

CORNERSTONE
CHURCH

Church Profile

Location:

Andrews, NC is a rural, small town in Cherokee County in the NC mountains. The surrounding mountains are very picturesque. There are many people who have second homes and come up to Cherokee County in the summer and fall from places like Florida and Georgia. At one time, Andrews was a thriving town economically, but many of the jobs were factory jobs and most of the factories have closed down since around the 1980's onward. Some people have moved elsewhere when the factories closed.

Since COVID, some people who had second homes here have moved up full-time and currently there is a strong housing market with a lot of construction activity going on. Home sales peaked from July, 2022 through October, 2023 and have slowed down a bit since then, but it's most likely due to the low inventory of available homes. More people want to move to this area than can find a house.

History:

Cornerstone Community Church, formerly First Assembly of God, Andrews, was founded in March of 1987 when an AG church in Hayesville decided to plant a church in Andrews, since they had members from the Andrews area. Initially, it met in various locations in the downtown area of Andrews. The church had owned a building on Main Street in Andrews, but there was a concern about the safety of children possibly running into the traffic, plus there was limited parking available. The church building was sold around 2008 and the current property was purchased. There had been blueprints made years prior for a new building, and they were modified, and the building was built. We moved in the new building in May of 2009 and changed the name to Cornerstone Community Church.

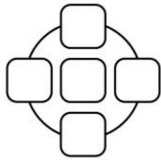
Population and Demographics:

The 28901 ZIP Code, where Andrews is located, has the following demographics, as of 2022 Census Estimates:

- Estimated population: 5,560
- Median Age: 46.6
- Households: 2,172
- Education attainment: Some High School: 254, High School Graduates: 1,431, Some College: 641, Associates: 477, Bachelors: 732, Graduate or Professional Degree: 334
- Average Household Income: \$61,528
- Average Home Value: \$182,638 (most likely much higher in the current market)

Climate:

- The summer temperatures rise to the high 80's and occasionally into the low 90's during the day, and in the 60's at night. Fall weather sees highs in the 70's and lows in the 40's. We have four full seasons.



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Winters are generally mild, but temperatures can drop to single digits on occasion. Normally, there isn't much snowfall in most areas. There are a good number of days that will reach the low 50's throughout the winter, so outdoor activities / work can be done.

Attractions and Highlights:

- Cherokee County consists of two main cities: Murphy and Andrews. Many tourists come here during the summer and fall to enjoy the mountains, including fishing, white water rafting and hiking. It's not far from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In Andrews, they regularly will block off Main Street or First Street for events featuring arts and craft vendors. Food Truck Friday is held twice a month in the summer and fall and draws a lot of people to it. Food vendors come and the people enjoy the wide variety of food served. Our church sets up canopies, tables and chairs for people to have a place to eat. We have people that will converse with the guests and often have signs indicating church events.

Church Information:

- We have a 3-member advisory board.
- There are 24 official members.
- About 50 people, including children, would consider us their home church.
- We average about 35 – 50 people on a Sunday, including children on a Sunday morning. Some people are only in the area seasonally.
- The income for 2023 was \$132,879. This was higher than average.
- Missions giving was \$13,045.
- We owe about \$79,000 on the mortgage of the building and have no other debt.
- The building is large and could seat over 250 people in the sanctuary. We have a large common area downstairs with classrooms and offices on each side.
- We have an outdoor playground.
- The church is on about 7 acres of land.
- We have an older house on the property. The worship leader and his family are currently living there, but plan to move out in August of 2024. We plan on renovating it with new kitchen cabinets and other improvements. It currently does not have central heating and air conditioning and we would like to put that in as well. The house and the nearby storage building's roofs needs to be re-shingled.