

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 Evening 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)

**P. O. BOX 511**  
**MURPHY, NC 28906**

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**AUGUST 3, 2025**

**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.**

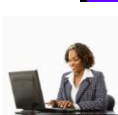
Please do not hesitate to ask any of our members for assistance.

**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 has been changed back to 6:00 PM**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal immediately following morning worship. **The next potluck will be held August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**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.**

**As of July 23rd, we had a total of 183 visits for the month of July.** 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  
Shelia Queen

**Welcome/Song Leader**

Jerry Queen

**Opening Prayer**

Dean Wray

**Lord's Supper Thoughts**

Roy Goodlet

**Scripture:**

**Isaiah 6: 1-5**

Read by Bruce Corcoran

**Sunday Sermon:**

**"O, Worship the King"**

By Roy Stephenson

**Announcements**

Roy Goodlet

**Closing Prayer**

Roy Stephenson



**AREA-WIDE Singing**

**Our next singing will be here at the Murphy Church of Christ on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.** Afterwards we encourage everyone to remain to fellowship and get to know those in attendance. Light refreshments will be served, please bring something to share with our guests.



**Prayer requests**

- Sandy Parmer thanks everyone for their prayers for hers and Robert's family and friends. She and Robert will have a new address in Mobile, Alabama once their house sells, we will post their new address on the bulletin board for those who wish to stay in touch.
- Mindy Scaffé continues to have multiple health issues that require visits to multiple doctors. Due to multiple falls and a fractured rib she and her husband Woody haven't been able to attend church services but she remains cheerful and keeps friends up-to-date through her Facebook page.
- Darlene Queen's aunt, Mary Woltamoth, broke her hip and was hospitalized in Virginia.
- Michelle Dockery, Jerry and Darlene's daughter, has a pre-cancerous condition which will require surgery soon.
- Jeff Leiby continues to have health issues.
- Chuck Brehm continues at home as he deals with multiple health issues. He continues to have swelling and blood clots in his leg.
- Heather Stepp, the niece of D.J. Stephenson, had radiation treatments and is now undergoing chemotherapy. She is a middle school teacher, married living in Fort Worth and is the mother of three children.
- **You or family member or friend may not be on this list but, we are all in need of prayer.** The pandemic, flu season and the uncertainty in the economy 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!



Come grow with us. If you have any questions or want to start a home study, contact our minister, Roy Stephenson.



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 to each member for your reference. Complete the form provided on the back table and give it to Nell upon completion. It is most important that you make sure your information is current.

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

**Cell Phone Donations**

Woody Scaffé will make sure that all your personal data is removed. **Please note the church has a basket in the back to help him.**



**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. **Teens frequently request a fleece blanket.** 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. 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. Local REACH covers Cherokee and Graham County.

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

### **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. **They are again requesting empty 12 size egg cartons for distribution of eggs donated by the community. If you leave them in the kitchen Roy and DJ will take them to the food bank.**

Other suggested items based on Lula's discussion with some of the female staff: **feminine hygiene products and other personal hygiene items, e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, 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 their 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.** 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.

## **News and Announcements**

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

**July 20** - \$1,462.00 is over budget by \$212.00.

**July 27** - \$1,165.00 is under budget by \$85.00.

**Bible Study Attendance** – 13

**Worship Service Attendance** – 22

*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. Wearing a mask is optional!*

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 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 Studies at 9:30 am**

Today our study begins with the introduction to John 8 and 9.

## **6:00 PM Wednesday Devotional**



***We began discussion Wednesday evening, April 30, on discipleship with the help of the book, "Turning Church Members into Disciple Makers" and each week we will be discussing another chapter." This is week fourteen: The Effective Church Chapter 15, "Spiritual Profiling: The Abuser".***

***Sharing the gospel message can be a little complicated. Hopefully by attending the classes we can help you remove some of those barriers and develop the tools you need to be successful in helping to bring souls to God.***

### **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.



### 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 **whenever 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 on the sign up sheet located on the back table.

#### Building Maintenance

Dean Wray continues to keep us updated on our finances as it relates to all maintenance projects. **If you notice something that needs repairing, please let him know.**

He is in the process of completing the transformation of the minister's office and the setup up as our library.

Dean Wray can use our help with some of the details so, please contact him for dates and times to meet at the church building.



#### August Birthdays

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

#### August Wedding Anniversaries



Roy and Sheri Goodlet	12
Roy and DJ Stephenson	15

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.

#### Area-Wide Singing

For those of you who like to mark your calendar for future events, there will be one more opportunity remaining in 2025 for Christians to sing together with our sister congregations in this area every other month.

Our final area singing for 2025 will be held **October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hiawassee GA Church of Christ.**



**August 8, 2025, Friday at 10 AM – 12 PM REACH and WKRK is hosting a Public Event to assist parents with back-to-school items.** Please stop by the Thrift Store located at 1980 US-64, Murphy, NC and encourage parents you know who need assistance with back-to-school items. They will be doing \$5.00 bag sale. You can also donate back to school items, e.g. pencils, notebooks, markers, etc. for them through the Thrift Store. Remember that 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 **that the first 100 kids will be eligible.**

#### It's Way Too Hot!

Do you know the difference between a heat stroke and heat exhaustion?

As North Carolina faces an intense heatwave, Duke Energy is calling on residents to conserve electricity during peak afternoon hours to alleviate pressure on the power grid.

North Carolina is still experiencing extreme heat this week in the 80s and 90s with a heat index in the 100s which will take a toll on HVAC systems and the power grid across the county.

If you suspect heat stroke, it is crucial to seek immediate medical attention by calling 911 or the local emergency number.

#### Heat Exhaustion

- Heat exhaustion can precede heat stroke: Recognize the symptoms of heat exhaustion (fatigue, nausea, headache, dizziness) and take steps to cool down and rehydrate to prevent progression to heat stroke.
- Be aware of risk factors: Physical activity in hot weather, wearing heavy clothing, alcohol consumption, and inadequate fluid intake can increase the risk of heat stroke.

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**What does humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up mean?** Let us be humble before our creator for the gift of life we have been given. To be humble, we must have faith that God will lead us in the

best way to live and what to avoid in temptation. We are to put complete trust in the Lord and not deceive ourselves with vanity or lust.



Several scriptures emphasize peace as a gift, a fruit of the spirit, and a desired state of being. Key verses include John 14:27, where Jesus offers his peace, and Philippians 4:7, which speaks of God's peace guarding hearts and minds. Isaiah 26:3 highlights perfect peace for those who trust in God, while Matthew 5:9 pronounces blessings on peacemakers.

