

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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 always set aside as a special evening of prayer.

Wednesday 6:00 PM devotional classes. Free conference call. Phone number and access code to dial in is listed in the bulletin.

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 articles by Roy Goodlet. The church's Facebook page also contains the morning worship sermons.



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

Sandy Parmer
Sheri Goodlet

Welcome/Song Leader

Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer

Roy Goodlet

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Jim Eubanks

Scripture

Genesis 49: 22-24

Read by Robert Parmer

Sunday Sermon:

When Archers Attack

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

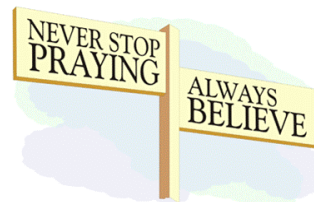
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Dean Wray

How can a Christian bear fruit?

"Bearing fruit" is a phrase used to describe the outward actions that result from the inward condition of a person's heart. [Galatians 5:16-24](#) contrasts the works, or fruit, of the flesh with those of the Holy Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." As Christians, we want to bear fruit in keeping with our relationship with God. We seek to do things outwardly that demonstrate that we have been made new in Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)). So, what is the key to bearing godly fruit?



- Keep Wayne, Nell and his parents in your prayers during this difficult time. Wayne is under hospice care, he has lost his vision and is slowly getting weaker due to the progression of the brain cancer complicated by the medications he takes to help keep him comfortable, but he remains in good spirit.

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Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

- Sandy Parmer's friend Betty Rivers is bed ridden in a nursing home in Alabama.
- Please keep Molly Parmer in prayer, she is hospitalized in Alabama. She is Robert and Sandy Parmer's sister-in-law.
- Chappie Chapman, former church member, was diagnosed with lung cancer. He remains hopeful. Please let him know we are thinking of him.
- Mindy Scaffe shared that she has Chronic Kidney Disease. She has been scheduled for knee replacement on March 4th. and requests our prayers.
- Mark Sanders, (Lee Sander's cousin), please add him to your prayers. He had a heart attack and had to have stints put in.
- Lee Sanders is seeing a heart specialist. The doctor has ordered a CAT scan.
- Michael Sutton, Sr. had emergency heart by-pass

surgery last week in Gainesville, GA. He is Darlene Queen's cousin.

- Ute Chewning had surgery to remove the metal plate from her foot because of repeated infection and pain. She thanks you for prayers and wants you to know she is no longer in pain.
- Richard Brenner is home. He hasn't been feeling well. We pray he gets better soon.
- We are all in need of prayers as we manage our daily lives during these uncertain times in America and around the world and personal health issues.

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.



March 14, 2021 - Daylight Saving Time Starts When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 14, 2021, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 14, 2021.



REACH, Inc. – Community Project

The ladies made a commitment to supply the Cherokee County domestic violence shelter with cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. **Most recently the staff has requested hair shampoo and conditioners, hair band and clips and nail polish. Many have never been to a salon and this helps to boost their self-esteem. Adult coloring books and 500 or smaller piece puzzles help them emotionally. Please do not forget them when you are out shopping.** If you have items of clothing (clean and in good condition), 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.

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.

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 pulls 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 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.

Toys for Tots



If you wish to continue to donate throughout the year or get more involved contact the local coordinator for Cherokee County, Barbara Hudson at barbarahudson727@gmail.com for more information or visit the Toys for Tots website. Look for special sales throughout the year.

We received a beautiful thank you plaque that is hung on the wall in the entry way. This was our third year supporting the program. Please take time to check it out.

News and Announcements

Our church's weekly budget is set at \$1,250.00.

February 14 – \$1,050.50 is under budget by \$200.00.

February 21 – \$960.50 is under budget by \$289.50.

Sunday Bible Study – 11
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 pray that vaccines will be available soon to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. 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 was the only person that some of these men had 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.

Wayne was also active with World Bible Study and had several people he was corresponding with. 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.



The Winter issue of our Adult Bible Study is available. We began with the book of Genesis in

September and this morning finished 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

Some have indicated they have not attended evening activities because the weather creates a potential for black ice and multiple curves in the roads makes driving hazardous.

As of Wednesday, February 3, we started conducting Bible Studies via a phone conference call! It is as easy as calling your friends or family. **A few minutes before 6:00, dial 1-425-436-6324. You will be asked for your access code. Dial 5155915#. Identify yourself after you dial in.** Then enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study with your Christian family. If you have a topic you would like presented, please let Roy Stephenson know.

Those participating in the study have decided to continue with this new format.



March Birthdays

Chris Astoria	1
Ute Chewning	3
Woody Scaffa	4
Leo Sanders	7
Michael Sutton, Jr.	13
DJ Stephenson	22
Robert Parmer	24



March Wedding Anniversaries

Robert and Sandy Parmer	11
Dean and Karen Wray	21

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.

Building Maintenance

Dean reminded us that he has several projects that require attention to help maintain the building, so if you want to help please let him know. He also presented upcoming projects that will require financial expenditures.

Budget for 2021

A copy of the revised budget is posted on the bulletin board.

Outside donations we have been receiving will not continue and we need to re-examine the amount of our individual contributions. Dean reassured the congregation that currently we are financially solvent.

Special Filipino Contribution

The minister, Dario Nonog, is a Facebook friend of DJ Stephenson. Her father helped to start the Philippine Bible College in 1962 during the time she lived there from 1961-1962. Dario Nonog graduated from the college. The Church of Christ in Bunawan, Philippines recently had 23 baptisms.

DJ congratulated him and asked if there was anything they needed and he asked for 10 more plastic chairs. He said he would need \$75.00 for the purchase. The Murphy congregation donated \$85.00. Brother Nonog sent back a picture of the ten chairs plus he brought rice, fruit, and other groceries for the poorest members of the congregation.

Dario Nonog sends his thanks. He has promised to keep us informed from time to time about the news from his congregation.



Area singing

Please join us today at the Hayesville Church of Christ at 2:30 pm for our 4th Sunday area singing.

We look forward to resuming our fellowship with others and raising our voices in song. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.



As Black History Month comes to a close, America is teeming with stories of black pioneers, activists, inventors, and more as the country celebrates the path they forged for America today. But do not put away the history books yet. March is Women's History Month and this year it feels extra important to celebrate.

Women's History Month started when a group of women decided they had had enough of being pushed to the side to focus on the achievements and hard work of men. The National Women's History Project website noted that each year is given a theme. Women have always worked, but the National Women's History Alliance decided that because women's work has often been under-appreciated and undervalued, it was time to really focus on the way's women have fought against inequalities in the workplace, the way they have persevered, and how they have succeeded in every field, regardless of what limitations society placed on them.

The theme for Women's History Month in 2021 captures the spirit of these challenging times. Since many of the women's suffrage centennial celebrations originally scheduled for 2020 were curtailed, the National Women's History Alliance is extending the annual theme for 2021 to "**Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced.**"

Timeline of the Suffragettes

- 1848- Women's Rights Convention-Seneca Falls, US
- 1890- American Woman Suffrage Association
- 1903- UK- Women's Social and Political Union
- 1906-1914- Vandalism, Riots, and Arrests Rock England
- 1914-1918- World War 1- Differences in US and UK
- Women Receive the Vote!

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. Make sure your mask covers your nose and mouth.
- If you are not feeling well or having symptoms e.g., coughing, feeling tired, aching, have a temperature, etc. stay home and if symptoms get worst contact your physician.