

DECEMBER 29, 2019

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

There will be **no Sunday evening service** tonight, December 29th.

No Wednesday evening Bible study on January 1st.

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
D J Stephenson
Sheri Goodlet

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Jerry Queen

Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Philip Goodlet

Supper Servants
Roy Stephenson
Jerry Queen

Scripture
Acts 20:17-24
Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:
Paul’s Farewell Sermon
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Wayne Ard



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)

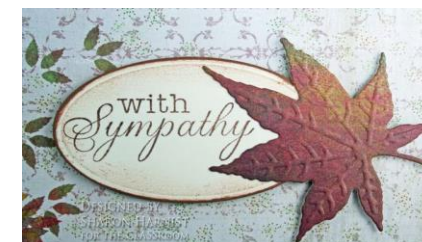


Wayne Ard has a prison ministry and is also assisting some who have indicated an interest with WBS. If you need help getting started or know someone who has indicated an interest, please contact Roy Stephenson.



Hope and Comfort

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



Condolences

Last Sunday Roy Stephenson announced that his sister Sandra Kelley died suddenly on December 21st in Douglas, GA.. Plans are incomplete at this time regarding funeral arrangements. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this time of grieving their lost.

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.

No 6:00 PM Wednesday Devotional

Because of the holidays there will be no devotional for Wednesday January 1st.

We want to involve everyone who comes to the class, so please use this time to read and study ahead, to contribute to the class and ask questions and comment in a verse-by-verse study through James. **We are currently finishing the last few verses in James chapter 4 and will begin chapter 5.**

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



Sunday Fellowship lunch

Today, December 29th is our 5th Sunday fellowship meal. Immediately following worship service we will gather together to share good food and most importantly good fellowship. Let's end 2019 with friends and family as we get ready for 2020. If you did not bring anything please join us. We always have plenty. We don't want to have to take food home . . . please stay!!

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.



January Birthdays

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.

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 canned meats.**

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.



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.



Mike and Jennifer Lugiawicz have a wonderful **Christmas light show with music** at their home at 3351 Harshaw Road in Murphy. The shows run about 30 minutes each and are **Mon-Thurs from 6-10 pm, Fri. and Saturday 6-11 pm through the New Year's Eve. No show if it's raining.** All donations are going to Cherokee County Toys for Tots.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

***WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU, FAMILY AND
FRIENDS.***



May you enjoy the spirit of Christmas giving all year. Know that the life you live produces outcomes, even if you are not aware of it.

BLESSING Prayer

*May you be filled with the wonder of Mary;
The obedience of Joseph; the joy of the angels;
The eagerness of the shepherds; the determination of the magi;
And the peace of the Christ Child.
And may the blessings of Almighty God---
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit---
Be with you always. Amen*

New Year's Resolution A Fresh Start?

*Happy
New Year*

What will the new year bring?

Read Matthew 12:33-37

The life that you live produces outcome, even if you are not aware of it. Our behavior, our actions, the manner that we speak or respond, all produce something. The production is positive or negative.

The Christian life is a challenge each day and it is far from being easy to live. We will falter and stumble but mercy will cover us, if we repent and strive to live as Christ. This should be our daily goal and remain in the forefront of our mind.

If our life reflects Christ, our fruits will draw others to him. Our examples will cause others to wonder why we are different. It is a daily renewing and focussing of our mind.

---Sheri Kretzschmar, Guatemala

