



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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February 6, 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 2/2/14

Bible Class: 177
AM Worship: 219
PM Worship: 126
EMBE: \$100.00

**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.

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).

FROM THE MINISTER:

Great Job Hoskinson/Ferrell Fellowship Team. Once again there was a great number and plenty of food and visitors to stay at the Sunday meal. Great job!

The Digging Has Begun! Sunday you saw the equipment on the mound of dirt. A slow week on the digging as you can imagine, but we have started and depending on the rain...or lack of rain... the work continues. The guys on the dozers can dig, but it is up to us to do the will of the Father in heaven.

Marriage Weekend. Please, please, please, make your plans to attend the Marriage Weekend with Neal and Kathy Pollard, January 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. Neal will speak three times on Sunday. A great weekend!

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 publishing an article each week on the same subject. Last Sunday we started a series within this series on "Church Discipline". There will be four lessons in the "Church Discipline" series that is within the series "Lessons that Need to be Taught".

Church Discipline #1: An Introduction

Church Discipline is not an easy subject. Many in the church would like to pretend it is not a Biblical subject. Some seek to prejudice others by using such phrases as "kicked out of the church" or "turning out of the church."

(By the way; no, I have not been asked to preach on Church Discipline. Neither have I been told that anyone at Eastern Meadows is a candidate for Church Discipline. But it is a subject that every Christian needs to know about!)

Church Discipline is a Biblical subject. Read Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 5; Titus 3:10; and 2 Thessalonians.

There are some interesting details from each passage that help us in our understanding of who is to be disciplined.

Matthew 18:15-17 tells how a sin against a brother could lead to Church Discipline.

Romans 16:17 tells how false teaching/teachers could lead to Church Discipline.

1 Corinthians 5 tells how immoral living could lead to Church Discipline.

Titus 3:10 tells how a divisive spirit/divisive teaching could lead to Church Discipline.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 tells how disobedience (disorderly; unruly) could lead to Church Discipline.

Perhaps some of the prejudice against the subject of Church Discipline is the observation of Church Discipline done wrong. As necessary as Church Discipline is in order to do what the Bible says, *Is Something Right If It Is Done Wrong?*

To answer this question consider the topic of baptism. The subject of baptism is to be a believer

(Mark 16:16), penitent of his sins (Acts 2:39) who is immersed (Matthew 3:16; Acts 8:38-39) for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). We readily acknowledge that if a person is a nonbeliever or refuses to repent, even if you immerse him and call it baptism, *it is not right when it is done wrong*. If a man is sprinkled and calls it baptism, *it is not right when it is done wrong*. If a penitent believer is immersed, but it is not for the forgiveness of sins, *it is not right when it is done wrong*.

To answer the question above, consider the subject of Church Leadership. The Bible teaches that each congregation should have qualified (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1) elders (plurality, Acts 14:23); who do the work of overseeing (Acts 20:28) but not lording it over (1 Peter 5:3). *If church leadership is one man rule, or it is with unqualified men, or the men who are called elders provide no leadership, even if there are elders the Church leadership is not right, because it is done wrong*.

In the upcoming lessons, we will study 2 Thessalonians 3:6 as a model for Church Discipline.

--Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

The following is installment number three of a tract entitled, "Saved from What?" It is a continuation of installment number two published in last week's bulleting.

ALL MEN COMMIT SIN

The Apostle Paul tells us in explaining why we all need God's grace, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23).

What now? We know that we have sinned; what does that mean to us? Jesus told us that...

MEN CANNOT HAVE UNFORGIVEN SINS AND ENTER HEAVEN

Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?' And then will I profess unto them, 'I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'" (Matthew 7:21-23)

What will keep these men from heaven? Iniquity! (SIN)

Have you ever wondered why Jesus came to earth?

SIN IS WHY JESUS CAME TO EARTH

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS (literally: YHWH saves): for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

When we say that one is saved, we mean that person has been saved from their sins.

"For the wages of sin [is] death: but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

The wages (what we earn) of our sins is death (including separation from God). Notice though: God will remove your sins which is what separates you from him.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Corinthians 15:22)

Adam ---- Death

Christ ---- Life

"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:17)

Sin ---- Death

Righteousness ---- Life

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." (Romans 5:19)

Disobedience of Adam --- Made sinners

Obedience of Christ ---- Makes men righteous

"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 5:21)

So you see what happened on the cross; Jesus paid a debt he didn't owe, and you owe a debt that you can't pay. **There is nothing that you can do to earn your way to heaven. It's by God's grace that he has shown us through Jesus Christ that we can become justified, not worthy, to enter heaven.**

If you haven't been saved from your sins, then you are doomed and damned to eternal punishment! Fortunately, God loves us so much that he gave us a way of escape from our penalty. That's why Jesus died on the cross; he died for you and me! Jesus paid the price for all sinners. Sadly though, most will never take advantage of it.

The next question is... How do I apply Jesus' gift to my life?

What is required of me to become one of the righteous and to obtain eternal life?

Next week: Installation four.



Banks, Turner, Luke, Grace, Gracie, Kim and Mary Vander studying for Bible Bowl.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Love _____. C) Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

This week's question: Who brought Paul the news of the Corinthians' repentance?

A) Timothy B) Titus C) Gaius

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/6/14

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Robert Vickrey

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Mark Evans

P.M.: Troy Steelman

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: BURT TURNER was hospitalized with the flu. BARNEY BELL is recovering from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JEWEL BARNES, PATSY LOWERY, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, ELLA ROSE CLEMENTS, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. 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, RUTH COMBS, CHELLE SINGLETON, 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 Barney Bell and family in the passing of his mother, DORIS JAMES, on Tuesday. The funeral will be in Dallas, TX.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 2/9—Lesson 65: *Living The Christian Example*, 2 Cor. 8-13; 2/16—Lesson 66: *Justification By Faith*, Gal. 1-4.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 5 (Mathews) will host this Sunday's fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. Team 1 (Creel) will host Feb. 16.

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!

AREA WIDE SINGING: Panama St. Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing this Friday, Feb. 7, 7 PM.

MEN'S EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the men of the congregation this Sunday, Feb. 9, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7. BILLY BUSH & RANDY PORTERFIELD are the cooks.

SHEPHERD'S TALK: The elders will present current news and updates immediately following the AM worship service this Sunday, Feb. 9.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PROJECT: The 1st-6th graders will meet this Sunday, Feb. 9, 2 PM, to deliver Valentines and goody bags to the shut-ins. See Becky Norton or class teacher for more information.

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

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

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

2/2/14: Contribution: \$12,283.60 / Budget: + \$163.60 / Yr.-To-Date: + \$137.65



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 (See Tish, Shirley, or Terry)
- **Feb. 9:** Haley Bagents' Bridal Shower (Belk and Bed, Bath, and Beyond)
- **Feb. 24:** M-N-M, 7 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Bible Bowl Practice:** Sundays, 2:30 PM
- **Feb. 8:** Rainbow Omega Valentines
- **Feb. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Feb. 23:** Youth/Family Devo, PM (Peru)

COLLEGE EVENTS:

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

The Indestructible Bible

The Bible is the oldest book the world has. It antedates the Chinese bible. It has come down to us through the ages. Its enemies have sought to destroy it. Its pages are stained with the blood of martyrs. Empires, kingdoms and states have crumbled around it. How do you account for the Bible surviving the wreck of time? The answer is that God is with it and in it.

It was Mears who said, "The lyric poetry of the Hebrews was in its golden age nearly a thousand years before the birth of Horace. Deborah sang a model of a triumphant song full five hundred years before Sappho was born. The book of Esther was a venerable fragment of biography, more strange than fiction, at least twelve hundred years old at the dawn of the romantic literature of Europe. The proverbs of Solomon are by eight hundred years more ancient than the writings of Seneca."

Though it has been exploded, demolished, and made ready for the grave countless times, it goes on its triumphant way, giving light, hope, and salvation to unnumbered millions in many lands and many tongues.

The Bible lives in spite of men. False theories of religion profess to be built upon it. A relentless war is waged upon it by those who hate it, and friends to it have become lukewarm. Yet the Bible is here. It is the deathless book. It is as eternal as God. "The word of the Lord endureth forever."

--A.G. Freed, Gospel Gazette Online

In For The Duration

The Apostle Paul wrote, I have fought the good fight. He had, with the Holy Spirits help, fought against Satan and had come out the victor.

I have finished the course. He did not detour the hard places, but kept his eyes on the Savior.

I have kept the faith. He always preached and taught the whole counsel of God. He never compromised the Holy Word! Can we say the same?

--Larry Miles