

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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**MAY 7, 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 devotionals class sign in instruction is included in the bulletin.**

**On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal immediately following morning worship.**

**Website:** [murphychurchofchrist.com](http://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**

Jerry Queen

**Opening Prayer**

Robert Parmer

**Lord's Supper Thoughts**

Jeff Leiby

**Scripture:**

**Romans 13:1-7**

Read by Roy Stephenson

**Sunday Sermon:**

**"Honor to whom..."**

Roy Stephenson

**Announcements**

Roy Goodlet

**Closing Prayer**

Roy Goodlet

**This is a month of special recognitions**

Do you know someone who is graduating from school? Help them celebrate a new phase in their life or just send them a congratulation card.

Do you know a mother or a female mentor who is struggling that may need assistance? Let them know they are loved and if they need help, all they have to do is ask. Thank them for caring and donating their time.

Do you know someone who has/or is serving in the military? Thank them when you see them because freedom is not free.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 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 Scaffe is slowly adjusting to her new medication. She tries to keep us up to date on how she is feeling, offers us some words of inspiration and an occasional recipe on her Facebook page.
- 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 has finished her second round 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 Chewning's great-granddaughter, Aria Lopez, had a successful liver transplant last year. She has been released from the hospital but will need to be on medication for the rest of life.

• 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 has been scheduled for arthroscopic knee surgery June 15<sup>th</sup> at Northside Cherokee Hospital in Canton, Georgia,

• Glenda Kirby' asked for prayers for Tammy Berrong whose daughter died recently. Her grandchildren are having a hard time adjusting.

**You or family member or friend 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 increasing as well. 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](mailto:MurphyNCchurchofchrist@gmail.com)



### REACH of Cherokee and Graham County, Inc.

is an outreach program for victims of domestic violence.

**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 extra 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 to help them 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.

### 2022 Year-End Statistics

**Crisis Calls – 4236**

**Males – 52**

**Females – 417**

**Child – 38**

**Sexual Assault – 447**

**Senior Attendance – 159**



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.



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

**April 23** – \$870.00 is under budget by \$362.00.

**April 30** - \$850.00 under budget by \$382.00.

**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.*



### 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.**

### 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!

Heed the weather alerts. 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 severe weather changes.



### 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. NOTE: Some of the people listed are frequent visitors or former members that like to stay in touch.

### New Favorite Song

#### Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed,

#### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine.

CCLI Song # 4768151

## Upcoming dates and events

### Hiawassee Church of Christ Spring Revival

May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>

For more details, please check out the flyer located on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The revival begins Sunday at 10 AM, ending with special guest speakers Monday – Wednesday at 7 PM.



### May 14<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations, honoring family members, such as Father's Day, Siblings Day, and Grandparents' Day.

### May 20<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day



Single day of celebration for ALL branches of the service – Army, Marines, Navy, Air force, Coast Guard, and the most recent addition

the US Space Force. [Veterans Day](#) honors all those who have **previously** served in the military.



### May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

We honor those men and women who have died serving in the United States Armed Forces on [Memorial Day](#).

### Do you know someone who is graduating?



### Friends and Family Day

Special thanks to all who remained after morning worship service for our fellowship meal. Thanks to all who took the time to bring food to share, As always it was more than enough but most importantly it was great getting to spend time with our visitors, family and friends. It was a delightful surprise seeing Glenn and Linda Kirby who were instrumental in the early beginnings of the Murphy Church of Christ.

Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship meal will be held July 30<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and don't forget to invite your family and friends.