

DECEMBER 27, 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 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 have been postponed until January 6, 2021 due to the uncertainty of the weather during this time of the year. We want everyone to be safe!

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, upcoming events, and articles by Roy Goodlet.

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
Sheri Goodlet
DJ Stephenson

Welcome/Song Leader
Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer
Jim Eubanks

Lord's Supper Thoughts
Philip Goodlet

Scripture
John 15: 11-15
Read by Robert Parmer

Sunday Sermon:
Jesus My Friend
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
Nathan Goodlet

*Happy New Year
2021*

Let us pray that 2021 will be a good year for everyone throughout the world.

Believe in God's
love and love
people that you
meet on your way.

Invite someone to worship with us. We all need to feel connected. Let us continue to count our blessings and help those less fortunate during these stressful and uncertain times.



• Please continue to send cards to Wayne and Nell with words of encouragement. Keep his parents in prayer as they help Nell through this difficult time. Wayne is under hospice care and is slowly getting weaker, but he remains in good spirit.

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• Sandy Parmer's three friends are positive for Covid-19 virus live in Spanish Fort, AL and she is requesting prayers for Mr. and Mrs. Howard (Betty) Rivers and their son, Rob.

• A friend of Sandy Parmer, David Beck, has had a stroke.

• Darlene Queen's sister, Tonya Woltermothe, has cancer. Her aunt, Mavis Graves fell and broke her hip and hit her head causing a brain bleed (Springfield, Ohio). Her aunt, Mary Jo Dockery went home to Duckworth, TN.

• Jerry Queen continues to improve after his surgery. Glad he able to join us on Sunday during morning worship.

• 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 is in the beginning of stage 3 so that means her kidneys are

functioning between 40- 50%. She is okay to go out and be around people - she must keep her mask on.

• Gail Garland is still visiting with family. Her next stop will be in South Africa to see her two-month old grandson who is slowly showing signs of improvement after surgery. We continue to pray for a safe visit and a safe return to her home in Georgia.

• Chris and Jill Kirby who have been active with our 3M summer outreaches, both tested positive for COVID-19 along with one of their children in Nashville, TN.

• 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 Tuesday, December 1st.

• Ute had surgery to remove the metal plate from her foot because of repeated infection. She said it feels better but it will be a long term recovery.

• Melvin Ryan is a diabetic and the wound on his foot is not healing well. Wearing shoes is painful at this time.

• 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.

**ENJOY TODAY, IT WILL
NOT COME AGAIN....**

Grace E. Easley



REACH, Inc. – Community Project

The ladies made a commitment to supply the Cherokee County domestic violence shelter with cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. **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.



Toys for Tots

We started collecting in October for the 2020 holidays. Cherokee county Toys for Tots has been blessed with great weather for fundraising, and generous people who live here and pass through here.

You are awesome! Last year we collected 4 bags and with everything that is going on there is even a greater need to help our neighbors. **This year Cherokee County Toys for Tot gave out 1088 toys.** None of this would have been possible without you. Be assured that every toy and every donation collected here in the Cherokee County campaign goes to a child in our area.

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.



Please read the thank you note from the coordinators for Toys for Tot here in the town of Murphy posted on the bulletin board.

News and Announcements

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


December 13 - \$680.00 is under budget by \$616.00.

December 20 – \$615.00 is under budget by \$681.00

Sunday Bible Study – 13
Morning Worship Attendance – 22

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 the Gospel Advocate is now 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

Classes have been postponed until January 6, 2021. Roy Stephenson began this October a ten-week Wednesday night series devoted to a study of the Holy Spirit. Topic series include – God in Three Persons, Receiving the Holy Spirit, Walking After the Spirit, Empowered, by the Holy Spirit, Grieving the Holy Spirit, Spiritual Gifts, Misconceptions About the Holy Spirit, and The Holy Spirit – Then and Today.

After a brief song and prayer, we delve into our study in each class for most of our hour together. Please come and bring your study bible and questions! If you have another series topic you would like presented, please let Roy Stephenson know.

Just Christians

I ♥ MY CHURCH 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.



December Birthdays

Mike Terrill	29
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January Birthdays

Louise Lopez	16
Wayne Ard	17
Michelle Dockery	26



January Wedding Anniversaries

Johnny and Sheila Queen	9
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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.

Kitchen Repairs

Repairs for water damage in the fellowship room and bathrooms are now completed. Thanks to everyone who helped to finalize the repairs and the painting. Special thanks to Dean and Karen for spearheading this project.

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.

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.

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.

Please continue the CDC's guidelines for your health and protection for those around you.



Sympathy is extended to Tony, Amy, and Maddy Holt in the sudden death of Amy's father, Dick Howell, in Bryson City, NC on December 18th.

Decorations are up in some neighborhoods. Did you get a chance to check them out?



Are You Ready for 2021?

