

JANUARY 24, 2021

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 Sunday evening service at 6:00 pm. First Sunday is always set aside as a special evening of prayer.

Wednesday 6:00 PM devotional classes. We will be experimenting with a new format in February. We will give you a phone number and access code to dial in as part of a conference call.

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
DJ Stephenson

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Jim Eubanks

Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Dean Wray

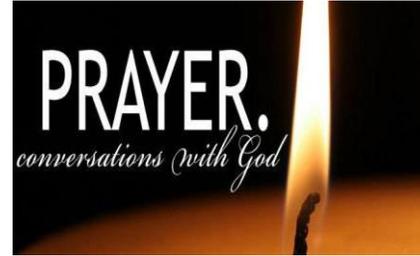
Scripture
Philippians 3: 10-11
Read by Nathan Goodlet

Sunday Sermon:
“I Want to ...”
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Robert Parmer

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.



- Keep Wayne, Nell and his parents in your prayers during this difficult time. Wayne is under hospice care, he has lost his vision and is slowly getting weaker due to the progression of the brain cancer complicated by the medications he takes to help keep him comfortable, but he remains in good spirit.

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- Sandy Parmer’s friend Betty Rivers is bed ridden in a nursing home in Alabama.

- 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 went home to Duckworth, TN. Justin Sutton, Darlene’s son, has swelling in his legs and had heart surgery January 21st in Gainesville, GA.

- Chappie Chapman, former church member, was diagnosed with lung cancer. He remains hopeful. Please let him know we are thinking of him.

- Mindy Scaffa shared that she has Chronic Kidney Disease. She has been scheduled for knee surgery and requests our prayers.

- Gail Garland went to South Africa to check on her grandsons born prematurely. Unfortunately the

smaller of her 4-month old grandsons died Jan. 11th while in surgery. If everything goes well, Gail should back in Georgia January 29th with the surviving grandson. We pray for a safe return.

- Mark Sanders, (Lee Sander’s cousin), please add him to your prayers. He had a heart attack and had to have stints put in.

- Lee Sanders broke his foot December 1st was scheduled for surgery. Now he is seeing a heart specialist and waiting for test results.

- Ute Chewning had surgery to remove the metal plate from her foot because of repeated infection and pain. She thanks you for prayers and wants you to know she is no longer in pain. Doctor will release her Feb. 4. Using walking boot until then. Infusions of antibiotics ended January 21st.

- Melvin Ryan is a diabetic and wearing shoes is painful at this time. It is always great to see him at Sunday worship services.

- Chris Moore who sings in Roy’s barbershop singing group is being treated for pneumonia complicated by Covid-19.

- Marsha Gifford, college friend of DJ Stephenson, has Covid-19, complicated with pneumonia, and blood clots. She lives in California.

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



REACH, Inc. – Community Project

The ladies made a commitment to supply the 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 (clean and in good condition), 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. Please contact the Thrift Store if you have furniture you want to donate and arrange pickup.

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.

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 pulls items off the shelves and take 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 or special arrangements have been made to meet someone.**

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

Toys for Tots



For the 2020 Cherokee County campaign, Toys for Tots gave out 1088 toys. If you wish to continue to donate

throughout the year or get more involved contact the local coordinator for Cherokee County, Barbara Hudson at bararahudson727@gmail.com for more information or visit the Toys for Tots website.

We can never have too many toys and Toys for Tots can always use the money to help supplement the toys donated. Bringing a smile to a child’s face will also bring a smile to your face.

News and Announcements

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

January 10 - \$525.00 is under budget by \$771.00.

January 17 – \$696.00 is under budget by \$600.00.

Sunday Bible Study – 12
Morning Worship Attendance – 20

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 pray that vaccines will be available soon to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes. STAY SAFE!

Wayne’s Outreach Ministries



If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell, she can share contact information with you. Wayne was the only person that some of these men had 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.

Wayne was also active with World Bible Study and had several people he was corresponding with. 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.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am.



The Winter issue of our Adult Bible Study is available. We began with the book of Genesis in September and will continue the winter series with the book of Genesis. 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

Roy Stephenson began in October a ten-week Wednesday night series devoted to a study of the Holy Spirit. We will have 1 more class on the Holy Spirit before we experiment with a new format in February. Some have indicated they have not attended evening activities because the weather creates a potential for black ice and multiple curves in the roads makes driving hazardous.

We will give you a phone number and access code so you can listen to the class and ask questions or comment on the lesson. When you dial in just follow the instructions to enter the conference call. When you hear welcome to the conference call, say your name so we know who is on the line.

If you have a topic you would like presented, please let Roy Stephenson know.

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.



January Birthdays

Louise Lopez	16
Wayne Ard	17
Michelle Dockery	26



January Wedding Anniversaries

Johnny and Sheila Queen	9
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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.

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.

Building Maintenance

Repairs for water damage in the fellowship room and bathrooms are now completed.

Dean reminded us that he has several other projects that require attention to help maintain the building, so if you want to help please let him know.



Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gail Garland, former member of our congregation, and her family. She had twin grandson born prematurely four months ago by surrogate in South Africa. Unfortunately, the smaller twin died Jan. 11th while in surgery and was cremated. Gail is planning to leave South Africa January 28th to fly back to the USA and because of the time and distance, they should arrive January 29th in Atlanta.

If you want to contact Gail, Alora has provided her address posted on the bulletin board.



January 31st Fellowship Meal

January has 5 Sundays so we will have a fellowship meal immediately after morning worship on January 31st. Our congregation is small so keep that in mind when preparing and selecting what you want to share. Safety of our members and visitors is key to having the fellowship. Should anything change we will make an announcement.



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.
- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or elbow to reduce spread of droplets.
- Wear a mask when you are out amongst the public or large crowd, it helps to prevent the spread of the virus. Make sure your mask covers your nose and mouth.

- If you are not feeling well or having symptoms e.g., coughing, feeling tired, aching, have a temperature, etc. stay home and if symptoms get worst contact your physician.

Please continue the CDC's guidelines for your health and protection for those around you.



Prayer time is the right time to forgive. When you come to the Lord in prayer, it's the perfect time to examine your heart. "Whenever you stand praying," Jesus said, "Forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11: 25-26). Have you revived an old grudge? If anything along these lines has cropped up in your mind, it's time to forgive that person who has stirred your heart in the wrong way. Ask God to replace your resentments with his love.

