

**JANUARY 05, 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.**

We are currently studying the book of James. Bring your bible and your questions for an informative class.

**Website: [murphychurchofchrist.com](http://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**

D J Stephenson  
Lula Williams

**Welcome/Song Leader**

Roy Goodlet

**Opening Prayer**

Wayne Ard

**Lord’s Supper Thoughts**

Roy Goodlet

**Supper Servants**

Roy Stephenson  
Dean Wray

**Scripture**

**Acts 20:25-32**

Read by Philip Goodlet

**Sunday Sermon:**

**Paul’s 20/20 Vision**

By Roy Stephenson

**Announcements**

Roy Goodlet

**Closing Prayer**

Roy Goodlet



**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)

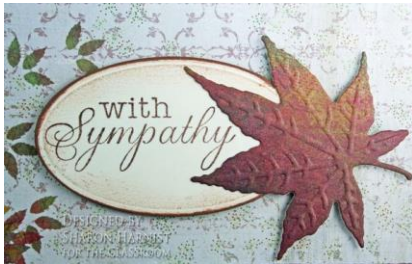


Wayne Ard has a prison ministry and is also assisting some who have indicated an interest with WBS. If you need help getting started or know someone who has indicated an interest, please contact Roy Stephenson.



### Hope and Comfort

*May God's Word be your guide today and every day of your life.*



### Condolences

Two weeks ago Roy Stephenson announced that his sister Sandra Kelley died suddenly on December 21<sup>st</sup> in Douglas, GA.. Plans are incomplete at this time regarding funeral arrangements. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this time of grieving their lost.

### 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](mailto: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.

### "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.

### 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. Bring your bible, ask questions and comments in a verse-by-verse study through James. **We are currently finishing the last few verses in James chapter 4 and will begin chapter 5.**

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



Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> Sandy Parmer placed membership. We welcomed her to our church family and the community.



### Ladies Fellowship!!

We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to help our church family grow and to strengthen our fellowship. If you have a suggestion please let Sheri Goodlet know so we can pursue bringing it to the congregation's attention.



### *Secret Sisters*

We will resume next year for the summer please continue to check the bulletin for the 2020 dates.



### January Birthdays

Wayne Ard	17
Michelle Dockery	26



### January Wedding Anniversaries

Johnny and Sheila Queen	9
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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 (Mac & Cheese) and canned meats.**

**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.



### 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."** 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.



### The Year 2019 Ended

### THE YEAR 2020 HAS BEGUN



### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

When God makes us wait, He is preparing us for our future. It might be that the time encourages us to calm our desires and become more rational in our approach or it might be so that we can gain knowledge about things which will give us a better

understanding of how to respond to our calling. He gives us great gifts.

Great biblical figures went through periods of waiting. Moses is among them and even Jesus took time to mature and grow before he made his greatest impact on the world.

You might be good at something which you can't see much use for when in day that talent may be at the center of your service to God. It could be something as seemingly ordinary as being able to negotiate something as essential as having a strong faith in the Lord.

There might not be a great need for you to mediate between groups where you are now or you might have little trouble keeping your faith because life is going swimmingly, but one day these attributes or whichever ones you're nurturing may be of monumental use.

The topic of your Bible study group, a series of conversations with a friend, a sermon at your church or a certain Bible passage that you keep returning to might not seem to have any particular relevance to anything you're going through right now, but these are all ways in which God can communicate messages to us which prepare us to deal with life's twists and turns.

Perhaps you never thought of it this way, but the experiencing of trials in our lives can have a godly purpose. In the hard times we are made acutely aware that there are many things that are too big for us to handle alone. In the deepest, darkest times we are reminded that there is One who loves us more than any other and has promised to help all who call upon Him. Jesus, God's Son, says it this way, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest". (Matthew 11:28 NIV). This is a wonderful promise.

