

OCTOBER 4, 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 box.

Please do not hesitate to ask any of our members for assistance.

Please join us for Sunday evening service at 6:00 pm. **First Sunday is set aside for special evening of prayer.**

Wednesday 6:00 PM devotional classes will resume starting October 7th. Other dates and information included under News and Announcements section.

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, upcoming events, and articles by Roy Goodlet



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 Nell Ard and Lula Williams.

Greeters
Lula Williams
Sandy Parmer

Welcome/Song Leader
Jim Eubanks

Opening Prayer
Roy Stephenson

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Jerry Queen

Scripture
Romans 12: 6-10
Read by David Windsor

Sunday Sermon:
"Gifts That Differ"
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Dean Wray

Closing Prayer
Dean Wray

God's Heavenly Light

"Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." JOHN 8:12 (RSV)

AS WE ENTER into autumn and the shortening of daylight hours, it is the perfect time to turn our focus to the Light of the world. Thank God for His many blessings and ask for His guidance in how you might help spread His great light to those around you.

Dear Lord, when the world seems to be getting darker – help us hold fast to Your bright love.



4th Sunday Area Singing

The schedule for the 2020 quarterly area singing has been cancelled because of the uncertainty centered round the pandemic. **The Murphy congregation will not be hosting as planned for in October.** We pray that the pandemic will be a thing of the past and we can resume area singing starting in February 2021.



Please continue to send cards to Wayne and Nell with words of encouragement. Because of the seriousness of his condition please contact Nell if you want to visit. He is under hospice care.

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- Chuck Cathey continues to recuperate from several broken ribs after a motor cycle accident. It is always great to see him at morning worship service.
- Sandy Parmer's three friends are positive for Covid-19 virus live in Spanish Fort, AL and she is requesting prayers for Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Betty) Rivers and their son, Rob.
- Another friend of Sandy, David Beck, has had a stroke.
- Darlene Queen's sister, Tonya Woltermothe, has cancer. Her aunt,

Mavis Graves fell and broke her hip and hit her head causing a brain bleed (Springfield, Ohio). Her aunt, Mary Jo Dockery went home to Duckworth, TN.

- Chappie Chapman, former church member, who lives in Stockbridge, GA is receiving radiation treatment for his lung cancer. The chemo is taking its' toll on him but he remains hopeful
- Caron Terrill's father died on September 2nd. The family is dealing with legal issues regarding her father's estate. We pray that all goes well.
- Mindy Scaffie is recovering from a torn meniscus. She twisted her knee and in therapy in the hopes of avoiding surgery.
- Stacey Packer's daughter Kristina is slowly recovering after having fluid removed from her brain that was causing severe headaches. She is stable and has completed a course of antibiotics.
- Gail Garland has finally been able to visit her son who is in the Navy stationed in Bahrain. We pray for safe travel and a great visit with her son.
- Gail Garland's daughter, two granddaughters and great granddaughter are experiencing a deal of stress centered around social distancing and it is especially hard for her 2 year granddaughter.
- Alora asks for prayers for 3 year old TJ.

We are all in need of prayers as we manage our daily lives during these uncertain times in our country, the world and personal health issues.

REACH, Inc. – Community Project

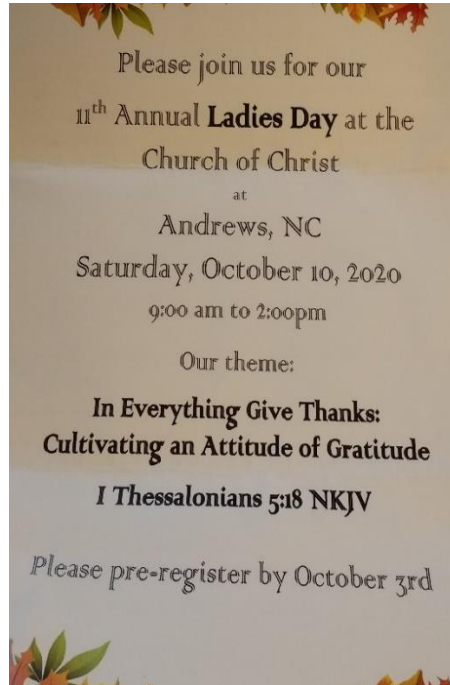
The ladies made a commitment to supply the Cherokee County domestic violence shelter with cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. **Please do not forget them when you are out shopping.** If you have items of clothing, children books, etc. to donate please place them in the bin provided in the pantry 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 clientele. 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. **Please contact the Thrift Store if you have furniture you want to donate and arrange pickup.**

If you would like to donate on a recurrent basis, please fill out the card on the back table. You can take the card directly by the office or give it to Lula to take for you.

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 828-837-2097 or 828-837-8064 for more information.

Extraordinary Women October 16-17 conference has been moved to Steele Creek Church Arrowood Campus, Charlotte, NC. A few of the speakers will be Laura Story - Christian music singer/ songwriter and author; Cissy Graham Lynch - granddaughter

of Billy Graham and Karen Kingsbury, America's favorite inspirational authors. Because of COVID-19 concerns the program will be virtual LIVE STREAMING. Sheri Goodlet is checking for a location that has WIFI access that will accommodate a small group.



We hope you had a chance to fill out the registration form on the back table and mailed it in by October 3rd. They need a count to order your T-shirt size, have enough handouts and food. **There is no cost for this event.** Guest speaker will be Susan Davis from Mt. Airy Georgia. They ask that we wear a mask and they will have extras if you need one.

We will carpool from our church parking lot at 8:15 AM. If you need a ride please let DJ Stephenson know so we know to wait for you.

News and Announcements

Our church's weekly budget is set at \$1,296.00.

September 20 - \$922.00 is under budget by \$374.00.

September 27 – \$585.00 is under budget by \$711.00

Sunday Bible Study - 12
Morning Worship Attendance – 23

Members are asked to please check their temperature before deciding to leave home and wearing a mask while inside is optional. Chairs have been set up to maintain social distancing in keeping with current guidelines. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes. STAY SAFE!

Wayne's Outreach Ministries



If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell, she can share contact information with you. Wayne has been the only person that some of these men have reaching out to them. They are sending some amazing words of encouragement as well as telling Wayne about the positive impact he has been on them. At Wayne's request, Nell will be continuing to correspond with some of these men since they truly have no one else. Let her know if you have any questions.

If you need help getting started with WBS (World Bible Study) or know someone who has indicated an

interest in WBS, please contact Roy Stephenson.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am has resumed.



The Fall issue of the Gospel Advocate is available. September 6th we began with the book of Genesis, Please pick up a copy off the table in the back of the church. Please don't forget to bring your Bible and your questions.

6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

Beginning in October we will begin a ten-week Wednesday night series devoted to a study of the Holy Spirit. October 7, 14, 21, and 28, November 4, 11, 18 (NOTE: No class the day before Thanksgiving Day), December 2, 9, and 16. Topics will include – God in Three Persons, Receiving the Holy Spirit, Walking After the Spirit, Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Helped by the Holy Spirit, Grieving the Holy Spirit, Spiritual Gifts, Misconceptions About the Holy Spirit, and The Holy Spirit – Then and Today. After a brief song and prayer, we will delve into our study in each class for most of our hour together, starting each time at 6:00 PM. Please come and bring your study bible and questions!



Toys for Tots

We will start collection in October for the 2020 holidays. Place NEW UNWRAPPED toys in the box in the foyer. Watch the bulletin and the Cherokee Scout newspaper for more information and dates regarding distribution.

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.



October Birthdays

Roy Stephenson	2
Ann Kimbrell	19
Rachael Queen	24
Barbara Brown	25
Gregory Jones	25
Jim Eubanks	29



October Wedding Anniversaries

John and Patricia Dykema	10
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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.

Directory Updates

Contact Dean Wray if you need a picture taken for our picture directory located in the foyer.

Nell Ard is working to keep our directory notebook updated so let

Dean know of any changes and he will share the information with her.

A Night in Bethlehem

Roy Goodlet has summarized the responses to the survey regarding our participation in the annual Christmas community participation in "A Night in Bethlehem". No decision has been made on whether to have or cancel the event, but we want to be prepared. As we get more information, we will let you know our next step.

"Noon" Senior Center Class

The Senior Center is closed. Classes on Tuesdays are cancelled until further notice.

Kitchen Repairs

Dean shared that there was some water damage to the floor in the fellowship room and bathrooms. Repairs are underway, and thanks to everyone who is helping to finalize the repairs and the painting. We hope the work will be completed this week.



September 22nd marked the beginning of autumn and soon we will be changing our clocks (fall back).

Can you believe it there are Christmas decorations in the stores!

Pantry Items



We need your help to restock our pantry. If no family or individual has made a special request; then, at the end of each month Lula pull items off the shelves and takes them to the Cherokee County Food Bank, Inc. in Andrews since they have access to the Cherokee County community at-large and average about 100 clients a week but has seen a three-fold increase in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and increase in unemployment. NOTE: **We give out food only if someone is here when an individual comes to the church or special arrangements have been made to meet someone.**

The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12. They have requested empty dozen size egg cartons so they can divide the large crates of eggs they receive from other organizations and from people who raise chickens.

Hurlburt-Johnson (Homeless Shelter)

"Wish List"

The residents of the Hurlburt-Johnson Friendship House will conduct a bake sale (fund-raiser) soon (watch the bulletin for the date once it is confirmed) and would like the Murphy community to help provide their needs...listed below:

- *Aluminum foil (regular and heavy duty)
- *Plastic wrap
- *Baggies-sandwich, quart, gallon, storage, freezer

- *Chocolate Chips
- *Dried Cranberries
- *Old fashioned oatmeal
- *White Chocolate Chips
- *Sugar
- *Brown Sugar
- *Vanilla
- *Walnuts
- *Pan Spray
- *Butter, salted or unsalted
- *Bread flour

Please leave items on the table in the back until the fellowship hall repairs are completed. Dean Wray and Roy Goodlet will make sure they are delivered to the shelter.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF VIRUSES AND BACTERIA

- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with an alcohol content of 60% or more
- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or elbow to reduce spread of droplets
- Wear a mask when you are out amongst the public or large crowd, it helps to prevent the spread of the virus.

If you are not feeling well or having symptoms, e.g. coughing, feeling tired, aching, have a temperature, etc. stay home.

Please continue the CDC's guidelines for your health protection and those around you.