

FEBRUARY 23, 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

Sheri Goodlet
Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Dean Wray

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Wayne Ard

Supper Servants

Roy Stephenson
Jerry Queen

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-8

Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:

Heaven is Real

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 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

Whatever you face today, bring it to Jesus, who is the Truth!.

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. . . . But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. 1 John 2: 3, 5 (NIV)

“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.



Secret Sisters

We will resume for the summer in a few months so please continue to check the bulletin for the 2020 dates.



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.” Ends February 23rd. Starting March 1st we will be studying from the book of Hebrews.** 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.

What does the Bible say about the new heaven and new earth?

21:1;4: "Then I saw 'a **new heaven** and a **new earth**,' for the first **heaven** and the first **earth** had passed away, and there was no longer any sea...'He will wipe every tear from their eyes'.

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. **This week we will start a new topic – “Overcoming Temptation”.** Please read **Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4: 1-12 and come prepared to join in the discussion.**

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

Not Set My Eye on Worthless (Wicked) Things – Read Psalm 10:3

If you are reading this, then you are blessed with a beautiful gift; the gift of sight. To see is a wonderful thing, and something that is often taken for granted. How do you plan on using your gift [sic]? Do you plan to fix your gaze upon things that can bring you spiritual nourishment, or on things which can lead to defilement? The Bible warns us about the lust of the eyes and gives us an example in the life of David, when he gazed upon Bathsheba as she was bathing. It could have started as an accidental passing glance, from which he could have turned away and gone back to bed, but instead he chose to fix his gaze upon her, and it became a wicked thing.

As you face this new day, will you be like David in the moment of weakness, or will have the same heart that he had when he penned Psalm 101? You may not always control what you choose to look at!

Have a great day, and God bless!

----Justin B. Johnson, Liberty church of Christ, Solsberry, IN.



4th Sunday Area Singing

Date changed to March 1st instead of this afternoon at the Hayesville COC at 2:30 pm for the start of the 2020 quarterly area singing.

Light refreshments will be served immediately following the singing. This will give you an opportunity to

meet members from the surrounding churches.



Ladies Fellowship!!

We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to help our church family grow and to strengthen our fellowship. What about an art exhibit, stage play, musical program at Young Harris, etc.? If you have a suggestion please let Sheri Goodlet know so we can pursue bringing it to the congregation's attention.



Ladies Day Program

The ladies from the **Ellijay Church of Christ** invite you to attend their Ladies Day program March 28th. The guest speaker will be Polly Cline. Breakfast and registration starts at 9:00 am and the program begins at 9:50 am and ends with a closing prayer at 11:45 am followed by lunch including door prizes.

Please register online at <https://holythine.eventbrite.com>.

The contact person is Jen Oleska and the event is FREE. Copies of the flyer are on the

table in the back of the church and on the bulletin board.



February Birthdays

Dan Kirby	1
Michael Sutton, Jr.	10
Bill Ellis	13
Stacy Packer	24
Tori Dockery	26



February Wedding Anniversaries

David and Joyce Ellis	8
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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, e.g. spaghetti, Mac & Cheese and cereal, boxes of milk with long shelf life e.g. Parmalat, 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.



To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent.

The theme for Black History Month 2020 is 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) which gave the right of black men to vote following the Civil War.

During this year's Black History Month remember black pioneers such as Hiram Revels and Blanche K. Bruce, who were elected to the U.S. Senate in 1870 and 1874, respectively.

Students may also delight in reading about Solomon G. Brown, a Republican member of the then-House of Delegates for the District of Columbia from 1871 to 1874 and the first African American employee of the Smithsonian Institution. Today,

we can take pride in the fact that the secretary of the Smithsonian is Lonnie Bunch, an African American educator and historian.

