

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

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TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional 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
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APRIL 12, 2026

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” then why not give us a chance to be your family?

Please fill out a visitor’s form and drop it in the collection box on the back.

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 Bible devotional is held at 6:00 PM. Any changes will be announced after Sunday morning worship.

On the 5th Sunday of each month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal. Our next potluck fellowship meal will be held May 31st.

Website: murphychurchofchrist.com
Maintenance is time consuming and does not justify the monthly expense. GoDaddy has advised that they will discontinue access. We will review this again as we make plans for our 2026 budget.

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 or want to make a change, please contact Lula Williams.

Greeters
Theresa Brehm
Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader
Keith Bragg

Opening Prayer
Bruce Corcoran

Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Dean Wray

Scripture: Proverbs 3: 5-8
Read by: Amari Bryant

Sermon: “Why we should fear the Lord”
By Bruce Corcoran

Announcements
Dean Wray

Closing Prayer
Dean Wray

5. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. 8. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

Proverbs 3: 5-8



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jerry Queen requests that we keep his family in our prayers. Several of them are battling multiple health problems. He notes his wife continues to have her good and bad days. Michelle Dockery surgery is on hold pending stabilization of some other health care issues which would complicate her recovery.
- Mindy Scaffa most recent emergency visit she was admitted to Murphy Erlanger facility and because of multiple and frequent falls she was transferred to Valley View Rehabilitation Center, 551 Kent Street, Andrews, NC 28901. The doctor discontinued some of her medicines and ordered physical therapy. She is feeling better and is up and walking with assistance. Prayers for her as she continues to deal with the death of her beloved husband Woody.
- Stacy Packer is slowly recovering from lung surgery and remains under doctor’s care as they monitor her progress. We pray she remains in remission.
- Connie Diaz is being treated for blood clots. Currently the doctor is working to adjust her medication. She is home and is slowly working to gain her strength back.
- Roy Stephenson mitral valve leakage has decreased. The doctor plans to schedule him for an aorta ring placement if he remains stable. The doctor is waiting on FDA approval. He and DJ moved to an Independent Living/Spirit Center in Sevierville, Tennessee the end of March.

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 and government shut-down 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!



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 may be shared with non-members therefore, we do not include details regarding home address and phone information for privacy reasons in the bulletin.



“To whom much is given, much will be required” (Luke 12:48). If you have heard that line of wisdom, please make note if you have been blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we benefit others.



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 or you can drop them off to be sorted for the thrift store. Check out the clearance section at Walmart next time you go shopping.

Clients in the safe house can always use 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. Suicides statistics among teens and young adults are increasing.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We need your help to keep our pantry stocked. If no family, or individual has made a special request; Lula pulls items off the shelves and takes them to the Cherokee-Graham County Food Bank, Inc. in Andrews, NC. The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12.

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

March 29 - \$845.00 is under budget by \$405.00.

April 5 - \$1,025.00 is under budget by \$225.00,

Bible Study Attendance – 12

Morning Worship Attendance – 22

Members are asked to please check their temperature and/or if you are not feeling well please stay home, especially since many of our members are considered high-risk because of age and/or chronic health issues.

We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes regarding church services. Please make sure we have your current phone contact number. 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 requested that Nell continue 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 so he can make arrangements for anyone currently taking classes since he has retired.

Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am

Jerry Queen will be conducting the Bible studies. If there is a change we will make an announcement.

6:00 PM Wednesday Devotional

Roy Goodlet will be conducting the class this coming April 15th.

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 accept our sincere thanks. We do not have a sign-up sheet..

Communion

If you are willing to help prepare communion and clean-up the trays please accept our thanks. All the items needed are located in the kitchen.

Homeless Shelter Thrift Store

The homeless shelter needs 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.

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.**

Dean Wray can use our help to move items, doing touch up painting and with any last-minute details to help complete a project.



April Birthdays

Alora Collins	4
Caron Terrill	16

April Wedding Anniversaries



None listed

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.

A Night in Bethlehem 2026

"A Night in Bethlehem" location for 2025 was changed to the area below the casino. Some churches and organizations indicated they would not participate because of the location.

The organizers had to pay \$5,000 to set up the tents, so we are encouraging people to start donating now for 2026 to help defray the cost. The organizers will continue to see if they can find another location.

We had an attendance of 1,153 which is lower than last year but still significant. We had plenty of cookies left over.

When you are looking for books to donate for next year, keep in mind that we had more requests for children's biblical books and one in Spanish. If you have any suggestions for 2026 that can help the church stand out in the market place, please share them with Roy Goodlet.

Toys For Tots

Special thanks to everyone for making it possible to help 1,235 children have a bright Christmas. We keep the boxes in the classroom in the back for next year's start up dates. **In light of the changing economy, you are encouraged to start looking for special sales throughout the year. Please take advantage of the sales and remember do not wrap the gift.**

If you would like to volunteer to help with planning for next year, 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 if you want to donate funds with a credit card.

FAREWELL

Roy and DJ Stephenson have begun a new phase in their life as he starts his retirement.

Special thanks to all who joined us on March 22nd to share fond memories and wish them the best.

They asked that we share their new address and to please stay in touch.

Independent Living Spiritual Care Center
509 Park Road
#215

Sevierville, TN 37862

Roy's phone: 828-557-8882

www.SpiritCareCenter.net

We know they are not far away so we pray they will visit sometime and we encourage members to take time to visit them.

Moral Compromise Demands Repentance

Immoral temptation is nothing new. We see it happening in the Bible, but today it is all too convenient. Moral compromise is just a click away on the computer keyboard or mouse. Do you know how Eskimos kill a wolf? Paul Harvey tells us, "First the Eskimo coats his knife blade with animal blood and allows it to freeze. Then he adds another layer of blood and another until the blade is completely concealed by frozen blood. Next the hunter fixes his knife in the ground with the blade up. When a wolf follows his sensitive nose to the source of the scent and discovers the bait, he licks it, tasting the fresh frozen blood. He begins to lick faster, more and more vigorously, lapping the blade until the keen edge is bare. Feverishly now, harder and harder, the wolf licks the blade in the Arctic night. So great becomes the craving for blood that the wolf does not notice the razor-sharp sting of the naked blade on his own tongue, nor does he recognize the instant at which his thirst is being satisfied by his own warm blood. His carnivorous appetite just craves more - until the dawn finds him dead in the snow!"

For some reason the power of all temptation is the anticipation that giving in will make us happier. But does it? I remember several years ago that several men of the congregation I ministered to attended their first Promise Keepers Conference, and the next morning at the end of my sermon we had a long line of men stretched across the front of the auditorium. Many of them were crying. Yes, men crying. They wanted to repent of not being the husbands and fathers they knew they should be. The next day I

received a phone call from another gentleman. He said, "Roy, I was so moved by the stand all of those men made yesterday, that I went home and confessed to my wife that I had been unfaithful to her a year ago." Was that as easy as it sounded for him to do? No! Was his wife pleased with his confession? No! Was everything perfect in their marriage after his confession? No! Was it the best thing for their marriage? Yes! The immoral act was a sudden act of instant gratification, but the road to repair the damage took some time and help.

Is this where you are today? It is easier to just want to go on with life and forget it, but God knows about it, and sin has a way of being found out by those closest to you. Maybe what you need to do this morning is to kneel at the cross and ask for forgiveness. It won't be as easy as the sin, but God and other believers will be there to help you.

Written by Roy Goodlet



Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter. It commemorates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit, empowering the disciples to begin their ministry and marking the birth of the Church



Congregation Men's Meeting

We want all the men to please plan to remain for a brief meeting immediately following morning worship the last Sunday of each month starting April 26th.

Order of worship will be planned and posted monthly. If you need to make a change, please let us know.