

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
(Located above King Ford on Highway 64 West)**

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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 a 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
Lula Williams
Sheri Goodlet

Order of Service
Welcome/Song Leader
Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer
Ken McCurry

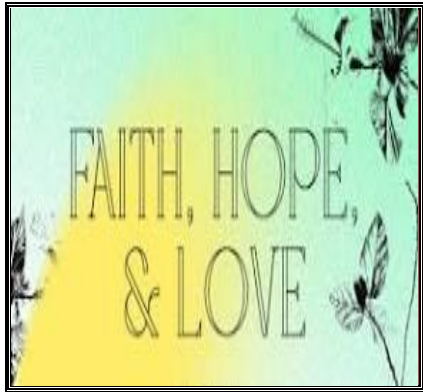
Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Roy Goodlet

Scripture: Galatians 5: 6-9
Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:
“Leavening of a Nation
By Bruce Corcoran

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Jeff Leiby



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sandy Parmer asked that we keep her family and friends in our prayers. Her daughter, April, who lives in Mobile, Alabama had a seizure and a single car crash as a result. Now, she cannot drive for a month and is to wear a heart monitor for a month.
- 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”.
- Roy Stephenson had successful right knee replacement surgery on November 20th at Northside Cherokee Hospital in Canton, Georgia. He and DJ thank and appreciate all the prayers offered on his behalf.
- Buddy Fitton and Vaugh Day, friends of Roy Stephenson going through second round of chemotherapy.
- Sheri’s friend Debbie and Cayle have cancer. Debbie has received her final chemotherapy, and plans are being made for potential surgery in January 2025. Sheri’s sister, Lori, had a pacemaker inserted and is breathing better.
- Lloyd and Lee Durham, friends of Roy and DJ Stephenson, had a one-car accident in which they both sustained broken bones. They are hospitalized in the Chatuge Hospital in Hiawassee, GA.
- **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.



- **Sometimes, it takes just one person to work a miracle.**
- **We don’t know who we are until we see what we can do.**
- **Find someone to encourage. It will lift you up too!**



REACH of Cherokee and Graham County, Inc. is an outreach program for victims of domestic violence. List of programs they support are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

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. 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 and other stores 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, toothpaste, 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, items are taken off the shelves and taken 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.

November 17 - \$1,940.00 is over budget by \$690.00.

November 24 - \$1,130.00 is under budget by \$120.00.

Sunday School Attendance – 10
Morning Worship Attendance – 20

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

Because of the uncertainty surrounding Roy Stephenson's right knee surgery on November 20th, recuperation and rehab. therapy the Bible study classes as well as sermons during this time, Roy made arrangements for someone to cover until his doctor clears him to resume his pre-surgery activities..

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 to his right knee done on 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 up 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 up 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.



December Birthdays

Ronald Wilkins	1
Jerry Queen	5
Linda Trusty	11
Sheri Goodlet	13
Mike Terrill	29

December Wedding Anniversaries



None listed	
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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.

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

If you miss the collection deadline we keep the empty boxes in the back classroom for next year.

Please do not wrap the toys. Look for special sales throughout the year.

Parents or guardians were 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. **This year we donated two bags of toys.**

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 and instruction on how to donate funds.



A Night in Bethlehem 2024

In the past several church members volunteered to bake or buy fresh baked cookies, it should be noted the chocolate chips were the most popular so you might want to keep that in mind when donating cookies. **We need someone to volunteer to head up the cookie collection.** Their responsibilities will include arranging cookies during the designated time at the church building to make sure 2 or 3 cookies are in zip lock bags, making sure cookies with peanuts or peanut butter are in a

separate basket. Make sure all the zip lock bags are marked with the type of cookie. **We will let you know when to bring them to church for pickup.**

We will also need volunteers to put the labels printed by Lula in the books we purchased, and the ones provided for donation.

The Culberson Community and local churches have been 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.

We Need Volunteers!

Text Preston 828 (361-6598) if you have people willing to help in any of the following areas:

Current needs:

Shepherds: 6p, 6:30p, 7:30p

Angels: 6p, 6:30p, 7:30p

M/J/Baby Jesus: 6-6:30p, 6:30-7p, 7:30-8p

Census Taker: 6-7p, 7-8p

Tax Collector: 6-7P, 7-8p

Photographer: 5-6P, 6-7p, 7-8p

Parking: 4:30-5:30p, 5:30-6:30p, 6:30-7:30p, 7:30-8:30p

Stage construction crew: Friday evening 12/13/2024 (preferred) and/ or Saturday at 12N

Workers to hang large tarps on side of event center: 12N Saturday

**24 days until
December 25th
How will you celebrate?**



He has made everything beautiful in its time.



Despite all the commercialism, let us not forget that Christmas is the date we as Christians have set aside for commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. As a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world, it is a feast central to Christianity.