

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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# FEBRUARY 9, 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 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 an evening of prayer @ 6:00 PM.**

**Wednesday Bible devotional and regular Sunday evening service is temporarily on hold.**

**On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal.**

Website: [murphychurchofchrist.com](http://murphychurchofchrist.com)

The bulletin is posted on the website, and hard copies are in the foyer for members and visitors. **As of January 27, 2025 in the month of January 165 people have visited the site. 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  
Sheila Queen

**Welcome/Song Leader**  
Roy Goodlet

**Opening Prayer**  
Jerry Queen

**Lord's Supper Thoughts**  
Dean Wray

**Scripture:**  
**John 3: 13-18**  
Read by Bruce Corcoran

**Sunday Sermon:**  
**"God's So Loved the World"**  
By Roy Stephenson

**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. The doctor said she cannot drive until May. Her neurologist said she must stay on her meds.
- Mindy Scaffa continues to have multiple health problems. She was scheduled for an endoscopy but she was too dehydrated so it was cancelled because they couldn't find a vein to insert the IV. Many of you follow her on Facebook and she enjoys reading your comments!
- Darlene Queen has a pacemaker. As her husband Jerry likes to say, "she has her good and bad days". She is still recovering from the flu.
- Roy Stephenson on January 14, 2025, he developed a fever and was admitted for a staph infection and a second surgery. They inserted a PICC line to administer the antibiotics at home every 8 hours. He is making progress slowly. He and DJ are staying with the Goodlet's until a new central heating and air conditioning unit is installed at their place of residence.
- Jeff Leiby continues to have health issues. He currently is being treated for a blood clot.
- Connie Diaz developed a fever was taken to the ER. Test results revealed she has COVID. She is home and says she still feels lousy but her temperature is down.
- Ed Diaz is also sick with COVID now.
- Jenny Corcoran has been feeling sick for over a week.

- Sheri's friend Debbie and Cayle have cancer. Debbie has started a second round of chemotherapy. Her last tests results were not good.
- Chuck Brehm admitted a week ago on Wednesday to Union General for kidney infection and dehydration. He was discharged home Sunday, February 2, 2025. He still is feeling weak.
- **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!

## 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.

## 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. 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, 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.

**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.

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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 2024 weekly budget is set at \$1,250.00.**

**January 26** - \$1,460 is over budget by \$210.00.

**February 3** - \$511.00 is under budget by \$739.00

**Bible Study Attendance** – 8  
**Morning Worship Attendance** – 15

*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.

**Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am**

**NO - Weekday Bible Devotional**

Wednesday devotional is postponed until Roy Stephenson's doctor lets him know when he can resume more activities. He developed a staph infection and was admitted to the hospital for antibiotic therapy.

**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.*

**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 your 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.



**February Birthdays**

Dan Kirby	1
Michael Sutton	10
Mindy Scaffa	14
Stacey Packer	24
Tori Dockery	26

**February Wedding Anniversaries**



David and Joyce Ellis	8
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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.

**Toys For Tots**



If you missed the collection 2024 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.

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**

For those who represented the Murphy Church of Christ or was there as a visitor. If you have any suggestions for next year, please contact Roy Goodlet.

Lula has posted a few pictures on the bulletin board in the hallway.



**(My Chains Are Gone)**

**Verse 1**

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see.*

**Verse 2**

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed,*

**Chorus**

*My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace.*

**Verse 3**

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.*

**Verse 4**

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine.*



**40th ANNIVERSARY**

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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday's fellowship meals.

We are still in the discussion phase of planning a brief acknowledgement of the church's beginning as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck fellowship on March 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the beginning of 41 years with a sheet cake instead of everyone bringing desserts but if you want to bring a special dessert you are welcome to do so.

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**Friday, February 14, 2025**

**VALENTINE'S DAY**

