

JANUARY 19, 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.

Evening Worship and Bible Study

First Sunday of each month is a special Prayer Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. We are currently studying the book of James. Bring your Bible and your questions for an informative class.

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 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

DJ Stephenson
Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Stephenson

Opening Prayer

Dean Wray

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Wayne Ard

Supper Servants

Dean Wray
Jerry Queen

Scripture

Acts 10: 34-43

Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:

Like MLK, Jr.

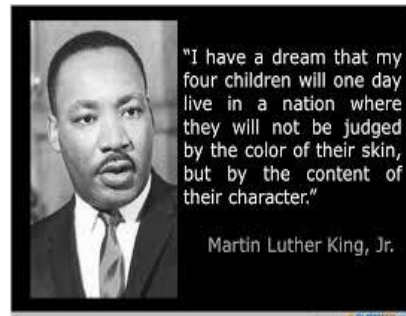
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Stephenson

Closing Prayer

Jerry Queen



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 clients. Recommended size for the tote bag 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 it directly by the office or give it to Lula to take for you.

Other fundraisers are always being planned. Fundraisers are needed to supplement government grants. Let's continue to help them keep up the good work and keep them in your prayers.

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 828-837-8064 for more information.

World Bible Class (WBS)



Wayne Ard has a prison ministry and is also assisting some who have indicated an interest with WBS. If you need help getting started or know someone who has indicated an interest, please contact Roy Stephenson.



Hope and Comfort

May God's Word be your guide today and every day of your life.



Condolences

JoAnn Miller, Jana Stephenson Miller's mother-in-law died January 11th after short stay in hospice. Funeral was Saturday, January 18th in Huntsville, Alabama. Please keep the Miller and Stephenson family in your prayer during this time of grief.

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.

"Noon" Senior Center Class

Held on Tuesdays starting at 12:30 in the Penland Bldg., 69 Alpine, in downtown Murphy. You are welcome to attend. For more information contact Roy Stephenson.

6:00 PM Wednesday Devotional

We want to involve everyone who comes to the class. We hope you have a renewed excitement for the upcoming lessons in 2020. Bring your Bible, ask questions and comments in a verse-by-verse study through James. **We are currently in chapter 5 verse 12 of the book of James.**

We look forward to YOU being a part of our study and discussion.



Ladies Fellowship!!

We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to help our church family grow and to strengthen our fellowship. If you have a suggestion please let Sheri Goodlet know so we can pursue bringing it to the congregation's attention.



Secret Sisters

We will resume next year for the summer please continue to check the bulletin for the 2020 dates.



Sunday Morning Bible Study starts at 10:00 am

Please make plans to join us on Sundays. **Our Winter series is entitled "Peter in Acts."** Please pick up a copy of the Gospel Advocate study guide book located on the table in the back of the church auditorium.

After class there is coffee. This time is allotted to fellowship before worship service begins.



January Birthdays

Wayne Ard	17
Michelle Dockery	26



January Wedding Anniversaries

Johnny and Sheila Queer	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.

Pantry Items

Please let Roy Stephenson know if you know of someone who has a need. Please check the expiration dates of food items



for a long shelf-life for it may be awhile before an item is donated but if you know of a specific need please let us know. If the item is close to expiring Lula will pull them off the shelves and Roy will take them

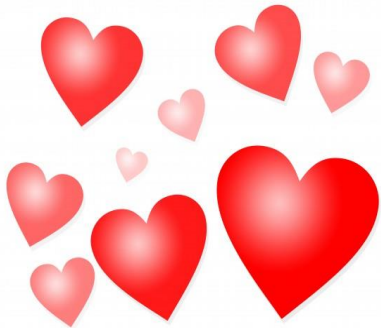
to the homeless shelter, if no family, individual or special requests have been made.

NOTE: Our pantry is small, so we try not to over stock and we don't have anyone to check the pantry daily or give out items. **Currently, we are running low on pasta (Mac & Cheese) and cereal and boxes of milk with long shelf life e.g. parmalait, rice milk, etc.**

PLEASE NO PERISHABLE ITEMS, e.g. loaves of bread or baked goods because they increase the potential for bugs, and they lose their freshness within a short time span.

Take Care of Your Sweetheart

We are half-way through the month of January so look at the calendar and the next day we tend to focus on is **February 14th, Valentine's Day.**



LET GOD HEAL YOUR PAINFUL PAST

One man said to his friend: "Say, you look depressed. What are you thinking about?" "My future," was the quick answer. "What makes it look so hopeless?" "My past."

Many of us cannot shake unpleasant experiences or failures in our past, and some of us let that affect our future.

If you are a believer in Christ, I believe the Holy Spirit is doing all He can to give you a dream of a better future. Many of you who have had what you believed to be God-given dreams of a better future have seen your dreams fade or even die. You may have experienced the pain of a dream never realized. That pain may have crushed all of your hope of a better future. There may be numerous reasons as to why dreams die, but why aren't you dreaming a new dream? Maybe you don't want to be set up for another disappointment. But listen, sometimes former dreams must be allowed to die so that new dreams can be given room to become reality.

In your eyes who are you? Is your identity based on your painful past? More importantly, in God's eyes who are you? If you are a believer in Christ, God sees you as a mighty warrior, a soldier of the cross.

In his book, "No More Mr. Nice Guy," Stephen Brown tells the story of an eagle egg that somehow got into a chicken coop. "The mother hen realized the egg was somewhat larger than the other eggs, but after all, she was a mother, so she sat on it. The eagle hatched and for weeks played the chicken game. The eagle

knew he was different; he knew that the other chickens thought he was different, and they only tolerated him. He tried to eat off the floor of the chicken coop like the other chickens, but it never felt right. He tried to walk like a chicken and talk like a chicken and squawk like a chicken, but he could never quite pull it off. Sometimes the eagle would look up in the sky and wonder what was on the other side of the clouds. He would say to his fellow chickens, 'Don't you ever wonder what's up there in the sky, or what's on the other side of the mountains?' The other chickens would look at him like the elevator didn't go up to the top floor. But he never stopped wondering and asking questions. Then one day the eagle looked up in the sky and saw a speck. The speck grew larger and larger until the eagle realized that it was a creature like himself, an eagle. He heard the creature call loudly, and the call echoed against the chicken coop. At that moment, the eagle knew he wasn't a chicken. He knew he was an eagle. He flapped his wings and began to fly, and soon he was soaring above the clouds. The problem with the eagle wasn't just that everyone thought he was a chicken. His real problem was that he thought he was a chicken."

Take your painful past today and give it to Jesus. Let Him give you a new name.

By Roy Goodlet (excerpt from Cherokee Scout July 2019)

