



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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- Tim Bagents
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DEACONS:

- Billy Bush
- Roger Dill
- Tim Gotkiewicz
- James Hilyer
- 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 1/19/14

- Bible Class: 155
- AM Worship: 208
- PM Worship: 119
- EMBE: \$69.00

**YOU ARE
WELCOME!**

Marriage Enrichment Workshop *with Neal & Kathy Pollard*



Friday—Sunday / February 21-23

Mark your calendars and make plans to be there!



March 2-6, 2014

You can find a full schedule of speakers and events
at faulkner.edu.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Well Done Gotkiewicz Team! The Gotkiewicz Team had a great number to stay (visitors too!), plenty of food, and great fellowship. Next week's Fellowship Team is the Kelly/Milam team!

Saving on the Budget. Eastern Meadows has almost always saved money because of the work by Eastern Meadows members. One area of savings has been in yard work; that is, keeping the grass cut. Wayne Johnston, with his lawn service, has saved the church thousands since he has taken over the grounds keeping. Additionally, the "hill" has been cut over the past year by Bert Turner, and Billy and Andrew Bush. Thanks!

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 Modest Dress for Christians.



Baker, Clare, and Dallas Pouncey - always on time and ready for Bible class.

"Flee Fornication"

The title is the words of Paul from 1 Corinthians 6:18. Whether it is called a "one night stand," "hookin' up," or "making love," sex outside of marriage is fornication. It is sin. "Living together," "shakin' up," became so common that a special term was adopted to describe it, POSSLQ, meaning "persons of the opposite sex sharing same living quarters."

From 1960 to 2005 "shakin' up" increased 10 times. In 2011 8.4 million couples in the U.S. were living together without being married. It is so common that in 2002 the National Survey of Family Growth found that more than half of all women aged 15 to 44 have lived with an unmarried partner. Numbers do not make it right. It is still sin. Note 1 Tim 6:22; 1 Corinthians 6:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Proverbs 5; Proverbs 6:23-29; and Proverbs 7.

A good question to be asked is "How do we resist the temptation?"

1. Set your affections on things above (Colossians 3:1-2). If we truly seek the heavenly, we can better resist the earthly temptations.
2. Be determined to please God (1 Thessalonians 4:1-4). If we are more concerned about pleasing God than ourselves, we will resist the temptation.
3. Follow the example of Joseph (Genesis 39:8-9). Realize that he resisted the temptation because he knew it would be a sin against God.
4. Keep your perspective/focus. Fornication is immediate gratification, but cannot be compared to a lifetime of companionship and pleasure. "Marriage is honorable in all; but whoremongers and adulterers, God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4).
5. Know yourself. Know what will tempt you (James 1:13-16). Then avoid that which will tempt you!

6. Guard your eyes (2 Peter 2:14). Remember David. He first saw Bathsheba bathing. And of course, one of the worst things you can do to tempt yourself is to view pornography. There is *no* place for pornography in the Christian's life.
7. Avoid places that promote sinful behavior and activities.
8. Do not put yourself in a position where temptation and sin may take place (Isaiah 59:7).
9. Fill your life with good thoughts and activities (Philippians 4:8).
10. Lastly, quickly repent when you fail (Revelation 2:5).

—Steve Housley

2014 Faulkner University Preacher's Challenge

In 1993 brother V.P. Black challenged preachers to give or raise \$1,000 for the Bible College. Since that time \$1,190,490.03 has been raised. I began accepting this challenge in 2005. Along with my donation, you have generously contributed. As a result most years over \$2,000 was raised for the Bible department. I am again hoping you will help me with this challenge.

The Faulkner University Bible department is fitly named after Brother V. P. Black. Over the many years of the school's existence Bible has been a backbone of the curriculum of the school with each student required to take a Bible course each semester. There are currently about 3,125 students at Faulkner, each with varying majors, yet each taking a Bible course at Faulkner. Interestingly, many, very many of these are not members of the Lord's church. Faulkner University is teaching Bible to more people outside the church in a week than all of the churches in Montgomery put together. As a result, lives are changed.

Please help me to once again make a contribution to the Bible Department of Faulkner University. No contribution is too small. No contribution is too large (you knew that didn't you!). Please make out your check to Faulkner University Bible Department. In the Memo at the bottom left of your check, write Housley Preacher's Challenge. You can give me the check and I will get it to the FU Bible department. If you give cash, please put it in an envelope with your name and address on the envelope. Every contribution will be acknowledged and your name and address is needed.

Thank you again for your help with this good work!

—Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

One of the "benefits" of a 29 year military career is that you get to move every once in a while. Sally and I had the pleasure of moving 10 times by the time y'all got to know us. The routine each time was the same; clean out all drawers and closets, pack everything that will fit into various boxes, move your stuff to your new home, unpack the boxes that contain important stuff, unpack the rest of the boxes if and when you get around to it. Some items just go from one box to another and get carried from state to state without ever being used for anything. One such item (recently unpacked from a load of papers that haven't seen the light of day for nearly 20 years) is a tract I wrote and printed sometime around 1990-1993. We were living in Orange Park, Florida and were members of the Black Creek Church of Christ, where Julie's dad was the preacher (that's how we met Julie, btw). I showed this tract to Steve Housley, who suggested that I divide the tract into installments

and print them as a series of bulletin articles. The title of the tract is, "Saved from What?" I know that the grammar is not correct, but I thought it sounded catchy. Here is installment number one:

You've heard it many times... "Are you saved?", "Will you have eternal life?", "What must one do to inherit eternal life?"

What about you; are you saved?

Have you inherited eternal life?

Many of you will say to yourself, "I don't know", in which case a need for hearing God's word is essential to your salvation. Please read on to see what God says about it in his revelation to mankind, the Bible.

Or... you may say to yourself, "Yes, I'm saved!" and "Yes, I've gained eternal life!" in which case, I'll ask you these two simple questions;

"From what have you been saved?"

"How did you gain eternal life?"

And... most importantly,

Do you have a scriptural answer to these questions?

If you can't answer these questions from the scriptures, I beg of you to pay close attention.

If you want the CORRECT (scriptural) answer, go to the Bible,

"All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Next week: Installment two.



LA DYBUGS



Ladies Building Unity in God's Service

- **2014 Theme:** "Seventy-Times-Seven"
- **THURSDAYS:** Afternoon Visitation (See Tish, Shirley, or Terry)
- **Jan. 26:** The Quilting/Sewing group will have a planning meeting this Sunday, 3:45 pm. If you have any interest in quilting and sewing or would like to learn to quilt and/or sew, please make your plans to be at this meeting. We will determine the schedule for the year.
- **Jan. 26:** Coordinators Meeting, 4 PM
- **Jan. 27:** M-N-M—Our first Monday Night Motivation (MNM) for 2014 will be Monday, January 27 at 7 pm. Tish Housley will begin our study of Forgiveness. Be sure to get a study sheet available on the LadyBUGS Desk. All ladies are invited to come and bring a friend!
- **Feb. 1:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM
- **Feb. 9:** Haley Bagents' Bridal Shower (Belk and Bed, Bath, and Beyond)

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/23/14

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Roger Dill
P.M.: Roger Dill

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Paul Clements
P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Dean Norton
P.M.: Jon Timbes

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill
P.M.: William Dill

SICK: LOUISE STEVENS is recovering at home following surgery on Monday. CHARLOTTE JACKSON is scheduled to have a back procedure soon. BURT TURNER will undergo a heart catheterization Jan. 30. Sick at home Sunday: JEWEL BARNES, MARCIA GRAVES, VICKI JACKSON, GEORGE DAVIDSON, PATSY LOWERY, JOY PUGH, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, RANDY PORTERFIELD, OPAL SULLIVAN, ANN MILAM, and AARON FERRELL. 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, SOPHIE POUNCEY, SARA KING, EMMA MITCHELL, 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.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 1/26—Lesson 63: *Love/Giving*, 1 Cor. 13-16; 2/ 2—Lesson 64: *Repentance*, 2 Cor. 1-7.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host this Sunday's fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host Feb. 2.

SINGING CLASS: Sunday's at 4:30.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

CALENDAR EVENTS: All events for the February calendar must be turned in by this Sunday to Wilma Berry.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows family, Over the course of the last several months you have prayed for me often. You have brought meals and sent beautiful notes and cards. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything. You have been and always be a blessing. Marsha Sutton

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7-7:30 AM

AREA WIDE SINGING: Panama Street Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Feb. 7, 7 PM.

MEN'S EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the men of the congregation Sunday, Feb. 9, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7. BILLY BUSH & RANDY PORTERFIELD are the cooks.

BUDGET BIZ - 1/12/14:

Contribution: \$11,870.90 / Budget: **-\$249.10** / Yr.-To-Date: **-\$69.15**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Bible Bowl Practice:** Sundays, 2:30 PM
- **Jan. 26:** Youth/Family Devo, PM (Panama)
- **Feb. 8:** Rainbow Omega Valentines

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Paul told the Corinthians that Christians will judge both the world and _____ . B) Angels

This week's question: Paul asks the Corinthians, "If the whole body were an eye, _____"
A) where would be the smelling? B) how would the body be whole? C) where would be the hearing?

Saved by Grace Through Faith!

Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith." Paul declared that the Ephesians had been saved by grace through faith. By learning what the Ephesians did to be saved by grace through faith, we too can be saved by grace through faith. Consider the following.

The Ephesians Heard the Word of Truth: "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth" (Ephesians 1:13). Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, according to Romans 10:17. We must take heed what we hear (Mark 4:24), how we hear (Luke 8:18) and whom we hear (Matthew 17:5). We must be "swift to hear" the Word of Truth (James 1:19).

The Ephesians Believed What They Heard: "In whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13). Faith is composed of belief and trust. There is belief in the facts of the Bible; Christianity is a factual religion ("unless you believe that I am He"). There is also the act of giving oneself over to those facts—trust ("*whosoever believes in Him*"). Thus, we believe that Jesus is, and we believe in Him.

The Ephesians Repented: "Testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks repentance toward God" (Acts 20:21). The Ephesians demonstrated their repentance by burning their magic books (Acts 19:19). The books were valued at fifty thousand pieces of silver, the value of which today has been estimated at anywhere between \$1 million and \$5 million. Furthermore, Paul told those in Titus' area that "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts" was a grace instruction (Titus 2:11-12).

The Ephesians Confessed: "And many who had believed came confessing" (Acts 19:18). Many of the believers confessed their participation in demonic arts, which is a confession against their wrong actions and an admission of their desire to do right. The Great Confession is here implied. As a result of this action, the demonstration was powerful; the work in Ephesus continued in a remarkable way.

The Ephesians Were Baptized: "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:5). Twelve Ephesian disciples heard from Paul the message about Jesus, believed and were baptized. They submitted themselves to the saving power of Jesus' blood. John's baptism, while preparatory in nature, was not sufficient in applying the lifesaving blood of God's Son. Thus, they were told—**there's power in the blood!** They complied with the message.

Thank God for the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus! May we always live in such a way to honor all we have been given in Him!

--Mark N. Posey