

FEBRUARY 21, 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

Sandy Parmer
Sheri Goodlet

Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Robert Parmer

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Roy Stephenson

Scripture

Matthew 16: 13-20

Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:

"Founded on the Rock"

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Jim Eubanks

Happiness is healthy and wise.



"A cheerful heart is a good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22). Sound familiar? Change a few words and you have the familiar "Laughter is the best medicine." Here's another reference to the relationship between happiness and health: "A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken" (Proverbs 15:13). Our health encompasses our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well being. God wants us to take good care of ourselves by having a cheerful heart.



• Keep Wayne, Nell and his parents in your prayers during this difficult time. Wayne is under hospice care, he has lost his 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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• Sandy Parmer's friend Betty Rivers is bed ridden in a nursing home in Alabama.

• Please keep Molly Parmer in prayer, she is hospitalized in Alabama. She is Robert and Sandy Parmer's sister-in-law.

• Chappie Chapman, former church member, was diagnosed with lung cancer. He remains hopeful. Please let him know we are thinking of him.

• Mindy Scaffa shared that she has Chronic Kidney Disease. She has been scheduled for knee replacement on March 4th. and requests our prayers.

• Gail Garland arrived safely back in Georgia Friday, January 29th from South Africa with her grandson. She thanks everyone for their prayers. Alora drove down for a visit. If you would like to send Gail a card or you just want to stay in touch her address is posted on the bulletin board.

• Mark Sanders, (Lee Sander's cousin), please add him to your prayers. He had a heart attack and had to have stincts put in.

• Lee Sanders broke his foot December 1st and was scheduled for surgery. Now he is seeing a heart specialist. The doctor has ordered a CAT scan.

• Michael Sutton, Sr. had emergency heart by-pass surgery last week in Gainesville, GA. He is Darlene Queen's cousin.

• Ute Chewning had surgery to remove the metal plate from her foot because of repeated infection and pain. She thanks you for prayers and wants you to know she is no longer in pain. Doctor will release her Feb. 4. Using walking boot until then. Infusions of antibiotics ended January 21st.

• Richard Brenner is home. He hasn't been feeling well. We pray he gets better soon.

• 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.

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. **Most recently the staff has requested hair shampoo and conditioners, hair bands 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 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.

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. This was our third year supporting the program. Please take time to check it out.

News and Announcements

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

February 7 – \$1,000.50 is under budget by \$250.00.

February 14 – \$1,050.50 is under budget by \$200.00.

Sunday Bible Study – 13
Morning Worship Attendance – 20

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 help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes. STAY SAFE!

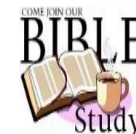
Wayne’s Outreach Ministries



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 Winter issue of our Adult Bible Study is available. We began with the book of Genesis in September and will continue the winter series with the book of Genesis. 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 have not attended evening activities because the weather creates a potential for black ice and multiple curves in the roads makes driving hazardous.

As of Wednesday, February 3, we started 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.** Then enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study with your Christian family. If you have a topic you would like presented, please let Roy Stephenson know.



February Birthdays

Dan Kirby	1
Michael Sutton, Jr.	10
Mindy Scaffa	14
Stacy Packer	24
Tori Dockery	26



February Wedding Anniversaries

David and Joyce Ellis	8
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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.

There is an error in the Terrill's Murphy phone number. Until we can get the directory reprinted, there are a few copies on the table in the back with the change handwritten.

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. He also presented upcoming projects that will require financial expenditures.

Budget for 2021

A copy of the revised budget is posted on the bulletin board.

Outside donations we have been receiving will not continue and we need to re-examine the amount of our individual contributions. Dean reassured the congregation that currently we are financially solvent.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(February 1 – February 28)

What is Black History Month and why is it celebrated? Black History Month observance originated in the United States, where it is also known as African American History Month. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, while in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.

Famous African American Musicians from the 1950:

1. **Ella Fitzgerald.** "The First Lady of Song" Ella Fitzgerald could do things with her voice that were unexplainable and amazing.
2. **Sarah Vaughn** developed an early love affair with music with a thriving music scene in Newark, New Jersey as her backdrop.
3. **Dinah Washington** was an American singer and pianist, who has been cited as "the most popular black female recording artist of the '50s". Primarily a jazz

vocalist, she performed and recorded in a wide variety of styles including blues, R&B, and traditional pop music, and gave herself the title of "Queen of the Blues".

4. Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington

was an American composer, pianist, and leader of a jazz orchestra, which he led from 1923 until his death over a career spanning more than six decades.

5. **Nathaniel Adams Coles,** known professionally as Nat King Cole, was an American singer and jazz pianist. He recorded over 100 songs that became hits on the pop charts. His trio was the model for small jazz ensembles that followed. Cole also acted in films and on television and performed on Broadway. He was the first African American man to host an American television series.

6. **Ray Charles,** combined gospel music and blues into his own brand of soul music. Charles is known for his innovative singing as well as his ability as a pianist and bandleader broke down barriers separating gospel and secular music. After touring around Florida and other southeastern states, Charles signed with Atlantic Records and the rest is history. From "Georgia on my Mind" to "Hit the Road Jack" and a list of hits too expansive to detail here.

Just one more week to celebrate some of the contributions of African Americans to our history. Please continue your research, there is more, too much to cover in one

month...but I hope you have enjoyed the few that were selected. In order to make improvements we need to know the past



Area singing

Please join us February 28th at the Hayesville Church of Christ at 2:30 pm for our 4th Sunday area singing.

We look forward to resuming our fellowship with others and raising our voices in song. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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. Make sure your mask covers your nose and mouth.
- 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.