

**JUNE 14, 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 don't hesitate to ask any of our members for assistance.

**Wednesday Bible Study cancelled until further notice**

The first Sunday of the month is set aside for a special Prayer Meeting at 6:00 pm.

**Please note that 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming".

**Website:** [murphychurchofchrist.com](http://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 and upcoming events.



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 Wayne Ard and Lula Williams.

**Greeters**

Sheri Goodlet  
DJ Stephenson

**Welcome/Song Leader**

Jerry Queen

**Opening Prayer**

Jim Eubanks

**Lord's Supper Thoughts**

Roy Stephenson

**Scripture**

**Matthew 16: 13-20**

Read by Dean Wray

**Sunday Sermon:**

**Keys to the Kingdom**

By Roy Stephenson

**Announcements**

Roy Goodlet

**Closing Prayer**

Roy Goodlet

**GOD Wants You to Know . . .**

**Patience embraces life's learning**



**curves.** *Have you ever taught a child to spell his or name, tie a shoe, or ride a bike? It's exciting to watch children keep trying until they "get it." If only we could be as patient with ourselves in the tests and trials and learning curves of life! We'd be in good shape. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer," the Apostle Paul tells us (Romans 12:12). So remind yourself today-as life's lessons come at you in their various forms-to be patient with your circumstances, and especially with yourself.*

 **News and Announcements**

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

**May 31** - \$1,435.00 is over budget by \$139.00.

**June 7** - \$1,100.00 is under budget by \$196.00.

**Morning Worship Attendance** – 25

We have resumed Bible study, morning, and evening worship inside. You will notice that the chairs have been placed 6-feet apart in keeping with current guidelines. We resumed Sunday evening services last week with our first Sunday evening prayer meeting. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes. STAY SAFE!

**We still are not ready to resume Wednesday evening services.**

Please contact Roy Stephenson if you have any suggestions or questions going forward.



Wayne Ard is seriously ill and we encourage everyone to send cards.

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Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> there were approximately 22 people present at the home of Wayne and Nell Ard in Mineral Bluff, GA. for an outdoor service. Because of the seriousness of his condition please contact Nell if

you want to visit and she will let you know when they can safely have visitors. Wayne tires easily and will not be able to fight off any infections.

His father did an excellent job coordinating the attendance. As Wayne always says he wants prayers for strength for himself and Nell.

**World Bible Class (WBS)**



Wayne Ard has a prison ministry and was also assisting some who have indicated an interest with WBS. Because of his serious health issue, he has not been able to continue his outreach programs. If you need help getting started 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.** *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.*

**For the spring quarter we are studying from the book of Hebrews.** *Please continue to read your Gospel Advocate study guide book.*

## 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](mailto: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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.” The next discussion will focus on “Death and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming”. Come prepared to join in the discussion and share your thoughts.



### June Birthdays

JoEllen Wilkins	4
Sheila Queen	5



### June Wedding Anniversaries

Ronald and JoEllen Wilkins	6
Jerry and Darlene Queen	7
Dan and Glenda Kirby	13
Jim and Sybil Eubanks	19
Glenn and Eva Wilkins	27

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.

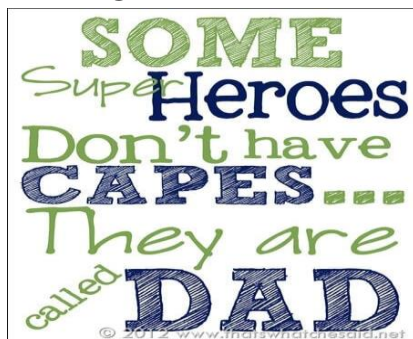


June 20<sup>th</sup> officially marks the first day of summer but high temperatures along high humidity are here now.

Please stay hydrated (drink plenty of water and do not spend too much time outside especially during high humidity warning.) Don't forget your sunscreen.

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June 21<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate and thank our fathers (biological and mentors)



Though Father's Day was not made a national holiday until 1972, the efforts of one woman in Washington sparked a movement to celebrate dads long before then. Do you know who this was?

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton. The service was to honor all fathers, especially those hundreds who were killed during a devastating mine explosion in Monongah (just a few miles from Fairmont) the previous year. However, the observance did not become an annual event, and it was no promoted – very few outside the local area knew about it.

### 4th Sunday Area Singing



The schedule for the quarterly area singing is posted on the bulletin board by the picture directory. If you enjoy singing, then you will enjoy hearing more voices singing familiar songs and maybe a few new to you.

Light refreshments will be served immediately following each area singing. This will give you an opportunity to meet members from the surrounding churches.

### Future dates and locations:

- June 28 – Andrews
- August 23 – Franklin
- October 25 – Murphy

### 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 will pull 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 an increase in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and increase in unemployment. NOTE: Our pantry is small, so we try not to over stock and we give out food only if someone is here when an individual comes to the church.

March 25<sup>th</sup> Lula took all food items to the Cherokee County Food Bank in Andrew's. The bank is opened to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12. They have requested empty egg carts to divide the large donations they receive from other organizations.



### 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. 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.

There is also a small donation jar on the table in the back of the church if you would prefer to give money. 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. 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 bank.

Because of concern for public health safety regarding the spread of COVID-19, **the date was rescheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> at the ball field in Andrews.** The Director of the local REACH, Inc. was contacted to let her know that Andrews has rescheduled their 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities to July 5<sup>th</sup> so the staff are discussing what to do for their fundraiser. There are flyers on the back table with more details. **As things continue to evolve please check the bulletin for updates.**



### International Year of the Nurse

**This year has been deemed the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife by the World Health Organization.**

Especially during this worldwide health crisis, it is important to acknowledge nurses, all healthcare workers and support staff as they are on the front line of battle daily to care for those not only stricken with this deadly virus, but also other patients who require care in hospitals, schools, nursing homes, urgent care centers and even in remote triage centers being set up all over this country.

As we continue efforts to maintain some symbolism of normalcy we continue to identify others who are working hard to take care of our loved ones and ourselves, e.g. first responders, grocery store workers, restaurant owners who provide food to those in need, food banks, etc. I am sure you can think of more who need our prayers and thanks.



### **THINGS YOU CAN DO**

According to the CDC here is how you can practice infection control to help stop the spread of all 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 eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home when sick
- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or elbow to reduce spread of droplets
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces.