



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

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## DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
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Tim Gotkiewicz  
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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 1/26/14

Bible Class: 155  
AM Worship: 206  
PM Worship: 145  
EMBE: \$100.00

**YOU ARE  
WELCOME!**



*"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will  
be established." (Proverbs 16:3)*

**We have Bible classes for ALL ages. Are you in Bible class?**



Mrs. Tish and the  
4th-6th Graders  
Sunday Bible Class

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Great Job Milam/Kelley Fellowship Team.** Once again there was a great number and plenty of food and visitors to stay at the Sunday meal. And we were blessed with great weather for January, sandwiched between two weeks of near record cold. Great job!

**The Digging Has Begun!** Sunday you saw the equipment on the mound of dirt. Even though it was raining Monday morning, they got started . . . but did not work very long. What was just on paper will one day be in brick and mortar.

**Gone.** Tish and I will be gone next Monday-Thursday, attending the Freed-Hardeman Lectures. Tish and I are both graduates of Freed-Hardeman University. Since leaving F-HU in December 1979, I have attended the lectures in 1980 and only about twice since that time. We are both looking forward to the week. If you need us, we will both have our cell phones (with us listening to lectures, you may need to leave a message).

**Marriage Weekend.** Please, please, please, make your plans to attend the Marriage Weekend with Neal and Kathy Pollard, January 21-23. It will be a couple of sessions on Friday evening. There will be several sessions on Saturday, but you will not be kept past lunch. Sunday Neal will speak three times. A great weekend!

**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. Last Sunday's Sermon was a break from my schedule, and I will take a break from the "sermon article" this week.

There was a great start to Monday-Night-Motivation with 26 present as the Ladies began the study of 70 X 7.



### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Paul asks the Corinthians, "If the whole body were an eye, \_\_\_\_\_"  
C) where would be the hearing?

**This week's question:** Love \_\_\_\_\_. A) Hopes all things, believes all things, suffers all things, endures all things. B) Bears all things, suffers all things, hopes all things, endures all things. C) Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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

The following is installment number two of a tract entitled, "Saved from What?" It is a continuation of installment number one published in last week's bulleting.

Was sin always existent on earth?

NO.

We know by studying the Bible that...

ADAM AND EVE EXISTED BEFORE SIN

"And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food: the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." (Genesis 2:9)

Notice that there was a tree of life and there was also a tree of knowledge of good and evil.

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying. Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:16, 17)

God promised death in return for disobedience.

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6)

Adam and Eve lost sight of the important things, like many today. People have a natural tendency to want what is satisfying for the moment regardless of the consequences.

"And the LORD God said. Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: (Genesis 3:22)

Man now knew good AND evil. A PENALTY OF THEIR SIN:

"Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. (Genesis 3:23)

"So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." (Genesis 3:24)

God kept his promise (as he always has) and banished them from the garden and from the tree of life. Separation from God and death had now become a reality to Adam and Eve as well as to all of mankind.

NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12)

Adam's sin brought death to all men; as a consequence of the sin of Adam, all die.

It is important to note ... We are not guilty of Adam's sin; the guilt of sin attaches only to him who commits sin, but the consequences may be transmitted to remote generations. I.E. - War, Murder, Sorrow, etc....

Next week: Installment three.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/30/14

Sunday, Feb. 6, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: James Berry

P.M.: James Berry

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Josh Cochran

P.M.: Billy Bush

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

P.M.: Troy Steelman

**Singing:**

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

**SICK:** BURT TURNER received a good report from his heart cath. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, LOUISE STEVENS, JEWEL BARNES, MARVIN DANIEL, HELEN DILL, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON, PATSY LOWERY, ERIC SANDLIN, and LINDA ROY. 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:** 2/ 2—Lesson 64: *Repentance*, 2 Cor. 1-7; 2/9—Lesson 65: *Living The Christian Example*, 2 Cor. 8-13.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host this Sunday's fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. Team 5 (Mathews) will host Feb. 9.

**SINGING CLASS:** Sunday's at 4:30.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** 10:30 AM

**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.

**E.M. MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS:** The ACA E.M. McKinney Fund Applications are now available for pick-up at the front Welcome Center. The deadline for receipt of the application to the ACA office is Mar. 3rd.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Bible Bowl Practice:** Sundays, 2:30 PM
- **Feb. 8:** Rainbow Omega Valentines
- **Feb. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Feb. 23:** Youth/Family Devo, PM (Peru)

## COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
- **Feb. 16:** Devo, PM (Billie Pouncey's)

**2014 WEEKLY BUDGET—\$12,120.00**

1/26/14: Contribution: \$10973.20 /

Budget: **-\$1,146.80** / Yr.-To-Date: **-\$25.95**



## LA DYBUGS



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

**2014 Theme:** "Seventy-Times-Seven"

- **QUILTING/SEWING:** Tuesday's, 3-5 PM & 3rd Saturday's, 1-4 PM
- **VISITATION:** Thursday Afternoons (See Tish, Shirley, or Terry)
- **Feb. 1:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM
- **Feb. 9:** Haley Bagents' Bridal Shower (Belk and Bed, Bath, and Beyond)
- **Feb. 24:** M-N-M, 7 PM

## FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

### PREACHER'S CHALLENGE

Once again Steve Housley is seeking your help in raising \$1,000 toward the Preacher's Challenge. If you can help, please make out a check to Faulkner University Bible Department and in the memo section write Housley Preacher's Challenge. You can give it to Steve and he will get it to FU. If you give cash, please put in an envelope with your name and address on the envelope so there can be the proper acknowledgements. THANK YOU!

## Marriage Enrichment Workshop

with Neal & Kathy Pollard



Friday—Sunday—February 21-23

Mark your calendars and make plans to be there!

*The following article is an excellent article to remind both members, the sheep, and the elders, the shepherds of the flock, of their responsibilities to one another. Eastern Meadow has been blessed with Godly, qualified men to serve as elders for as long as I have known of the Eastern Meadows church. These men respect one another and work together well. They always have. They compliment each other well; each having varying strengths. While this ought to be this way, some churches are not so blessed. I am thankful to be at a church with such leadership.*

*As we recognize our responsibility to God, let us also acknowledge our responsibility to the elders, and to each other! Remember, they have the responsibility to "keep watch over your souls." That is a very difficult task. Let us do our best to make it easier for them!*

## WHAT ELDERS WISH MEMBERS KNEW ABOUT ELDERING

*"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you" (Hebrews 13:17).*

This passage expresses a kind of enlightened self-interest on the part of church members. If you maintain an automobile, change its oil and filters occasionally, it might run well for you; if you thank teachers they might be encouraged and redouble their efforts to teach your children. If you treat elders in a certain manner, they will be able to shepherd your congregation better. So, what can members do for their elders?

- \* They can come to worship without being bribed, begged and cajoled. They can come just because it's the right thing to do.

- \* They can support the church's programs because they know the way to kill a program is to simply be absent.
- \* They can volunteer to participate in the church's program, removing the awkward moment of wearily asking yet another member to help the world's most important organization, the church.
- \* They can see the congregation's needs as a whole, not just that of their demographic group or clique. After all, that's what an elder has to do, consider all the parts of the congregation.
- \* They can understand that some decisions will be made with information not available to members. Sometimes elders become privy to member problems that are private and do not need to be "aired on Channel 7."
- \* They can assume good faith on the part of their elders, that these men love the Lord, love the church, and love the flock they serve.

What can members expect from elders?

- \* They can expect more than decision-making, but actual shepherding.
- \* They can expect more than decision-making, they can expect to be taught God's word.
- \* Having said that, they should expect decision-making to occur. Being an elder is a leadership position; some members don't want to be led, they want, without sufficient qualifications or maturity, to make unilateral decisions.
- \* They can expect transparency in those areas that require transparency; the church budget, for instance, is not a national secret. They can expect to be included, for instance, in the process of selecting new elders and deacons.
- \* They can expect that elders lead Christian lifestyles. The elder is an example to the flock. "Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness" (1 Pet. 5:1,2).
- \* They can expect decisions to be thought over and prayed for. How many times have we heard people say, "We wish the elders would make decisions more quickly"? I have a counter question: Do you want them to make decisions hastily?

Remember this: The elders are not here to decide doctrine and teaching; the Bible has already done that. They are here to make discerning, wise decisions in matters of judgment. How often and when to worship? Who to hire as minister? What kind of outreach program? What missions do we support (note, not "Will we support missions?" but "Which missions should we support?"). What methods do we use to develop local leaders?

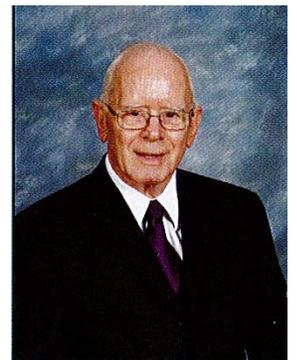
Note that when the Bible speaks of spiritual leadership it turns most often not to the world of politics or the military, but to the world of the pasture; shepherd and sheep. As usual, the Bible is in this regard apt and accurate.

—Stan Mitchell, forthright magazine

## Thank you, Eastern Meadows' Elders



Tim Bagents



Don Brannan



Ted Norton