

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 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
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(Located above King Ford on Highway 64 West)

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Minister
Roy Stephenson
announced on October 19th his upcoming retirement

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NOVEMBER 16, 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 is held at 6:00 PM.

On the 5th Sunday of the month, we get together for potluck fellowship meal immediately following morning worship. Because of holiday we will not have a potluck this month.

Website Maintenance



Go Daddy is making changes to the website design. Website address has not changed www.murphychurchofchrist.com but will look a little different upon completion. Hard copies of the bulletin are available in the foyer for members and visitors.

The bulletin cover is designed so you can mail a copy to a shut-in, friend, or family member. If you have any suggestions, announcements or see an error please contact Lula Williams.

Greeters

Sheri Goodlet
Sheilah Queen

Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Jerry Queen

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Dean Wray

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

Read by Keith Bragg

Sunday Sermon:

“Thinking Through Thanksgiving”

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Bruce Corcoran



Come grow with us.

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



Prayer requests

- Michelle Dockery, Jerry and Darlene's daughter had abdominal surgery on October 17th. Thankfully the biopsy showed no cancer but she is still having test done to determine if she needs further surgery.

- Mindy Scaffe seems to be having at least one seizure each week and has difficulty walking. But she is always cheerful and has a wonderful positive attitude towards life. Prayers for her husband as he navigates providing her support.

- Chuck Brehm was admitted to the hospital in Gainesville Neurology Service over the weekend for evaluation to rule out a stroke, but like most of us he has his good and bad days.

- Heather Stepp, the niece of D.J. Stephenson, has completed all of her treatments for cancer and is back to school teaching in middle school. She lives with her three children in Fort Worth, TX.

- Stacy Packer is home from the hospital. She had a lesion removed from her right lung on October 2nd. We are happy to say it was not cancer but now she is battling pneumonia but still feeling ok as she recuperates at home

- Roy Stephenson mitral valve leakage had decreased and he didn't need surgery on October 23rd. Thank you for your prayers! He is still scheduled for an aorta ring placement within the next 3 month. The procedure is experimental and the doctor is waiting on FDA approval.

- 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!

Special Prayer

Pray for guidance in our search for a new minister.



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 Scaffe will make sure that all your personal data is removed. **Please place donated phones in the basket on the back table.**



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. Special thanks for the donation of \$200.00 to help support the programs.

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 is 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. **They are again requesting empty 12 individualized egg cartons for distribution of eggs donated by the community.**

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. Special thanks for a donation of \$100.00 last week.

News and Announcements

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

November 2 - \$520.00 is under budget by \$730.00.

November 9 - \$1,510.00 is over budget by \$260.00.

Bible Study Attendance – 10
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 let Roy Stephenson know.

Sunday Bible Studies at 9:30 am

Today's bible study will be presented by Roy Stephenson from Acts Chapters 14,15 and 16.

6:00 PM Wednesday Devotional

If you have a specific topic, you want discussed please let Roy Stephenson know.

Murphy Homeless Shelter Donations

The Hurlburt Johnson Homeless Shelter is requesting that we continue donations through to the months of January and July 2026. 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 want to help prepare communion and clean-up the trays after morning worship then, we thank you for your assistance.

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 setting up a section into church 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.



November Birthdays

Jenny Corcoran	1
Sandy Parmer	1
John Dykema	4
Nell Ard	5
Connie Diaz	16
Dean Wray	24
David Windsor	30

November Wedding Anniversary



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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.

A Night in Bethlehem 2025

December 13th
5:00 – 8:00PM



We encourage members to attend the planning meetings. If you plan on attending a meeting and are not sure of the location contact Roy Goodlet for the directions and to make sure they are still meeting at the House of Prayer. **Please make note that the Night in Bethlehem location has been changed to the area below the casino where the revival tent has been placed.**

If you have books with a Christian theme, you are willing to donate, please place them in the box provided in the church fellowship room. **Lula will provide labels for the books to let anyone who picks up a book know it was donated by the church.**

We will also need members to bake and/or donate cookies. The most popular cookie is chocolate chip. Please place cookies (2-3) in small plastic zip lock bags and mark them if they contain peanuts or any type of nut for our guests who may have allergies. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table to help us make sure we have a variety of enough cookies. **Karen Wray will be at the church on December 12th from 10:30 to noon for drop off.**

If you have any suggestions that can help the church stand out in the market place, please share them with Roy Goodlet. We will also need members to help setup the church's booth. The day of the event, please plan on attending dressed in Biblical

garb to fit the atmosphere of the event in a market place.

Roy and Sheri Goodlet

Toys For Tots



2025 collection dates are October 1st through November 15th. Please do not wrap the toys. So far, thanks to your

generosity we have donated \$270.00 in cash and delivered 4 full and 1/2 large trash bags of toys.

The volunteers have begun sorting the toys and reviewing applications submitted by parents and guardians. If you missed the collection deadline, 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.**

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.**



Sunday, October 19th Roy Stephenson announced that he and DJ have begun making plans towards his retirement. He also shared that in addition to his cardiac issues and knee surgery he is

no longer able to maintain the stamina and energy he feels he needs to continue his ministry.

They haven't decided on the exact departure date but will let us know once they have finalized their plans as to where they will be living.



NO Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal

The November fifth Sunday is the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day and the majority of the members who did approach Lula said they would be spending time with their family. They will be either be out of town or busy preparing family Thanksgiving dinner.



Our prayers and condolences are extended to Connie and the family of Ed Diaz. It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Ed Diaz on Tuesday, October 28th. He suffered a heart attack.

Interment of his remains has been scheduled for November 26th at 1:30 pm at the Georgia National Cemetery for military veterans of the US armed forces and their families located at 1080 Scott Hudgens Dr., Canton, Georgia. For more details on the exact location, you can call (770) 479-9300.