



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
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## DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
Roger Dill  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
James Hilyer  
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 4/6/14

Bible Class: 147  
AM Worship: 203  
PM Worship: 126  
EMBE: \$187.00

**YOU ARE  
WELCOME!**

## LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION

Our group will be attending the Lads To Leaders Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. They will leave Thursday, Apr. 17 and return Sunday, Apr. 20. Pray for them to have a safe and productive trip.

Those attending:

### Adults:

**Tammy Evans**  
**Sally Gotkiewicz**  
**Tim Gotkiewicz**  
**Dianne Hoskinson**  
**Ron Hoskinson**  
**Randy Johnston**  
**Vickie Johnston**  
**Cecilia Porterfield**  
**Randy Porterfield**  
**Jane Sewell**

### Youth:

**Mollie Beth Dill**  
**Landon Evans**  
**Aaron Ferrell**  
**Luke Ferrell**  
**Gracie Johnston**  
**Turner Johnston**  
**Ammaly Khantisouriya**  
**Jinny Khantisouriya**  
**Grace Mount**  
**Miranda Porterfield**  
**Banks Sewell**  
**Mary Vander Sewell**  
**Norton Sewell**  
**Kim Wilson**



## **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**Request for Prayer.** Sunday evening Randy Sutton requested prayer for GEORGE ZEPIK whose health is declining waiting for a liver transplant. If his health continues to decline, he may not be able to have the surgery even if a liver is found. He also requested prayer for NICOLE RIVERA who is a daughter-in-law of a good friend of theirs in Texas. Nicole lost her mother, father, and 2 teenage daughters in the mudslide in Washington. Let us continue to pray for these individuals.

**Trip to Israel.** Dr. Scott Gleaves will be hosting a 10 day (12 days with travel) tour of Israel. It is one of the most comprehensive itineraries of a tour of Israel that I have ever seen (but it does come with a price!). A few of the brochures of the trip are on the table in the foyer. I include this for your information – you never know who may be interested in going.

**Great job by Kyle Butt!** Several gathered at my house to watch the debate. I heard from many of you that you tuned in on your personal computer in your home. I think that this may have been the largest “gathering” of Christians ever – though separated by space and technically not a “gathering,” all thinking and studying the same thing at the same time. I heard from Vladimer Pazi and though the debate began at 4 a.m. in his home, he watched it. I thought that Kyle’s second speech was the best presentation in any of his debates. Great job Kyle.

**Sunday Morning Bible Class.** Thanks to Roger Dill for teaching Galatians – Philippians. Another great job, on the heels of a great job by Paul Clements and a great job by Tim Stevens. This Sunday Dean Norton will be teaching Colossians. I appreciate the many who have agreed to teach the New Testament books on Sunday morning.



For *many* years ROGER DILL has gone to Crowne Health Care every week to help conduct the devotional on Tuesdays. For *many more* years ROGER went once a month to conduct the devotional. This is a picture of some of the residents at Crowne Health Care gathered for the devotional (not all of those present would fit in the picture).

## FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

Jinny, Banks, Miranda, Kim, and Turner joined about 40 teens from churches in central and south Alabama, along with a dozen chaperones at Children's Harbor, Lake Martin last Friday and Saturday for prom alternative. With the theme of Ecclesiastes 3:1, we had devotionals concerning the seasons of life. I was privileged to lead our devo on Saturday morning on, "Serving in Every Season." The lessons were very thought-provoking and our teens, hopefully, will carry these lessons in all of their seasons.

Next week, the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes National Conventions take place. Our youth group will participate at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in downtown Atlanta. It will be a VERY busy time for the teens as they move from event to event; leading songs, reading scripture, participating in Bible Bowl, and submitting year-round projects such as artwork, scrapbooks, and their group banner. They will also attend several award banquets where kids and teens are recognized for spiritual growth and achieving certain milestones and assigned accomplishments. The adults, along with keeping up with the youth group, will be judging events throughout the weekend. Pray for us!

Our next-to-last area-wide worship for this school year is this Sunday, Apr. 13, at the Dalraida church of Christ. The lesson will be, "How Do I Teach Others?" The Van will leave the parking lot at 4 PM and will return approximately 7:30 PM. We will worship at 5 PM and we will eat after the worship service is over. Just so you know, no baked potatoes this month, we will be eating pizza!

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

*Last week's question:* Paul told the Christians in Philippi: "Let each \_\_\_\_\_." C) esteem others better than himself (Philippians 2:3)

*This week's question:* Paul told the Philippians, "Not that I speak in regard to need, for \_\_\_\_\_" A) God has supplied my every need; B) the Lord is my strength; C) I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.



### 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



## 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. 15:** Breakfast/Dinner Club Dinner, Cuco's on Chantilly, 6 PM
- **Apr. 19:** Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **Apr. 28:** M-N-M, 7 PM

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

4/6/14: Contribution: **\$11,453.01** / Budget: - **\$666.99**





# Prom Alternative 2014



The Girls: Kim Wilson, Miranda Porterfield, Sally Gotkiewicz, and Jinny Khantisouriya

The Guys: Banks Sewell, Tim Gotkiewicz, and Turner Johnston



## Devo



# ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/10/14

Sunday, Apr. 13, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Jon Cole

P.M.: Jon Cole

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Mike Wester

P.M.: Mark Evans

**Singing:**

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Paul Clements

**SICK:** VIRGINIA EVANS is recovering at home following a stay in the hospital. EDWIN SULLIVAN, Sam Sullivan's son, is in critical condition at Baptist South after an auto accident Sunday. DENISE TURNER, Burt's daughter-in-law, remains in critical care in Las Vegas. Prayers have been requested for GEORGE ZEPIK, friend of Randy & Marsha Sutton from Michigan, who is in critical condition awaiting a liver transplant. NICOLE RIVERA, Sutton's friend's daughter-in-law in Texas, lost her mother, father, and 2 daughters in the mudslide in Washington. A memorial service was held last Saturday. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, JOY DAVIS, ROGER & HELEN DILL, MARCIA GRAVES, JIMMY LINDSEY, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, KERRY ROBERTS, MARSHA SUTTON, and LEIGH SANDLIN. 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, ANITA RYALS, NICK (NLN), and BRITTNEY HETHCOCK.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 4/13—Lesson 73: *Christ The Supreme Head of the Church*, Col. 1-2; 4/20—Lesson 74: *Seeking Things Above*, Col. 3-4.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host the meal this Sunday, Apr. 13, following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal Apr. 20, due to the holiday.

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

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

**LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET:** There will be a business meeting for all the Elders, Deacons, and Ministers this Sunday, Apr. 13, 7 AM. Cooks are Jimmy Mathews and Jeff Simpson.

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

**HOMECOMING:** Wetumpka Church of Christ will host Homecoming Apr. 13 with Kenneth Randolph speaking.

**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.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** This Tuesday, Apr. 15, 7 AM

**YOUNG LADIES' DAY:** Decatur Highway Church of Christ will host a Young Ladies' Day May 3, 9 AM—1:30 PM. with the theme, "Daughters of the King." There will be classes for junior high, high school, and college-age. RSVP to Jennifer at (205) 841-4958 or jrvines@charter.net. T-shirts available upon request. Breakfast and lunch provided.

APRIL WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS / "Reasons to Believe"

with Drs. Dave & Jeff Miller

Apr. 16: "Proof of God in Your Body" (Jeff)"

Apr. 23: "Proof of God in Nature" (Dave)

# THE TOLERANCE TRAP

Since Satan never rests, we must remain constantly vigilant (Ephesians 6:10-17; 1 Peter 5:8; John 8:44).

Satan has found great success of late and too many Christians are falling for his lies. Using his accomplices in the world and in the media, Satan is busy re-defining words and boundaries.

Mankind craves validation and camaraderie and naturally the Devil will use that against us. Utilizing our friends, family and celebrities, Satan has caught many Christians in the tolerance trap. The peer pressure is staggering.

Tolerance, in itself, is not completely evil. We all must get along and not allow opinions and preferences to divide us. We must show love and respect for others (1 John 4).

However, Satan's use of tolerance is spiritually lethal. The word means, "A fair, objective, and permissive attitude toward opinions and practices that differ from one's own." Yet, today that is taken to an extreme.

We build a tolerance by willful exposure to sin so that which we find offensive becomes commonplace. A drug user escalates his usage so he can keep getting high as his body grows tolerant of the drugs. So the more time we spend in sin, the less repugnant it becomes.

At Satan's request, Christians are called haters in almost every segment of society. Everywhere we turn, insults are hurled at us. We supposedly hate homosexuals, for example. No matter how many times we say that we hate the sin and love the sinner, we are ignored.

Satan has convinced everyone that we hate when we do not like something. If we go to a buffet, we select certain foods and ignore others. Do we go back to the buffet and yell, "I hate you!" at the foods we did not pick? When we choose a Coke Zero, do we hate all the other sodas? That is ridiculous!

We are told that we must "tolerate" people who live in lifestyles that we consider sinful. We do, to an extent, but not as Satan demands. He says that we must promote and rejoice in their sin.

Like God, we must be strong enough to call a sin a sin (Romans 1:26-27). We must not even think beyond what is written in Scripture (1 Corinthians 4:6). God's Word is our only standard (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 10:17). We must obey or be unrighteous (John 14:15; Hebrews 11:6).

Christians are often more afraid of the world than they are of God. They compromise the Truth so they will be accepted into the broader religious world's meetings and organizations.

Yet, we do not have the authority to do that. We are to go to the lost with the Gospel, and we cannot change the truth in the process (Matthew 28:18-20).

Paul said, "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22). Anyone who believes that Paul was advocating sinful disobedience to save souls has zero understanding of God's Word (Galatians 1:6-9).

Paul also said that we should speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). However, he would never advocate speaking love without truth. They are both embodied in Christ and cannot be separated.

We must immerse ourselves in Bible study, prayer and fellowship so we can remain courageous in the face of insults, slander and persecution. God's people must never fall for Satan's lies because his path never leads to heaven (Matthew 7:13; Revelation 20:11-15).

Satan's tolerance is another word for surrender and we can never back down!

Richard Mansel, *FORTHRIGHT MAGAZINE*