

MAY 24, 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.

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.

Greeters
Karen Wray
DJ Stephenson

Welcome/Song Leader
Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer
Dean Wray

Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Jim Eubanks

No Supper Servants

Scripture
Acts 10:1-6
Read by John Dykema

Sunday Sermon:
Heaven’s Memorial
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Stephenson

Closing Prayer
John Dykema

**GRADUATING CLASSES
OF 2020**



“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)

News and Announcements

Our church’s weekly budget is set at \$1,296.00.

May 10 - \$1,640.00 is over budget by \$344.00.

May 17 - \$2,555.00 is over budget by \$1,259.00.

There were 23 in attendance May 3rd and 24 on May 10th at the parking lot morning worship service held at 11:00 am. as part of Phase I. Service inside is part of Phase II as of today with 10:00 am. Bible study and morning worship so until then stay safe. We will start telephone contacts to let you know if anything changes.

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.

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 is closed. Classes on Tuesdays are cancelled until further notice.



Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am resumed this morning while maintaining social distance. Members are asked to please check your temperature before deciding to leave home and wearing a mask while inside is optional. Chairs have been set up to maintain social distancing.

For the spring quarter we are 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. 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 this critical time. NOTE: **Our pantry is small, so we try not to over stock.** We only give out food when 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 Andrews. 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

Extraordinary Women scheduled in Concord, NC for this fall (October 16-17) may be postponed in compliance with COVID-19 safety recommendations. Still waiting for feedback. 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.



April 31st Sunday fellowship meal was cancelled because of social distancing. We will decide later when we will have a potluck fellowship meal and make it a real celebration!



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 the card 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 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 ball field 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.

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.



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 and wear a mask 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

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.

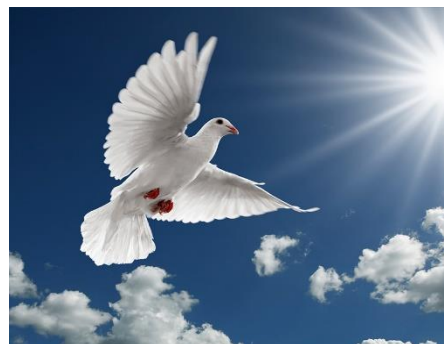
Freedom Is Not Free!!!



May 25th – Memorial Day

GOD Wants You to Know . . .

You can trust God to meet your needs. As you follow God's lead in life, you can know without a doubt that he's going to provide all that you need along the way. Even today, as you lift your prayers to him, you can take hold of these trust-filled words written by the Apostle Paul two millennia ago: "My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus " (Philippians 4: 19 – words that are every bit as true today because God is still in the business of providing for his children.



God's Word brings wisdom. Opening the Scriptures is like entering a gold mine. The writer of Psalm 19 praised the Lord's instruction: "The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; . . . the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes . . . More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold" (verses 7-8). Of course, the Bible's a big volume, so if you're looking for a place to begin diggin', check out the "wisdom literature" books of Psalms and Proverbs.

Brighter Days are coming!



June 20th marks the first day of summer

June 21st we will celebrate and thank our fathers

