the **love** that **God** hath to us. **God is love**; and he that dwelleth in **love** dwelleth in **God**, and **God** in him.



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. She had a seizure last week and fell fracturing her two ribs and injured her knee.
- Darlene Queen continues to have good and bad days. The doctor is treating her congestive heart failure with diuretics. She has trouble managing her balance.
- 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 back home.
- We were happy to see Jeanne Horton here in Murphy October 15th. The doctor is monitoring her closely after her chemotherapy series. We pray she remains 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, continues to recover from a foot wound and is seeing doctors weekly until he completely recovers.
- Lula's neighbor Mary Whipple mental and physical status continues to improve post falling. Plans are being made for long term nursing home care. Thanks for your prayers!
- **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.

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. Teens frequently request a fleece blanket. 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.

Upcoming Event

Thanksgiving Free Dinner November 24th at Main Street USA, Downtown Murphy. 10am to 11am (for public servants, i.e., first responders, law enforcement, etc. ONLY). 11am to 2pm (general public). **Drive-thru OR Walk-thru ONLY.** If you would like to donate or volunteer, please contact Cecilia Crawford-Faulkner at 828-837-2097. Please make checks payable to Rotary Club of Murphy. If you know of anyone who is housebound, and you want to take them a meal, please arrange for a pickup.



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. **The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12.**

You can also write a check payable to the Andrews Food Bank, P. O. Box 843, Andrews, NC 28901.

News and Announcements

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

October 8 – \$1,651.00 is over budget by \$419.00.

October 15 - \$910.00 is under budget by \$322.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 10 (includes one toddler)

Morning Worship Attendance – 29 (includes one toddler)

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 Jonah. Over

the next 7 weeks we will be studying:

*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, especially during the winter based on the condition of the roads.



Toy donations, fundraiser and financial donations will be collected the entire month of November. Distribution of toys is scheduled for December 15th 9a-5p. December 16th, 8a-12n. Information

will also appear in the local newspaper, the Cherokee Scout regarding parents and guardian registration.

If you would like to volunteer to help with sorting and distributing toys, 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. For more details, please visit the website: <http://murphy-nc.toysfortots.org> for more details.



October Birthdays

Roy Stephenson	2
Rachael Queen	24
Gregory Jones	25
Jeanne Horton	28
Jim Eubanks	29



October Wedding Anniversaries

John and Patricia Dykema	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.

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.

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.



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



A Night in Bethlehem 2023

One Night in Bethlehem 2022 was a success! There were over 860 in attendance based on the sign in sheet. Several people signed up for world bible class, and we gave away all the cookies and children's bibles.

For 2023 we will need people to volunteer to bring cookies (make sure you divide the cookies into small baggies). We will let you know when to bring them to church for pickup. If you can donate funds to purchase children's bible and craft give money to Dean and make checks payable to the church and note that it's for "Night in Bethlehem". Can you help with setting up the tent for displays and crafts? This year the community outreach will be held on December 9th. All volunteers are asked to dress in period clothing.

The next planning meeting is on November 2nd at 7:00 pm. Please check with Roy and Sheri Goodlet for the location and directions. They welcome any suggestions. This is just another way we can reach out to our community.