

NOVEMBER 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 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 resumed
October 7th. Other dates and information included under News and Announcements section.

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, upcoming events, and articles by Roy Goodlet.



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

Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Dean Wray

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Jim Eubanks

Scripture

Colossians 4: 2-6

Read by Chuck Cathey

Sunday Sermon:

"So Thankful for..."

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

John Dykema

Activate God's Blessings

Praise the Lord, Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. PSALM 106:1 (NIV)

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said when we give thanks, we not only recognize past blessings – we activate blessings to come. Reflect on the simple, beautiful things that Almighty God has given you. Open your eyes and see that God does wonderful things every day! Praise Him for the good in your life.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for the abundance of blessings you have given me.



• Please continue to send cards to Wayne and Nell with words of encouragement. He is under hospice care. He remains in good spirit but tires easily. Contact Nell if want to visit. Please plan to limit your visit to not more than an hour.

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• Chuck Cathey continues to recuperate from several broken ribs after a motor cycle accident.

• Sandy Parmer's three friends are positive for Covid-19 virus live in Spanish Fort, AL and she is requesting prayers for Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Betty) Rivers and their son, Rob.

• A friend of Sandy Parmer, David Beck, has had a stroke.

• Darlene Queen's sister, Tonya Woltermothe, has cancer. Her aunt, Mavis Graves fell and broke her hip and hit her head causing a brain bleed (Springfield, Ohio). Her aunt, Mary Jo Dockery went home to Duckworth, TN.

• Jerry Queen was treated for septicemia at Chattanooga Erlanger. He is home and his recovery is going well.

• Chappie Chapman, former church member, was diagnosed with lung cancer. The chemo and radiation is taking its toll on him but he remains hopeful. Please send him cards to let him know we are thinking of him.

• Mindy Scaffa reports, "I'm so happy!! Got off the phone with the Kidney Specialist, I have Chronic

Kidney Disease. I'm at the beginning of stage 3 so that means my kidneys are functioning between 40- 50 %. So now we can slow it down. I'm okay to go out and be around people as long as I keep my mask on. That's good because cabin fever started in ...lol. I'm so grateful that my new doctors are fixing the problem."

• Gail Garland is visiting her son who is in the Navy stationed in Bahrain. We continue to pray for a safe visit with her son.

• Manny and Louise Lopez, former members of our congregation, requested prayers for their newborn grandson, Eli Lopez who was born with a hole in his heart.

• DJ and Roy thanks you for prayers for their 11 year old grandson, Carson Miller who tested positive for COVID-19 has completed his 10-day quarantine. He had mild symptom of a sorethroat.

• Chris and Jill Kirby who have been active with our 3M summer outreaches, both tested positive for COVID-19 along with one of their children in Nashville, TN.

• Please add Mark Sanders (Lee Sander's cousin) to your prayers. He had a heart attack.

• 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.

Reminder to pray: Dear God, when I am feeling down, You have the power to turn my darkness into Light.



REACH, Inc. – Community Project

The ladies made a commitment to supply the Cherokee County domestic violence shelter with cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. **Please do not forget them when you are out shopping.** If you have items of clothing (cleaned), 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.



Toys for Tots

We started collecting in October for the 2020 holidays. Place **NEW UNWRAPPED** toys in the box in the foyer. As of last

Sunday, the volunteers at Walmart and Shepherd of the Mountains Church outdoor/open door events collected \$2282.00

Application information for families will be posted in the Cherokee Scout newspaper regarding distribution.

You are awesome! So far Lula has taken 2 bags of toys to the drop off location – Eller and Owens furniture warehouse in Murphy. Keep up the good work! There is almost, enough toys for a 3rd bag. Last year we collected 4 bags and with everything that’s going on there is even a great need to help our neighbors.

We will end our church’s collection the week of November 29th for the 2020 campaign drop off at Eller & Owens because the last pick up is December 12th. The volunteers will need time to sort the gifts by age and gender. If you wish to continue to donate throughout the year contact the local coordinator for Cherokee County Don Slifer @ 828-644-9747 or email djslifer@gmail.com for more information.



Just one more month until Christmas and then we welcome in the new year – 2021.

News and Announcements

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

November 8 - \$735.00 is under budget by \$561.00.

November 15 - \$890.00 is under budget by \$406.00.00

Sunday Bible Study – 14
Morning Worship Attendance – 29

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 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 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. We pray that we can resume soon!

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



The Winter issue of the Gospel Advocate is now available. We began with the book of Genesis in September and will continue for winter. 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

Roy Stephenson began this October a ten-week Wednesday night series devoted to a study of the Holy Spirit. **Dates remaining are:** No class the day before Thanksgiving Day, we will continue with December 2, 9, and 16. Topics will include – God in Three Persons, Receiving the Holy Spirit, Walking After the Spirit, Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Helped by the Holy Spirit, Grieving the Holy Spirit, Spiritual Gifts, Misconceptions About the Holy Spirit, and The Holy Spirit – Then and Today. After a brief song and prayer, we will delve into our study in each class for most of our hour together, starting each time at 6:00 PM. Please come and bring your study bible and questions!

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.



November Birthdays

Sandy Parmer	1
Joyce Ellis	4
John Dykema	4
Nell Ard	5
David Ellis	20
Dean Wray	24
David Windsor	30



November Wedding Anniversaries

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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.

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.

Kitchen Repairs

Repairs for water damage in the fellowship room and bathrooms is now completed. Check out the new flooring and fresh coat of paint. Thanks to everyone who helped to finalize the repairs and the painting. We pray that we can resume our 5th Sunday fellowship meals starting in the new year -2021. Watch the bulletin for any changes.

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 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.

Hurlburt-Johnson (Homeless Shelter)

"Wish List"

The residents of the Hurlburt-Johnson Friendship House will conduct a bake sale (fund-raiser) soon (watch the bulletin for the date once it is confirmed) and would like the Murphy community to help provide their needs...listed below:

- *Aluminum foil (regular and heavy duty)
- *Plastic wrap
- *Baggies-sandwich, quart, gallon, storage, freezer
- *Chocolate Chips
- *Dried Cranberries
- *Old fashioned oatmeal
- *White Chocolate Chips
- *Sugar
- *Brown Sugar
- *Vanilla
- *Walnuts
- *Pan Spray
- *Butter, salted or unsalted
- *Bread flour

Please leave items on the table in in the back until the fellowship hall repairs are completed. Dean Wray and Roy Goodlet will make sure they are delivered to the shelter.

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.
- 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.

Please continue the CDC's guidelines for your health and protection for those around you.

What is your favorite fall fruit or vegetable!



Enjoy the beauty of God's handy work! Invite someone to worship with us. We all need to feel connected – smile!