

JANUARY 12, 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. We are currently studying the book of James. Bring your bible and your questions for an informative class.

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

Sheri Goodlet
Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader

Roy Goodlet

Opening Prayer

Wayne Ard

Lord's Supper Thoughts

Roy Stephenson

Supper Servants

Roy Goodlet
Jerry Queen

Scripture

Acts 9: 36-42

Read by Dean Wray

Sunday Sermon:

Dominant Dorcas

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Jerry Queen



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.



Condolences

Two weeks ago Roy Stephenson announced that his sister Sandra Kelley died suddenly on December 21st in Douglas, GA.. Plans are incomplete at this time regarding funeral arrangements. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this time of grieving their lost.

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.

“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.

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. Bring your bible, ask questions and comments in a verse-by-verse study through James. **We are currently finishing the last few verses in James chapter 4 and will begin chapter 5.**

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



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.



Secret Sisters

We will resume next year for the summer 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.”** 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.



January Birthdays

Wayne Ard	17
Michelle Dockery	26



January Wedding Anniversaries

Johnny and Sheila Queer	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.

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 (Mac & Cheese) and cereal and boxes of milk with long shelf life e.g. parmalait, 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.

**Happy
New Year!**

IS THERE LIFE AFTER CHRISTMAS?

After all of the Christmas programs, shopping, singing of carols and everything else, what do you anticipate will happen? And, more importantly, what are looking for after December 25th? Time will go on. Are you willing to look for what Jesus offers you today? Something that will give you reason to celebrate past December 25th. The Christmas story is a great story, but even in the Bible once it is over, it is over, and then the question is, "What's next?" The people of Israel

must have asked that question and you need to ask this question. "After December 25th, what's next?" As a child I anticipated Christmas day so much that many times I was disappointed when I looked out the window and it looked just like the day before. There was nothing magical about it. And when I was in college, I remember that on the last day before Christmas break, I had four final exams. It took me several days to realize it was time for Christmas. As a youth minister I spent so much time taking the youth caroling at hospitals, practicing Christmas plays, having a live nativity scene out in front of the church, and having special parties and programs that after Christmas I was ready to rest. On Christmas Day you may be thinking, "The house in a mess. Some of the clothes did not fit and need to be taken back. I already have what Aunt Matilda sent me, so I wonder if I can return it and get something else? I charged a lot of this stuff, and I am afraid to look at my checking account. Tomorrow is back to work, and I have to get ready to celebrate New Year's and watch the football games, and then there's the Super Bowl, and of course it will be income tax time."

Meanwhile what happened to the story of God coming to earth, in the flesh, as a baby named Jesus? Well, that's up to you.

There isn't much peace on this earth, and you know what? There won't ever be peace on this earth, because hate will still exist, and wars will still continue. On a smaller scale, during Christmas some people paint a smile on their face and pretend to love

everyone, and then later on say what they really think about them. And what seemed to be peace on earth for many people was only putting makeup on an ugly face. Underneath it was still ugly.

You and I live in a world that does not offer lasting satisfaction or true peace. Christmas is not over. For the Christian the celebration of Christmas continues. It happens every time we come together as a church family. We celebrate the coming of Jesus to earth to be our Savior. We sing of His love and sacrifice. We remember His death and resurrection during communion. We give our offerings with the joy of knowing our money will be used to spread the Christmas story to others in this world.

There is plenty of life after Christmas!
*Roy Goodlet (excerpt from
Cherokee Scout article, 12/19/17.)*

