

Murphy Church of Christ
P. O. Box 511
Murphy, NC. 28906

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional 6:00 p.m.

“ 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

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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 church "family" that will offer you the most important things in life, then why not give us a chance to be part of our Christian 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.

The first Sunday of the month is set aside for a devotional and an evening of prayer @ 6:00 PM.

Please join us at 6:00 PM on Wednesday for evening devotional.

On the 5th Sunday of each month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal. Our next meal will be held March 30th.

Website: murphychurchofchrist.com



The bulletin is posted on the website, and hard copies are in the foyer for members and visitors. **As of March 9th, the total website visit was 21.** 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 or see an error please contact Lula Williams.

Greeters

Jenny Corcoran
Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader

Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer

Bruce Corcoran

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Roy Stephenson

Scripture:

John 21: 20-25

Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:

"A Personal Prayer"

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Dean Wray



God knew what he was doing from the beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son.

Romans 8:29

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. The doctor said she cannot drive until May. Her neurologist said she must stay on her current meds.
- Mindy Scaffe continues to have multiple health problems. She continues to update us on her Facebook and she enjoys reading your comments!
- Darlene Queen has a pacemaker and fibromyalgia. As her husband Jerry likes to say, "she has her good and bad days".
- Roy Stephenson on January 14, 2025, developed a fever and had have a second surgery. He has completed his antibiotic treatment. He is making progress slowly as he begins to add to his ministerial duties.
- Jeff Leiby continues to have health issues. He went to the emergency room because he was experiencing burning sensation in his lungs. He was referred to a Pulmonologist for further evaluation and treatment.
- Sheri's friends Debbie and Cayle have cancer. Debbie has started a second round of chemotherapy. Her last tests results were not good.
- Chuck Brehm was referred to a Vascular specialist in Gainesville, Georgia because of recurrent blood clots in his leg but the doctors indicated there was nothing new they could do to help him. Please include his wife Theresa as she battles the flu while trying to take care of Chuck,
- Ed Diaz is having trouble breathing and a chest tube was inserted to remove air and fluid from his chest cavity. He has lost a lot of weight. He was transferred to Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC for specialist

in cardio-pulmonary for evaluation and treatment. He has scar tissue around his lung which further complicates his breathing. He had surgery to control the recurrence of fluid between his lung and heart.

- **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, 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!



Our deepest sympathy is extended to David and Betty Windsor in the death of her son, Dennis Horne who lived in Columbus, Georgia.

Also, our deepest sympathy to Chuck and Theresa Brehm in the death of her brother, Nelson Pickelsimer of Blairsville, Georgia.

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 note that because the bulletin is uploaded to the website, we do not include details regarding home address and phone information for privacy reasons.



REACH of Cherokee and Graham County, Inc. is an outreach program for victims of domestic violence. List of programs the organization supports 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 and clothes 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.

Reach is leading our community in eliminating domestic violence and sexual assault through education, advocacy, self-empowerment, and community awareness.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We haven't been able to use the pantry because of the boxes stored but if you have an item to donate just give them directly to Lula and she will take 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.

Most of the clients are homeless and/or senior citizens living on a fixed income, so they can use small bottles of laundry detergent to wash their clothes, hygiene items, e.g. shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, soap or body wash, etc. **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 if we have been blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we benefit others.



Our church's 2025 weekly budget is set at \$1,250.00.

March 9 - \$490.00 is under budget by \$760.00.

March 16 - \$865.00 is under budget by \$385.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 7
Morning Worship Attendance – 16
includes 3 children.

Members are asked to please check their temperature and if you are not feeling well stay home, 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.

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study

Today we will begin with the introduction to Mark and Mark 1-3. Next Sunday we will be studying Mark 4-6.

6:00 PM Wednesday Devotional

We have resumed 6:00 PM evening devotional. If you have a special request, please let Roy Stephenson know.

Murphy Homeless Shelter Donations

The Hurlburt Johnson Homeless Shelter is requesting donations for the month of February through December. There are eleven churches in the area that also donate. They are requesting paper products from us: paper towels, bathroom tissue, paper napkins and paper plates. Please place items in the fellowship room and Roy Stephenson will deliver them.

Homeless Shelter Thrift Store

The homeless shelter need volunteers at the thrift store. If you are interested and want more information on what is expected please contact Carol Paul at 518-321-4190.

Cell Phone Donations

Woody Scaffa has requested that if you have any old cell phones you are willing to donate to the homeless shelter, please bring them the next time you are in church. He will make sure that all your personal data has been removed before giving it to the homeless shelter staff for one of the

clients. **Please note the church has a basket in the back to help him.**

Sign-up sheets on the back table

Nursery Assignments

If you can help in the nursery some Sundays during bible study and/or morning worship if we have any children visiting please indicate what date(s) you are available.



Communion

If you are willing to help prepare communion and clean-up the trays please indicate your willingness by putting your name next to the month you are available.



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 in the process of doing some touch up painting in the main auditorium and the minister's office will be set up as our library. Once all the boxes have been removed you may again begin placing food donations for the food bank in the pantry. The bin for clothing for REACH donations is to the left in the pantry when you open the door.

Dean Wray can use our help with any last-minute details to help complete all projects. Please contact him for dates and time to meet him at the church building. Upon completion of things inside the church, he will

begin working on the breeze way concrete repair and painting the concrete. He can't begin until warmer weather so it will be a few months.



March Birthdays

Chris Astoria	1
Ute Chewning	3
Woody Scaffa	4
Lee Sanders	7
Michael Sutton, Sr.	13
Doris J. Stephenson	22
Robert Parmer	26

March Wedding Anniversaries



Robert and Sandy Parmer	11
Dean and Karen Wray	21
Chuck and Theresa Brehm	23

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.

Toys For Tots

If you missed the collection 2024 deadline we keep the empty boxes in the back classroom for next year. Look for special sales throughout the year. **Please do not wrap the 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 2025

For those who represented the Murphy Church of Christ December 2024, Lula has posted a few pictures on the bulletin board in the hallway.

If you want to donate funds to help with purchases for the 2025 annual community outreach event please note on the bottom of your check "Night in Bethlehem".



March 30th – 5th Sunday Potluck Fellowship

Murphy church had its' beginning on September 3, 1984. Services were held at the home of Dan and Linda Kirby until construction was completed on the church building.

We were unable to have a Homecoming celebration in September 2024 but now that the water damage to the church flooring in the kitchen and the back of the main auditorium has been completed, we can now resume our 5th Sunday's fellowship meals.

We will use this time as a brief acknowledgement of the church's beginning 41 years ago with a sheet cake instead of everyone bringing desserts but if you want to bring a special dessert you are welcome to do so.



2025 Sunday Area Singing

We will resume bi-monthly area church singing starting with the **Andrews congregation hosting the April 13th Sunday Singing at 3:00 PM.**

This is the time to fellowship with other congregations to learn new songs and sing some old familiar songs. After the singing the host church will serve refreshments.



Pause A Moment

There is no special time for prayer,
One can pray 'most anywhere,
When things aren't going quite your way-
Pause a moment, just to pray...

If everything seems to bother. You
And nag at you the whole day through,
To dispel those awful clouds of gray-
Pause a moment, just to pray...

If there is no hope in sight,
You see the tunnel but not the light,
Do not wander, do not stray-
Pause a moment, just to pray...

When all your efforts seem in vain,
You struggle hard but see no gain,
Do one thing without delay –
Pause a moment, just to pray...
When you feel there is no hope,
When with life you cannot cope,
God will help along the way-
Pause a moment, to pray...

Joseph Ferrara