



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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March 6, 2014

### ELDERS:

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### DEACONS:

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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 3/2/14

Bible Class: 153  
AM Worship: 191  
PM Worship: 135  
EMUAF: \$104.00

**YOU ARE  
WELCOME!**



Time to  
Spring Ahead

**Daylight Savings  
Time begins this  
Sunday. Don't for-  
get to move your  
clocks **FORWARD**  
1 hour at bedtime  
Saturday night,  
Mar. 8.**

## *Area Wide Ladies Devotional*

Our first quarterly Area Wide Ladies Devotional will be Monday, March 10, 7-8 PM, at Eastern Meadows church of Christ. The theme for 2014 is "Lessons Learned from Ladies of the Bible." Melanie Bush will be presenting the first lesson, "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:

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

## **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**Continue to Pray.** Sunday morning, Ron Hoskinson expressed a desire for prayers from the congregation for his family. Let us continue to pray for Ron and Dianne and their nephews, Luke and Aaron Ferrell.

**Preacher's Challenge.** Thank you for your support for the 2014 Preacher's Challenge. As a result of your generosity, 18 families have given \$2,020 to the V. P. Black School of Biblical Studies at Faulkner University. Thank you very much for your support for this effort. Your generosity comes as you also faithfully give to the Eastern Meadows church and give extra on Benevolence Sundays and the way you gave to the special collection to help the Rios family go to Brazil for mission work. Thank you very much.

**Prayers for Ukraine.** I have been deeply troubled at Russia's response to the political upheaval in Ukraine. The area in Ukraine that Eastern Meadows has supported good works are in the Eastern, Russian speaking region of Donetsk in the towns of Kramatorsk, Konstantinovka, and Gorlovka. Over many years Vlad and Oksana Pazyi have been supported. We are also helping support the Bear Valley school in Gorlovka both on a monthly basis and by sending me to teach in the school on a yearly basis. In the past about \$60,000 was given to help with the purchase and renovation of the Kramatorsk church building and there was more extensive support for the school when the school was in Kramatorsk. Additionally, there were times when Eastern Meadows supported other Ukrainians. Only Russian President Putin knows his full intentions; however, it presently appears, in my opinion, that he has his sights on all of the Russian speaking Eastern Ukraine if not the entirety of Ukraine. Please continue to pray that good sense will prevail, rather than the selfish ambition of a dictator. Though the situation there changes by the hour, as of Monday morning a friend in Ukraine (I watched him grow up over the years and he is now doing a wonderful job preaching at a church in Dnipropetrovsk - yeah, it takes a while to learn how to pronounce it and longer to learn how to spell it, so I copied and pasted it!) who is a self-taught English speaker had this to say on Facebook:

**Alexandr Rodichev: While everyone been worried about Russian troops in Crimea, they already trying to occupy Donetsk region. All this cities like Donetsk, Gorlovka, Konstantinovka, Kramatorsk, Slavyansk, Mariupol, Svyatogorsk and others that you had opportunity to visit are in danger. Maybe we have hours till Russia will occupy this territory.**

Lest I leave you with just bad news, Jeff Abrams posted this. Jeff preaches for the Tuscumbia Church of Christ after having preached for the Azalea City Church of Christ. Jeff, as a part of his work in both churches has been active and influential in the growth of the church in the Kramatorsk area. He makes two trips a year to the area and in the summer conducts Camp Amerikraine. One of our members has been a generous supporter of this camp work and as a result several are baptized each year. More than one man is now preaching who attended this camp in his teens. Jeff's remarks on Facebook:

**Jeff Abrams: Some good news from Ukraine. Our brethren are thus far not allowing divisions within the country to create divisions within the church. Throughout Ukraine, Sunday attendance was actually "up". The Lord's church in Ukraine knows this is their time to shine – and they are doing it! Join me please in being proud and prayerful!**

Last year Eastern Meadows purchased a new Magic Jack telephone device so Vlad and Oksana have a Montgomery telephone number. I called them Monday morning. He sounded very good. He confirmed Jeff's report for Kramatorsk, that they had a better-than-usual number in worship and they determined not to talk politics but only spiritual things. The events of the past days and weeks have hurt the economy. Gas is up 25% and inflation generally is higher. It is a tougher time for all, regard-

less of what Russia is doing. Please continue to pray for Ukraine and our Christian friends there.

**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 #4: The Action in Church Discipline."

## **2 Thessalonians 3:6 as a Model for Church Discipline #4:**

### *The Action Taken In Church Discipline*

There have been three previous lessons on Church Discipline. First was the, "Introduction." The second lesson was, "Paul As An Example For the Leaders in Church Discipline" and the third was, "The Thessalonian Church as an Example for the Church that Practices Church Discipline."

The first three lessons dealt much with "*Instructive*" discipline (by the way, the first five words of the definition of discipline are "the practice of training people," and "*Corrective*" discipline, where the wrong has been committed and the individual is admonished (warned) and encouraged to do the right thing. This last lesson deals with "*Punitive*" discipline, where the church is told to take that final action of "withdrawing yourselves."

2 Thessalonians 3:6 says, "Now we beseech (command -- ESV) you brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." Note: 1) This verse is a command, not a suggestion; and 2) This command was by the authority of Jesus Christ ("in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ").

The action is described in 2 Thessalonians 3:6 as "withdraw yourselves (KJV)" or "keep away from" (ASV). The word "withdraw" is a nautical term that was sometimes used of furling in a sail. This gives a vivid image of the action taking place in "withdrawing."

The action is further described in 2 Thessalonians 3:14. Paul said to "take note of that person" and "have nothing to do with him" so "that he may be ashamed." This tells us both the way it is to do be done and why it is to be done.

It is the "idle" "or the "disorderly" who is to be disciplined. This word (ataktos) does have a general meaning of "disordered . . . undisciplined . . . unbridled . . . without order or plan" (TDNT, 8:47). In the context it is used more specifically to refer to those who were refusing to work (2 Thessalonians 3:11). Today, in consideration of Matthew 18:15-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 5; Titus 3:10; and 2 Thessalonians 3:6 it is clear that Church Discipline is to take place as a last resort, after teaching and after adequate warning and encouragement, with the purpose of bringing the erring to repentance.

--Steve Housley

### **FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:**

Our youth group had the privilege of hearing an outstanding Sermon at the Area-Wide Worship last Sunday night! Clark Sims spoke and had a very encouraging lesson for us. I really appreciate those who prepare and deliver lessons for our benefit; they are doing what they can. Read on...

What do the story of the talents (Matthew 25) and the story of the widow who gave two mites (Mark 12) have in common? For one, they both teach us this: God does not expect more of us than what we are capable of doing, but he does expect us to do what we are capable of doing.

The three men in the story of the talents were each given responsibility according to their abilities. The five talent man did what he could and was rewarded. The three talent man did what he could and was rewarded. The one talent man was not asked to do anything beyond his capabilities, but he failed to do what he could. Because the one talent man was lazy and didn't live up to his capabilities, he was called wicked and lazy. Worse, he was cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The widow, we remember, is the one who cast a measly two mites into the treasury. Have you ever seen a penny on the sidewalk and left it there? Many would, simply because it isn't worth their time or effort to pick it up. Well, this lady's two mites were worth less than one penny! Can you imagine the rich people seeing her throw less than a penny into the treasury? What would you think if you saw someone put a penny into the collection plate? Thankfully, God knows our hearts and knew hers. God didn't expect her to put in as much as the rich people, but only that she do what she was able to do.

Many people beat themselves up because they can't do as much as other people. God knows your capabilities. Do what you can!

Many people sit back and let others do the work even when they are able. God knows your capabilities. Do what you can!

Many people are unsure of what they can do, or where to start. Let me suggest this: Jesus, who is our example, came to serve others. Think about it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/6/14

**Sunday, Mar. 9, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:**

<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
<b>A.M.: S. Neuenschwander</b>	<b>A.M.:</b>	<b>A.M.: Matt Wheeler</b>	<b>A.M.: Dean Norton</b>
<b>P.M.: S. Neuenschwander</b>	<b>P.M.: John Cole</b>	<b>P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey</b>	<b>P.M.: Dean Norton</b>

**SICK:** HELEN DILL is recovering at home after being in the hospital last week. INELLA BOWDEN has been moved to Crowne Health Rehab. WILMA BERRY is scheduled for shoulder surgery on Wednesday. WAYNE JOHNSTON is scheduled for a heart cath. It was good to have BARNEY BELL back with us as he continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, JOY DAVIS, SALLY GOTKIEWICZ, MARCIA GRAVES, LEON & CHARLTTE JACKSON, JIMMY LINDSEY, DOROTHY HICKS, ARLETTE POSTMA, SAM & DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and OPAL 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, EMMA MITCHELL, LYNN MCMATH, 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.

**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:** 3/9—Lesson 68: *Christ the Cornerstone*, Eph. 1-4; 3/16—Lesson 69: *Singing/Marriage*, Eph. 5.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host this Sunday's fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. Team 5 (Mathews) will host Mar. 16.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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

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

3/2/14: Contribution: \$12,852.10 / Budget: + \$732.10 / Yr.-To-Date: + \$765.02



## 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
- **Mar. 10:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ EM
- **Mar. 11:** Breakfast, 9 AM, Chappy's on Vaughn Rd. ALL ladies are invited to attend.
- **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:** Spring Break

# SIX REASONS TO ATTEND BIBLE CLASSES

Every Sunday morning Bible classes for every age are conducted in our Bible classes. Lamentably, some of our people do not take advantage of these fine classes. Many children are prevented

from attending their class each week because their parents fail to bring them. Some are prevented by illness or other factors beyond their control. It is not these that cause us concern, but those who can come, but do not. Some are slaves of a non-attendance habit they fell into somewhere along the way, others are just too lazy to get up in time, and still others do not care. The deep reason relating to all of these is more like a lack of genuine love for Christ. Please read the following reason why one should faithfully attend his or her Bible class each Sunday. The love of Christ is at the root of each one!

- ◆ The Devil is always seeking to devour us through temptation and false teaching (1 Peter 5:8; Col. 2:8). Your Bible class will help you to resist him with "it is written" (Matt. 4:4ff).
- ◆ Jesus requires me to seek His kingdom before everything else (Matt. 6:33). Your Bible class is a work of the kingdom, designed to build up the kingdom. Can one seek the kingdom first and refuse or neglect his class?
- ◆ Those who hunger and thirst for God's way shall be filled (Matt. 5:6). One who craves more spiritual nourishment will be in his Bible class every week, if able.
- ◆ Jesus requires every disciple to bear fruit or be cut off and lost (John 15:2ff). Your Bible class will help you have the knowledge and zeal you need to be a soul winner.
- ◆ God wants you to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3:18). We cannot grow in His favor without growing in His knowledge. Your Bible class helps you to do this.
- ◆ Your Bible class is either a good or an evil work. I suppose that even those who fail to attend would call it a good work. God's people are commanded to be "zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). How can one be zealous of this work and refuse to attend and support it?

One's attitude toward the Lord's work is a true indication of his attitude toward Christ Himself (John 12:48). My brother or sister, please think soberly on these truths.

*via BULLETINDIGEST.com*

## APRIL WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

### "Reasons to Believe"

with Drs. 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)

#### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Paul wrote, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you \_\_\_\_\_ have put on Christ." (NKJV) C) as were baptized into Christ

**This Week:** Paul told the churches in Galatia: "If we live in the spirit, let us also \_\_\_\_\_.

A) love one another B) Serve one another C) walk in the spirit

