



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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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 2/23/14

Bible Class: 171
AM Worship: 207
PM Worship: 138
EMBE: \$189.00

**YOU ARE
WELCOME!**

Every Good Gift

A poor man was given a loaf of bread. He thanked the baker, but the baker said, "Don't thank me. Thank the miller who made the flour." So he thanked the miller, but the miller said, "Don't thank me. Thank the farmer who planted the wheat." So he thanked the farmer.

But the farmer said, "Don't thank me. Thank the Lord. He gave the sunshine, rain, and fertility to the soil, and that's why you have bread to eat."

Regardless of how sophisticated, how advanced we may be scientifically, we still can't create; we still can't make a kernel of wheat.

That has to come from God. God gives us the things we need in order to live on this planet.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights. (James 1:17; Acts 17:24).

—via *House to House, Heart to Heart*



FROM THE MINISTER:

Great Weekend! Neal and Kathy Pollard did an excellent job this weekend at the Marriage Seminar. Over Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Neal spoke 9 times and Kathy spoke 3 times to the Ladies. And what a joy it was to get to visit with Neal and Kathy! They are now back to their busy lives in Colorado. Thank you for participating. Thank you for helping....many helped Mark Evans take apart three rooms and then put them back together. Thanks to Ted for the treats. Thanks to the ladies, college students, and teens that helped take care of the children, which enabled some to attend the seminar.

Thanks For Helping the Rios Family. On a short notice you gave extra this Sunday allowing Eastern Meadows to complete the amount they needed for their Peru missions. They will be gone two months.

Building Construction. Old dirt is moved. Now on to . . . more dirt moving. When our present building was in the beginning construction stage, a *lot* of dirt was moved. Just look at the offices behind the existing building. See how much higher it sits. That much dirt was removed. So again, much dirt is to be moved!

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

The following is the final installment of a tract entitled, "Saved from What?" that I wrote and printed sometime around 1990-1993 while we were living in Orange Park, Florida.

REVIEW

Adam and Eve's sin brought death to all mankind. Christ was sent into the world to save us from our sins.

Who sins? **We all sin!**

However, we all have a choice...

We can choose to suffer the penalty of death and be separated from God forever, or we can accept God's gift by being baptized thus putting on Christ, who paid our debt of sin, being the perfect sinless sacrifice.

One last note: warning of apostasy (abandonment of one's religious faith)

The fact that men have been saved does not mean that they cannot be lost again. A man who has been pardoned from a penitentiary may resume his old behaviors and be put back into prison. It's the same with one lost in sins that is saved. Upon becoming a baptized believer, he is saved, pardoned, and redeemed. He is now a child of God and must now walk as a child of God, or "walk in the light" as we read in the book of 1 John. I encourage all to study 1 John and learn of the wonderful grace God has given us. We learn that as long as a child of God is walking in the light (a continuing walk), any sin through temporary weakness or ignorance is forgiven because we have Jesus as our advocate. However, if one no longer walks in the light, his sin is counted against him; he must repent and ask God's forgiveness to be pardoned of any and all sins committed after falling away.

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (I Corinthians 10:12)

"But I keep under my body, and bring [it] into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others. I myself should be a castaway." (I Corinthians 9:27)

"Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Hebrews 3:12)

“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.” (Galatians 5:4)

CONCLUSION

Have you been saved from your sins? The Bible clearly teaches, as you have just seen. In order to be saved and to reach Heaven you must obey the Gospel of our Lord as laid out in the Bible.

1. HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.(ROMANS 10:17)
2. BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. (ROMANS 9:9,10)
3. REPENT OF YOUR SINS. (2 CORINTHIANS 7:10)
4. CONFESS THE NAME OF JESUS. (ROMANS 10:9, 10)
5. BE BAPTIZED TO WASH AWAY YOUR SINS. (MARK 16:16)
6. LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTIL DEATH. (REVELATION 2:10)

If you have any questions, please contact one of our members.

If you would like a copy of the entire tract, email me (youth@emcofc.org) or call me.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last 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? *Answer:* C) Three years



This Week: Paul wrote, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you _____ have put on Christ." (NKJV)

A) that have accepted Jesus in your heart B) that have repented C) as were baptized into Christ

Area Wide Ladies Devotional

Our first quarterly Area Wide Ladies Devotional will be Monday, March 10, 7-8 PM. The theme for 2014 is "Lessons Learned from Ladies of the Bible." Melanie Bush, a member of the Eastern Meadows congregation will present the first message, "Lessons Learned from Sarah." Following the message, we will enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. There will be four Area Wide Ladies Devotionals throughout this year:

March 10	7-8 PM	Eastern Meadows
May 12	7-8 PM	Panama Street
September 8	7-8 PM	Dalraida
November 10	7-8 PM	University

MR. and MRS. JAMES PIGRIM
and

MR. and MRS. JAMES BURT
Invite you to share in the
Marriage uniting their children

CARLI PILGRIM

AND

STEPHEN BURT

On Saturday, the 29th of March
Two Thousand Fourteen
At six o'clock in the evening

Sloss Furnaces
20 32nd Street North
Birmingham, AL 35222

Please RSVP at SCWEDDING.RSVPIFY.COM
by Mar. 15th

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/27/14

Sunday, Mar. 2, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Alan Norton

P.M.: Alan Norton

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Josh Cochran

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Alan Kaye

SICK: HELEN DILL is in Jackson Hospital. INELLA BOWDEN is in Jackson Hospital. BARNEY BELL continues to recover from surgery. Prayers are requested for DENISE TURNER, Burt Turner's daughter-in-law, who is in the hospital in serious condition. Continue to keep in prayer LYNN MCMATH, Julia Benton's cousin, who is suffering with pancreatitis following surgery. Sick at home Sunday: HELEN DILL, JIMMY ALLEN, JEWEL BARNES, JOY DAVIS, PATSY LOWERY, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. Continue to remember our shut-ins: HILDA FURLOW, SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, 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, ANITA RYALS, NICK (NLN), and TERESA LYNN KELLEY.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 3/2 – Lesson 67: Fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5-6; 3/9—Lesson 68: *Christ The Cornerstone*, Eph. 1-4.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host this Sunday's fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host Mar. 9.

SINGING CLASS: Sunday's at 4:30.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Wetumpka Church of Christ Saturday, March 1, with April Meacham speaking. Registration at 9 a.m. and ends with lunch provided. RSVP to Deborah Paul at majordlpaul@aol.com or call 334-514-9197 by Feb. 25.

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: There will be an area wide assembly at the Faulkner Lectureship on Wednesday, Mar. 5, 7 PM. The speaker will be Walt Leaver on the subject "Empowered by Submission." Eastern Meadows is to attend the lecture instead of services at the building.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Grandview Pines will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Mar. 7, 7 PM.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Grandview Pines Church of Christ March 15. Ladies from Grandview Pines will speak on the theme, "From the Cradle to the Grave." Registration with continental breakfast at 9 AM. Lunch will be served.

MT. DORA CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT DINNER: There will be a Benefit Dinner for Mt. Dora Children's Home Mar. 15 at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. The dinner will be free but you will be given an opportunity to make a contribution to the Children's Home. Each person must have a ticket, so if you plan to attend see Roy Mulkey or Charlie Boddy for a ticket. If after receiving a ticket you are unable to attend please let Roy or Charlie know asap. The home will be charged for each meal whether or not you attend. EM helps support Mt. Dora Children's Home and this gives you an opportunity to learn more about the work we support.

AP BENEFIT DINNER: Apologetics Press will host a Benefit Dinner on Mar. 25, 6:30 PM, at the Dalraida Church of Christ. A.P. would like to cordially invite you to attend and hear more about this wonderful work. The event will be catered by Martha's Place. If you plan to attend, RSVP so they can get an estimate of how many to expect. If

you have any other questions, please contact A.P. at 334-272-8558.

LADIES' DAY: There will a Ladies' Day at Lay Lake Church of Christ in Columbiana, AL, Mar. 22, 9 AM—1 PM. (Registration at 9, lunch served at 12 noon.) Mallory Baker of Montgomery will be speaking on "What Kind of Flower are You?"



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
- **Mar. 2:** Carli Pilgrim's Bridal Shower
- **Mar. 10:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, at EM
- **Mar. 11:** Breakfast, 9 AM, Chappy's (Vaughn Rd.)
- **Mar. 15:** Quilting/Sewing, 1-4 PM
- **Mar. 24:** M-N-M, 7 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Mar. 2:** Area Wide Youth Devo, pM
- **Mar. 30:** Youth/Family Devo, PM (Georgia)
- **Mar. 24-28:** Spring Break

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
- **Mar. 16:** Devo, PM (Steve & Tish Housley's)
- **Mar. 24-28:** Spring Break

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

2/23/14: Contribution: \$13,960.60 / Budget: + \$1,840.60 / Yr.-To-Date: - \$32.92

The Firstborn of Creation

One of the major tenets of the beliefs of the Jehovah's Witnesses is that Jesus Christ is a creature, not God. They do not believe in the trinity; they simply teach that Christ was a created spirit-person created directly by God (which is why He is called 'Son') who existed long before our history began. Jesus was the instrument that God used to do His creating on earth, which is why He is called the "Word."

The claims made by Jehovah's Witnesses are completely unfounded. The Bible does teach the trinity, and it also teaches the deity of Jesus Christ. Jesus is God who took on flesh, and not only does the Bible assign Him the title of "God," but it is one that He claimed for Himself on numerous occasions.

One of Jehovah's Witnesses favorite texts that they put forward, which they say teaches that Jesus is a created being and not God, is Colossians 1:15. Here, Paul wrote that Jesus is "the firstborn of all creation." What else can that mean except that Christ was the first thing that was created? Does it, then, mean that since Christ is also the "firstborn from the dead" (Colossians 1:18) that He was the first to be revived from death? Certainly not! Christ Himself raised several from the dead during His ministry, not to mention the several who were raised from the dead in the Old Testament. What does it all mean, then?

The meaning of the passage as a whole is found at the end of verse 18 and in verse 19. Christ has the first place or preeminence in everything, because the fullness dwells in Him. Fullness of what? "For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9)

--Thomas Baxley