

JULY 5, 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 do not hesitate to ask any of our members for assistance.

Wednesday Bible Study & Devotional cancelled until further notice

There will be NO prayer service this evening at 6:00 pm.

Devotional classes at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays have been canceled until further notice. Next topic when we resume will be "Death and the 2nd Coming".

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 Nell Ard and Lula Williams.



Greeters
DJ Stephenson
Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader
Jim Eubanks

Opening Prayer
Jerry Queen

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Dean Wray

Scripture
Ephesians 2:13-18
Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:
"Cross-Culture"
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Stephenson

Closing Prayer
John Dykema

GOD Wants You to Know . . .

God's mercy brings relief. Sometimes we get ourselves into horrible predicaments. It may be as a result of an innocent mistake, but often it's because we did things our own way rather than God's way. God could say, "I told you so" and turn a deaf ear to our cries for help. But when we admit our fault, He mercifully forgives and helps us get back on our feet again. "Our God is merciful," said the psalmist. "When I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you" (Psam 116:5-7).

4th Sunday Area Singing



The schedule for the quarterly area singing is posted on the bulletin board by the picture directory. If you enjoy singing, then you will enjoy hearing more voices singing familiar songs and maybe a few new to you.

Light refreshments are served immediately following each area singing. This will give you an opportunity to meet members from the surrounding churches.

Future dates and locations:

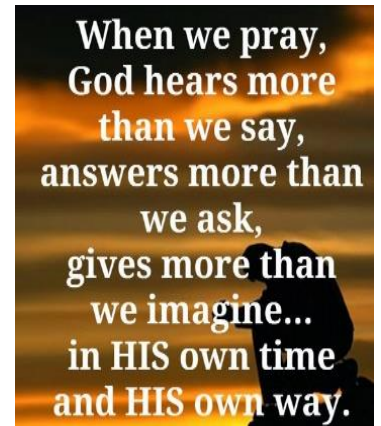
August 23 – Franklin
October 25 – Murphy

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 will pull items off the shelves and take 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 an increase in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and increase in unemployment. NOTE: **Our pantry is small, so we try not to over stock** and we give out food only if someone is here when an individual comes to the church.

March 25th Lula took all food items to the Cherokee County Food Bank in Andrews. The food bank is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12. They have requested empty egg carts so they can divide the large crate of donations they receive from other organizations.



Wayne Ard is seriously ill at home and we encourage everyone to send cards.

P. O. Box 746
Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

Because of the seriousness of his condition please contact Nell if you want to visit and she will let you know when he can safely have visitors. Wayne tires easily and will not be able to fight off any infections.

As Wayne always says he wants prayers for strength for himself and Nell.

We are all in need of prayers as we manage our emotions and interactions and lack of human contact with others during these uncertain times and personal health issues.

Do not forget to check on your neighbors, family, and friends to let them know you are thinking of them. Ask them if they need anything that you can help with to keep them and everyone safe.



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 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.

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 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.



Fundraisers are needed to supplement government grants. The next major fundraiser is a “Duck Race” co-sponsored with Mountain True. Ducks are \$10 each.

Because of concern for public health safety regarding the spread of COVID-19, the June and July **dates were changed. Because of the uncertainty regarding the pandemic the race has been postponed. We will let you know the new date as soon as a decision is made.**

Let Lula know if you want to purchase a duck from her or you can stop by the REACH office located on Hwy 64 across from **the BB&T bank.**



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 author! **Price was \$64 until June 30 after that the cost is \$109.** Purchases are non-refundable. Because of COVID-19 concerns they are giving you the option of attending in person or viewing a LIVE STREAMING. Please let Sheri Goodlet know what you prefer and share any concerns regarding attendance.

News and Announcements

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

June 21 - \$875.00 is under budget by \$421.00.

June 28 - \$1390.00 is over budget by \$94.00.

Morning Worship Attendance – 23

We have resumed Bible study, morning, and evening worship inside. You will notice that the chairs have been placed at least 6-feet apart in keeping with current guidelines. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes. **STAY SAFE!**

We still are not ready to resume Wednesday evening services.

Please contact Roy Stephenson if you have any suggestions or questions going forward.

Wayne’s Outreach Ministries



Because of his serious health issue, Wayne has not been able to continue his outreach programs.

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.

“Noon” Senior Center Class

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



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

Please don’t forget to bring your Bible and your questions..

6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

We want to involve everyone who comes to the class. Once this critical time in our county ends, we will continue with the topic – “The 2nd Coming.” Come prepared to join in the discussion and share your thoughts.



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

I believe in my ability to change the world on a small scale with the work that I do.



July Birthdays

Karen Wray	12
Michelle Ellis	12
Sybil Eubanks	21



July Wedding Anniversaries

David and Betty Windsor	28
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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.

Condolences



Thomas Lawson Hoyt Graves, a resident of Ducktown, TN, died last Saturday, June 27th. He was "Uncle Hoyt" to Darlene Queen. There is no memorial planned at this time. Townson-Rose Funeral Home is responsible for the cremation and placement of the urn. He was 76 at the time of his death.



The high temperatures along high humidity can be very dangerous if you are outside for long periods of time.

Please stay hydrated (drink plenty of water and do not spend too much time outside especially during high humidity warning.) Don't forget your sunscreen!

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following individuals to our church family.

- **Woody and Mindy Scaffa**
- **Chuck Cathey**
- **Mike and Caron Terrill**

We want all new members to please fill out one of the forms located on the back table left by Dean so we can update the church's directory. We use the information to let you know about any unplanned changes, e.g. cancellation due to inclement weather or illness, stay in touch with each other.

If you have changes to the information, we currently have on file we want you to fill out a form as well. Dean is available to take pictures for our picture directory.

Nell Ard is working on updating our directory profiles and we will make them available as soon as they are available.



We know yesterday, we couldn't get to celebrate Independence Day as per usual, but we do hope you were able to enjoy the day safely with family and maybe a few friends.



Things will get better even though it may not seem like it now or you feel things are moving too slow.

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

According to the CDC here is how you can practice infection control to help stop the spread of all 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
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces frequently touched.
- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or elbow to reduce spread of droplets
- Please wear a mask when you are outside amongst large crowds, especially if you are not feeling well or having symptoms, e.g. coughing, feeling tired and aching, etc.