



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

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## DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
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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 9/28/14

Bible Class: 134  
AM Worship: 167  
PM Worship: 125  
EMBF: \$110.00

**WELCOME!**

## WORN-OUT KNEES

On February 26, 1829, a Jewish boy named Loeb Strauss was born in a cottage in the Bavarian village of Buttenheim.

As a young man, Loeb changed his name to Levi and wound up in California, where he opened a textile company in San Francisco. One day a gold miner walked into Levi's shop and assailed the young merchant.

"Look at these," said the miner, pointing to the pants. "I bought 'em six months ago, and now they're full of holes!"

When Levi asked why, the miner explained, "We work on our knees most of the time."

"What you really need is some really strong material," replied Levi. "We have some canvas. It's used to make tents. If we make your trousers out of canvas, I'm sure they won't get holes."

A tailor was called, and presently the miner had a set of trousers – and the rest is history. Soon miners across the West were wearing Levi Strauss's jeans.

–Stephen Van Dulken, via *Glad Tidings Good Things*

THOUGHT: Christians should have the same problem that plagued that miner – pants with worn-out knees – for we ought to do most of our kingdom work on our knees.

*"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 3:14).*



# \$18,847.00

## GOAL EXCEEDED!

*It was a great day Sunday in all respects and for this we are grateful. Your response to our contribution goal was tremendous. Our Goal was \$16,770 and our contribution was \$16,847.00, \$77.00 over goal. In addition to that we were able to make a contribution from our Benevolence Fund to which you have been very generous of \$2,000.00 making the total contribution on Sunday \$18,847.00. This puts us in a great financial position for the rest of the year. As we talked about on Sunday Morning, for the next quarter, 13 weeks, we will have a weekly goal which will be the weekly budget amount \$12,120.00 plus the deficit divided by the remaining weeks of the year. Because of your great response on Sunday our current deficit is only \$2,534.29 for the year and that divided by 13 remaining weeks is \$195. That makes our goal for this **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> \$12,315.00.** The goal will change every week based on the previous week's contribution. By doing this weekly for the remainder of the year we will be able to forego a budget catch-up on 12/28 the last Sunday of the year.*

*Thanks again for your liberality and consideration of our works. We solicit your prayers for and your involvement in all works here at Eastern Meadows.*

*—Ted Norton, for the Elders*

## \$3,000.00

### for Baby Ruthie!

Your generosity also made it possible for \$3,000 to be contributed to Agape in behalf of the Bridges for Baby Ruthie.



## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

**Thank You!** You generously responded allowing Eastern Meadows to reach the giving goal Sunday which was budget plus ½ of the budget deficit for a goal of \$16,770. The total given Sunday was \$16,847.00 with an additional \$2,000 coming from the Benevolence Fund. The total for the day was \$18,847.00. (There was a \$3,000.00 contribution to help with the adoption expenses for the Bridges family). It must have been that the extra giving was by many of you, not just a few, that allowed us to exceed the goal. Thank you for your generous giving. Eastern Meadows has always been a very giving church. By the way, we need to continue to be as we now have a weekly contribution goal of \$12,315.00 (will be adjusted each week) which, if we can achieve, will prevent us from needing a Catch-up Sunday at the end of the year! Thank you, and thank God for blessing Eastern Meadows.

**Sunday Sermon.** This Sunday I will begin a series about Jesus. The first lesson will be "My Jesus." Before we begin looking more specifically at the role of Jesus and the implications for our life, I want each of us to consider who Jesus is to us! By the way, who is Jesus to you?

**Invite 'em.** Try to invite someone *every* week to worship with us at EM. The next several weeks would be particularly good weeks to invite someone as we study "My Jesus." Use the "Invite 'em Cards" as the cards have all of the information needed to invite someone. And when they come, treat 'em so good they will want to come back!

## FROM THE MINISTER:

A senior youth movie night is scheduled at Tim and Sally's for next Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will start the movie about 4 pm and hope to conclude about 7:30pm. We will serve dinner during intermission with water or tea. Bring soda if that is what you drink. I will serve popcorn, plus you can bring snacks for the group; BTW, the snacks last time were awesome! Thanks to those who brought them.

If you haven't received a copy of the October Yabber, let me know.

Youth group reminder: Area-wide t-shirts are 7 dollars each. I placed the order, so if you haven't yet paid, please see me. Thanks!

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

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Apocalypse means: Answer - The actual meaning of the word "apocalypse" is (C) Uncovering, from the Ancient Greek: ἀποκάλυψις apocálypsis - The word is correctly translated as "Revelation" meaning something revealed.



Today, the word is also used by many in reference to end times and judgement, referring to the prophecies in the book of the "Apocalypse" a.k.a. "Revelation"

**This week's question:** In chapter one of the Apocalypse, Jesus tells John that the seven lampstands are: A) the angels of the seven churches B) the seven churches C) the seven spirits of God

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV)*

## Where Is That In The Bible?

Recently I have been reading a paper written by Randall Bailey on "The Russian Orthodox Church in its Cultural Setting." It was written in 1993 when brother Bailey was doing a lot of work in Ukraine and both the Russian Orthodox and the Ukrainian Orthodox church are prevalent in Eastern Ukraine. I was hoping the paper might help me better understand teachings of the Russian Orthodox church. One of the things I read was interesting, though sad. He discusses a period in the 1680's when a division in the "Orthodox" religion was developing. One side was called the "Old Believers" or "Old Ritualists" and the other side was the "Orthodoxy."

Bailey says, "The differences between Orthodoxy and the "Old Believers" involved traditional changes which had evolved in the liturgy.

Of the particular points upon which the tenets of the Old Believers differ from those of the Orthodox the most important are: . . . (3) "Alleluia" must be said twice and not thrice; (4) Church processions must go with the sun, not against it; (5) the sign of the cross must be made with two, not three fingers; (6) the only cross to be honoured is the eight-pointed (i.e. the Russian cross, in which the title and the slanting footrest have become extra cross pieces) . . .

When I read this I thought, "and they were dividing over *this*?" What difference did it make if alleluia was said two or three times? What difference did it make if the sign of the cross was made with two or three fingers? The better question, however, is, "Where is *that* in the Bible?" Where is anything in the Bible about "the sign of the cross" or ceremonially saying "alleluia?" Where is anything in the Bible about the "church procession?" So why should these things even be a part of their ritual and worship, much less divide the people over such things?

I realize that I do not understand the culture and traditions of the Russian Orthodox church, so I am certain not to understand why these things were so important to the Russian Orthodox church in the 1600s. I also realize that some may look at what I preach and, from their perspective, wonder why these details are so important to us. Why is this church so particular about some of the things it does? If the person on the outside looking in *does not understand* the need to stay with the scriptures which guide us to every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and not to change, add to or take from (2 John 9; Revelation 22:8-19), they will probably never understand these things are so important to us. It is precisely because we are asking, "Where Is That In The Bible?," that these things are important. Let us continue to ask, "Where is that in the Bible?"

—Steve Housley

**OCTOBER 5TH BUDGET: \$12,315.00**

9-28-14 Contribution: \$16,847.00 / Budget: + \$77.00

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Oct. 12:** Area Wide Devo, PM, @ Dalraida
- **Oct. 26:** Youth/Family Devo, PM

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Wednesday Night Desserts, 7:30 PM**
- **Oct. 5:** Devo, PM

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/2/14

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Nathan Bridges

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Don Brannan

P.M.: Josh Cochran

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

**Singing:**

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Alan Kaye

**SICK:** CATHERINE LEINHEISER is home after being in Baptist South after suffering a fall. DAVID CUNNINGHAM, father of Melissa Bridges and Sarah Housley, underwent heart valve replacement surgery Wednesday in Birmingham. BETTY DAVIDSON is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery Oct. 14. Sick at home Sunday: HELEN DILL, MARCIA GRAVES, WILL JOHNSTON, JERRY PATTERSON, LEIGH SANDLIN, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, OPAL SULLIVAN, 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, SAMUEL MOORE, THOMAS TAUNTON, ANSLEY TINGLE, KEVIN BOOTH, and DAVID CUNNINGHAM. (Battling Cancer) DENNIS DRAGOTTA, KEVIN PENICK, and ANDY ALLEN.

**PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE:** ANSLEY TINGLE, friend of Julie Gotkiewicz, had her baby and all are doing well.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 10/5 – Lesson 97: *Heaven*, Rev. 4-7; 10/12—Lesson 98: *God Warns Wicked Mankind*, Rev. 8-11.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host the meal this Sunday following the AM worship service. Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host Oct. 12.

**SINGING CLASS:** Sundays, 4:30 PM

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

**GUEST SPEAKER:** This Sunday, Oct. 5, DAVE HOGAN, of Mt. Dora Children's Home & Bible School, will speak at the PM worship service.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** North Lowndes Church of Christ will have a gospel meeting Oct. 5-7 with DAVID PHILLIPS speaking. Monday & Tuesday services at 7 PM.

**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.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The LadyBUGS' Prayer Breakfast has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 AM.

**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. RSVP by Oct. 10 to Dena Luce at 334-324-5027 or panamastchurchofchrist@gmail.com.

**MEN'S EAT & MEET:** The business meeting for all the men of the congregation has been moved to Sunday, Oct. 19. Breakfast at 7 with meeting at 7:30. BILLY BUSH & RANDY PORTERFIELD are cooking.



**LA DYBUGS** (*Ladies Building Unity in God's Service*)



**"Seventy-Times-Seven"**

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **Visitation:** See Tish, Terry, or Shirley K.
- **Oct. 11:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM
- **Oct. 20:** B&D Club Lunch @ Newks, 11:30 AM
- **Oct. 27:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

## Parental Influence

*“Train up a child in the way that he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)*

Not too long ago, a member asked me to call a lady living across town. The lady’s granddaughter had swallowed gasoline and lay desperately ill in another state. In reconstructing how the three-year old got the gasoline, the father remembered that he had siphoned some out of the car for the lawnmower. She had watched how he did it and it was thought that later she imitated his act.

As I left, I thought about parental influence and the consequences. Little eyes are watching what we do. Little ears are hearing what we say as parents. A risk that we take before them may prove fatal to them.

We would not endanger them in any way, yet we do it through carelessness. Tragically, mothers and fathers are often careless in their religious life and the children who follow them are the ones who will suffer most for it. If you knew that your child would follow your example, how would you be acting?

– Allen Isbell, Via *The Family Friend*

## Surprising Facts About Cohabitation

Dr. John Van Epp, clinical counselor and author in a recent article commented on the negative experiences many young adults have had regarding marriage. These fears have led many couples to “live together” without marrying. This arrangement offers relationship without structure or commitment.

While some would suggest that such relationships would prove beneficial, the results have been just the opposite. Consider the following data:

Children 12-17 living with cohabitators compared to married parents are:

- Six times more likely to exhibit emotional

and behavioral problems

- 122 percent more likely to be expelled from school
  - 90 percent more likely to have a lower GPA
- Rates of serious abuse are:
- Lowest in intact families
  - Six times higher in stepfamilies
  - 14 times higher in always single mother families
  - 20 times higher in a biological cohabiting family and 33 times higher when mother is cohabiting with a boyfriend who is not the biological father.

In addition, couples who live together and later marry have a higher divorce rate than those who do not.

Via *Families*

## Balance

“Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You name them – work, family, health, friends, spirit – and you’re keeping all of them in the air. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls – family, health, friends, and spirit – are made of glass. If you drop any of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged – or even shattered. The will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life.

– Brian Dyson, Via *Glad Tidings, Good Things*

## Looking Unto Jesus

### Heb. 12:1-2

Look to Jesus for life (Jn. 14:6).

Look to Jesus for love (2 Cor. 5:14).

Look to Jesus for guidance (Jn. 12:48).

Look to Jesus for strength (Phil. 4:13).

Look to Jesus for peace (Jn. 14:27).

Look to Jesus for freedom (Jn. 8:32).