

Murphy Church of Christ
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TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 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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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 is temporarily on hold while Roy Stephenson awaits the rescheduling of his knee surgery..

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
Karen Wray and Stacy Packer

Order of Service
Welcome/Song Leader
Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer
John Dykema

Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Roy Stephenson

Scripture: Psalm 73: 21-26
Read by Jeff Leiby

Sunday Sermon: Part III
“Promises That Give Me Hope
By Roy Goodlet

Announcements
Dean Wray

Closing Prayer
Dean Wray

“Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen to Good People?”

July 14th Roy Goodlet began presenting a four part series titled, **“Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen to Good People”**.

Hope you are intrigued enough by the title to come out and support him. We have heard several positive comments regarding Part I, Part II and Part III. Today will be the last of the series.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sandy Parmer asked that we keep her family and friends in our prayers: April is doing great after her transplant, Rob Seel is getting better. Kailyn 17, her granddaughter and her son Erik need prayers to come back to God. Rob’s brother, Harold Parmer has Parkinson.
 - Mindy Scaffa continues to have multiple health problems. Many of you follow her on Facebook and she enjoys reading your comments!
 - Darlene Queen is adjusting to her new pacemaker. She and her family thank you for our prayers.
 - Richard Hicks, the brother of Norma Leiby, has completed his chemotherapy.
 - Jeff Leiby’s brother, Brian Leiby, from Huntsville had two heart surgeries. So far he is doing ok.
 - Roy Stephenson’s knee replacement surgery has been rescheduled to August 1st because his wife was positive for COVID. We thank God they both experienced mild symptoms and are no longer required to stay quarantined at home.
 - Sheri Goodlet is recuperating at home from surgery for complication from diverticulitis It was great seeing her at church last Sunday.
- Encouragement**
- Sheri’s friend Debbie and Cayle have cancer.
 - Appalachian Church congregation
 - Gregory Jones and his new family

- 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, 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.

2024 Bi-Monthly Area Singing



Bi-monthly on the second Sunday local churches get together for a group singing. The church in Hiawassee will be hosting the sing along on August 11th at 3:00 PM. The last sing along for the year will be on October 13th hosted by the Cherokee Church of Christ.



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 previous 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.

July 21 – \$945.00 is under budget by \$305.00.

July 28 - \$1,325.00 is over budget by \$75.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 13
Morning Worship Attendance – 24 (includes 1 child)

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 were made for the following: **August 4** – 2 Kings 1-10 discussion leader **Truman Whitaker** from Blairsville, GA.*

NO - Weekday Bible Study Devotional

Wednesday devotional is postponed until Roy Stephenson's doctor lets him know when he can resume daily activity post knee surgery recuperation.

Lord's Supper Preparation

There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for anyone wanting to make a commitment for a specific month. If you signed up and there is a change, please make a note on the sheet so we can make other arrangements.

Nursery Assistance

If you are willing to watch the younger children during worship service, please let DJ know. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

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 repairing, please let him know.** He is working to get the baptistry repaired, replacement of the carpet and chairs in the sanctuary and the carpet in the breeze way.

Because of a leak to the refrigerator ice maker there was extensive water damage to the flooring and cabinets in the kitchen so they will need to be replaced. Several of the men assisted in the removal of the damaged flooring. The damage is covered under the insurance policy. We anticipate the replacement will take about a month.

While work is in process the ladies' bathroom will not be available. You can use the bathroom next to the minister's office or the men's bathroom. Ladies if you use the men's bathroom place the white towel provided to indicate a female is using the men's bathroom.

Special thanks to Roy Goodlet for maintaining the sign on HWY 64 welcoming people to the church. And for maintenance of the grounds.

August Wedding Anniversaries



Roy and Sheri Goodlet	12
Roy and JD Stephenson	15



August Birthdays

Lula Williams	12
Jordan Dockery	14
Kristina Packer	27
Melvin Ryan	27
Betty Windsor	30
Sue Raber	31

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.

Every WOMAN IN THE BIBLE

By Sue and Larry Richards © 1999

Every chapter in the book discuss both named and unnamed women of the Bible. The following entries indicate where the women are mentioned in the Bible, and where they are discussed in the Bible.

This week we will continue with the letter T.

TAMAR [TAY mur: "palm tree"]. Three Old Testament women shared this name.

1. The first Tamar was the widow of a famous son of Judah, founder of one of the Israel's twelve tribes. She lived about 1850 B.C. When her father-in-law failed to marry her to another of his sons, as custom required, she pretended to be a prostitute, seduced Judah, and became pregnant. See Genesis 38.
2. The second Tamar was a daughter of David, who lived around 975 B.C. Her half-brother, Amnon, raped her. Subsequently Tamar's full brother, Absalom, murdered Amnon and led a rebellion against David. See 2 Samuel 13.
3. Around 950 B.C. Absalom named one of his own daughters after his sister, Tamar. See 2 Samuel 14:27

TAPHATH [TAY fath: meaning unknown]. A daughter of Solomon who was married to one of his high officials around 950 B.C.

HOMEcoming CELEBRATION!

Murphy church will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary by having a Homecoming Sunday and encouraging all former members along with their family and friends to come back to celebrate with us. We will be having a Fellowship Dinner on that Sunday and encourage everyone to attend.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for a program and/or guest speaker, please let Roy and DJ Stephenson know if you want to help with the planning. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

Please make note of the date change and **mark your calendar accordingly and plan to attend October 27, 2024**, to help us celebrate!

Toys For Tots

You can take advantage of sales throughout the year and place them in the Toys for Tots boxes in the back classroom.

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

A Night in Bethlehem 2024

If you want to help us, get a head start raising funds for 2024 to purchase books and crafts, please make checks payable to the church and indicate on the check it is for 'A Night in Bethlehem'.

Roy Goodlet would appreciate your input and suggestions. A questionnaire is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Everyone everywhere is going through something. "Through It All, He is always with us. Trust in Him always. Pour out your heart before Him. God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62:8)

Pay attention to the words in this song.

Through It All

Song by Andraé Crouch

Verse 1

I've had many tears and sorrows
I've had questions for tomorrow
There've been times
I didn't know right from wrong
But in ev'ry situation
God gave blessed consolation
That my trials come
To only make me strong

Chorus 1

Through it all through it all
I've learned to trust in Jesus
I've learned to trust in God
Through it all through it all
I've learned to depend upon His word

Verse 2

I've been to lots of places
And I've seen a lot of faces
There've been times I felt so all alone
But in my lonely hours yes
Those precious lonely hours
Jesus let me know that I was His own

Verse 3

I thank God for the mountains
And I thank Him for the valleys
I thank Him for the storms He brought me through
For if I'd never had a problem
I wouldn't know that He could solve them
I'd never know what faith in God could do.