



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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October 16, 2014

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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

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 10/12/14

Bible Class: 125
AM Worship: 163
PM Worship: 97
EMBF: \$38.00

WELCOME!

October 19th

CONTRIBUTION

GOAL

\$12,579.00

Current Budget YTD: - \$5,039.30

10/12 Contribution: \$10,337.00
Under: \$1,783.00

FROM THE MINISTER:

Sunday! I believe that Columbus Day Weekend is worse for our attendance than a typical Summer Sunday! *Many* were out of town. We were glad *you* were here! If you were not here, I hope you had a safe trip and/or feel better! Let us be here this Sunday! This Sunday we will study, "My Jesus, My Savior!"

Request For Prayers. Sunday evening Lenora Ann Whatley requested prayer for her health and financial problems. Please continue to pray for her.

November

Wonderful

Wednesdays

"Reasons to Believe the Bible"

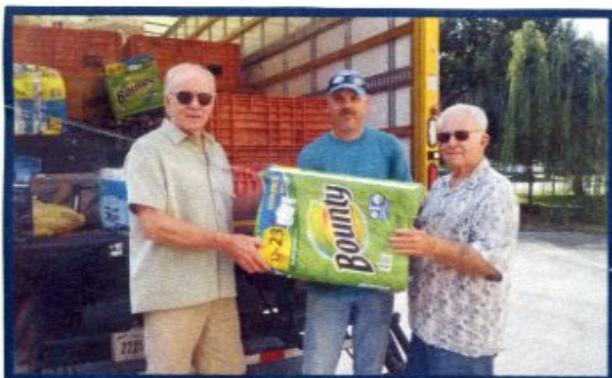


Eric Lyons will be our speaker for this series. Eric is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University, where he earned a B.S. with a double major in Bible and history, and an M.Min. Eric, his wife Jana, and their three children (Bo, Micah, and Shelby) live and worship in Wetumpka, Alabama, where Eric works with the youth of the Wetumpka church of Christ. Eric currently serves as a member of the Bible Department at Apologetics Press, where he has worked for the past 13 years. Eric has authored or co-authored a number of books, including *The Anvil Rings: Answers to Alleged Bible Discrepancies* (Volumes 1 & 2), *Behold! The Lamb of God*, *Truth Be Told*, and *Wonders of God's Creation*.

THANK YOU FROM MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME & BIBLE SCHOOL

Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for your congregation's support of our recent Food & Supply Drive. We're pleased to report that our truck had to add an extra day to its route and came back FULL of food and supplies for the children and families who live here at Christian Home & Bible School. We also



received a substantial number of checks and gift cards that will help us purchase perishable items such as meat, produce, and dairy products.

Your support helps us make a difference in the lives of children and families who so desperately need help. Please keep us and the children and families we serve in your prayers.

In Him,
Chuck Shepherd

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

I need to know who is going to Exposure (Saturday, Dec 27 – Tuesday, Dec 30) no later than Sunday morning!

Our youth and family devotional for October will be after our Sunday evening worship on the 26th. We are planning a tailgate event. Jinny Khantisouriya has the helm for the menu, so please see her for details.

If you know someone planning to attend Faulkner as a freshman this fall, we have several \$4,000 scholarships available. Please let me know if you need one.

The Area-Wide T-shirts for this year are in my possession. Please see me if you haven't gotten yours.

The ICYC camp director is still looking for volunteers to work the University of Alabama concession on November 15th (Miss Bulldogs) and November 29th (Iron Bowl). If you are interested, let me know and we'll get you hooked up.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: When the lamb opened the first seal, John beheld: B) A white horse (Rev. 6:1-2)

This week's question: What was the name of the star that fell after the trumpet of the third angel sounded?

A) Abaddon; B) Apollyon; C) Wormwood



Mrs. Jane
and the
"Wise Men"
following
the star

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/16/14

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Tim Stevens

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Ted Norton

P.M.: Troy Steelman

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Paul Clements

SICK: BETTY DAVIDSON had knee-replacement surgery Wednesday. PAT PUGH will undergo pacemaker surgery Friday, Oct. 17. Prayers have been requested for GLEN BARRON, Kerry Roberts' father, who has been diagnosed with cancer. JESSE RUSSELL, Faye Allen's father, is in Jackson Hospital recovering from surgery. ELMER UTLEY, Deidre Cole's father, will have shoulder surgery Nov. 14. Sick at home Sunday: WESLEY & WILMA BERRY, BILLY CREEL, JOY DAVIS, HELEN DILL, VI ENGLISH, MARGARET GRAVES, MARCIA GRAVES, WILL JOHNSTON, JERRY & CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, LEIGH SANDLIN, and MARSHA SUTTON. Continue to remember our shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues) SYBIL DAVIS, BETTY ALLEN, THOMAS TAUNTON, ANSLEY TINGLE, KEVIN BOOTH, and DAVID CUNNINGHAM. (Battling Cancer) DENNIS DRAGOTTA, KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GLEN BARRON, and MIKE NORMAN.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the Khantisouriya family in the passing of Henly's father. Henly is in Laos for the funeral.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Phyllis Allen in the passing of her aunt, EVELYN BURKHALTER. The funeral was Tuesday in Greenville.

SYMPATHY: Our condolences to Charles Brown and family in the passing of his grandmother, JEAN MILLER, on Wednesday.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 10/19—Lesson 99: *Satan Wars Against God But Loses*, Rev. 12-14; 10/26—Lesson 100: *Seven Last Plagues/Judgment of Evil Woman*, Rev. 15-18.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 5 (Mathews) will host the meal this Sunday, Oct. 19, following the AM worship service. Team 1 (Creel) will host Oct. 26.

SINGING CLASS: Sundays, 4:30 PM

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM—For those who would like to participate, there will be a soup lunch following class next week, Oct. 23,

OCTOBER BABY: Faulkner University's Pro-Life Club invites you to a free showing of "October Baby" this Friday, Oct. 17, 7 PM. Bring your blankets and chairs for the big grass area by the clock tower. The movie is the story of Hannah's discovery that she was the survivor of a botched abortion.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Panama Street Church of Christ Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 AM-1 PM. PEGGY COULTER will be speaking on "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto my Feet." Lunch will be provided.

MEN'S EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the men of the congregation this Sunday, Oct. 19, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7 by Billy Bush and Randy Porterfield.

BIRTHDAYS: Add these birthdays to your October calendar—KALLIE FUTRAL, 18th; MIKE NORMAN, 19th; and NOLAN FUTRAL, 21st.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY: Pick-up your shoeboxes for Panama Missions "Operation Christmas Joy" in the Ladies' classroom #105. Be sure to sign-up on the list. Shoeboxes must be returned by Wednesday, Oct. 21.

GUEST SPEAKER: Raymond Elliott will be speaking Sunday, Oct. 26, at the PM worship service. *Following "Sunday-Night-Service" Bro. Elliott will make a short presentation for Amridge University.*

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Due to scheduling conflicts, the Pumpkin Party has been cancelled. Instead, we will have Trunk-or-Treat for ages 6th grade and down on Sunday, Oct. 26, following the PM worship service in the front parking lot. (Sr. youth will be in the back for devotional & tailgating.) Bring your costumes—NO SCARY COSTUMES—to change into after services. All participating should park in the front. Plan to come, bring flashlights, decorate your trunk, and pass out candy.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a gospel meeting at Walnut Street Church of Christ Oct. 26-29 with JASON HILBURN speaking. Evening services at 7 PM.

MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION: Our M-N-M for October is on the 27th with the meal at 6:30 PM and lesson at 7.



LADYBUGS (*Ladies Building Unity in God's Service*)



- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **Visitation:** See Tish, Terry, or Shirley K.
- **Oct. 20:** B&D Club Lunch @ Newks, 11:30 AM
- **Oct. 27:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Nov. 10:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, University
- **Nov. 18:** B&D Club Dinner, 6 PM, Chappy's

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Oct. 26:** Youth/Family Devo, PM
- **Nov. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM, Redland Rd.

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Wednesday Night Desserts,** 7:30 PM
- **Nov. 2:** Devo, PM

WALKING WITH GOD

In every part of your life,
In calm and peace or in strife,
Hold fast the hand of God
Throughout every day.
No prayer of yours will be in vain.
His grace will your heart sustain,
His power will relieve your pain,
While you walk in His way.

No matter what the world
May say or do,
Christ is your blessed hope;
He'll see you through.
May God the Lord bless you!
Go with Him to eternity
And be what He wants you to be.
Life will have no boundary.
While you're walking with God.

On Christ you can depend;
His word is true.
Life that will never end
He'll share with you.
Now may our God bless you!

Go with Him through eternity
And be forever free.
Be in heaven's company
By walking with our God.

—Gerald Cowan, via *BulletinGOLD*

GLORIOUS EXCHANGE

I brought Him all my sorrow
And all my falling tears;
I brought Him all my loneliness
And all my wasted years.

He took them all upon Himself,
With all my load of sin,
And gave me in exchange
His love, His joy, His peace within.

He took away my sorrow
And gave me back a song;
And now my heart can only praise
My Savior all day long.

Via *BulletinGOLD*

Our Seeing Brain

Isn't evolution wonderful? Of course, I say this as a pun. As we consider the complexities of the natural world and how splendidly our bodies are designed, we marvel in profound awe and give recognition to our Creator, God Almighty. The evolutionist wants us to believe that by sheer chance over eons of time all living beings came forth. How is that possible?

Presently, I am being treated for Glaucoma using eye drops each day to relieve pressure in my eyes. My good doctor has been keeping a check on me for years. Finally about a year ago, I was put on medication that will save my vision. I am grateful to my Creator and the knowledge of medical personnel who treat our ailments to the best of their ability.

In the July 6, 2011 edition of the *New Albany Gazette*, a fine newspaper of the small town of New Albany, Mississippi, an advertisement article caught my eye. The following is the short article written by William S. Mayo, D.O., Double Board Ophthalmologist and Eye Surgeon, Mayo Eye Center.

How the Brain "Sees"

If you think about it, the eyes may be tasked with collecting imagery from the world around us, but it is the brain's job to make sense of the information collected by the eyes and enable us to see. To take things one step further, researchers wanted to know whether there is an area of the brain that is actually responsible for reading. Using functional MRI (fMRI) brain scans, they found that people reading Braille activate the exact same part of the brain as sighted people use. This finding upends the conventional theory that the brain is divided into specialized regions that process the information they receive via one sense or another. According to the research, the brain is not so much a "sensory" machine as it is a "task" machine that can perform a function regardless of where the sensory input comes from.

It didn't take long to read the article written by Doctor Mayo. Did the wonderment of our eyes working in conjunction with our brains impress and amaze you? For the non-believer of God Almighty, Creator of our awe-inspiring universe and all living beings, he rebelliously says, "Isn't evolution wonderful." How anyone can wink at all the evidence that our God exists is beyond reason.

The Creator of Life Is God Almighty

"The likelihood of the spontaneous formation of life from inanimate matter is one to a number 40,000 noughts after it. ...It is big enough to bury Darwin and the whole theory of evolution. There was no primeval soup, neither on this planet nor on any other, and if the beginnings of life were not random, they must therefore have been the product of purposeful intelligence" (Sir Fred Hoyle and Chandra Wickramasinghe, *Evolution from Space*, New York: Simon & Schuster, 1984, 55, *That Their Words May Be Used Against Them* by Henry M. Morris).

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1: KJV). "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well" (Psalm 139:14).

--Donald R. Fox