

DECEMBER 15, 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

First Sunday of each month is a special Prayer Meeting at 6:00 pm. **Evening worship service is every Sunday at 6:00 pm unless otherwise announced.**

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. We are currently studying the book of James. Since many will be with family and friends or out of town, we will not meet December 25th and January 1st. Please enjoy your time with family and friends.

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
Jim Eubanks

Opening Prayer
Wayne Ard

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Roy Goodlet

Supper Servants
Roy Stephenson
Jerry Queen

Scripture
Luke 2:4-15
Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:
Beyond the Manger
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

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. For the holidays they have a Christmas angel donation fund up until December 23rd, please stop by the center to give your donation. 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.

Dec. 15th Card Writing



Mark your calendar to stay after morning worship to help Wayne and Nell with their annual card writing prison ministry. They will provide the cards and stamps they ask that you add notes of encouragement to those designated to receive a card. It is also a time for fellowship while enjoying Wayne and Nell's homemade soup (yummy) and a way to share Christmas cheers

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.

December 17th please join us to sing some Christmas carols to help bring some cheer and good wishes for happy holidays.

6:00 PM Wednesday Devotional

We are currently studying the New Testament book of James. Please bring your study Bible, Bible dictionary, and/or commentary (on the New Testament or on the book of James).

We want to involve everyone who comes to the class, so please read and study ahead, to contribute to the class and ask questions and comment in a verse-by-verse study through James. **We will end with James 4 this Wednesday so we can begin in James 5.**

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

Acts 17: 11 tells us –

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if those things were so.” those things were so.”



Toys For Tots

This is our second year as a congregation supporting Toys for Tots. The 2019 campaign began October 1st and will end December 23, 2019. Last year we donated three bags of toys and **our goal for this year was to donate four bags and you accepted the challenge and we succeeded our goal by donating six bags of toys.**

Distribution to the families was December 13 and 14 just in time for Christmas. Distribution center was the warehouse in Peachtree across from the hospital.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

Wayne’s Feed Store – A raffle is being held to benefit Toys for Tots and Warriors Veteran Outreach. Tickets are \$2.00, buy 5 tickets get 6th free – 6 for \$10, 12 for \$20. **Drawing will be held December 16th so if you have a ticket - good luck!**

Mike and Jennifer Lugiewicz 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 this year.

Encourage your family and friends to buy raffle ticket, see the light show and support Toys for Tots.

Many of the children of Cherokee County will have a brighter and happier Christmas thanks to you, for without our volunteers and donations this campaign would not have been made possible.



Thank you for your participation, without our volunteers, this campaign would not be possible.



Ladies Fellowship!

Saturday, Dec. 7th four of the ladies went shopping at the Town Center Mall in Kennesaw,

Ga. After shopping they went to lunch at Applebee’s for more fellowship. It was a beautiful day!

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.



December Birthdays

Ronald Wilkins	1
Jerry Queen	5
Sheri Goodlet	13



December Wedding Anniversaries

Ed and Sue Raber	22
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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.



Secret Sisters

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

Happy holidays and enjoy your time with family and friends.



Night in Bethlehem



October 22nd, the Community met to discuss plans for this year's 'Bethlehem, A Night to Remember' event. The date for the event was Saturday, December 14th. The location was the fair grounds at the Mountain Folk Center, 9275 Hwy 64 West headed toward the Tennessee border.

It was open to the public from 4:00 until 8:00 pm. Special thanks to those who came to the fairgrounds to help with our booth display and crafts for the children.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to help make this a success, especially Roy and Sheri Goodlet, Dean Wray, Roy Stephenson and Jim Eubanks for representing us during the planning process. **We hope to make this an annual event so hang on to those costumes!**

Pantry Items

Please let Roy Stephenson know of anyone 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 canned soups and meat.**

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, donuts or other pastries. This time is allotted to fellowship before worship service begins.



Christmas is 10 days away. We wish you good cheers with family and friends!

Think about the true meaning of Christmas and why you are getting together with family and friends.

Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of family and community; for the ties that bind us to one another

in sickness and health, in joy and sorrow, through the wilderness and mountaintop.

We stand in gratitude of the sacrifice Christ made for us all. It is the best gift from God!



5th Sunday Fellowship lunch

December 29th is the 5th Sunday so please mark your calendar to bring your favorite food dish to share. Let's end 2019 with friends and family as we get ready for 2020.