

MARCH 22, 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

The first Sunday of the month is set aside for a special Prayer Meeting at 6:00 pm. If you have a special request, please let us know.

6:00 p.m. Wednesday devotional cancelled for this week. Topic for this week is “Death and the 2nd Coming”. Bring your Bible and your questions for an informative class discussion when the classes are resumed.

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

Welcome/Song Leader

Opening Prayer

Lord’s Supper Thoughts

Supper Servants

Scripture

Sunday Sermon:

Announcements

Closing Prayer

As the Coronavirus and its impact continues to evolve and develop, we remain focused on the health and safety of our members, visitors and our communities. The CDC advises the public to avoid crowds of 10 or more people so keeping that in mind, we will temporarily cancel all services until further notice.



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 it 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 always being planned. 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 There are flyers on the back table with more details. Please make note the date has been changed to July 4th.

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.

News and Announcements

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

March 8 - \$470.00 is under budget by \$826.00.

March 15 - \$1090.00 is under budget by \$206.00.



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:

- April 26 – Cherokee
- June 28 – Andrews
- August 23 – Franklin
- October 25 – Murphy

“Noon” Senior Center Class

The Senior Center will be closed for the next 2 weeks. Classes on Tuesdays are cancelled until further notice.



Sunday Morning Bible Study starts at 10:00 am

Please make plans to join us on Sundays. **For the spring quarter 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.

6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

We want to involve everyone who comes to the class. **This week we will cancel the class pending the information available regarding the coronavirus. Once the critical time in our country ends, we will continue the topic – “The 2nd Coming”, focusing 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.

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, cereal, and 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.

Ladies Day Program March 28th

The ladies from the **Ellijay Church of Christ** cancelled the program based on the recommendations from the CDC regarding crowd size and efforts to reduce the spread of the virus.



Extraordinary women

Ladies, ready for a great time of worship and fellowship? **Extraordinary Women** is coming to Concord, NC again this fall. 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 is \$64 until March 30. Purchases are non-refundable so if you would rather wait but price might be higher. Please let Sheri Goodlet know if you are interested in attending.



March Birthdays

Chris Astoria	1
Ute Chewning	3
Lee Sanders	7
Michael Sutton Jr.	13
DJ Stephenson	22



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.



Secret Sisters

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

“Our History is Our Strength”

March has been National Women’s History Month since 1987, when Congress made it so. It is a chance to recognize and celebrate the achievements of American women that often go unnoticed.

Valiant Women of the Vote



The 2020 theme celebrates the women who have fought for woman’s right to vote in the United States. In recognition of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, we honor women from the original suffrage movement as well as 20th and 21st century women who have

continued the struggle (fighting against poll taxes).



March 5th Sunday fellowship meal has been **re-scheduled to April 19th** in keeping with the CDC recommended reduction in crowd size and an abundance of caution regarding the spread of the COVID-19.



Third Annual REACH Campaign

The program theme for this year is **WHO IS GOD?** Please, mark your calendar for the Third Annual Area-wide “REACH Campaign on April 27,28 and 29 at the Ellijay Church of Christ. Services begin each evening at 7:00 PM. Bible classes for preschool through sixth grade will be provided, as well as a staffed nursery. Copies of the flyer are available on the back table.

The sessions are free – Everyone is Welcomed. Refreshments Nightly.

GET SMART

Know When Antibiotics Work

Most illnesses are caused by two kinds of germs: bacteria and viruses. Antibiotics can cure bacterial infections – not viral infections.

Bacteria cause strep throats, some pneumonia and sinus infections. *Antibiotics can work.*

Viruses cause the common cold, most coughs and the flu. *Antibiotics don’t work.*

Using antibiotics for a virus:

- Will NOT cure the infection
- Will NOT help you feel better
- Will NOT keep others from catching your illness.

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 underlining chronic health problem, e.g. diabetes, bronchitis and/or heart problems,

THINGS YOU CAN DO

According to the CDC here’s 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 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 – with people who are sick especially 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.

STAY SAFE AND DON’T FORGET TO CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS.

