

JANUARY 26, 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
Jerry Queen

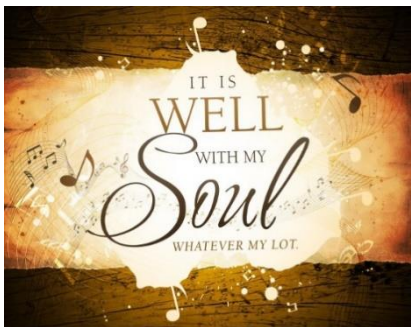
Supper Servants
Roy Stephenson
Roy Goodlet

Scripture
Philippians 4:10-13
Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:
How to be Content
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 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.



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.

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. Topic for this week is "Christians In A Changing World" Bring your Bible, ask questions and comments.

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.



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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 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.



Commander's Award

Last year was our first year to take part in the Toys for Tots program and Roy Goodlet challenged us to double our donation for 2019. Lula shared we tripled our donation from 2 bags to 6 bags. For our efforts the Murphy Church of Christ received the Commander's Award Certificate. (see table in the alco)

"Thank you for your outstanding support of the 2019 Cherokee County NC Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Your generous

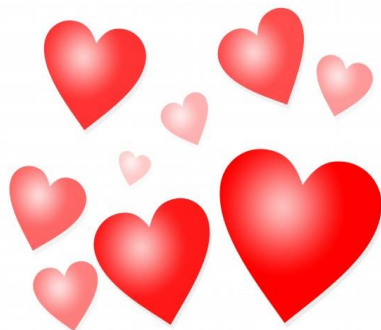
contributions have enabled the Marine Corps to bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children".

David G. Bellon
Lieutenant General Commander,
Marine Forces Reserve

Don Slife
Coordinator, U.S. Marine Corps
Reserve. Toys for Tots Program.

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.**



A Big Step of Faith

By Roy Goodlet

In Florida I was the minister at the Grove Park Christian Church for 14 years. During that time, I was able to see what other churches in the area were doing. There were two churches in our county that seemed to be what I would call dysfunctional. They would have good times and bad times. Ministers were coming and going every few years. In my own mind I said, "I would never want to be the minister of either one of those churches." After my 14 years at Grove Park I was asked if I would come and take on a part-time position at one of those churches. About 10 years ago I was asked to be the interim minister at the other church. And who ever said God doesn't have a sense of humor?

Let me tell you how the first church went from dying to growing. The leadership took a bold move to step out on faith, and to say it was accepted by everyone would not be the truth, but that bold move saved the church, and today it is a growing church with a sense of vitality. They sold their church building. They changed their name. They rented a large area in a strip mall, because they did not have the money to build on the property they owned. To summarize what they did, they

buried the old church and birthed a new one.

The purpose of any church is not to enjoy what you have, or to be content with the way things are, but to rebuild walls of ministry to a lost and dying world. And, it may take a huge step of faith to do so.

We can summarize the ministry of any church with 5 words that start with the letter "P." Property, the Purposes of God, Programs, Personnel and Prayer. In what order of importance would you put these subjects so your church can be all God would have it to be?

I believe you would agree with me that the first two would be the Purposes of God and Prayer. After that Personnel and Programs are important, and I believe the least important is Property. I am not saying we should not put an importance on having our church Property look nice and fully functional, but many churches cannot move forward when they make Property their number one issue of importance. They love their Property so much that they would put it before the Purposes of God.

This reminds me of the new preacher in a church of about 200 people. His prayers were, "God get the obstacles that hinder us from growing out the way." They immediately fell to 100 people, and then the church grew to about 2000. I am not saying you should weed out people whose faith is not as strong as others in any church family, but I am saying that any church needs to keep its eyes on the purpose of the church.

By the way, the second church is presently making a similar bold move of faith.