

JANUARY 17, 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. We will be **experimenting with a new format in February.** The new format will be explained during today’s announcements.

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

Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer

Dean Wray

Lord’s Supper Thoughts

Roy Goodlet

Scripture

Genesis 37:3-11

Read by Nathan Goodlet

Sunday Sermon:

“Have a Dream”

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Robert Parmer

God wants to bless our future. The benefits of walking in God’s way are many...Future generations are blessed when we choose a godly path. “The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting...,” said Psalmist, “and his righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments” (Psalm 103: 17-18. Not only does what we teach, and model get passed on to our children and grandchildren and beyond, but also God’s own love brings the blessing of righteousness to future generations.



- 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 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 and has passed.

- 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. Justin Sutton, Darlene’s son, has swelling in his legs.

- Jerry Queen continues to improve after his surgery. Glad he is 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 has been scheduled for knee surgery and requests our prayers.

- Gail Garland is still in South Africa. Unfortunately the smaller of her 4-month old grandsons died while in surgery. He was cremated. Gail will be traveling back to the USA with the surviving grandson. We pray for a safe return to her home in Georgia and her grandson’s continued strength.

- 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 was scheduled for surgery December 6th. He is seeing a heart speicalist again for tests.

- 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 ends January 21st.

- Melvin Ryan is a diabetic and wearing shoes is painful at this time. It is always great to see him at Sunday worship services.

- Chris Moore who sings in Roy’s barbershop singing group is being treated for pnuemonia complicated by Covid-19.

- Marsha Gifford, college friend of DJ Stephenson, has Covid-19, complicated with pnuemonia, and blood clots. She lives in California.

- 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.



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.

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 bararahudson727@gmail.com for more information or visit the Toys for Tots website.

We can never have too many toys and Toys for Tots can always use the money to help supplement the toys donated. Bringing a smile to a child’s face will also bring a smile to your face.

News and Announcements

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

January 3 - \$1,051.00 is under budget by \$245.00.

January 10 – \$525.00 is under budget by \$771.00.

Sunday Bible Study – 9
Morning Worship Attendance – 21

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 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

Roy Stephenson began in October a ten-week Wednesday night series devoted to a study of the Holy Spirit. **We will have 2 more classes on the Holy Spirit before we experiment with a new format in February.**

What is next? If you have a topic you want to discuss, please let Roy know.

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



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.



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.

Building Maintenance

Repairs for water damage in the fellowship room and bathrooms are now completed.

Dean reminded us that he has several other projects that require attention to help maintain the building, so if you want to help please let him know.



Thanks to everyone who came for the Christmas carols! Wayne really enjoyed the songs and having everyone here! Thanks also to all of those who have sent cards! The words of encouragement are a blessing! God has truly blessed us with good friends!

*In Him,
Wayne and Nell*

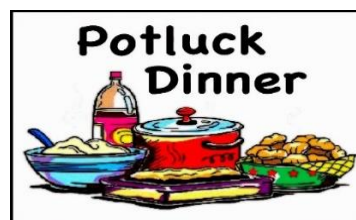


Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gail Garland, former member of our congregation, and her family. She had twin grandsons born prematurely four months ago by surrogate in South Africa. Unfortunately, the smaller twin died and was cremated.

Gail is planning to fly back to the USA with the surviving twin to meet his mother and father, Gail's daughter and son-in-law living in South Georgia.

January 18th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed. Have you read his speech, or did you hear it on the day he made it, "I Have A Dream" at the 1963 March on Washington? A few copies are available on the back table. If you do not see one let Lula know and she will make more copies.



January 31st Fellowship Meal

January has 5 Sundays so we will have a fellowship meal immediately after morning worship on January 31st. Our congregation is small so keep that in mind when preparing and selecting what you want to share. Safety of our members and visitors is key to having the fellowship. Should anything change we will make an announcement.



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.



Exerpt from 1/10/2021 morning worship article from Roy Stephenson:

We have God's promise that He comes near to us because we're prayerful. Psalm 145:18 says, "The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth." God is willing to come close to us even when times are trying.
