



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
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## DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
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Steve Housley  
Wayne Johnston  
Jimmy Mathews  
Roy Mulkey  
Randy Porterfield  
Jeff Simpson

## MINISTERS:

Steve Housley, Pulpit  
Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth  
& College  
Matt Wheeler, Intern

## SCHEDULE:

### Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Worship

### Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**RADIO PROGRAM**  
WMGY 800 AM DIAL  
Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.  
With **ROGER DILL**

## STATISTICS 12/29/13

Bible Class: 125  
AM Worship: 181  
PM Worship: 103  
EMUAF: \$1,470.00

**YOU ARE  
WELCOME!**

# EASTERN MEADOWS' 2014 BUDGET



will be presented  
**Sunday, Jan. 12,  
10 AM.**

**LA DYBUGS**

**2014**

**KICK\_OFF**

**Sunday, Jan. 12, 3:30 PM**

# 2014 at EASTERN MEADOWS

## **Bible Classes:**

- ◆ Paul Clements will begin teaching the Sunday morning Bible class this Sunday, Jan. 5.
- ◆ The Wednesday Night Auditorium class will be studying "Lessons To Be Learned From Bible Characters."
- ◆ A Young Adult Bible class will begin Wednesday, Jan. 15, with Jerry Martin teaching "Finding Your Place In The Body."
- ◆ The Thursday Bible class resumes Jan. 9 with Steve Housley teaching on "The Message of the Bible" using a video series by Dave Miller.

## **Food Teams:**

- ◆ We have five new food teams with Team Captains Billy & Judy Creel, Tim & Sally Gotkiewicz, Ann Milam & Chris Kelley, Ron & Dianne Hoskinson along with Luke & Aaron Ferrell, and Jimmy & Janet Mathews. Letters, Teams Lists, and Calendars were mailed to member's homes. If you did not receive yours, you may pick-up a copy at the Front Welcome Desk.

## **Ladies:**

- ◆ Every lady is challenged to attend the LadyBUGS (**Ladies Building Uniting in God's Service**) Third Annual Meeting Sunday, Jan. 12, 3:30 PM. This will kick-off 2014 with the schedule of activities, theme, and Bible class topics for the year.

## **Youth:**

- ◆ Area Wide Youth Devotionals the 2nd Sunday night of each month except June and July.
- ◆ Youth and Family Devotionals are scheduled the 4th Sunday night each month.
- ◆ The Lads To Leaders Convention will be April 18-20 in Atlanta, Georgia. Our youth will soon begin Bible Bowl study and preparations for other areas of participation.
- ◆ Two summer Bible camps at Indian Creek Youth Camp (ICYC) this year: Apologetics Press Week, June 8-13, and Jerry Martin week, July 20-25.
- ◆ Exposure Youth Camp, held each December in Huntsville, AL. EM had a group of 27 who just attended the 2013 session with the theme, "Handcrafted" which was about service. Our youth will have the opportunity to attend the 2014 session also.

## **Special Events:**

- ◆ Marriage Enrichment Weekend—Neal & Kathy Pollard will conduct the seminar the weekend of Feb. 21-23.
- ◆ Wonderful Wednesday's in April and November. In April Dave & Jeff Miller will be speaking on "Reasons To Believe..." and in November Eric Lyons will speak on "Reasons To Believe the Bible."
- ◆ Homecoming 2014. Homecoming is scheduled for May 4 with guest speaker, Mike Gifford. Mike and his family worshipped with Eastern Meadows years ago before moving to Georgia.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School will be June 16-19 with the theme, "The Life of Joseph."

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Baptism!** On Friday, December 20, Lisa Cothran was baptized for the remission of sins. Lisa had been visiting with us for several weeks. We are glad to call Lisa our sister in Christ and welcome her to Eastern Meadows! Get to know Lisa!

**Response for Prayer!** On Thursday, December 26, Kelsey Evans responded asking for prayer from the congregation. Let us continue to pray for Kelsey. Kelsey is one of our Youth and has great potential for service in the Kingdom! What a joy it has been to see her grow into the Christian young lady she is!

**Thanks.** Thanks to Charlie Boddy for the wonderful lesson last Thursday evening (if you did not hear it, get a CD!). Thanks to Jerry Martin for the great job on Wonderful Wednesdays. He is scheduled to finish the series on January 8. If you have missed any of these, request a CD! Regular classes will begin again on Wednesday, January 15.

**Giving.** Thank you for the extra giving on Sunday. We have finished slightly in excess of the budget this year due to your generosity during the year and the final push at the end of the year to meet the budget. In addition to your giving \$14,606.70 for the contribution, you also gave \$1,470 for the Benevolence Fund, for a total of \$16,076.70. That is outstanding. You are to be commended. God is to be glorified.

**Fellowship Teams.** Hopefully by now you have received the information concerning the Fellowship Teams for 2014 and the Sunday meals. If you did not receive it, "extras" are located on the welcome desk. Thanks to Wilma Berry and Tim Gotkiewicz for their hard work arranging the teams and the information you received. I especially like the Sunday Meal Chart for the year that was included with the letter. Now all that is left is the doing! Please be involved in this good work in 2014.

**Sunday Sermons.** As previously mentioned, I am preaching lessons under a broad theme of "Lessons that Need to be Taught." To have a greater audience with the lessons, as I do believe that they are lessons that need to be taught, I am having an article each week on the same subject. Today's article concerns living the Christian life *daily!*

## The *Daily* Christian Life

As we consider 2014, I want to encourage you to be living the Christian life on a *daily* basis; that is, every day! To consider this we looked at several passages where the word *daily* occurs in the New Testament.

We are to *take up our cross daily!* Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The cross was the means of execution in the first century, the instrument of death for criminals. We are to put to death *self*, so that we might follow Jesus.

We should try to teach *daily* so that we can see results *daily*. The apostles were "daily in the



**Lisa Cothran**

temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42). Paul was teaching daily. With the teaching taking place daily, there were daily conversions! (Acts 2:47; Acts 16:5). What a joy it would be for this to happen at Eastern Meadows!

We should practice devotion to God on a *daily* basis. When the church was in its infancy the new Christians were visiting the temple daily, no doubt for personal devotion. We are to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Surely this would imply daily!

We should have personal Bible study *daily*! We read of Paul's commendation of the Bereans, "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11). They not only read the scriptures daily, they *examined* the scriptures daily. Let us do the same!

We should encourage one another *daily*. "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrew 3:13). Note 1 Thessalonians 5:11. We best exhort one another with words (1 Thessalonians 4:18; Acts 15:32). May we have the fit word for the occasion that edifies and encourages!

Lastly, let us care about the church *daily*. I know of Paul's unique position as an apostle and church planter, but let his care of the churches daily be an example for us to care about the church, here at Eastern Meadows and the world over! (2 Corinthians 11:28).

Be a Christian *daily* in 2014!

--Steve Housley



**Hunter Timbes**

-Newest Bible Class Member-

### ***FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:***

We're back in the valley! The Eastern Meadows Youth Group spent four days of the 2013 Christmas/New Year holiday vacation in Huntsville to attend Exposure Youth Camp (EYC).

This year's theme, "handcrafted", brought many outstanding lessons based on Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

We were all greatly edified by the lessons, and have recommitted ourselves to fulfilling God's plan in our lives. After reflecting on the challenges ahead, Jinny Khantisouriya, Grace Mount, and Daniel Moore have asked for our prayers as they strive to be the Christians that God would have them to be.

One of the lessons involved the opening statement above; If you are curious as to what it means, ask one of the following attendees of EYC 2013.

From the youth group: Kim Wilson, Jinny Khantisouriya, Turner Johnston, Mollie Beth Dill, Kelsey Evans, Banks Sewell, Miranda Porterfield, Grace Mount, Luke Ferrell, Gracie Johnston,

Ammaly Khantisouriya, MV Sewell, and Aaron Ferrell. Eli Porter, from Florida, also attended with our group.

From the college group: Matt Wheeler, Kristina Clifton, Randal Porterfield, Corey LeGere, and Daniel Moore.

Also, our chaperones: Ron and Dianne Hoskinson, Randy and Vickie Johnston, Randy and Cecilia Porterfield, and my dearest; Sally.

My heartfelt thanks go out to our youth group for the fine manner in which they represented Eastern Meadows, and more importantly, how they represented Christ. I'm very proud of them! I'll also take this opportunity to give a big shout out to our chaperones. Being adults in a sea of nearly 2000 energized teenagers for four straight days is definitely deserving of commendation!

## EXPOSURE 2013



### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

*Last week's question:* And we know that all things work together for good to those \_\_\_\_\_ , to those who are the called according to His purpose. B) who love God

*This week's question:* In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul wrote, "It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor \_\_\_\_\_ by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak." A) worship idols B) celebrate feasts C) do anything



# BUDGET / GIVING FOR 2013

The contribution for last Sunday, December 29, 2013 was \$14,606.70, which was \$2,906.70 above budget. For the year we finished \$68.64 above the yearly budget of \$608,400, averaging \$11,701.32. That is outstanding and you are to be commended!

We thank God for blessing this congregation.

Ted Norton, for the Elders

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/2/14

**SICK:** CLARA MAE CARSON, mother of Cindy Dendy, is recovering at home following heart-valve replacement surgery last week in Birmingham. MARCIA GRAVES is scheduled for surgery Jan. 8 at Jackson Hospital. SOPHIE POUNCEY, Billie Pouncey's granddaughter, broke her leg is 2 places Dec. 23 and may require surgery. CHARLOTTE JACKSON is scheduled to have a back procedure soon. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, JIMMY ALLEN, JEWEL BARNES, JERRY & CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, LINDA ROY, and OPAL SULLIVAN. Continue to remember our shut-ins: HILDA FURLOW, SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, VALLENE LOFTIN, INELLA BOWDEN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JIMMIE LINDSEY.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues) SHANNA JONES, CHARLES NORTON, DALTON & SYBIL DAVIS, BETTY ALLEN, MARTHA HUGGINS, JIMMY HINES, FLOYD & WANDA CRANE, ERIC LEDWELL, WAYNE & UDEAN HALFORD, REBECCA WHITE, CHRIS NOLAN, CHRIS WELCH, ROBERT HOUSCH, REBECCA BIGGS, LEIGH LEDLOW, JUDY BAKER, SALLY WADSWORTH, REX ROBERTS, DENISE TURNER, RUTH COMBS, CHELLE SINGLETON, BILL HARDIN, and SAVANNAH HATFIELD. (Battling Cancer) ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS, SARAH YORK, DANNY EDMONDS, SANDRA HEARN, MUTT BOWERS, JANAS MINOR, CARLTON WILLIAMS, JIM DEAL, LILY MAE TANNER, BESSIE FRAZIER, CHERYL ROGERS, ELLIOTT KOZENSKI, and TERESA LYNN KELLEY.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Mackie Boddy and family in the passing of her cousin and cousin's son in an auto accident. The funeral was Saturday. The son's girlfriend and son were severely injured and remain in critical condition. Keep them in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Denise Martin and family in the passing of her father, BILL HARDIN. The funeral was Sunday in Arkansas.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** Jan. 5 - Lesson 60: *Unity - Christ Is Our Foundation*, 1 Cor. 1-4; Jan. 12—Lesson 61: *Church Discipline/Marriage*, 1 Cor. 5-8.

**LADIES' BIBLE CLASS:** The Bush/Gotkiewicz Sunday Ladies' Bible class is to attend the auditorium class this Sunday, Jan. 5, in Sally's absence.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Our Sunday fellowship meals will resume Jan. 12 with our new teams. If you did not receive a letter with team assignments you can pick-up a copy at the front welcome desk.

**THANK YOU:** Many Thanks. So deeply moved by your thoughtfulness. *Words cannot express how much your thoughts and prayers have meant to me and my family during my illness. I know that God is with me every step I take. Also, a special thank you to the LadyBUG Quilters. The blanket has kept me warm, not only physically, but spiritually as well. May God bless you all. In Christian love, Teresa Lynn Kelley and family*

**AREA WIDE SINGING:** Elmore Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing this Friday, Jan. 3, 7 PM.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7-7:30 AM

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Class resumes Jan. 9. Steve Housley will be teaching on "The Message of the Bible."

**JANUARY AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO:** Eastern Meadows along with the Selma church will be hosting the area wide youth devo on Jan. 12 at Faulkner. Eastern Meadows' members are asked to bring 12 oz. can soft drinks. These can be dropped off in the Tea Room (Classroom #4).

**THANK YOU!** We are very appreciative for being remembered in such a kind way. Thanks for the "Christmas Bonus." We wish you all a wonderful new year! Love, Steve, Tim, Jimmy, and Wilma

**Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Mike Wester

P.M.: Mike Wester

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Roger Dill

P.M.: Tim Stevens

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: Jon Timbes

**Singing:**

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Paul Clements



**LA DYBUGS**



**Ladies Building Unity in God's Service**

- **THURSDAYS:** Afternoon Visitation
- **Jan. 12:** Kick-off Meeting, 3:30 PM
- **Jan. 27:** M-N-M, 7 PM

**COLLEGE EVENTS:**

- **Jan. 8:** College Desserts Returns
- **Jan. 19:** Devo @ Ted & Becky Norton's

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

- **Jan. 12:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Jan. 26:** Youth/Family Devo, PM (Panama)

# MOTIVATION

Leaders are always looking for ways to motivate people. Unfortunately, the two most frequently employed tactics are guilt and fear. According to a Gallop poll conducted for *Newsweek*, the best way to "motivate a person to work hard and succeed" is through "increased self-value." Eighty-nine percent of the adults surveyed said motivation was most effective when it enhanced their self-esteem. God uses all three - in His "program" we first feel guilty for our sin, then we fear what they will cost us, and then He frees us from them and improves our image of ourselves.

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*"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

*Phil. 3:13, 14*