



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
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## DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
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Tim Gotkiewicz  
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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**  
WMGY 800 AM DIAL  
Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.  
With **ROGER DILL**

## STATISTICS 3/23/14

Bible Class: 142  
AM Worship: 188  
PM Worship: 117  
EMUAF: \$76.00

**YOU ARE  
WELCOME!**

## BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY

### MARCH 30TH

Fifth Sunday's have been designated "Benevolence Sunday". On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution will be taken for the **EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND**. This is to be separate from the regular contribution. Checks for this effort should be made out to: Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund. Envelopes marked "Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund" will be provided for those who wish to contribute in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

—Don Brannan, for the elders

## BUDGET CATCH-UP SUNDAY

### MARCH 30TH \$13,320.00

Fifth Sunday's have also been designated as Budget Catch-up Sunday's. When necessary, we are asked to catch-up on our giving so our budget can accomplish all it is set-up to do. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Sunday's Budget Catch-up Goal is **\$13,320.00**. This is an increase of 10% over our weekly budget of \$12,120.00, which will provide for the catch-up and for a small cushion.

## APRIL WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

"Reasons to Believe"  
with Dave & Jeff Miller

- Apr. 2: "Can I Know God Exists?" (Dave)
- Apr. 9: "God & the Laws of Science" (Jeff)"
- Apr. 16: "Proof of God in Your Body" (Jeff)"
- Apr. 23: "Proof of God in Nature" (Dave)



**Dave Miller**



# Armor of God

Our children's classes – 4 yr olds-5th graders – had a special treat Sunday as LEE ANGLE, pictured above at left, illustrated the Bible Lesson on "Armor of God" with balloon art. NORTON SEWELL modeled the armor as seen in above picture.



## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Welcome to Eastern Meadows!** Sunday evening it was my pleasure to announce that Keith, Neoshia along with their children RJ and Drew, plan to work and worship with Eastern Meadows. Already some of the family has been at Eastern Meadows. Gwen Mann is Keith's mother! Keith works at Cracker Barrel and Neoshia is an Environmental Scientist with ADEM. RJ and Drew are at Garrett Elementary in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Keith enjoys both College and NFL football and Neoshia enjoys reading and sports. An older son, Michael, 19, is on scholarship in track at Barton College in Kansas. Hopefully Michael will be with us this summer. Keith, Neoshia, RJ and Drew, welcome!

**Next Wednesday!** Next Wednesday starts the *Wonderful Wednesdays* in April. Our speakers for the month are Jeff and Dave Miller. Dave has spoken at Eastern Meadows

on a number of occasions, being our featured speaker one month when the theme for the year was "I Wrote The Book." Dave will speak first. The theme for this month is "Reasons to Believe . . ." More than ever Christians need their faith strengthened. Attacks on God and creationism are frequent and common in this day and age. Among many people and places it is assumed that you would *not* believe in God. **This is a needed series.** Be sure to be here and tell someone about this series!

**House to House/Heart to Heart.** 5,000 copies of HTH/HTH have been ordered to be sent into the neighborhoods around our building to advertise Vacation Bible School in June. HTH is always about 3-4 months ahead in planning for the printed issue. Please pray for the good reception of HTH into the homes nearby.

**Thank you.** Even with a significant increase in the Budget over last year, at the end of the first quarter we are not too far behind. However, it is the case that most "end-of-the-month" contributions are a bit lower than the first of the month contributions, so a bit extra will be needed to meet the budget and make up the deficit. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**Please pray.** I cannot begin to describe the concern I have had for my friends, the church, and the unity of the church in Ukraine. Every day, several times a day, I look for news. I admit, I am fearful that Putin of Russia will decide to move his army into Eastern Ukraine. All of the work Eastern Meadows has been involved in for the past 15+ years has been in Eastern Ukraine, in the Donetsk region. Please pray for their safety, for the strength of the church, and unity of the church in Ukraine.

## FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

When Paul instructed the Ephesians on spiritual warfare, he spoke metaphorically. He wrote about the "whole armor of God." We know the "whole armor" as the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit.

Get your Bible and look at verse 17. Notice the punctuation when he writes, "the sword of the spirit,



which is the word of God;" – "Why worry about the punctuation?" Well, Paul doesn't end his sentence there (or his thought), verses 17 through 20 make one complete sentence. We usually stop after naming the sword of the spirit, but Paul continued...

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:18-20)

We have God's armor, but Paul also tells us how we are to use it; in prayer, "praying always".

Last Friday morning, I had the opportunity to attend the bi-monthly prayer breakfast, hosted by Amridge University, at the Capital City Club in the R.S.A. building. I sat and prayed with many Godly men and women, knowing that we were doing our best to take part in this spiritual warfare that Paul so aptly describes.

If you are interested in attending future prayer breakfasts, please contact Charlie Boddy, Jerry Martin, Paul Clements, or myself for more information.

Many thanks to the parents of our youth group for such a wonderful meal at the Youth and Family Devotional on Sunday night. We were privileged to hear David Atnip describe the mission field in Georgia and the many works that he is involved with as he seeks the lost in order for them to be saved. He has had many successes, but please remember: he needs our prayers as well as our financial support!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/27/14

**Sunday, Mar. 30, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

**A.M.:** Alan Kaye

**P.M.:** Alan Kaye

**Opening Prayer:**

**A.M.:** Tim Bagents

**P.M.:** Brooks Housley

**Closing Prayer:**

**A.M.:** Ryan Gotkiewicz

**P.M.:** Lindsey Mulkey

**Singing:**

**A.M.:** Nathan Bridges

**P.M.:** Nathan Bridges

**SICK:** DENISE TURNER, Burt's daughter-in-law, has declined and Burt is in Las Vegas to be with his son Donald. The Turner family is so appreciative of all the cards that have been sent. BETTY DAVIDSON is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery Apr. 1. Prayers have been requested for BRITTNEY HETHCOCK, friend of Russ & Dawn Chandler, who is battling cancer. Keep in prayer RUTH WHITE, Angie Moore's aunt, who is in CCU following heart surgery. Sick at home Sunday: HELEN DILL, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, LEIGH SANDLIN, MARGARET GRAVES, MARCIA GRAVES, CHRIS KELLEY, PAM LOWERY, PATSY LOWERY, and JOY PUGH. 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, EMMA MITCHELL, LYNN MCMATH, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, and RUTH WHITE. (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, ELIOTT KOZENSKI, ANITA RYALS, NICK (NLN), and BRITTNEY HETHCOCK.

**THANK YOU:** The family of SAVANNAH HATFIELD appreciates the cards sent and the prayers said for Savannah. A special thank-you to the LadyBUG Quilters for the beautiful quilt. She loves it! Savannah is still undergoing therapy and continues to improve every week.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Troy Steelman in the passing of his grandmother, IRMA STEELMAN, Mar. 12. The funeral was Mar. 15 in Huntsville, AL.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Danny Moore and family in the passing of his grandmother, GRACE PARNELL, Monday. The graveside service was Tuesday in Sardis, AL.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Aaron Ward and family in the passing of his grandmother, . The funeral was in .

**BAPTISM:** We rejoice to announce the baptism of AUSTIN BROWN Wednesday night by his father, Charles Brown.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** There will not be a meal this Sunday. Team 2 (Gotkiewicz) will host Apr. 6.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 3/30 – Lesson 71: *Glorify Christ By Example*, Phil. 1-2; 4/6 – Lesson 72: *Prayer/Virtues In Christ*, Phil. 3-4.

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

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

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** There will be a Men's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, Apr. 1, 7 AM.

**EHRMAN / BUTT DEBATE:** Dr. Bart Ehrman, of UNC Chapel Hill, will debate Kyle Butt, of Apologetics Press at Norton Auditorium on the campus of the University of North Alabama Friday, Apr. 4, 6-9 PM. The topic of debate is "The Problem of Pain and Suffering as it Relates to the Existence of God." GBN will broadcast live via television and at [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org), beginning at 5:30 PM Central Standard Time. Interviews with the speakers will follow the debate.

**AREA-WIDE CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:** There will be an Area-wide congregational singing Friday Night, April 4, 2014 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Tallassee Church of Christ; 209 Gilmer Ave; Tallassee, Alabama.

**HELP NEEDED:** Help is needed with the Apr. 6 fellowship meal. Extra guests are expected, due to Faulkner University's Jamboree Weekend, which will require extra food. Volunteers are needed to fix and leave food to help cover the extra people. If you can help, please sign-up on the list at the LadyBUGS' Desk.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** There will be a Gospel Meeting at North Lowndes Church of Christ Apr. 6-8 with Brent Missildine speaking. Monday & Tuesday services at 7 PM.

**LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET:** There will be a business meeting for all the Elders and Deacons Sunday, Apr. 13, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7. Jimmy Mathews and Jeff Simpson will be cooking.

**SHEPHERD'S TALK:** The Elders will give a current events report Sunday, Apr. 13, immediately following the AM worship service.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** Faulkner University's Bible Dept. will host a student led Gospel Meeting at University Church of Christ Apr. 13-16, on the theme "Supernatural Miracles of the Maker." Sunday, 5 PM and Monday-Wednesday, 6:30 PM.

**CELL NUMBERS:** RODERICK KEITH & NEOSHIA SIMMONS; Roderick's cell—296-8922, Neoshia's cell—296-0916.



## 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
- **Apr. 5:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM
- **Apr. 19:** Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **Apr. 28:** M-N-M, 7 PM

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Apr. 13:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Apr. 17-20:** L to L Convention
- **Apr. 27:** Youth & College Night, PM

## COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
- **Apr. 27:** Youth & College Night, PM
- **Apr. 28-May 1:** Faulkner Finals

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Last week's question: Paul told the Ephesians, "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather \_\_\_\_\_." C) expose them (Eph 5:11).

**This week's question:** Who did Paul send to the Ephesians to tell them of his affairs and



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

3/23/14: Contribution: \$13,659.08 / Budget: + \$1,539.08 / Yr.-To-Date: **-\$807.44**

# IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WANTING TO

- A man can get out of bed at three o'clock on Saturday morning to go fishing, but when you talk to him about Sunday morning Bible classes, he can't get up that early on Sunday.

WHY THE DIFFERENCE? **It's just a matter of wanting to!**

- A man can go a hundred miles on Friday night to a ball game but is too tired to get out for the worship on Sunday and Wednesday night!

WHY THE DIFFERENCE? **It's just a matter of wanting to!**

- A man can take his family to a movie and spend considerable money but can't afford to give more than a dollar to the Lord!

WHY THE DIFFERENCE? **It's just a matter of wanting to!**

- A man can be on the membership committee at the civic club and canvass among friends for prospective members but can't make the right approach when asked to do personal work for the lord!

WHY THE DIFFERENCE? **It's just a matter of wanting to!**

- A man can take an aspirin and go to work despite an annoying headache, but a similar headache is considered a good reason for missing worship or Bible classes!

WHY THE DIFFERENCE? **It's just a matter of wanting to!**



--Unknown Author

## SMILE A WHILE

Since the spoiled little boy seldom left his mother's side in all his five years, his parents were naturally concerned when he came home from his first day of school.

Tell me, cried the mother as she hugged him. Did you cry at school today?

No, said the little terror, but the teacher did!

*BulletinGold, via The Sower*