

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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SEPTEMBER 17, 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
Sheri Goodlet and Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Roy Goodlet

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Dean Wray

Scripture:
Isaiah 1: 14-20
Read by Donald Jewell

Sunday Sermon:
"Profitable Prophets"
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Roy Goodlet

Profitable Prophets will help you discover how you, too, can cheer up, stir up, and build up others through the gift of prophecy.

Five Major Prophets

- Isaiah.
- Jeremiah.
- Lamentations.
- Ezekiel.
- Daniel.

The books of 12 minor prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.



The Power of Prayer

The power of prayer isn't in the words you utter. It's not about what you pray or even how you pray. Prayer can be defined as talking to God, but it is much more than that. **Prayer is an act of worship that glorifies God and reinforces our need for 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 now suffering with kidney disease along with 'long haul' COVID. John, Sandy's friend in Illinois is cancer free. 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 has good and bad days and has a difficult time sleeping through the night. Glad she has recovered enough from knee surgery to worship with us September 10th.
- Darlene Queen is in Missouri Hospital in Asheville for evaluation for a possible stroke.
- Mel and Shirley are feeling much better. Glad to see them in church last week.
- Jeanne Horton had a lumpectomy surgery June 1st in Florida. We are always happy to see her whenever she visits..
- 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, is still suffering from a foot wound which has not healed, and now there's a second wound. So, he must see a doctor three times a week. Because he needs more time off his foot for it to heal, he has decided to give up teaching his Monday night and Tuesday evening Bible Study. Please keep on praying for his complete recovery.
- 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.
- Lula's neighbor Mary Whipple is showing some improvement since being transferred to the Clay County Care Center in Hayesville, NC for rehab to help her regain her strength. We pray her mental and physical status continues to improve.
- Lynda Trusty and Richard Brenner are both recovering from COVID.
- **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.

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.

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.

2023 Year - 1st Quarter Statistics

- Crisis Calls – 4624**
- Males – 129**
- Females – 799**
- Child – 120**
- Sexual Assault – 222**
- Senior Attendance – 200**

We will keep working to reduce these numbers. If you or someone you know suffers from domestic violence, please know you are not alone! **24/7 Crisis Line (828) 837-8064.**



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.

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.

News and Announcements

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

September 3 – \$655.00 is under budget by \$577.00.

September 10 - \$776.00 under budget by \$456.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 11
Morning Worship Attendance – 26

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 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 summer series has ended and we haven't received the Gospel Advocate for the fall so for now we will focus

on the minor prophets. Please pick up the handout put together by Roy for discussion when you arrive..

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 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.



September Birthdays

Darlene Queen	12
Roy Goodlet	13
Patricia Dykema	13
Eva Wilkins	22



September Wedding Anniversaries

Jeff and Norma Leiby	1
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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.



REACH of Cherokee County, Inc. reminds us to focus on the safety of our communities' children as they return to school, that includes students traveling to and from school on a bus, car, or walking. REACH

works to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault; the best way to achieve this goal is to educate younger generations to create long-lasting change and safety.



A Night in Bethlehem 2023

One Night in Bethlehem 2022 was a success! Several people signed up for world bible class, and we gave away all the cookies and children's bibles. If you want to help us, get a head start on the planning for 2023, you can donate funds for the purchase of children 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".



If you have unwrapped toys that you have purchased, you can store them in the back classroom in/or next to the Toys for Tots collection boxes provided. Time is getting close to starting the annual toy drive that starts in late October and goes through the beginning of December.

A Long Hot Summer

Make sure you know the difference between heat stroke and heat exhaustion. Children and our senior citizens with multiple health problems are the most venerable.

- Stay hydrated by drinking fluids, especially water and consider adding electrolytes, e.g gator aide, pedialyte, etc. if there is excessive

sweating, and if outside for long periods of time use sunscreen. Gradually rehydrate – DO NOT drink large volumes of water or drink it too fast at one time.



QuiltFest 2023

Are you a quilter or just enjoy looking at the creativity of others? Come check out the displays and visit the MMQG website.

Misty Mountain Quilters' Guild
www.mistymountainquiltguild.org

Union County Sports Complex
on Glenn Gooch Bypass
Blairsville, GA

Show Hours

Friday, Sept 22nd 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, Sept 23rd 9:00am - 4:00pm

Admission:
\$7.00

Judged Quilts - Door Prizes - Raffle
Quilt - Boutique - Vendors -Quilt Book Sale

Proceeds are used to support the following programs: Heart to Heart, Hugs & Kisses and Quilts of Valor. The Misty Mountain's Quilters Guild is always looking for new members so come check out the quilts and meet some of the members.

Celebrate Appalachian culture at John C. Campbell 47th Fall Festival!

October 7-8, 2023

Tickets

Buy Online and Avoid the Lines!
Purchase Your Tickets Today.

Single Day Admission:

Adults: \$12 | Seniors 65+/Veterans: \$10 | Ages 12-17: \$10 | Under 12: Free

Multi Day Flex Pass Admission:

Adults: \$22 | Seniors 65+/Veterans: \$18 | Ages 12-17: \$18 | Under 12: Free

We are thinking of using Saturday as a congregational outing. If you are interested contact Sheri Goodlet and let her know if you want to carpool.



Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
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Alleluia

Holy, holy
Are You, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy
Are You, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen