



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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March 13, 2014

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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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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

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Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.
With ROGER DILL

STATISTICS 3/9/14

Bible Class: 123
AM Worship: 183
PM Worship: 112
EMBF: \$55.00

**YOU ARE
WELCOME!**

TEN RULES FOR IMPROVING THE CHURCH

- 1) Tell yourself over and over that since you are not perfect, you would not fit into a "perfect" congregation if one existed.
- 2) Instead of picking out the worldly members to point to, select the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members, and thank God for them.
- 3) If you are old, treat the young with the consideration you desired as a young person.
- 4) If you are young, treat adults with the respect you will want when you are mature.
- 5) When you are tempted to criticize others, be sure to pray earnestly for them first. This may not change them, but it will do wonders for your attitude.
- 6) When you see a work neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help.
- 7) Never blame others for your own failures. Every individual can be faithful to God in spite of the bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others.
- 8) Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world or the church is to begin with self.
- 9) Consciously look for the good qualities in each brother and sister in Christ; make a mental note of the good points each possesses.
- 10) Constantly strive to increase your circle of associates in the church. Try to do something for each.

Every congregation has problems. Constantly ask yourself, "Am I a part of the problem, a part of the solution, or merely a critical spectator?"

—BULLETINDIGEST.com

FROM THE MINISTER:

Wonderful Wednesdays. Wednesdays in April Dave and Jeff Miller will be speaking on the theme, *Reasons to Believe*. . . More and more people in this country are turning to skepticism and out-right atheism. You can be sure that when our Youth go to a state college their faith will be challenged. To show there are reasons to believe both Dave and Jeff will be touching on subjects proving God and creationism, and defeating atheism and evolution Wednesdays in April. Bring somebody with you!

Well done Ladies!

There were 119 ladies present at the first Area-Wide Ladies Class and Devotional. Some of our young ladies led songs and Melanie Bush spoke. The devotional lasted an



hour with many staying afterward to visit. This was only the first. The following devotionals, one each quarter, will be at Panama Street, University, and Dalraida churches. They had a great time and are looking forward to the future devotionals. This was only the start. Hopefully, it will only build from here. Thank you Eastern Meadows Ladies for the good job you do!

THANK YOU JAMES AND JAN HILYER!

Thank you James Hilyer for serving as a Deacon at Eastern Meadows church for many years. We are so glad you chose to worship at Eastern Meadows after moving back to Montgomery. We are thankful for both of you involving yourself in every aspect of the work at Eastern Meadows that you had the time and energy for. (By the way, James was assigned to 10 areas of work as a deacon, more than any other.) Even though you find it needful at this time to resign from your work as a deacon, we are thankful for your continued involvement at Eastern Meadows as a member here. We are thankful for your love you share with us at Eastern Meadows. We love you both!



TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Paul told the churches in Galatia: "If we live in the spirit, let us also _____
C) walk in the spirit. (Gal 5:25)



This week's question: What, according to Paul, is made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places? A) The eternal purpose of God B) The manifold wisdom of God C) The fellowship of the mystery

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

One Sunday night each month, our youth group and their families participate in a Youth & Family devotional. In keeping with this year's Lads to Leaders theme, "Here am I, send me," we've spent many of the recent months learning about the mission areas that Eastern Meadows supports. Each time, we've looked at where the work is, the local religious culture, the challenges, the rewards, the needs, and most importantly, we hear from the missionaries. Additionally, to get the teens in the proper mood, we decorated with each country's colors, etc., and we ate food native to that nation. The menu was developed by Dianne Hoskinson each month (Thanks Dianne!) and prepared by extraordinarily talented women who volunteered each month (Eastern Meadows is blessed with devoted women who are ready and willing to serve, and btw are fabulous cooks!). The international food really added a pizzazz to the devo!

We started our series in June and looked at the missionary work in Thailand. Pubin Sanboon sent a letter, which I read to the group. He later addressed the group in person during Sunday morning class. We then followed with Ukraine, The Pacific Islands, Romania, Apologetics Press, Panama, and Peru. Our group got to Skype with the youth group in Ukraine, they were then privileged to have Renn Ferguson speak personally about life as a teen-aged missionary in the Pacific Isles, got a first person account of the Romanian mission work from Nalin after she returned from her trip, got to listen to Eric Lyons explain the AP work in detail, got to hear Sarah Bills talk about the Panama Mission, and last month got to Skype with Corinne and Lacey in Peru. It was all very educational and inspirational for all of us.

This month, which is the last in our mission series, will be focused on David Atnip's work in Vidalia, Georgia. We'll of course be eating traditional Georgia food such as Brunswick stew, hoe cakes (they were traditionally cooked on a hoe), pecan pie, and sweet tea.

Through all of the contacts and lessons, we've developed a deeper appreciation for the mission works supported by Eastern Meadows. Thanks for your support and generosity, but most of all, thanks for your love of the truth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/13/14

SICK: WILMA BERRY is recovering at home following shoulder surgery. WAYNE JOHNSTON had a heart catheterization last week. CATHERINE LEINHEISER was in Baptist South Hospital this this week. DENISE TURNER, Burt Turner's daughter-in-law who lives in Las Vegas is now number one on the liver transplant list as her health has continued to decline. TERESA KELLY, Ann Milam's daughter, has received a great report that she is now cancer free! Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, JEWEL BARNERS, JOY DAVIS, HELEN DILL, TIM GOTKIEWICZ, DOROTHY HICKS, VICKY JACKSON, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, MARSHA SUTTON, JULIE AND GRASON GOTKIEWICZ, LEON and CHARLOTTE JACKSON, PAUL LOWERY, and THELMA WOOLFOLK. 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, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, 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, and NICK (NLN).

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

Announcements:

A.M.: Wayne Johnston
P.M.: Wayne Johnston

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Charlie Boddy
P.M.: Dan Evans

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Troy Steelman
P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements
P.M.: Allen Clements

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW BABY! Charner Allen Clements arrived on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:37 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 11.2 oz and is 18 inches long. Mom at baby are doing well. Congratulations to Allen and Sarah Clements, big sister Ella Rose, and grandparents Paul and Gladys Clements and Tonna Johnson.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows, Thank you so much for the cards, prayers and the beautiful quilt. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. In Christian love, C.A. "Red" Taylor

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 3/16—Lesson 69: *Singing/Marriage*, Eph. 5; 3/23—Lesson 70: *Children/The Armor of God*, Eph. 6.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 5 (Mathews) will host this Sunday's fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. Team 1 (Creel) will host Mar. 23.

SINGING CLASS: Sunday's at 4:30.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM (No Class March 27)

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.

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?"

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a Gospel Meeting at Georgia Road Church of Christ Mar. 23-28, with the theme, "Evangelism." The different speakers are Jesse Perkins, Kenneth Randolph, Ed Smith, Frank Chesser, David Phillips, Fenter Northern, and Brent Missildine. Monday-Friday services at 7 PM.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM DONNA FULMER: Tish & Ladies of EMCC, There are no words to express my gratitude for the expression of love sent to my little great niece, Emma, in California. The letters from your class, Tish, just brightened her day. And what a lovely surprise the beautiful hand-made blanket was. They were so moved by this gesture of love. I cannot tell you how deeply this touched me and my family. You all are true examples of Christ's love for us all. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I love you all for this! -Donna Fulmer





LADYBUGS



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. 15:** Quilting/Sewing, 1-4 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

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

COLLEGE EVENTS:

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

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

3/9/14: Contribution: \$10,742 / Budget: **-\$1,378** / Yr.-To-Date: **-\$602.98**

NEW ADDRESS: Russ and Dawn Chandler; 2631 Capstone DR; Montgomery, AL 36106

APOLOGETICS PRESS BENEFIT DINNER: Apologetics Press announces a Benefit Dinner, Tuesday, March 25, 2014 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Dalraida Church of Christ (fellowship hall — around back). RSVP to Apologetics Press, 334-272-8558.

DEBATE: Kyle Butt will be debating Bart Ehrman, Friday, April 4, 2014 from 6:00—9:00 p.m. on "The Problem of Pain and Suffering as it Relates to the Existence of God." GBN will broadcast live via television and www.gbntv.org, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE POLLARDS: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart, I will tell of all your wonderful deeds (Psalms 9:1). Dear family, Thank you for taking such great care of us when we were with you for the marriage seminar. And a very special thank you to the ladies for the beautiful quilt! I love it! You were all so warm and friendly, and we enjoyed being with you. Love, Kathy....Kathy and I had a great experience at Eastern Meadows. Your warmth, friendliness, hospitality and encouragement will stay with us a long time. Thank you also for your generosity. In brotherly love, Neal

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLYWEDS! Congratulations to TROY AND HALEY BAGENTS STEELMAN who married Friday, March 7. They will make their home in Montgomery and will continue to worship at Eastern Meadows.

Satan's Beatitudes

Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to attend every service, for they openly demonstrate my power and influence over them.

Blessed are the clock watchers, for they shall never get anything out of worship.

Blessed are they who do not have time to study the Bible at home, for they shall starve their souls to death.

Blessed are they who gossip, for they cause the strife and divisions that please me.

Blessed are those who do not give generously to carry on God's work, for they help me promote my agenda. Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates or holds a grudge against his brother or sister, for he shall be with me forever.

Blessed are the troublemakers, for they shall be called my children.

Blessed is he who has not time to pray, for he shall be easily overcome with temptation.

--Douglas Parsons