

MAY 3, 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. But this is cancelled for today.

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
Ruth 1:15-18

Sunday Sermon
"Your God Is My God"
Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Closing Song and Prayer

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) 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 maintain social distance of 6 feet if you venture out to wear a mask, so keeping that in mind, **we cancelled all services for the month of April and the Governor has extended the "Stay at Home" order to May 8th and if you venture outside to maintain social distancing.**

Today, May 3rd we had a parking lot morning worship service so hopefully you were contacted and instructed to be in the church parking lot by 10:45 am. Instructions on how this process will work was shared with those in attendance. **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.



Things GOD Wants You to Know

God grants wisdom. Did you know that God is happy to give you wisdom when you need it? Listen to this promise: "If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you" (James 1:5). This offer has only one condition: that you ask in faith, not doubting his promise. Do you have a big decision to make, a difficult dilemma to solve, or an interpersonal impasse? Ask God for the wisdom you need. Then trust: It might not arrive in a way you expect, but it'll come. Just wait and see.

Wisdom is learning to let go when you want to hang on. Courage is learning to hang on when you want to let go.
(MARK AMEND)

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 will be closed. Classes on Tuesdays are cancelled until further notice.



Sunday Morning Bible Study starts at 10:00 am but is cancelled pending a decision regarding the COVID-19 recommendations for self-sheltering, social distancing and the number of new cases of the infection.

Please make plans to join us on Sundays 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 critical times. **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.



In keeping with the CDC recommended reduction in crowd size, our state mandated self-isolation and self-distancing, so with an abundance of caution regarding the spread, prevention and treatment of COVID-19 . . .

March’s 5th Sunday fellowship meal was cancelled. The next 5th Sunday is May 31st. We will decide later if we will have a potluck fellowship meal.



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 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 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, shining a light on the vital role played by nurses and midwives in providing healthcare around the world, and calling for a strengthening of the nursing and midwifery workforce.

National Nurses Appreciation Week - May 6 -12.

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

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 do not 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 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 – 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



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)

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?



May 5th – Cinco de Mayo



May 10th – Mother's Day



May 25th – Memorial Day