



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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November 20, 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 11/16/14

Bible Class: 112
AM Worship: 195
PM Worship: 106
EMBF: \$121.00

WELCOME!

This Sunday, November 23rd

CONTRIBUTION GOAL

\$12,964.00

Current Budget YTD: - \$5,059.70

11/16/14: \$12,133.22 (+ \$13.22)



Annual Adult's Christmas Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014 / 2:00 p.m.

Faulkner University Rotunda

\$10.00 each

See Shirley Kaye, Sally Gotkiewicz, or Wilma Berry to sign-up and pay.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Great Fellowship Dinner Is Coming! One of my favorite Fellowship Meals is the Annual Adult Christmas Dinner, December 13. This year it is at the FU Rotunda with the cost of \$10. This is a bit more than last year, but if you have seen the prices of beef you understand why it must be higher. At \$10 a person it is still a bargain. Please sign up – you **MUST** sign up – and pay. You can sign up and pay with Shirley Kaye, Sally Gotkiewicz, or Wilma Berry. This year we will be entertained with talent from our own Eastern Meadows members. If you would like to sing or play or tell a joke, let Steve know.

My Jesus. This Sunday we *near* the end of this Sunday sermon series looking at *My Jesus; My King*. Is Jesus your king?

Journey Through The Bible Curriculum

This past week we began our new curriculum, *Journey Through The Bible*, in which we will study the entire Bible *three times* in a single year, focusing on sixteen periods of Bible History. The first time through the Bible was last Sunday. This Sunday we will begin the second cycle of going through the Bible, focusing on the first period of Bible History, *Before the Flood*.

Sunday's study will emphasize the *Creation, Adam and Eve, the First Sin, Cain and Abel, and the Generations from Adam to Noah*, Genesis chapters 1-5. Not it is not a detailed study, but it does place some of the character and events into this period of history.

To make this curriculum be of the most benefit to you, memorize the 16 periods of Bible History, in order of course. Next, take each weeks study, the primary events and characters a single period of Bible History and memorize those, in order. If this is done, a person will be able to know the story of the Bible. If this seems rather *elementary* to you, be thankful for the past study of the Bible you have been privileged to have, let this be a refresher course to you, and encourage those who have not had the same privileges of study as you.

16 Periods of Bible History

- ◆ Before the Flood
- ◆ The Flood
- ◆ Scattering of the People
- ◆ Patriarchs
- ◆ Exodus
- ◆ Wandering in the Wilder-
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- ◆ Invasion and Conquest of the Land
- ◆ Judges
- ◆ United Kingdom
- ◆ Divided Kingdom
- ◆ Judah Alone
- ◆ Captivity
- ◆ Return from Captivity
- ◆ Years of Silence
- ◆ Life of Christ
- ◆ Early Church

THANK YOU TO FOOD GROUP LEADERS!

This Sunday concludes the Sunday meals for the year 2015. It is has been a successful year with meals at the building each Sunday with the exception of Holiday weekends and 5th Sundays. *Thank you to each person who has participated by attending on your Food Group Sunday and brought food*. There was always enough food for our visitors and we could, with confidence, invite our visitors, knowing there would be enough food. It was also a great time of fellowship for the Eastern Meadows members who participated.

Additionally, each group planned for food for special needs during time of sickness and death.

Thank you to our 2014 Group Leaders, Tim and Sally Gotkiewicz, Billy and Judy Creel, Ann Milam and Chris Kelly; The Hoskinsons and the Ferrells, and Jimmy and Janet Mathews. You have all done a great job! Over the next few weeks, we will be "regrouping" for another year of Food Groups.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

November 21 is the date for the last prayer breakfast in 2014. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the RSA building on the corner of North Lawrence and Monroe Streets in downtown Montgomery. The Capital City Club is located on the 22nd floor of the RSA building.

There is free parking diagonally across the street on North Lawrence. To use the parking facility, enter at the Capital City Club entrance.

The cost is \$10.00 per person. The breakfast is sponsored by Amridge University for the purpose of giving occasion to brothers and sisters in Christ to get better acquainted with one another and to rejoice in the common goals we share. All are cordially invited to attend.

Managing Media in the Home

How well do you manage the media in your Home?

Before you watch a TV show or movie, read something, listen to a song, or surf the Internet, take a minute to see if what you are doing passes the media test.

#1 HATE TEST

Romans 12:9 "...Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

Proverbs 8:13 "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;"

If you develop a hatred of sin so that it deeply offends you, then you are not going to watch that which is inappropriate and sinful.

#2 EYE TEST

Psalms 101:3 "I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;"

Job 31:1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?"

Make an agreement with yourself, with your eyes; if this is wicked, if it is evil, if it's offensive to God, then it doesn't pass the "eye" test and I won't view it.

#3 PURITY TEST

Ephesians 5:27 "that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."

The Lord died so that his church would be a pure and holy church. If my media choice puts a blemish on the church, then I won't view it.

#4 THE SECOND HAND TEST (ENDORSEMENT TEST)

Romans 1:32 "...those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." KJV - "but have pleasure in them that do them."

In other words... I may not engage in such practices, but I sure do enjoy watching them. If I find myself enjoying watching others who engage in sin, it's time to turn it off.

#5 THE THOUGHT TEST

Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things."

God cares about our thoughts. He wants us to fill our minds with holy and good things. Anything other than that fails the thought test.

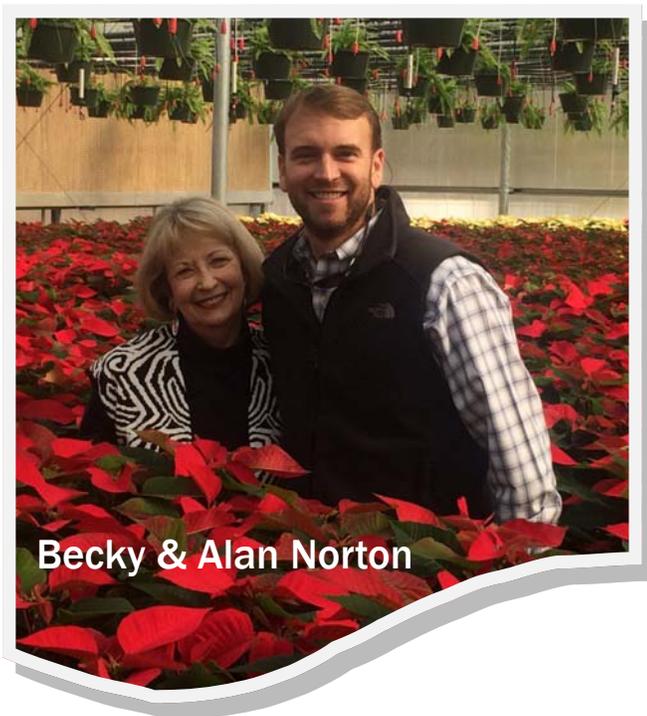
Brothers and sisters, there is nothing inherently wrong with pleasure or with media, but anything that corrupts my heart and hardens my conscience is not worth the enjoyment that it brings.

To view an outstanding lesson on this topic, go to: <http://www.wvbs.org/video/> or search for Managing Media in Our Homes on YouTube.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's Apocalypse question: The angel told John, "Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to _____..." C) the tree of life

This week's question: Which plague came first? Hail or Boils?



Becky & Alan Norton

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Sally Gotkiewicz

RAINBOW OMEGA POINSETTIAS:

The 2014 Rainbow Omega Poinsettias are ready to be ordered. Order forms may be picked up at the front or back Welcome Centers. All orders must be in by **this Sunday**, Nov. 23rd to Wilma.

November Wonderful Wednesdays

“Reasons to Believe the Bible”

Speaker: **Eric Lyons**

♦ Nov. 26: Reasons to Believe What the Bible says about Salvation

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/20/14

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Billy Bush

P.M.: Billy Bush

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Stevens

P.M.: Stan Neuenschwander

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jimmy Mathews

P.M.: Troy Steelman

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: GLEN BARRON, Kerry Roberts' dad, hopes to go home this week. BETTY DAVIDSON, ANN EVANS, and WAYNE JOHNSTON continue to recover from surgery. BECKY BLUE underwent a heart procedure last Monday. APRIL BROWN, Alice Handlang's sister, has been moved to a nursing home as she continues to recover from the heart attack. ELMER UTLEY, Deidre Cole's grandfather, had shoulder surgery last Friday. Sick at home Sunday: JOHNNY BLUE, GEORGE DAVIDSON, HELEN DILL, VI ENGLISH, LUKE FERRELL, AARON FERRELL, RYAN GOTKIEWICZ, MARCIA GRAVES, SHIRLEY HANCOCK, RON & DIANNE HOSKINSON, BETH HOUSLEY, CHRIS KELLEY, AJ NICHOLS, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and MARSHA SUTTON. *Battling Cancer:* MIKE NORMAN. *Shut-ins:* SYBIL SCOFFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues) APRIL BROWN, ELMER UTLEY, and JAMES JUSTUS. (Battling Cancer) DENNIS DRAGOTTA, KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GLEN BARRON, and RUSSELL CARNLEY.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of ALICE SCOTT, a former Eastern Meadows member, who passed away Monday. Visitation is Saturday, Nov. 22, 3–4 PM at Redland Road Church of Christ, with the funeral at 4 PM.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON: 11/23—Week 2: *Before the Flood*, Gen. 1-5; 11/30—Week 3: *The Flood*, Gen. 6-10.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 5 (Mathews) will host the meal this Sunday, Nov. 23, following the AM worship service. (After the 23rd we will not have Sunday fellowship meals until the first of the new year.)

SINGING CLASS: Sundays, 4:30 PM

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Today is the last class until the new year.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Church, Thank you for your calls, food and especially prayers before and since my surgery. Your many acts of kindness were appreciated. Love, Marsha Sutton

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: The November Capital Prayer Breakfast will be this Friday, Nov. 21, 8:30 AM, at the Capital City Club in the RSA Tower—22nd floor—on the corner of N Lawrence and Monroe. Cost is \$10 per person. There is free parking diagonally across the street on North Lawrence. To use the parking facility, enter at the Capital City Club entrance.

GOSPEL MEETING: Holt Street Church of Christ will have their 59th Annual Homecoming Celebration this Sunday, Nov. 23, with speaker, Melvin Otey.

BABY SHOWER: There will be a baby shower in honor of KALLIE FUTRAL this Sunday, Nov. 23, 2:30-4 PM. Kallie is registered at Target and Target.com. Shower sign-up list is posted at the LadyBUGS Desk. All ladies are invited to attend.

POSITIONS OPEN: Faulkner University announces the following open positions: Programs Assistant—Jones School of Law, Director of Career Development—Jones School of Law, Assistant Director, Admissions—Jones

School of Law, and Payroll Coordinator—Human Resources Department. Complete position announcements can be viewed at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.



LADYBUGS (Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)



- **Visitation:** See Tish, Terry, or Shirley K.
- **Nov. 23:** Kallie Futral's Baby Shower, 2:30-4 PM
- **Dec. 5:** Ornament Swap, 6 PM, @ Jane Sewell's

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Dec. 14:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Wednesday Night Desserts**, 7:30 PM

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy." 1 Tim. 6:17

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above..." Jam. 1:17

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving..." Ps. 95:2

A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH DEPENDS... ON US!

- ♦ **It Depends on OUR Attitude.** Are we excited about the work of the church? Do we realize our potential for good? Are we excited about the cause of Christ?
- ♦ **It Depends on OUR Attendance.** Some congregations fail because 50% of the members do not attend any service except Sunday morning. Will we clear our schedule so we can be present at EVERY service?
- ♦ **It Depends on OUR Invitations.** Regardless of all the advertising done through the internet, the newspapers, radio, etc., visitors will usually attend only if personally invited by a Christian friend. How many have you invited?
- ♦ **It Depends on OUR Friendliness.** Do our visitors feel welcome and wanted in our services? How many of us make a special effort to greet visitors and invite them back?
- ♦ **It Depends on OUR Participation.** Nothing "kills" a worship service so effectively as a combination of back-seat sitting, inattention, and poor singing. How simple these problems are to solve. Will we?
- ♦ **It Depends on OUR Prayers.** Are we praying for the preacher, as well as everyone participating in worship?
- ♦ **It Depends on OUR Encouragement.** A word of love and encouragement to one who needs to respond to heavens' invitation means so much or words of appreciation to those who work tirelessly to help insure the success of the church.

Yes, Christian friends, a successful congregation of the Lord's church depends on US! Let's do our part!

--David Bass, (Columbiana, AL)