

# FEBRUARY 14, 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](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 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**  
Jerry Queen

**Opening Prayer**  
Dean Wray

**Lord’s Supper Thoughts**  
Roy Goodlet

**Scripture**  
**Psalm 139:1-6**  
Read by Robert Parmer

**Sunday Sermon:**  
**“Why Love God?”**  
By Roy Stephenson

**Announcements**  
Roy Goodlet

**Closing Prayer**  
Jim Eubanks

## FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>



### What is Valentine's Day?

*In general, Valentine’s Day is usually celebrated by giving significant others, flowers, and gifts to demonstrate affection.*



- 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 4<sup>th</sup>. and requests our prayers.
- Gail Garland arrived safely back in Georgia Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from South Africa with her grandson. She thanks everyone for their prayers. Alora drove down last Sunday 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 stints put in.
- Lee Sanders broke his foot December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Chewing 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 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 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](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.



### **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 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**



For the 2020 Cherokee County campaign, Toys for Tots gave out 1088 toys. 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.

**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.**

**January** - \$880.00 is under budget by \$415.00.

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

**Sunday Bible Study** – 10  
**Morning Worship Attendance** – 15

*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. It will ask 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. Our first two conference studies have been great successes!!!***



### 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

Dean presented the new budget proposal for 2021 January 31<sup>st</sup> for review and comments. A copy of the revised budget has been posted on the bulletin board. The weekly budget was reduced to \$1,250.00.

He shared that the outside donations we have been receiving will not continue and he suggested that we consider the amount of our individual contributions. He also 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 is an annual observance originating 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.

#### Some things that wouldn't exist without blacks;

- Who doesn't enjoy a fresh scoop of ice cream on a hot day? Alfred A. Cralle invented the ice cream scoop making it easier for people everywhere to enjoy their favorite treat.
- Imagine what the roads would look like without traffic lights. Well, thanks to Garrett A Morgan, we do not have to imagine.

- Lonnie G. Johnson changed childhoods forever when he invented the super soaker water gun. As a Tuskegee graduate who joined the Air Force and was assigned to Strategic Air Command, Johnson worked on the stealth bomber program. He also worked on the Galileo mission to Jupiter and the Cassini mission to Saturn. While working on an enviro-friendly heat pump, he invented the super soaker, and later started Johnson Research & Development and acquired some 100 patents.
- Snacking just would not be the same if George "Speck" Crum hadn't invented the potato chip.

Henry Louis Gates' book, "The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song." will be released **TUESDAY (FEB. 16), the same day the four-hour documentary will begin a two-day run on PBS stations, airing at 9 p.m. EST**



### Area singing

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

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

### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR



In Cherokee county, the Department of Social Services is asking for donations of coats that are clean and in good condition (but not necessarily new). You can drop them off in their lobby. Also, the Rotary Club is collecting shoes...all kinds, all sizes, again in good condition but not necessarily new. So, clean out those closets!

### 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.