

MAY 17, 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 Wednesday Bible Study cancelled until further notice

The first Sunday of the month is set aside for a special Prayer Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Please note that 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 Wayne Ard and Lula Williams.

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

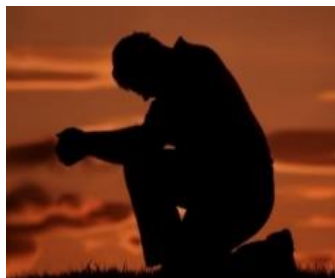
**Opening Prayer followed
by the Lord's supper and
contribution**

Scripture Reading
Lamentations 3: 19-24

Sunday Sermon
"God Is Faithful"
Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Closing Song and Prayer



**God gave us ...
Spirit of Power**

*"For God did not give us a
spirit of fear, he gave us a spirit
of love and of self-discipline".*

(2 Timothy: 1:7)



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

May 3 - \$2,020.00 is over budget by
\$724.00.

May 10 - \$1640.00 is over budget by
\$344.00.

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact continues to evolve and develop, we remain focused on the health and safety of our members, our visitors and our communities. The CDC advises the public to maintain social distance of 6 feet if you venture out and to wear a mask, so keeping that in mind, **we cancelled all services for the month of April and May 3rd we began parking lot morning worship services.** There were 23 in attendance May 3rd and 24 May 10th at the parking lot morning worship service held at 10:45 am. as part of Phase I. We have tentatively planned to resume service inside as part of Phase II starting May 24th with 10:00 am. Bible study and morning worship so until then stay safe. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes.

**We still are not ready to resume
Sunday and Wednesday evening
services.**

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

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.

"Noon" Senior Center Class

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



Sunday Morning Bible Study starts at 10:00 am will resume May 24th while maintaining social distance. Members are asked to please check your temperature before deciding to leave home and wear a mask while inside. Chairs have been set up to maintain social distancing.

Please make plans to join us on when we resume. For the spring quarter we will be studying from the book of Hebrews. Please continue to read your Gospel Advocate study guide book.

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.

6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

We want to involve everyone who comes to the class. **The class is still cancelled because of the information available regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19).** Once this critical time in our county ends, we will continue with the topic – “The 2nd Coming.” The next discussion will focus on “Death and the 2nd Coming”. Come prepared to join in the discussion and share your thoughts.

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

Pantry Items



Please let Roy Stephenson know if you know of someone who has a need. 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 and more during this critical time. **NOTE: Our pantry is small, so we try not to over stock.** We only give out food if someone is here doing work in and around the church building and have access to the building.

March 25th Lula took all the food items to the Cherokee County Food Bank in Andrew's. The bank is opened to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-12.

We will need your help to restock our pantry.

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. **The staff at the Food Bank has requested that we give them our empty egg cartons.**



Extraordinary Women Conference

Ladies, ready for a great time of worship and fellowship? **Extraordinary Women is coming to Concord, NC again this fall (October 16-17).** 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 March 30.** Purchases are non-refundable so if you decided to wait the price might be higher. Please let Sheri Goodlet know if you are interested in attending.



The CDC and the state's Phases to help prevent the spread of the virus recommendations are handwashing, reduction in crowd size, self-isolation and wearing a mask along with self-distancing - so with an abundance of caution regarding the spread, prevention and treatment of COVID-19 . . . **April 31st Sunday fellowship**

meal is cancelled. We will decide later if we will have a potluck fellowship meal and make it a real celebration!



May Birthdays

Glenda Kirby	8
Stephanie Wilkins	19
Glenn Wilkins	27



May Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Barbara Brown	29
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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.



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. Because of concern for public health safety resulting from information regarding the COVID-19, **the date has been rescheduled for July 4th** at the ballfield in Andrews. **Ducks are \$10 each.** 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 bank. There are flyers on the back table with more details. **Again, please**

make note the date has been changed to July 4th



4th Sunday Area Singing

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

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

Future dates and locations:

June 28 – Andrews
August 23 – Franklin
October 25 – Murphy



International Year of the Nurse

This year has been deemed the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife by the World Health Organization.

Especially during this worldwide health crisis, it is important to acknowledge nurses, all healthcare workers and support staff as they are on the front line of battle daily to care for those not only stricken with this deadly virus, but also other patients who require care in hospitals, schools, nursing homes, urgent care centers and even in remote triage centers being set up all over this country.

GET SMART

Viruses cause the common cold and the flu. *Antibiotics do not work.*

Seek medical advice if you are having a fever, nausea and vomiting, difficulty breathing and/or diarrhea. These symptoms can lead to complications especially if you have an underlying chronic health problem, e.g. diabetes, bronchitis and/or heart problems. The latest CDC recommendation is to avoid crowds of 5 or more people!



THINGS YOU CAN DO

According to the CDC here is how you can help stop the spread of the coronavirus. (NOTE: This is also applicable to other bacteria and virus spread prevention)

- 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
- Avoid close contact - less than 6 feet and wear a mask in a poorly ventilated room.
- Stay home when sick

- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or elbow to reduce spread of droplets
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces

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 while following the recommendations from the CDC to keep everyone safe.

Upcoming Dates to Celebrate

Why are these listed on the calendar? They all have special meanings – do you know what they are?

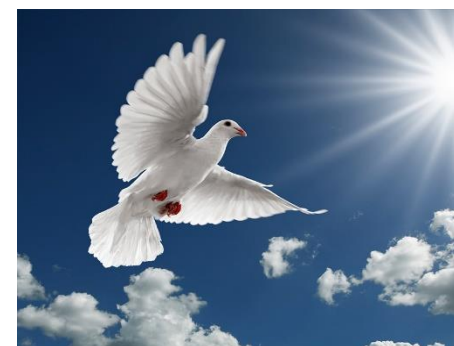
Freedom Is Not Free!!!



May 25th – Memorial Day

GOD Wants You to Know . . .

You can trust God to meet your needs. As you follow God's lead in life, you can know without a doubt that he's going to provide all that you need along the way. Even today, as you lift your prayers to him, you can take hold of these trust-filled words written by the Apostle Paul two millennia ago: "My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4: 19 – words that are every bit as true today because God is still in the business of providing for his children.



God's Word brings wisdom.

Opening the Scriptures is like entering a gold mine. The writer of Psalm 19 praised the Lord's instruction: "The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; . . . the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes . . . More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold" (verses 7-8). Of course, the Bible's a big volume, so if you're looking for a place to begin digging, check out the "wisdom literature" books of Psalms and Proverbs.