

FEBRUARY 2, 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. Topic for this week is “Christians In A Changing World” 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

DJ Stephenson
Lula Williams

Welcome/Song Leader

Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer

Dean Wray

Lord’s Supper Thoughts

Roy Goodlet

Supper Servants

Roy Stephenson
Dean Wray

Scripture

Matthew 14:26-33

Read by Philip Goodlet

Sunday Sermon:

Fear and Faith

By Roy Stephenson

Announcements

Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer

Philip Goodlet

LET YOUR
FAITH
BE BIGGER
THAN YOUR
FEAR

Faith and Fear

What does the Bible say about fear and faith?

Answer: Faith and fear cannot exist together. Faith is described in Hebrews 11:1 as being “certain of what we do not see.” It is an absolute belief that God is constantly working behind the scenes in every area of our lives, even when there are no tangible evidences to support that fact.

BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

By Roy Goodlet

What happens to our dreams? What dangers sabotage them from becoming reality? What often happens is that without ever trying we quickly dismiss some of our dreams because we think they are impossible. We are afraid of becoming disappointed, so, ahead of time we would rather kill the dream and bury it, instead of believing we serve the God of the impossible.

Thomas was one of twelve men who followed Jesus for three years. Thomas once held a dream that Jesus was God’s unique messenger who would change the world. Thomas ate with Jesus, ministered with Him, laughed and cried with Him, and they even dreamed together. Thomas was an eyewitness to seeing crowds gathered, miracles accomplished, people healed, and multitudes fed. But then the crucifixion came. Jesus died, and everything changed for Thomas.

When Jesus first appeared to the disciples after His resurrection, Thomas wasn’t there, and then Thomas heard from the other disciples that they had seen Jesus. Thomas was thinking, “That’s not possible. Dead people don’t rise again.” Poor Thomas has been given the reputation of being a doubter, but was he? Let’s look at some other Bible references about Thomas.

In John 11 Jesus was told that his good friend Lazarus was ill, and then later on was told that he had died. Jesus said we should go back there, but in verse 8 His disciples questioned, “But Rabbi, a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?” By the time we get to verse 14, Jesus said, “Yes, we are going.” Then Thomas spoke up, and you can take what he said one of two ways, either as a pessimist or as an optimist. John 11:16, “Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’ Did he say this in a courageous way, or in a way that shows certain death for all of them?”

Then in John 14:5 we read, “Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’” Once again, is Thomas honestly seeking an answer to a tough question, or is he saying it’s impossible? You be the judge.

But, let’s get back to John 20 where the disciples were all huddled inside a room with the doors locked, and Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. Even the other ten apostles did not believe until

they physically saw Jesus. But the next time Jesus appeared to them, Thomas was there, and Jesus said to Thomas in verse 27, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." When Thomas saw the proof, he immediately said, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)

Jesus never rebuked Thomas for his doubts. And if you have doubts about the reality of Jesus or the ability of Jesus to do something impossible, then if you deal honestly with your doubt, Jesus will give you what you need to move forward and believe. Doubt can be a source of finding what you believe in if you seek answers. Can you openly share your doubts with Jesus and a Christian friend?



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 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 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.

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Phillippians 4:13



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.

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. Topic for this week is “Christians In A Changing World” Bring your Bible, ask questions and comments.

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.



February Birthdays

Dan Kirby	1
Michael Sutton, Jr.	10
Bill Ellis	13
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.

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.



Take Care of Your Sweetheart

We are half-way through the month of January so look at the calendar and the next day we tend to focus on is **February 14th, Valentine's Day.**