

DECEMBER 01, 2019

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. Thank you for coming today and sharing in the worship service. 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 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. **Evening worship service is every Sunday at 6:00 pm unless otherwise announced.**

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. We are currently studying the book of James.

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
Karen Wray
Sheri Goodlet

Welcome/Song Leader
Jerry Queen

Opening Prayer
Wayne Ard

Lord’s Supper Thoughts
Roy Goodlet

Supper Servants
John Dykema
Roy Stephenson

Scripture
Matthew 16: 24-28
Read by John Dykema

Sunday Sermon Talk:
“Following Jesus”
By Roy Stephenson

Announcements
Roy Goodlet

Closing Prayer
John Dykema



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 office located behind the thrift store on HWY 64. We could use some small tote bags to put toilet items in for REACH clients. Recommended size 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 currently 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 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.

Dec. 15th Card Writing



Mark your calendar to stay after morning worship to help Wayne and Nell with their annual card writing prison ministry. They will provide the cards and stamps they ask that you add notes of encouragement to those designated to receive a card. It is also a time for fellowship while enjoying Wayne and Nell’s homemade soup (yummy) and a way to share Christmas cheers

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 are currently studying the New Testament book of James. Please bring your study Bible, Bible dictionary, and/or commentary (on the New Testament or on the book of James).

We want to involve everyone who comes to the class, so please read and study ahead, to contribute to the class and ask questions and comment in a verse-by-verse study through James. **We will begin with James 4 this Wednesday.**

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

Acts 17: 11 tells us –

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if those things were so.” those things were so.”



Toys For Tots

This is our second year as a congregation supporting Toys for Tots. The 2019 campaign began October 1st and will end December 23, 2019. Last year we donated three bags of toys and **our goal was to donate four bags. Thanks to you everyone who donated we reached our goal of four bags of toys.**

As the event gets closer, details on how families can register their child for a toy will be provided in the Cherokee Scout.

NOTE: Two weekends ago Saturday was a rain out as far as collecting at Walmart was concerned. **BUT! For the first time ever,** they allowed us to collect on Black Friday, as a replacement day.

ONGOING: Wayne’s Feed Store – A raffle is being held to benefit Toys for Tots and Warriors Veteran Outreach. Tickets are \$2.00, buy 5 tickets get 6th free – 6 for \$10, 12 for \$20.

Mike and Jennifer Lugiawicz have a wonderful **Christmas light show with music** at their home at 3351 Harshaw Road in Murphy. The shows run about 30 minutes each and are Mon-Thurs from 6-10 pm, Fri and Saturday 6-11 pm through the New Year’s Eve. **No show if it’s raining.** All donations are going to Cherokee County Toys for Tots this year.

Encourage your family and friends to buy raffle ticket, see the light show and support Toys for Tots.

Only three weeks until distribution to the children. With your help the children of Cherokee County will have a brighter and happier Christmas. Thank you for your participation, without our volunteers, this campaign would not be possible.

Dates that you can help with and the contact person is on the bulletin board and copies are also on the back table.



December Birthdays

Ronald Wilkins	1
Jerry Queen	5
Sheri Goodlet	13



December Wedding Anniversaries

Ed and Sue Raber	22
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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.



Ladies Fellowship!!

Ladies annual Christmas shopping – Saturday, Dec. 7th.

If you want join those who have indicated they want to go shopping please be at the church by 8:30 am. The ladies will be going to **Town Center Mall in Kennesaw, Ga.** After shopping they will have lunch – restaurant to be decided on Saturday. Let Sheri Goodlet know if you are going so we can arrange transportation.

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

Some of the ladies have out of town plans for the holidays, some are busy getting ready for relatives & friends visit and helping to get ready for the Night in Bethlehem, so we will resume next year for the summer please continue to check the bulletin for the 2020 dates.

Happy holidays and enjoy your time with family and friends.



Night in Bethlehem

October 22nd, at 7 pm, the Culberson Community met to discuss plans for this year's 'Bethlehem, A Night to Remember' event. **The date for the event is Saturday, December 14th. The location is the fair grounds at the Mountain Folk Center, 9275 Hwy 64 West headed toward the Tennessee board.**

It is open to the public from 4:00 until 8:00 pm. The event is free! **A few flyers are on the back table if you need a reminder or to share with others.**

Roy Goodlet, Sheri Goodlet and Dean Wray have been attending the Culberson Community planning meetings. Sunday, November 17, Roy shared with the congregation the plans for support from our congregation.

We will need help with children's craft to be coordinated by Sheri Goodlet. She will purchase the clear plastic cups with donations received. We need approximately 100 sheets of yellow tissue paper, 2 bottles of clear Elmer's glue, 3 bottles of brown washable tempera paint. One ream of white cardstock paper. Please see Sheri for questions on how you can help and to avoid duplications.

Cookie donations will be coordinated by Karen Wray. We will need approximately 50 dozen cookies. If you will be baking/bringing cookies, please place your name on the sign-up

sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. You will be advised when to bring to bring the cookies to the church. We ask that you place cookies in small sandwich size back to make it easier for distribution to those in attendance. Please label the bags if they have nuts in the cookies for those who may have allergies. If you have questions, please contact Karen.



Pantry Items

Please let Roy Stephenson know of anyone 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 canned soups and meat.**

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.



Sunday Morning Bible Study starts at 10:00 am

Please make plans to join us on Sundays. Our Fall 2019 series is from the book of EXODUS. 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, donuts or other pastries. This time is allotted to fellowship before worship service begins.