

APRIL 4, 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

DJ Stephenson
Sandy Parmer

Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Dean Wray

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Robert Parmer

Scripture

John 11:17-27

Read by Philip Goodlet

Sunday Sermon:

Raised Relationships

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Jerry Queen

Matthew Chapter 28



- Keep Wayne, Nell and his parents in your prayers during this difficult time. Wayne is under hospice care, he has impaired 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. She asked that we add the following to the prayer list: Ramona Vance, Barry Winslow, and Robert's brother, Harold Parmer.
- Mindy Scaffa had surgery for knee replacement on March 4th. She has a long rehab. ahead to help her learn how to walk using her new knee. It was great seeing her at church recently.
- Lee Sanders is seeing a heart specialist. He continues to have health issues and asks for our continued prayers.
- Richard Brenner is home. He hasn't been feeling well. We pray he gets better soon.
- Jim and Sybil Eubanks are quarantining at home after Jim tested positive for Covid on March 29th. Prayers are requested for them.
- Darlene requested prayers for Tom Dean, a co-worker of Jerry, who has cancer.

- 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.

Condolences



James "Chappy" Chapman, former church member for over 18 years, died March 17th at the age of 84 after a long battle with lung cancer, COPD and heart problems. We extend our sympathy to his family as they mourn their lost. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. **Memorial service will be held April 10th at 11:00 a.m. at the Fairview Church of Christ, 1048 Swan Lake Road in Stockbridge, GA. His daughter requests that you send flowers and/or cards to the following address.**

Angie and Jeff Benton
734 Erin Dr.
Stockbridge, GA 30281

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.



REACH, Inc. – Community Project

The ladies made a commitment to supply the Cherokee County domestic violence shelter with cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. Staff has requested hair shampoo and conditioners, hair bands 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's 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. Recommended size for the tote bags is 9"X9" but they can be a little larger. 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. They also asked for some cooking utensils for helping them start over. So, if you have some things you no longer want, they could use them. Often the victims leave home with only the clothes on their back, so they are given clothes, furniture, and items for the home 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. Please take time to check it out.

News and Announcements

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

March 21 – \$1,025.00 is under budget by \$225.00.

March 28 – \$1,701.00 is over budget by \$451.00.

Sunday Bible Study – 5
Morning Worship Attendance – 19

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 everyone 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

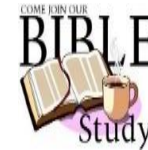


If there are folks who would like to participate in the prison ministry, please contact Nell. She can share contact information with you. Wayne was the only person that some of these men had reaching out to them. They are sending some amazing words of encouragement as well as telling Wayne about the 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.

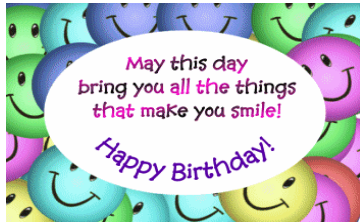
*The **spring** issue of our Adult Bible Study will be the **Thessalonian Letters**. Please pick up a copy off the table in the back of the church. Please don't forget to bring your Bible and your questions.*



6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

Some have indicated they are not comfortable traveling at night because of multiple curves in the roads and poor lighting that make driving at night hazardous.

In order, to increase participation and avoid members having to travel at night, we are 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 and place your phone on mute. Remember to take the phone off mute if you have question or want to make a comment.** If you have a topic you would like presented, please let Roy Stephenson know.



April Birthdays

Mattie Sutton	2
Alora Collins	4
Caron Terrill	16
Steven Wilkins	17
Ed Raber	19



April Wedding Anniversaries

None listed	
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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 or need changes made to the directory print out provided for your reference.

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. Our large outside donations will not continue, so the congregation will need to increase their individual donations to help us maintain our financial reserve. If you have suggestions regarding other contacts let him know.



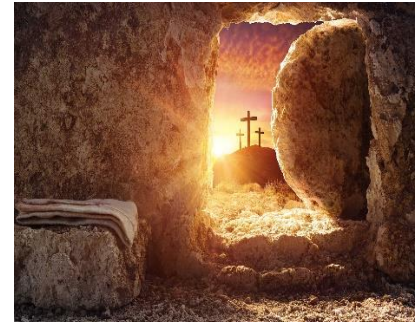
4th Sunday Singing – April 25th

Please mark your calendar and make plans to join April 25th at the Cherokee Curch of Christ. This is our quarterly fellowship singing. After we sing a few songs we will have a few refreshments as we enjoy fellowshiping with others and hopefully make some new friends.

Georgia-North Carolina Annual Gathering of Churches of Christ for Singing and Fellowship



At our last gathering in 2019 we had 7 different congregations represented. For directions, type in "Senior Center Dr., Georgia 30512 in your GPS device. Look for a large outdoor pavilion when you arrive.



Theology Significance

The resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the **Son of God** and is cited as proof that God will righteously judge the world. For those who trust in Jesus's death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." Any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Through faith in the working of God those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal **salvation**, being physically resurrected to dwell in the **Kingdom of Heaven**.

Easter is linked to **Passover** and the **Exodus from Egypt** recorded in the **Old Testament** through the **Last Supper**, **sufferings**, and **crucifixion of Jesus** that preceded the resurrection. According to the three **Synoptic Gospels**, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the **upper room** during the Last Supper he prepared for himself and his disciples for his death. He

identified the bread and cup of wine as **his body**, soon to be sacrificed, and **his blood**, soon to be shed. **Paul** states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" this refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the **Paschal lamb**.



Easter eggs, also called Paschal eggs, are eggs that are sometimes decorated. They are usually used as gifts on the occasion of Easter. As such, Easter eggs are common during the season of Eastertide. The oldest tradition is to use dyed and painted chicken eggs, but a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs wrapped in colored foil, hand-carved wooden eggs, or plastic eggs filled with confectionery such as chocolate. However, real eggs continue to be used in Central and Eastern European tradition.

Trials can be God's road to triumph! Let us pray:

Comfort us, Lord, when life's trials assail – we fail and stumble often. Renew us and help us to grow so that others may also know Your goodness and comfort.