

FEBRUARY 16, 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. Topic for this week is “Christians In A Changing World” 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 Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Wayne Ard

Lord’s Supper Thoughts

Roy Stephenson

Supper Servants

Woody Scaffa
Jerry Queen

Scripture

John 10: 7-15

Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:

Belonging to Jesus

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Dean Wray



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 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 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.

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Phillipians 4:13

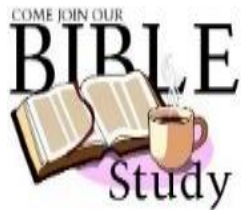
“Noon” Senior Center Class

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.



Secret Sisters

We will resume for the summer in a few months so 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.” Ends February 23rd. Starting March 1st we will be studying from the book of Hebrews.** 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.

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.

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. Topic for this week is “Christians In A Changing World.” Bring your Bible, we want you to ask questions and make comments. **This week we will start a new topic – read Jeremiah 1:5 and come prepared to join in the discussion.**

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



4th Sunday Area Singing

Mark your calendar for **February 23rd** to be at the Hayesville COC by 2:30 pm for the start of the 2020 quarterly area singing.

Light refreshments will be served immediately following the singing. This will give you an

opportunity to meet members from the surrounding churches.



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.



February Birthdays

Dan Kirby	1
Michael Sutton, Jr.	10
Bill Ellis	13
Stacy Packer	24
Tori Dockery	26



February Wedding Anniversaries

David and Joyce Ellis	8
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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, e.g. spaghetti, Mac & Cheese and cereal, boxes of milk with long shelf life e.g. Parmalat, 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.



Bunch, an African American educator and historian.

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent.

The theme for Black History Month 2020 is 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) which gave the right of black men to vote following the Civil War. It also marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. Black History & The Right to Vote For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist and editor Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded to a month. Since then, U.S. presidents have proclaimed February as National African American History Month

We ought to look back during this year's Black History Month and remember black pioneers such as Hiram Revels and Blanche K. Bruce, who were elected to the U.S. Senate in 1870 and 1874, respectively.

Students may also delight in reading about Solomon G. Brown, a Republican member of the then-House of Delegates for the District of Columbia from 1871 to 1874 and the first African American employee of the Smithsonian Institution. Today, we can take pride in the fact that the secretary of the Smithsonian is Lonnie

February 17th



Did You Know?

President's Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives —George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.

If That Isn't Love

By Roy Goodlet

At Calvary God was asked to forgive a major debt. He was asked to forgive the people who were murdering His Son. It was Jesus who was asking God to do the forgiving. In His darkest moment Jesus became close to His Father. He knew that He was not alone. He prayed and said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Could you have done that? Probably not, because many of us cannot forgive someone else.

Jesus began by simply saying, "Father, forgive them..." It was a simple prayer with a lot of meaning. It was a petition to God. This had to be a hard prayer for God to grant. Just put yourself in His place. Your Son, who for the past three years has shown these people only love, peace and kindness is asking you to forgive the people who have nailed Him to a cross. As a human you want revenge. You want to believe in "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, and blood for blood." You don't want to forgive them, even if your son asks you to.

Jesus is also praying for you and me and every other sinner. That's right, you and me! Our sins put Him on the cross, and if we had been present, we might have been part of the crowd that was holding the nails. We might have clapped and cheered with the rest of them. Now, the One we put on the cross is intervening in our behalf. He is pleading for our forgiveness.

When Jesus prayed, He brought two major facts to light. #1. Our greatest need is to be forgiven. #2.

Jesus has a great love for sinners. Jesus' prayer depicts a love that only God could have. John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Without forgiveness, one must forever be lost and cannot enter into eternal life. And if you think you are so sinful that God could never forgive you then remember this. If Jesus can forgive those responsible for killing Him, then He can forgive you! Jesus teaches us, that no one is ever beyond the reach of prayer, and no one is beyond the reach of His forgiveness. Be baptized and let Jesus forgive you of your sins. (Acts 2:38 and Acts 22:16)

