



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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February 13, 2014

## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
Ted Norton

## DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
Roger Dill  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
James Hilyer  
Steve Housley  
Wayne Johnston  
Jimmy Mathews  
Roy Mulkey  
Randy Porterfield  
Jeff Simpson

## MINISTERS:

Steve Housley, Pulpit  
Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth  
& College  
Matt Wheeler, Intern

## 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 2/9/14

Bible Class: 168  
AM Worship: 208  
PM Worship: 128  
EMUAF: \$69.50

**YOU ARE  
WELCOME!**

## *Marriage Enrichment Workshop*

*with Neal & Kathy Pollard*

*Friday—Sunday—February 21-23*

Mark your calendars and make plans to be there!

## *Commitment That Excites!*



**Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, Neal Pollard: *Liberated by Faithfulness***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, Neal and Kathy Pollard (Separate Men and Ladies Classes): *Elated by Service***

**Saturday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Morning Sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by lunch time**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, Neal Pollard: *Motivated by Growth***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, Neal and Kathy Pollard (Separate Men and Ladies Classes): *Intoxicated by Closeness***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, Neal and Kathy Pollard (Separate Men and Ladies Classes): *Stimulated by Friendship***

**4<sup>th</sup> Session, Neal Pollard: *Ignited by Change***

**Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 & 10 AM & 5 PM**

Neal's lessons on Sunday will expand the theme of marriage to the family (Mom, Dad, and the kids).

## **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**Great Job Mathews Team.** Once again there was a great number and plenty of food and visitors to stay at the Sunday meal. Great job! Each group has gotten off to an excellent start. Now let us continue!

**Marriage Weekend.** Please, please, please, make your plans to attend the Marriage Weekend with Neal and Kathy Pollard, February 21-23. There will be a couple of sessions on Friday evening. There will be several sessions on Saturday, but you will not be kept past lunch. Sunday, Neal will speak three times. A great weekend! *This is not limited to Eastern Meadows members. Invite others to come!*

**Elders, thanks!** Thanks again for the Shepherd's talk and the update on the work at Eastern Meadows. Additionally, in the Men's Meeting Sunday morning, Don commended Ted Norton on his hard work. Ted has been working with banks, architects, contractors, etc. to get us to the point of building our new auditorium. The hours he has spent in this endeavor over the past five years and more particularly in the last few months have been incalculable. Thanks Ted!

**Thank You Church.** Every Sunday night I say a little pray of thanksgiving to God for your willingness to participate in Sunday Night Service. So very many of you are willing to write cards and make phone calls to encourage others. Many of you often take on a half dozen assignments in a week. Thanks!

**Sunday Sermons.** As previously mentioned, I am preaching lessons under a broad theme of "Lessons that Need to be Taught." To have a greater audience with the lessons, as I do believe that they are lessons that need to be taught, I am having an article each week on the same subject. Last Sunday we continued with the series within this series on "Church Discipline". The lesson was "2 Thessalonians 3:6 As a Model for Church Discipline #2: Paul As An Example For the Leaders In Church Discipline."

## **2 Thessalonians 3:6 as a Model for Church Discipline #2:**

### ***Paul as an Example for the Leaders in Church Discipline***

There are times within scripture that the Bible teaches Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 5:3-7; Titus 3:10; and 2 Thessalonians 3:6.

As we want to know the *right* way to practice Church Discipline, let us first notice the leaders in church Discipline with Paul as our example. Next week, we will see the *Church* in Church Discipline and the last lesson will be on the *Action* of Church Discipline.

- 1) Paul, the leader in Church Discipline that took place at Thessalonica, was a man dedicated to God and Christ (Acts 22:3; 23:1; Galatians 1:14; Philippians 3:6). As a Christian, Jesus was everything to Paul (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:7-10). The Bible teaches that elders are to be blameless. It teaches that the young preacher is to be an example (1 Timothy 4:12). All leaders/preachers should practice what they preach (Matthew 23:3; Romans 2:21-24) if they are to effectively lead in Church Discipline.

It is easily seen how that a faithful life is essential in the life of the leaders in Church Discipline. Church Discipline is a judgment (1 Corinthians 5:12-13) and we must not be hypocrites when judging (Matthew 7:1-5). We need to be practicing what we are preaching (Romans 2:1-2).

- 2) Paul, the leader, instructed the church! Paul genuinely loved and cared for the church at Thessalonica. Note these passages: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2:1-12, 17; 3:1-2, 5-10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2:13. He was both as tender as a mother toward her nursing child and firm as a father who

issues a charge to his children. Paul's ultimate hope for the Thessalonians was their salvation (1 Thessalonians 3:13; 5:23). Paul loved the Thessalonians!

The leaders today who guide the church in a process of Church Discipline should have no less a love and care for each member of the congregation. Every action should come from a heart determined to see each soul saved in the Day of Judgment!

- 3) Paul taught the Thessalonians. The problem that prompted Paul's injunction to "withdraw yourselves" was the problem of some members not working (1 Thessalonians 3:11). Paul had taught the Thessalonians to work a] while he was in Thessalonica (2 Thessalonians 3:10); b] when he had provided the Thessalonians with the example of work when he was at Thessalonica (2 Thessalonica 3:7-9); c] in writing to the Thessalonians about the necessity of work in the first epistle (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12) and d] in writing the Thessalonians about the necessity of work in his second epistle (2 Thessalonians 3:12).

Church discipline should take place only after adequate teaching. (Those disciplined at Thessalonica were not ignorant about their duty to work.)

When Church Disciplined according to the model of 2 Thessalonians 3:6 it will be by leaders who 1) are dedicated to Christ and God; 2) are men who deeply love the church and every member of it and 3) have adequately taught the church.

--Steve Housley

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

I'm looking forward to the New Year, especially the first half of 2014! Our new fellowship groups will be eating and serving together, Steve is teaching a new class on Thursdays, Eastern Meadows will be hosing the January Area-Wide at Dalraida, Four more Area-Wides, Three more mission-themed Youth and Family Devotionals (Panama, Peru, and Georgia), College Desserts, Three more College Sunday Night Devos (Thank you Norton, Pounce, Housley families!), Lads to Leaders, the Faulkner Youth Summit, VBS (the life of Joseph), Camp, Homecoming Day, twice-a-month Mens' Prayer Breakfasts, and anything else I can't think of at the moment. Then we'll tackle the second half of the year!

Please pray for all of the works in which we are involved. Pray also for the workers. Pray also for the planners and organizers. Pray also that we all work together in harmony. Pray especially that God may be glorified in all that we do and that we may draw many to him. If you desire a good work, but are in need of direction, ask an elder where you might best help. "And do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." (Hebrews 13:16, 17)

#### **TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:**

**Last week's question:** "And we know that all things work together for good to those \_\_\_\_\_, to those who are the called according to His purpose. B) who love God



**This Week:** The first letter to the Corinthians was from Paul and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Gaius B) Chloe C) Sosthenes

EM's 1st-6th graders delivered Valentine's and goody-bags to our shut-ins and then enjoyed snacks provided by their teachers.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/13/14

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Jerry Martin

P.M.: Jerry Martin

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: George Davidson

P.M.: Matt Wheeler

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Randy Porterfield

P.M.: Troy Steelman

**Singing:**

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Paul Clements

**SICK:** Prayers have been requested for LYNN MCMATH, cousin of Julia Benton, who is suffering complications following surgery. RED TAYLOR, Dianne Hoskinson's father, is in HealthSouth Rehab. JOHNNY COLE, John Cole's father is recovering from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, JEWEL BARNES, BARNEY BELL, ERIC SANDLIN, MARCIA GRAVES, PATSY LOWERY, JERRY PATTERSON, JAY & KERRY ROBERTS, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARSHA SUTTON, and JOY PUGH. Continue to remember our shut-ins: HILDA FURLOW, SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, VALLENE LOFTIN, INELLA BOWDEN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JIMMIE LINDSEY.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues) SHANNA JONES, CHARLES NORTON, DALTON & SYBIL DAVIS, BETTY ALLEN, MARTHA HUGGINS, JIMMY HINES, FLOYD & WANDA CRANE, ERIC LEDWELL, WAYNE & UDEAN HALFORD, REBECCA WHITE, CHRIS NOLAN, CHRIS WELCH, ROBERT HOUSCH, REBECCA BIGGS, LEIGH LEDLOW, JUDY BAKER, SALLY WADSWORTH, REX ROBERTS, DENISE TURNER, SOPHIE POUNCEY, SARA KING, EMMA MITCHELL, and SAVANNAH HATFIELD. (Battling Cancer) ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS, SARAH YORK, DANNY EDMONDS, SANDRA HEARN, MUTT BOWERS, JANAS MINOR, CARLTON WILLIAMS, JIM DEAL, LILY MAE TANNER, BESSIE FRAZIER, CHERYL ROGERS, ELLIOTT KOZENSKI, and TERESA LYNN KELLEY.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Judy Creel and family in the passing of her sister-in-law, KATHY JONES, who passed away last week. The funeral was Friday.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 2/16—Lesson 66: *Justification By Faith*, Gal. 1-4; 2/23—Neal Pollard speaking (All classes—Middle School & Up—will meet in the auditorium)

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 1 (Creel) will host this Sunday's fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. Team 2 (Gotkiewicz) will host Feb. 23.

**SINGING CLASS:** Sunday's at 4:30.

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

**FAULKNER UNIVERSITY PREACHER'S CHALLENGE:** Once again Steve Housley is seeking your help in raising \$1,000 toward the Preacher's Challenge. If you can help, please make out a check to Faulkner University Bible Department and write Housley Preacher's Challenge in the memo section. You can give it to Steve and he will get it to Faulkner University. If you give cash, please put in an envelope with your name and address on the envelope so there can be the proper acknowledgements. THANK YOU!

**CAR SEAT NEEDED:** If anyone has an infant car seat they can donate to our cradle roll please see Becky Norton or Theresa Mulkey.

**TEAM CAPTAINS SUPPER:** There will be a Sunday night supper for all the team captains (Creel, Gotkiewicz, Milam/Kelley, Hoskinson/Ferrell, and Mathews) this Sunday, Feb. 16, at the home of Ted & Becky Norton's.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 AM

**TEACHER'S WORKDAY:** There will be a workday for the Children's Classes Teacher's Sunday, Feb. 23, 2:30-4:30 PM. See Becky Norton for more information.

**E.M. MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS:** The ACA E.M. McKinney Fund Applications are now available for pick-up at the front Welcome Center. Turn in application to the ACA office is Mar. 3rd.

**FAULKNER LECTURES:** The 70th Annual Faulkner University Lectures will be Mar. 2-6 with the theme, "Women: Empowered By God." You can find a full schedule of topics, speakers, and events at [faulkner.edu](http://faulkner.edu).

**AREA WIDE ASSEMBLY:** Eastern Meadows will participate in the area wide assembly at the Faulkner Lectureship on Wednesday, Mar. 5, 7 PM, and will not have regular Bible classes at the church building. The speaker will be Walt Leaver on the subject "Empowered by Submission."

**ICYC BENEFIT DINNER:** The Indian Creek Youth Camp Annual Benefit Dinner will be March 11, 6:30 PM, at Sixth Avenue Church of Christ. Clark Sims will be speaking. For more information contact Burt Fuller (205-844-7409) or Travis Harmon (256-710-7825).

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** ACA has the position for Principal for Secondary School (grades 6-12) available July 1, 2014. The job description and candidate profile is on ACA's web site—[www.alabamachristian.com](http://www.alabamachristian.com)—listed under "Why ACA." If interested, contact Ronnie Sewell, President, at [rsewell@alabamachristian.com](mailto:rsewell@alabamachristian.com), 334-277-1985 ext. 208, or 4700 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, AL, 36109.

## LA DYBUGS

**Ladies Building Unity in God's Service**

**2014 Theme:** "Seventy-Times-Seven"

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 3-5 PM & 3rd Saturday's, 1-4 PM
- **Visitation:** Thursday Afternoons
- **Feb. 15:** Quilting/Sewing, 1-4 PM
  - **Feb. 23:** Draw names for Secret LadyBUGS
  - **Feb. 24:** M-N-M, 7 PM
- **Mar. 2:** Carli Pilgrim's Bridal Shower, PM (Target)



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Bible Bowl Practice:** Sundays, 2:30 PM
- **Feb. 23:** Youth/Family Devo, PM (Peru)

## COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
- **Feb. 16:** Devo, PM (Billie Pouncey's)

**2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00**

2/9/14: Contribution: **\$11,312.78**

Budget: **-\$807.22**

Yr.-To-Date: **-\$669.57**

## Sermon Starters

**#1 *The Blood of His Cross:*** Blood has always played an important part in God's plan of things (Genesis 4:4; Hebrews 9:6-10). Thus, without blood, there is no salvation (Colossians 1:20; Hebrews 9:22). The blood of Jesus' cross is *justifying blood* (Romans 5:9; 3:23-26). The blood of His cross is *sanctifying blood* (Hebrews 13:12; 1 Peter 1:2). It is *redeeming blood* (Ephesians 1:7; Acts 20:28). Furthermore, the blood of His cross is *reconciling blood* (Ephesians 2:16; Colossians 1:20), and it is *cleansing blood* (John 15:3; Romans 6:3-4). Thank God for the blood of Jesus that flowed down the **Old Rugged Cross** (2 Corinthians 9:15).

**#2 *John 3 Is a "Must Read" Chapter of the Bible:*** There are four prominent "musts" in John 3. The sinner's must is "you must be born again" (John 3:3). The Savior's must is "so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14). The Sovereign's must is "He must increase" (John 3:30). The servant's must is "I must decrease" (John 3:30).

**#3 *Living a Life that Magnifies Christ!:*** "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death" (Philippians 1:20 NKJV). "I am set for the defense of the gospel" (1:17 KJV). I rejoice with the preaching of Christ (1:18). I live for Christ and gain in death (1:21). I make right choices (1:22). I have a strong desire to be with Christ (1:23). I strive to help others (1:24). I rejoice in faith (1:25). I long for fellowship with fellow Christians (1:26).

--Mark N. Posey