



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
Ted Norton

## DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
Roger Dill  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
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 10/5/14

Bible Class: 148  
AM Worship: 193  
PM Worship: 141  
EMBF: \$300.00

**WELCOME!**

# FINDING TIME

Don't have time to read the Bible? It takes less time than you might think. It takes 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the whole



Bible at pulpit rate. By reading just 90 verses a day one can read the entire Bible in one year. This takes about 15 minutes a day for the average reader.

Generally, set your pace to read a book from the Bible in a week. Reading the longest book takes no longer than most of us devote to reading other things in a day.

When possible, read an entire book at one sitting. With some books this is difficult – like Genesis, Psalms, or Luke – but most are short enough to be read easily at one time. If studying a book in class, try to read the book once a week. By the time class is over, you will know it chapter by chapter, and many verses will practically be memorized.

We are all busy, but we can all make time for things that are important (Eph. 5:16). If we are going to learn the Bible, we must take time to study it. There is no other way.

*Via House to House, Heart to Heart*

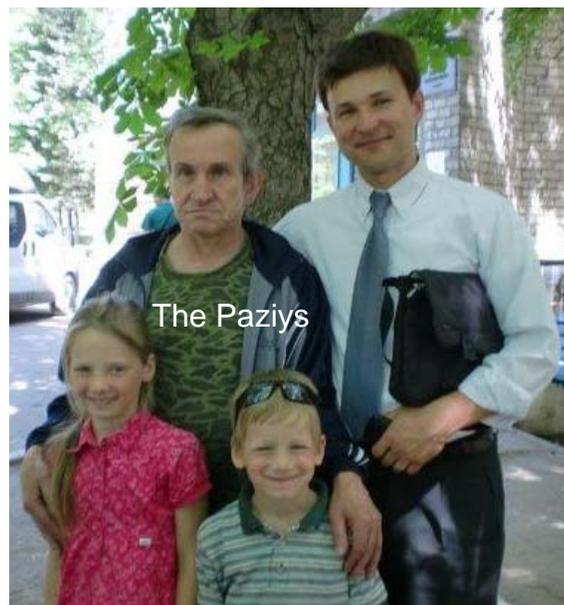
***"Learn of me"*** (Matt. 11:29)

## ***FROM THE MINISTER:***

**Pray for Leigh.** Leigh Sandlin requested prayer on Sunday evening. Continue to pray for Leigh and her family. Leigh and her family have had various health problems. Pray for Leigh and her family and for Leigh to be strong!

**Thursday Class.** We are having a great Thursday Class. The study of moral issues has been informative and helpful in a defense of the truth. The past two weeks we have had record crowds of 21 each week, with some “regulars” who were unable to be there. If you can be in Thursday class and are not there, you are missing a good study, good fellowship, and a good time. Plan to come.

**Rejoice with Vladimer Pazyi.** I received an email from Vlad Pazyi on Sunday. His father was baptized! His father previously had not had much interest in religion, but his increasing ill health has helped open his heart. I think this is the first of Vlad’s family that has become a Christian. We rejoice with him. This is a picture of Vladimer, his son Dema, and daughter Rita with Vlad’s father taken in 2013.



**“My Jesus.”** Last Sunday’s sermon, “My Jesus,” was to introduce the series “My Jesus.” Sunday we will be studying, “My Jesus, My God,” discovering the divine nature of Jesus. The Bible teaches the deity of Jesus, contrary to the beliefs of Muslims and a few “Christian” religions. Only possessing the nature of God is Jesus worthy of worship!

**Rainbow Omega Quilt Project Update.** The Eastern Meadows Quilters are planning on taking 100 lap quilts to the residents of Rainbow Omega. They have 85 finished lap quilts. Amazing!

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

I witnessed something today that bothered me; a woman went into the bank after I did and left her car running, door unlocked, and purse on the seat. What she did was not unlawful, although it could contribute to an unlawful act. What she did was foolish. A reading of Proverbs teaches us that foolish people aren’t necessarily stupid; they are just too lazy to consider the consequences of their actions. Christians today sometimes do things that aren’t necessarily sinful, but could contribute to a sinful act. Please don’t be so lazy that you neglect careful consideration of your actions and words on others. Jesus told us in Matthew 5:13, 14 that we are the salt of the earth and a light to the world. Carefully and prayerfully consider your responsibility to God in respect to your influence on others. In other words, don’t be a lazy Christian.

A senior youth movie night is scheduled at Tim and Sally’s for this Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will start the movie about 4 pm and hope to conclude about 7:30 pm. 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.

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:* In chapter one of the Apocalypse, Jesus tells John that the seven lampstands are: A) the seven churches (Rev. 1:20)

*This week's question:* When the lamb opened the first seal, John beheld:

A) 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel; B) A white horse; C) Seven angels with seven trumpets



# The Fish Net

When Jesus began His ministry, He began with a fish story (of sorts). Not really a fish story, but an



occasion where experienced fishermen worked all night and were preparing to return, having caught nothing. Jesus sees the men returning and they were somewhat downcast as a result of an empty night. The Lord then told them to take their nets and cast them over the side for a catch; somewhat doubtful, they do it. Amazed at the catch, Peter presents himself to the Lord humbly (Luke 5:8). This, as far as Luke presents it, is the beginning of Jesus' mission to the Israelite nation. When John finishes his gospel, we are again at the lake and, again, Jesus tells the fish-

ermen to cast their nets over the side for a catch. They do, and the catch is great (John 21:1-8). At the beginning of the Lord's mission He taught His disciples how to catch men: the net used was going to be two parts. First, it would be the message of the Lord taught; and, second, it would be the message of the Lord lived. Some, unfortunately, are better able to teach than live. In such cases, the net has "sprung a leak." Let us be sure to patch nets in order that we can teach and live the gospel.



--Ron Thomas

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/9/14

**Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Jerry Martin

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Tim Bagents

P.M.: Paul Clements

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Randy Porterfield

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

**Singing:**

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

**SICK:** CONNOR KAYE, newborn grandson of Alan & Shirley Kaye, is in NICU with breathing problems. DWIGHT LAWSON, nephew of James Hilyer, suffered a stroke. DAVID CUNNINGHAM, father of Melissa Bridges and Sarah Housley, is recovering at home following surgery. BETTY DAVIDSON'S knee-replacement surgery will be Wednesday, Oct. 15. ALICE SCOTT, former EM member, is in Baptist South after suffering a stroke and heart attack. PAT PUGH will undergo pacemaker surgery Oct. 17. Sick at home Sunday: HELEN DILL, ALICE HANDLANG, VICKI JACKSON, LAURIE NORTON, JERRY PATTERSON, 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, and ANDY ALLEN.

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

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the family of DONNIE HILLIARD in his passing.

**PRAYER LIST UPDATE:** SAMUEL MOORE, a former ACA student, is much improved and doing well. Samuel and his family appreciated the prayers and cards.

**THANK YOU:** Mike and I just wanted everyone at Eastern Meadows to know how much we appreciate the warm welcome our family has received. We truly feel blessed that God has led us to your doors. We look forward to working together to grow in His service. Our sincere thanks. Please keep us in your prayers as Mike battles his leukemia. He is scheduled to start treatment in November. In Christian love, Mike and Barbara Norman

**CONGRATULATIONS:** CONNOR ALAN KAYE was born to TRAVIS & BROOKE KAYE Wednesday, Oct. 8. Connor weighed 8 lb.3 oz. and was 20 in. long. ALAN & SHIRLEY KAYE are the proud grandparents. Congratulations!

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 10/12 - Lesson 98: *God Warns Wicked Mankind*, Rev. 8-11; 10/19—Lesson 99: *Satan Wars Against God But Loses*, Rev. 12-14.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host the meal this Sunday, Oct. 12, following the AM worship service. Team 5 (Mathews) will host Oct. 19.



**Connor Kaye**

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

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

**HOMECOMING:** Narrow Lane Road Church of Christ will have their 46th Annual Homecoming Sunday, Oct. 12, with Cornell Johnson speaking.

**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:** There will be a business meeting for all the men of the congregation Sunday, Oct. 19, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7 by Billy Bush and Randy Porterfield.

**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.



## 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

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

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

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Oct. 11:** Sr. Youth Movie Night @ Tim & Sally's
- **Oct. 12:** Area Wide Devo, PM, @ Dalraida
- **Oct. 26:** Youth/Family Devo, PM

**OCTOBER 12TH CONTRIBUTION GOAL: \$12,392.00**

**Current Budget YTD: - \$3,256.30**



**CONGRATULATIONS to the Bridges family in the final decree of adoption of RUTHIE!**

*Picture above left: Nathan & Melissa Bridges, Iliya, Max, and Ruthie.*

*Pictured above right: Newest member of the Cradle Roll Bible Class—RUTHIE.*

## Loving the Brethren

We may sometimes find it difficult to have a true love for others, even our brethren. When Paul wrote the brethren in Thessalonica, it was evident that he cared for them. He had established the church when he was on his second missionary journey (Acts 17:1-11). He went on to Corinth and eventually wrote the two epistles for the brethren in Thessalonica (and us). Scholars tell us these letters can be dated about 50-51 A.D. If you are searching for Thessalonica, it is on the Macedonian peninsula near the Aegean Sea.

When Paul began the first letter, it was quite evident that he wanted the best for those brethren. He desired for them grace and peace "from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:1). This is certainly an indication of his love for them. What was it about the church that made it easy for Paul to love them?

To start with, they were the church, and they were "in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." He was always giving thanks for them (v. 2). If you are thanking God for someone, it's pretty hard not to love them, too. He could easily love them because he remembered their work of faith, their labor of love and their steadfastness (v. 3). He could love them because they had become followers of the Lord (v. 6)

Paul could love the brethren in Thessalonica because they were good examples (vv.7-8). He could also love them because they, too, were looking forward to the coming of the Lord (v. 9-10).

We sometimes focus on the negative aspects in the lives of our brethren. We notice flaws in the attitudes of others. We need to be looking for the good! It seems that was the apostle Paul's approach. If we do not see the good in others, our love may fade.

Remember, we are all God's creatures. We "are made in the likeness of God" (James 3:9). Also remember, as Christians, we are all in Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). If we are children of God who make up the household of God, we have a special relationship. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. I need to remember that my brothers and sisters are struggling to follow God and do His will just as I am trying to do likewise. They need encouragement just like I do. Hopefully, we are all anticipating going to heaven together at the end of time. **Let us love one another like we are going to spend eternity together.**

—Paul Clements, via *Gospel Gazette Online*

## God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace: Eph. 2:8

Christ's Blood: Rom. 5:9

The Holy Spirit's Gospel: Rom. 1:16

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confessions: Rom. 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: 1 Pet. 3:21

Christian's Work: Jms. 2:24

Christian's Hope: Rom. 8:24

Christian's Endurance: Rev. 2:10

## Antique Chairs and Old Bibles

Someone once said the reason many antique chairs are uncomfortable is because all the comfortable chairs wore out long ago. Well, that may or may not be true, but old Bibles that have survived the years in good condition certainly didn't get much use.

Bibles that are used wear out. Even Bibles of excellent craftsmanship deteriorate when used frequently. What better sight than to see someone with a Bible showing signs of heavy use.

Better to have a Bible with the pages falling out than to have one with the pages still stuck together. An unused Bible may last a lifetime, but what good is a book that is seldom read?

Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:30-31.

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4.

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so. Acts 17:11.

—Ron Adams