



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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February 20, 2014

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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 2/16/14

Bible Class: 142
AM Worship: 183
PM Worship: 131
EMBE: \$410.00

**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. 21st, Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m.

1st Session, Neal Pollard: *Liberated by Faithfulness*

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

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

1st Session, Neal Pollard: *Motivated by Growth*

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

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

4th Session, Neal Pollard: *Ignited by Change*

Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 9 & 10 AM & 5 PM

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

Construction of Phase II Update

We have signed the “official” contract with Big Jim Hagan at Hagan Construction. In general, once construction begins it is estimated to be a 12 month project. It appears from a weather standpoint we could be starting at the ideal time of the year – Spring. Financially, the contract is \$111,561 over what our commitment is from our bank – ServisFirst. Hagan, Black (Architect) and us are working to manage that number closer to the commitment. The plans are 98% complete. We are waiting on the final civil engineering drawings and some technical information and adjustments before we can get complete plans for permitting from the city.



ServisFirst is picking up a copy of the signed contract and a set of plans on Tuesday morning. These are the last 2 items they need before us closing on the construction loan. As of now we are set to close on Friday 2/21 @ 9:30 AM. Once closed and all permitting is accomplished and enough “old” dirt is removed, construction should be able to begin – estimate April 1st or so.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Marriage Weekend. Please, please, please make your plans to attend the Marriage Weekend with Neal and Kathy Pollard, February 21-23 (THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY!!!). 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! Childcare will be available for Friday and Saturday sessions. *This is not limited to Eastern Meadows members. Invite others to come!*

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 #3: The Church That Practices Church Discipline.”

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

The Church That Practices Church Discipline

There are times within scripture that the Bible teaches Church Discipline: 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, we first noticed the leaders in church Discipline with Paul as our example. Today, we will see the *Church* in Church Discipline and the last lesson will be on the *Action* of Church Discipline.

The church practicing Church Discipline needs to be a church *Faithful to God*. This is a self e-

vident truth; however, in looking at the church at Thessalonica as a Model for Church Discipline, it is clear that they were faithful. Paul often references it. Note: 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 8-9; 2:13; 3:6 and 2 Thessalonians 1:4; 3:4. For such every church should strive.

The church at Thessalonica was a church that *Suffered Together!* The suffering was evidence of their faithfulness to God. Suffering accompanied the beginning of the church (Acts 17:5-9). The church continued to suffer after Paul left (1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2:14; 3:3-4; and 2 Thessalonians 1:4).

The church practicing Church Discipline needs to be a church that *Loves*. Thessalonica was a church *That Had Been Taught To Love And Had A Reputation For Loving The Brethren*. Note 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 3:12; 4:9-10; 5:8, 13 and 2 Thessalonians 1:3. It is easy to see how a love of the brethren is essential to effect repentance in the erring. The New Testament has much to say about love of brethren (John 13:34-35; Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 1:33; 1 John 4:11).

The church practicing Church Discipline needs to be a church that *Edifies and Exhorts Her Members*. Thessalonica was a church that *Edified and Exhorted One Another*. Note 1 Thessalonians 3:11. The Bible teaches the importance of edification and exhortation (Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:25; Romans 14:19; 1 Corinthians 14:12; and 14:26). The church needs to be built up and a church that is building up its members is the one that will most effectively practice Church Discipline.

The church practicing Church Discipline *Needs Leaders Who Admonish the Members*. Thessalonica Was A Church *Whose Leaders Admonished The Members* (1 Thessalonians 5:12).

The church practicing Church Discipline needs to be a church that *Admonishes the Idle*. The Thessalonian Church was a church that *Admonished The Idle* (1 Thessalonians 5:14). When men are in sin, a "warning" is needed. By the way, the "idle" who were to be warned or admonished in 1 Thessalonians 5:14 are the ones who Paul directed to be withdrawn from in 2 Thessalonians 3:6.

This is the kind of church that was practicing Church Discipline in Thessalonica. They were doing it right!

--Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

The following is installment number four of a tract entitled, "Saved from What?" It is a continuation of installment number three published a couple of weeks ago.

BELIEVER'S ACCEPT JESUS' GIFT THROUGH BAPTISM

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" (Romans 6:3)

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

Look at the beauty and simplicity of this. Jesus died on the cross. He was buried in the tomb. He rose again to conquer death. God has chosen this simple form for you to obey, and to apply Jesus' payment for your sin debt (the wages you have earned for your sins).

You are baptized into his death. You are buried with him...by baptism...into his death. And, like Jesus, you come out of that "water tomb" to walk in a brand new life. Put it this way, Jesus simply asks you to accept his payment of your debt, to surrender to him in repentance and baptism, and begin living a "new life" for Him .

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also (in the likeness] of

(his] resurrection:" (Romans 6:5)

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." (Romans 6:6)

You see then, we pay our necessary penalty of death that we are told of in Romans 5:12 & 5:17 and are given eternal life as told in Romans 5:19, through baptism.

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:27)

"And you [hath he made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins;" (Ephesians 2: 1)

In Jesus, we are made justified in God's sight. Jesus, being the perfect sacrifice, has paid our debt...DEATH. We are made alive through Christ.

"For he that is dead is freed from sin." (Romans 6:7)

"Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." (Romans 6:8)

BELIEVERS MUST HAVE THEIR SINS REMOVED THROUGH BAPTISM

Read the following carefully:

Some have suggested that Paul was saved by his faith alone. If this is true, why did Jesus tell him to "go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do"? If Paul was saved upon acknowledging Jesus as Lord, then he was the most miserable saved man in the history of the world! Because in Acts 9:9 we learn that three days of anguish, without food or drink, followed Saul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. No, Saul was not saved on the road - but in the city - for THERE he was told what he MUST do to have remission of sins. The only faith that saves is "faith that works by love" (Gal 5:6). And by that, I'm talking about an obedient faith (Romans 1: 5; James 2: 19). Ananias, a servant of the Lord commanded Saul:

"And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and WASH AWAY THY SINS, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16)

This verse, from Acts 22: 16, comes from Paul's own account of his conversion to Christ

Saul of Tarsus was not delivered from his sins until he was baptized into Christ (3 days after speaking to Jesus on the road to Damascus). Anyone stopping short of that same process today is in an unsaved state.

Jesus told his disciples...

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

After the Jews had repented on the day of Pentecost, we read of the answer given to them in response to their question "Men [and] brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37)

"Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38)

Being saved and becoming a member of the Church of Christ take place at the same time. In the days of the Apostles there was no such thing as being saved yet not being added to the Lord's church. The Apostles did not press two decisions on their hearers. First that they choose to be saved, and Second, that they become members of the Lord's church. The Lord added the saved, all of them, to his church. (Acts 2:47)

Next week: Installment five (review).

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/20/14

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

Announcements:

A.M.: Jimmy Mathews

P.M.: Jimmy Mathews

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Michael Wester

P.M.: Allen Clements

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Steve Sewell

P.M.: Troy Steelman

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

SICK: INELLA BOWDEN is in Jackson Hospital. Keep in prayer CONNOR MCGILBERRY, son of former members, Tommy & Sharon McGilberry, who had 2 eye surgeries last week in Birmingham. Prayers have been requested for ANITA RYALS, friend of Vi English, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers are requested for NICK (NLN), friend of Russ Chandler, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Sick at home Sunday: JEWEL BARNES, BARNEY BELL, WILMA BERRY, JOY DAVIS, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON, PAM LOWERY, PATSY LOWERY, DENISE MARTIN, AMY NORTON, JERRY PATTERSON, JOY PUGH, and MARSHA SUTTON. 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 WELCH, ROBERT HOUSCH, REBECCA BIGGS, LEIGH LEDLOW, JUDY BAKER, SALLY WADSWORTH, REX ROBERTS, DENISE TURNER, SOPHIE POUNCEY, SARA KING, EMMA MITCHELL, LYNN MCMATH, RED TAYLOR, 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 ANITA RYALS, TERESA LYNN KELLEY.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 2/23—Neal Pollard speaking (All classes—Middle School & Up—will meet in the auditorium; 3/2—Lesson 67: *Fruit Of The Spirit*, Gal. 5-6.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 2 (Gotkiewicz) will host this Sunday's fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host Mar. 2.

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!

TEACHER'S WORKDAY: There will be a Teacher's Workday for the Children's Classes this Sunday from 2:30-4:30 PM. See Becky Norton for more information.

MARCH CALENDAR: All events for the March calendar must be turned in by this Sunday to Wilma Berry.

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 application in to the ACA office by Mar. 3rd.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Wetumpka Church of Christ Saturday, March 1, with April Meacham speaking. Registration at 9 am and ends with lunch provided. RSVP to Deborah Paul at majordlpaul@aol.com or call 334-514-9197 by Feb. 5.

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.

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."

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

2/16/14: Contribution: \$10,981.89 / Budget: **-\$1,138.11** / Yr.-To-Date: **-\$1,807.68**



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. 23:** Secret LadyBUGS! We will draw names Sunday, Feb. 23rd. Items for your Secret LadyBUG should be left at the LadyBUGS' desk. If you have any questions, please ask Linda Simpson or Jan Hilyer.
- **Feb. 24:** M-N-M, 7 PM
- **Mar. 2:** Carli Pilgrim's bridal Shower (Target and Bed, Bath, & Beyond)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Feb. 22:** Bible Bowl Practice, 12 noon
- **Feb. 23:** Bible Bowl Test, after AM worship
- **Feb. 23:** Youth/Family Devo, PM (Peru)
- **Mar. 2:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Mar. 23:** Youth/Family Devo, PM (Georgia)

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
- **Mar. 16:** Devo, PM (Steve & Tish Housley)

Sunday Night's **Team Captains' Meal** hosted by Ted & Becky Norton



We appreciate our Team Captains:

Billy & Judy Creel
Tim & Sally Gotkiewicz
Ann Milam/Chris Kelley
Ron & Dianne Hoskinson &
Luke & Aaron Ferrell
Jimmy & Janet Mathews

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

This week's question: Paul told the Galatians that after his baptism, he went to Arabia, then back to Damascus. How long did he stay in Damascus before going to Jerusalem and seeing Peter?
A) Fifteen days B) Three days C) Three years



Opportunity to Help!

Roberto Rios and his family are going to Peru! Roberto is married to Julia Benton's daughter, Jeana Rios and they have three sweet girls, Isabella, Lilibeth, and Rebecca. Roberto is from Peru and worked as missionary and evangelist in Lima, Peru for two years before moving to the U.S. in 2006. He has had the desire to go back resuming the work, albeit, on a short term basis.

Roberto's plans are for his family to return to Lima, Peru from March 8 to May 2nd. During the time there he will be working full-time with the church in different areas:

- Visiting and encouraging the brethren.
- Teaching and preaching the Bible.
- Using the English Language as a tool to teach others about Jesus.
- Encouraging our brethren who left the church.

Roberto is particularly qualified to do this work as he is from Lima and of course knows the language and culture. Additionally, he has worked there as an evangelist and already knows many people and can build upon some of his previous work. Additionally, Jeana also knows the language, having lived there after she married Roberto. Roberto needs to raise \$4,700 for the work. Most of this is the cost of travel to get to Lima. The amount of money the Rios' need is not much for traveling to another country and working for two months; however, he needs our help to raise all of the needed funds.



The deacons who work with missions and our elders believe this is a work worthy of support; however, the request came after our budget was set. To help with the Rios' mission work we have the opportunity to give this Sunday to help support their work. If you are able and willing please give extra this week so Eastern Meadows can be a part of this work in Peru.