

Murphy Church of Christ
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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 Evening 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
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 “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 5th Sunday of the month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal immediately following morning worship. The next potluck will be held August 31st.

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.**

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

Lula Williams
Sheri Goodlet

Welcome/Song Leader

Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer

Dean Wray

Lord’s Supper Thoughts

Bruce Corcoran

Scripture:

Acts 2:37-47

Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:

“Breaking Down the Walls that Hinder God’s Grace”

By Roy Goodlet

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Chuck Brehm

God’s Grace



Prayer requests

- Robert and Sandy Parmer have moved into their new house he just completed. They thank you for your continued prayers. Their new address is posted on the bulletin board.
- Mindy Scaffè continues to have multiple health issues that require visits to multiple doctors. Due to multiple falls, seizures 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.
- Tammy Swenson, Sheri’s friend in Wyoming has 2nd and 3rd degree burns on her left side from a boiling water spill. She is in intense pain.
- **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 Scaffè 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 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.

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.

August 3rd - \$995.00 is under budget by \$255.00.

August 10 - \$680.00 is under budget by \$570.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 12

Worship Service Attendance – 21

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 will be lead by Jerry Queen.

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 seventeen: The Effective Church Chapter 17, "Spiritual Profiling: The Misinformed".

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.

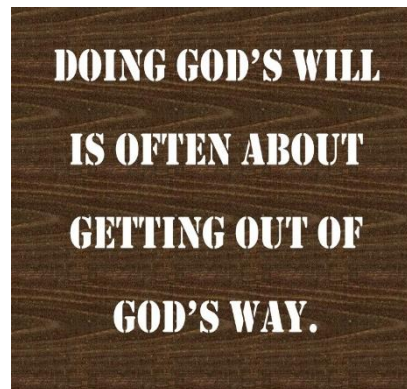


AREA-WIDE Singing

Special thanks to all who attended last Sunday here at the Murphy Church of Christ. We had a total of 15 people in attendance, we had a lot of food but most importantly we had a wonderful fellowship with our guests.

For those of you who like to mark your calendar for future events, this will be your last opportunity in 2025 for you to sing together with our sister congregations in this area.

Our final area singing for 2025 will be held **October 12th at 3:00 pm at the Hiwassee GA Church of Christ.**



It's Still 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 waves even as the temperature begins to cool. The high heat index is taking 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.

A Night in Bethlehem 2025



The days are getting shorter which is an indication that time change to fall back is fast approaching. We need to start thinking and planning for the annual Night in Bethlehem. If you have books with a Christian theme, you are willing to donate, please place them in box provided in the back of the church auditorium. We will also need members to bake and/or donate cookies. The most popular cookie is chocolate chip. If you have any suggestions that can help the church stand out in the market place setup, please share them with Roy Goodlet

As the community groups planning dates gets closer, we will provide more information.

Roy and Sheri Goodlet

Toys For Tots



Each year after the collection period ends we keep the empty boxes in the back classroom so those who purchased toys but have no place to store them. **Please do not wrap the toys.** In light of the changing economy, you are encouraged to start looking for special sales.

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.



Please be careful driving especially during the early mornings. Back-to-school safety focuses on students and their day-to-day safety. Includes students traveling to and from school on a bus, car, or walking. It also involves educating students about the many damages (physical, psychological, harassment, and stalking) and how to prevent them. 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.
