

AUGUST 30, 2020

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 basket.

Please do not hesitate to ask any of our members for assistance.

Wednesday Bible Study & Devotional cancelled until further notice

Please join us for evening service at 6:00 pm. September 6th service will be devoted to prayer requests.

Devotional classes at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays have been canceled until further notice. Next topic when we resume will be "Death and the 2nd Coming".

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 news, upcoming events, and 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 Nell Ard and Lula Williams.

Greeters
Sandy Parmer
Sheri Goodlet

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Jim Eubanks

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Jerry Queen

Scripture
Revelation 20: 1-6
Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:
"The Thousand Years"
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
John Dykema



You can entrust the times and seasons of your life to God.

People sometimes stress out if life doesn't go as they'd hoped or planned. For example, they may think they should be married by a certain age or have a certain amount of money in the bank or be retired by a certain time in life or wonder why loved ones die before they do. That our goals and agendas often go unmet underscores the fact that much in life is beyond our control. That's why the psalmist declared, "I trust in you, O Lord . . . My times are in your hand" Psalm 31:14-15)



4th Sunday Area Singing

The schedule for the 2020 quarterly area singing has been cancelled because of the uncertainty centered round the pandemic. We pray that the pandemic will be a thing of the past and we can resume area singing starting in February 2021. Until then, please continue to watch the bulletin for any changes. Please continue to be safe!

- We encourage everyone to continue to send cards to Wayne Ard. Because of the seriousness of his condition please contact Nell if you want to visit. He is under hospice care.

Wayne requested that we have another Sunday morning worship meeting at his home. Instead of Bible study last Sunday, eleven members including Wayne and Nell along with 8 of their neighbors and friends for a total of 29 met at 10:00 am in front of the Ard's home in Mineral Bluff for an uplifting sermon and songs heard throughout the mountainside for Wayne and Nell.

- Bill Smedlund released from Valley View Rehabilitation on August 13th
- Chuck Cathey continues to recuperate at home from several broken ribs after a motor cycle accident. Sept. 1st he will travel back to Gainesville for his doctor to check his healing progress.
- Sandy Parmer's three friends are positive for Covid-19 virus live in Spanish Fort, AL and she is requesting prayers for Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Betty) Rivers and their son, Rob.

- Another friend of Sandy, David Beck, has had a stroke.
- Darlene Queen's sister, Tonya Woltermothe, has cancer. Her aunt, Mavis Graves fell and broke her hip and hit her head causing a brain bleed (Springfield, Ohio). Her aunt, Mary Jo Dockery is in ICU in a hospital in Gainesville, GA.
- Chappy Chapman, former church member, who lives in Stockbridge, GA will start radiation soon for his lung cancer.
- Mike Terrill had bladder surgery in Pensacola, FL on August 21st.
- Dean Wray's stepmother, Rhoda Wray, is recovering from surgery following a broken hip.
- Mindy Scaffa is recovering from a torn meniscus. She twisted her knee but is not planning surgery.
- Stacey Packer's daughter Kristina was having severe headaches and had to have a tube placed to drain fluid from her brain. Once the fluid was removed she had surgery to remove the tube. She is stable and on antibiotics.
- Gail Garland, former church member, is having to delay visiting her son who is in the Navy stationed in Bahrain due to the coronavirus travel ban.
- Gail Garland's daughter, her two granddaughters and great granddaughter are quarantine due to exposure to the coronavirus. Social distancing is especially hard for her 2 year granddaughter.
- Alora asks for prayers for 3 year old TJ.

We are all in need of prayers as we manage our daily lives during these uncertain times and personal health issues.



REACH, Inc. – Community Project

The ladies made a commitment to supply the REACH, Inc. of Cherokee County domestic violence shelter with cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. **Please do not forget them when you are out shopping.** If you have items of clothing, children books, etc. to donate please place them in the bin provided in the pantry area or you can take them to the REACH office located behind the thrift store on HWY 64. We can always use some small tote bags and small travel size items to fill them with, e.g. combs, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, travel size toothpaste, deodorant, etc. for their clientele. Recommended size for the tote bags is 9”X9”. Put them on the table in the pantry and we will fill them as time permits.

If you would like to donate on a recurrent basis, please fill out the card on the back table. You can take the card directly by the office or give it to Lula to take for you.

Often the victims leave home with only the clothes on their back, so they are given clothes and furniture from the Thrift Store until they can get back on their feet. They can always use volunteers to help with some of their community outreach activities and local fundraiser events. Call the office at 828-837-2097 or 828-837-8064 for more information.



Fundraisers are needed to supplement government grants. The next major fundraiser is a “Duck Race” co-sponsored with Mountain True. Ducks are \$10 each.

Because of concern for public health safety regarding the spread of COVID-19, the race has been postponed. We will let you know the new date as soon as a decision is made.

Let Lula know if you want to purchase a duck from her or you can stop by the REACH office located on Hwy 64 across from the BB&T bank.



Extraordinary Women October 16-17 conference has been moved to Steele Creek Church Arrowood Campus, Charlotte, NC. A few of the speakers will be Laura Story - Christian music singer/ songwriter and author; Cissy Graham Lynch - granddaughter of Billy Graham and Karen Kingsbury, America's favorite inspirational author! **Registration cost of \$64 has been extended to August 31st,** unless there is another extension the cost is \$109. Purchases are non-refundable. Because of COVID-19 concerns they are giving you the option of attending in person or viewing a LIVE STREAMING. Please let Sheri Goodlet know what you prefer and share any concerns regarding attendance.

News and Announcements

Our church's weekly budget is set at \$1,296.00.

August 16 - \$1515.00 is over budget by \$219.00.

August 23 – \$605.00 is under budget by \$691.00

Special Worship at the Ard's - 29
Morning Worship Attendance – 21

Members are asked to please check their temperature before deciding to leave home and wearing a mask while inside is optional. Chairs have been set up to maintain social distancing in keeping with current guidelines. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes. STAY SAFE!

Please let Roy Stephenson know if you are ready to resume Wednesday evening services.

Wayne's Outreach Ministries



Because of his serious health issue, Wayne has not been able to continue his outreach programs. If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell, she can share contact information with you. Wayne has been the only person that some of these men have reaching out to them. They are sending some amazing words of encouragement as well as telling Wayne about the positive impact he has been on them. At Wayne's request, Nell will be continuing to correspond with some of these men since they truly have no

one else. Let her know if you have any questions.

If you need help getting started with WBS (World Bible Study) or know someone who has indicated an interest in WBS, please contact Roy Stephenson.

“Noon” Senior Center Class

The Senior Center is closed. Classes on Tuesdays are cancelled until further notice.



Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am has resumed.

*Because of the COVID-19 pandemic there was no Gospel Advocate for the summer. **The Fall issue is available. We will begin with the book of Genesis starting September 6th.** Please pick up a copy off the table in the back of the church. Please don't forget to bring your Bible and your questions.*

6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

We want to involve everyone who comes to the class. Once this critical time in our county ends, we will continue with the topic – “The 2nd Coming.” Come prepared to join in the discussion and share your thoughts.

We welcome your suggestions as to when you feel most comfortable to resume Wednesdays devotional as well any topic you would like to discuss

Just Christians



Come grow with us. If you have any questions or would like to start a home study, contact Roy Stephenson, Minister/Counselor. Phone (828) 557-8882 or email: murphychurchofchrist@yahoo.com

Do you need the help of the church to help strengthen you in your belief? Whatever you need, please join us each Sunday morning for Bible study followed by morning worship in prayer and song



August Birthdays

Lula Williams	12
Jordan Dockery	14
James (Chappie) Chapman	19
Chuck Cathey	24
Kristina Packer	27
Melvin Ryan	27
Betty Windsor	30
Sue Raber	31



August Wedding Anniversaries

Wayne and Nell Ard	2
Roy and Sheri Goodlet	12
Roy and DJ Stephenson	15
Chris Astoria	21
Melvin and Shirley Ryan	24

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.

Directory Updates

Contact Dean Wray if you need a picture taken for our picture directory located in the foyer.

Nell Ard is working to keep our directory notebook updated so let Dean know of any changes and he will share the information with her.



It was good to see David and Betty Windsor back with us. We missed you! Their directory information is

on the table in the back for our new members and for anyone who cannot find their copy.

A Night in Bethlehem

Roy Goodlet has summarized the responses to the survey regarding our participation in the annual Christmas community participation in "A Night in Bethlehem". No decision has been made on whether to have or cancel the event, but we want to be prepared. As we get more information, we will let you know our next step.

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal



August 30th

After morning worship on August 6th, we agreed to resume our 5th Sunday fellowship lunch. Dining tables will be set up to maintain 6-foot social distance.

Dean shared that there is some water damage to the floor in the fellowship room and the men's bathroom. Repairs are underway, so instead of using the fellowship room to set up Dean shared that

we would access the refrigerator and microwave in another room but would not have access to the stove. Attendance has been low because of the pandemic so social distancing has not been an issue.

Pantry Items



We need your help to restock our pantry. If no family or individual has made a special request; then, at the end of each month Lula pull items off the shelves and takes them to the Cherokee County Food Bank, Inc. in Andrews since they have access to the Cherokee County community at-large and average about 100 clients a week but has seen a three-fold increase in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and increase in unemployment. NOTE: **We give out food only if someone is here when an individual comes to the church.**

The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12. They have requested empty egg cartons so they can divide the large crates of eggs they receive from other organizations.

Hurlburt-Johnson (Homeless Shelter)

"Wish List"

The residents of the Hurlburt-Johnson Friendship House will conduct a bake sale (fund-raiser) soon (watch the bulletin for the date once it is confirmed) and would like the Murphy community to help provide their needs...listed below:

- *Aluminum foil (regular and heavy duty)
- *Plastic wrap

- *Baggies-sandwich, quart, gallon, storage, freezer
- *Chocolate Chips
- *Dried Cranberries
- *Old fashioned oatmeal
- *White Chocolate Chips
- *Sugar
- *Brown Sugar
- *Vanilla
- *Walnuts
- *Pan Spray
- *Butter, salted or unsalted
- *Bread flour

Please leave items on the table in the fellowship room. Dean Wray and Roy Goodlet will make sure they are delivered to the shelter.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF VIRUSES AND BACTERIA

- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with an alcohol content of 60% or more
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces frequently touched or wear gloves
- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or elbow to reduce spread of droplets
- Please wear a mask when you are outside amongst large crowds, especially if you are not feeling well or having symptoms, e.g. coughing, feeling tired and aching, etc.