

## FEBRUARY 9, 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. Topic for this week is "Christians In A Changing World" 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

DJ Stephenson  
Lula Williams

#### Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Goodlet

#### Opening Prayer

Wayne Ard

#### Lord's Supper Thoughts

Dean Wray

#### Supper Servants

Roy Stephenson  
Jerry Queen

#### Scripture

1John 4:7-9

Read by Woody Scaffa

#### Sunday Sermon:

*Love on Loan*

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 bag 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.*

*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phillipians 4:13*

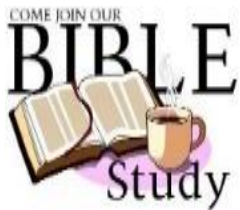
### “Noon” Senior Center Class

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.



### *Secret Sisters*

We will resume for the summer in a few months so please continue to check the bulletin for the 2020 dates.



### **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.” Ends February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Starting March 1st we will be studying from the book of Hebrews.** 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.

### 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.

### 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. Topic for this week is “Christians In A Changing World.” Bring your Bible, we want you to ask questions and make comments. **This week we will finish Genesis chapter 19.**

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



### 4th Sunday Area Singing

Mark your calendar for **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** to be at the Hayesville COC by 2:30 pm for the start of the 2020 quarterly area singing.

Light refreshments will be served immediately following the singing. This will give you an opportunity to meet members from the surrounding churches.



### 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.



### **February Birthdays**

Dan Kirby	1
Michael Sutton, Jr.	10
Bill Ellis	13
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.*

### 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, e.g. spaghetti, Mac & Cheese and cereal, boxes of milk with long shelf life e.g. Parmalat, rice milk, etc.**

**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.



**GO RED FOR WOMEN**

February is also America Heart Month. In recognition of the need for more research to address women, **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> was “Go Red for Women”**. You were asked to wear red on that day to support the need for more research.



**Take Care of Your Sweetheart**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine’s Day.**



To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent. The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment

abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

A week was eventually changed to “Black History Month”. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

The **Black History Month 2020 theme**, “African Americans and the Vote,” is in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment (1920) granting women’s suffrage and the 150th anniversary of the 15th Amendment (1870) giving **black** men the right to vote.

As with the historic civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s and the political gains at the turn of this century, African Americans made great strides during the Reconstruction period following the defeat of the bloody and divisive Confederacy.

We ought to look back during this year’s Black History Month and remember black pioneers such as Hiram Revels and Blanche K. Bruce, who were

elected to the U.S. Senate in 1870 and 1874, respectively.

Students may also delight in reading about Solomon G. Brown, a Republican member of the then-House of Delegates for the District of Columbia from 1871 to 1874 and the first African American employee of the Smithsonian Institution. Today, we can take pride in the fact that the secretary of the Smithsonian is Lonnie Bunch, an African American educator and historian.



*Did You Know?*

*President's Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives —George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.*