



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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December 11, 2014

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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 12/7/14

Bible Class: 156
AM Worship: 194
PM Worship: 129
EMBF: \$135.00

WELCOME!

PURPOSE SUNDAY FOR 2015

This Sunday, December 14, has been designated "**Purpose Sunday for 2015**". Prayerfully consider what you can possibly do for next year in regard to your giving. Purpose cards will be passed out Sunday morning. The Elders ask that you fill out and return the cards—*the sooner the better*—no later than Sunday, Dec. 21.

December 14th

CONTRIBUTION GOAL

\$12,470.00

Current Budget YTD: - \$960.00

12/7/14: \$14,231.00 (+ \$2,111.00)

FROM THE MINISTER:

One-Hundred-Seven (107): this is the number we have attending the Christmas Party on Saturday (of course there are always some that sign up that do not come and sometimes we add a few more along the way). A great number. One of the best fellowships of the year!

Invite 'Em Cards. A couple of weeks ago, someone asked where were the Invite 'Em Cards. We will have more out at the Welcome Desk for your use!

Purposing

It is that time of year again. It is not the holidays I am speaking of! This Sunday you have the opportunity to help the elders plan for next year. As you are to purpose your giving (2 Corinthians 9:7), you also have opportunity to tell the elders of your plans for the coming year. Additionally, as the Corinthian church had promised their gifts to Paul for the poor saints in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 9:5), so Eastern Meadows has promised many people support or payment over the coming year. Let us make our promise to Eastern Meadows by purposing.

Notice the flow of these verses:

“So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. 6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:5-7 ESV).

He says they, the Corinthians, made the promise. He then encourages bountiful giving so as they sow bountifully, they can reap bountifully (note: the giving is individual). And last he acknowledges that the giving should be according to their purposing (obviously, this too is individual). So we should purpose and give bountifully, so that together we are able to make the necessary promises for the coming year with our work at Eastern Meadows.

Let us all participate in purposing!

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

This Sunday, the 14th, area-wide worship is at the Wetumpka Church of Christ. NOTE: We will start an hour earlier than normal, so the van will leave the parking lot at 3pm and return around 6:15pm.

Next Saturday, the 20th, movie night; “It’s a Wonderful Life” and we’ll do the fire pit thing (weather permitting, of course).

If you would like to apply for an Exposure Youth Camp Scholarship please write a 250 word essay entitled “What Exposure Youth Camp has done for me.” Also list neam, congregation name, and school you plan to attend next year. Email to youth@emcofc.org no later than Dec. 18th.

Who is going to ICYC AP week (June 28-July 3)? I plan to register Eastern Meadows by the end of the month, so let me know ASAP (As Soon As Possible).

Lads to Leaders Convention Registration Opened this week. Registration Deadline for Event Participation is January 20, 2015. This means that all pre-convention events such as Mass Media entries, Song Composition, Bulletin Board, Good Samaritan, Second Language, Centurion of Scripture, and Know the Books must be completed by January 20th. The Pearls test and Bible Bowl test are February 11-23, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/11/14

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Josh Cochran

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Tim Stevens

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Josh Cochran

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

SICK: LEIGH SANDLIN is recovering at home after surgery Wednesday. MARSHA SUTTON is back at home after being in the hospital last week. HERB DOWE, Dawn Chandler's father, is in critical health. Russ Chandler has requested prayers for WALT YOUNG, who is recovering from surgery, and JOYCE YOUNG, who was involved in an auto accident. It was good to see ANN EVANS back with us Sunday as she continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JOHNNY BLUE, HELEN DILL, MARCIA GRAVES, WAYNE JOHNSTON, JANE MATHEWS, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and MARSHA SUTTON. *Battling Cancer:* MIKE NORMAN. *Shut-ins:* SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues) JAMES JUSTUS, CINDY MATTOX, LAURA NICHOLS, PHILIP SAMPLEY, WALT YOUNG, and JOYCE YOUNG. (Battling Cancer) DENNIS DRAGOTTA, KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GLEN BARON, and RUSSELL CARNLEY.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON: 12/14—*Patriarchs*, (Gen. 12-50); 12/21 & 28—*Exodus*, (Ex. 1—Num. 13).

LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the Elders, Deacons, and Ministers this Sunday, Dec. 14, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7 by Jimmy Mathews & Jeff Simpson.

LADYBUGS' BASKETS: Items need to be in by 4 PM this Sunday when the baskets will be packed. If you can help with packing, please be at the building at 4.

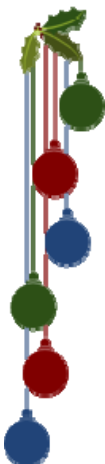
TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICES: Since Dec. 24th and 31st fall on Wednesdays this year, our services will be moved up to Tuesdays, Dec. 23 and 30th, for those two weeks. Mark your calendars!

JANUARY 2015 CALENDAR: All events for the January calendar must be turned in by Dec. 28, to Wilma Berry.

SINGLES SEMINAR: The Annual Singles Seminar at University Church of Christ will be Jan. 16-18, 2015. The theme is "The Lord is my Shepherd" with Dr. Todd Brenneman speaking. Cost is \$40.00 which includes 4 meals. For more information and registration go to uccsingles@aol.com.

JOB OPENINGS: Faulkner University announces the following open position, Student Accounts Representative—Student Accounts. More info at: www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/.

HOLIDAY EVENTS



1st–6th GRADERS CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas party for the 1st-6th graders will be Sunday, Dec. 21, 3-5 PM. See Becky Norton for more info.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS/YOUNG FAMILIES: On Sunday, December 21, the Young Professionals/Young Families Class will meet at Jason's Deli following evening services and then caravan to the Montgomery Zoo for the Christmas Lights Festival. Admission for the zoo event is \$15 for adults and children. Please see Brooks or Sarah Housley for more details.

LadyBUGS Ornament Swap 2014

Hosted by Jane Sewell



TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: The flood began on the 17th day of the second month. When did Noah and his family leave the ark? C) On the 27th day of the second month (Genesis 8:14)

This week's question: Noah's descendants settled in the land of Shinar and said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower, whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, ..." Why?

A) lest we be scattered abroad; B) lest we fall under bondage; C) so that we can reach heaven



16 Periods of Bible History

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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| • Dec. 14: Area Wide Youth Devo, PM | • Dec. 27-30: Exposure |
| • Dec. 20: Movie Night, "It's a Wonderful Life" | |