



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 24, 2014

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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 4/20/14

Bible Class: 144
AM Worship: 219
PM Worship: 117
EMUAF: \$81.00

**YOU ARE
WELCOME!**

Youth & College Night

This Sunday, 5 PM

Sunday night's worship service will be conducted by young men of our youth and college age groups.



HOMECOMING

Sunday, May 4, 2014

MIKE GIFFORD speaking

Mark your calendars and make plans to be here. Be inviting others, especially former members. See you then!

FROM THE MINISTER:

Ukraine. Please continue to pray for the problems in Eastern Ukraine. They have not gotten any better so far, even with the agreement between the U.S., Russia, and Ukraine last week. Additionally, much of the news the past week was in the Kramatorsk/Slavyansk area, an area where Eastern Meadows has done most of its work over the years and where we know the most people. Please pray for them.

Russia. Just as much Mission work has been done in Ukraine since 1990, so has much been done in Russia. Charlie Boddy, when he worked with the Dalraida congregation in the 1990s, went to Russia 26 times and 9 times to Ukraine, perhaps spending as much as 2 years total over the many years he went to Russia and Ukraine. As I have concerns about the church in Ukraine, I also have concerns about the church in Russia. If relations between the U.S. and Russia continue to deteriorate missions to Russia will likely suffer.

Presently, Cliff Lyons, Eric Lyons' dad, has been going to Murmansk, Russia for a number of years, since 1995. In his latest newsletter he wrote an article entitled "Membership History of the Murmansk church of Christ." It has been a difficult work, partly because of the attrition of members of the church itself. Due to those who died, moved to the U.S., moved south (in Russia) for warmer weather, become unfaithful, left over division, etc. it has been hard to have positive numerical growth in the congregation. What I found most interesting however, was his assessment of why evangelism has been so difficult in Murmansk. Brother Lyons writes:

It is not easy to convert people in Murmansk (We have faced our share of opposition from city officials, the Russian Orthodox Church and other people). People are materialistic, like in America, and think they don't need God or don't have time for Him in their lives. The interest level for spiritual matters is generally low. The roots of atheistic communism run deep in Russian society. And some, who have limited spiritual interest, have ties with Russian Orthodox Church or other false religions and will not search for truth as did the Bereans (Acts 17:11). Far too often people choose a MAN MADE religion instead of searching and following God's way (Matthew 7:13-14).

Reading this, I thought how similar this sounds to many places in the world. Let us pray for evangelism, in Ukraine, in Russia, in America, in the world.

Thursday Class. The Thursday class is in its final weeks for Spring 2014. This week we had the first of the five lessons we will be studying from the book of James. There will be a different speaker each week. Why not join us for a study in the book of James?

Thank You Paul Clements. Thanks to Paul Clements for conducting the Singing Class on Sunday afternoons. The singing class will be taking a hiatus (stopping for a while). You will be informed when we will start again. Thanks Paul!

Congrats Youth! We are happy for our Youth and their hard work and recognition in Lads to Lead-



ers! And thanks to Tim G. and the parents for their work in readying the Youth for L/L!

Homecoming. Just one more Sunday till Homecoming. Be here to hear wonderful lessons from the Psalms by Michael Gifford.

Rejoice. On Monday afternoon Albert (AJ) Bell and Quabeia Nobles were baptized into Christ. AJ is the son of Albert and Linda Bell.

Quabeia is the foster daughter of Albert and Linda. Albert and Linda,

along with their children, attend the 6:30 a.m. service at Western Blvd Church of Christ and then usually come to our 10 a.m. worship. Sometimes when I see them, I tell them, "I see you are here for your second helping (second assembly)." We are thankful they have made this decision!



FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

The 2014 Lads to Leaders convention is now history. Many thanks go out to those who helped in so many ways. Your help encouraged our young ones to work hard, study, and do their best to grow. Putting the convention behind us also means something else: preparations for the 2015 convention are underway! Next year's Bible Bowl books are Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. "One" is the convention theme for 2015. I can't wait to see the ideas, the creativity, and the lessons we will learn over the next year.

The elders, minister, and I commend those who participated in this year's events:

Mollie Beth Dill: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, and Group Banner.

Landon Evans: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Oral Bible Reading, Speech, Song Leading.

Aaron Ferrell: Group Scrapbook, and Group Banner.

Luke Ferrell: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Good Samaritan.

Gracie Johnston: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Songs of Praise.

Turner Johnston: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Song Leading, Year-Round Song Leading, Good Samaritan.

Ammaly Khantisouriya: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Good Samaritan.

Jinny Khantisouriya: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Songs of Praise, Good Samaritan.

Grace Mount: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Songs of Praise, Good Samaritan.

Miranda Porterfield: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Speech, Songs of Praise, Good Samaritan (with University church of Christ: Puppets, Debate).

Mary Vander Sewell: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Art Says It (Original Photography), Songs of Praise.

Banks Sewell: Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, Song Leading, Year-Round Song Leading, Good Samaritan.

Kim Wilson: Art Says It (Painting), Bible Bowl Written Test, Bible Bowl, Group Scrapbook, Group Banner, and Good Samaritan.

We are hoping to expand the participation in numbers of students as well as number of events per student. Expect to see more on this in the near future.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Paul told the Colossians that self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body have _____ value against the indulgence of the flesh.

A) no

This week's question: Paul told the Colossians that covetousness is _____.

A) A sin B) Disobedience C) Idolatry



ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/24/14

Sunday, Apr. 27, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Troy Steelman

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Charlie Boddy

P.M.: Y & C

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Stevesn

P.M.: Y & C

Singing:

A.M.: Jon Timbes

P.M.: Y & C

SICK: DOROTHY HICKS is recovering from a broken ankle suffered in a fall last week. Prayers have been requested for STEPHEN ANDERSON, Thomas Anderson's son, who is recovering from emergency surgery to repair a bleeding ulcer. Prayers are needed for DONNIE HILLIRD, whose health has seriously declined due to Olivopontocerebellar Atrophy (OPCA). EDWIN SULLIVAN, Sam Sullivan's son, continues in ICU at Baptist South. DENISE TURNER, Burt's daughter-in-law, continues in critical condition. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, HELEN DILL, MARCIA GRAVES, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON, PAM LOWERY, PATSY LOWERY, and MARSHA SUTTON. 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, RUTH WHITE, GEORGE ZEPIK, NICOLE RIVERA, and VIC HOSKINSON. (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), BRITTNEY HETHCOCK, and LULA WILLIAMS.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 4/27—Lesson 75: *The Coming of the Lord*, 1 Thess; 5/4—All classes Middle School and up will meet in the Auditorium Class with Mike Gifford teaching.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, Apr. 27, immediately following the AM worship service. Teams 5 & 1 (Mathews & Creel) will host May 4.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

SINGING CLASS: Singing class is dismissed until further notice.

LADYBUGS M-N-M: April's M-N-M is coming up Monday (Apr. 28). TISH HOUSLEY will be presenting the lesson, "Jesus' Example of Forgiveness." Copies of this lesson for our 70 x 7 notebooks, as well as a worksheet of questions, are available at the LadyBUGS Desk.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Wednesday, Apr. 30, 6:30 PM, we will have congregational singing. No classes.

BUILDING SECURITY: JON TIMBES is responsible for building security for the month of May. *BILLY BUSH* is substitute.

AREA WIDE CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Redland Road Church of Christ will host the area wide congregational singing Friday, May 2, 7 PM.

TEACHERS MEETING: There will be a meeting for all Bible class teachers Sunday, May 4, 4:15 PM.

GRADUATE COOKOUT: There will be a cook-out in honor of high school graduate, AUSTIN BROWN, Saturday, May 17, 4 PM. See Tim G. for more information.

NEW ADDRESS: AJ BELL; QUABEIA NOBLES, 225 Jeffrey Drive, 36108.

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

4/20/14: Contribution: **\$12,0003.41** / Budget: **-\$116.59** / YTD: **+\$1,025.97**



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. 28:** M-N-M, 7 PM
- **May 12:** Area Wide Ladies Devotional, 7 PM @ Panama St.
- **May 17:** Quilting, 1-4 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Apr. 27:** Youth & College Night, PM
- **May 11:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **May 17:** HS Graduate Cook-out, 4 PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
- **Apr. 27:** Youth & College Night, PM
- **Apr. 28-May 1:** Faulkner Finals
- **May 2:** Faulkner Graduation

Never Was There a King like Jesus

Ephraem of Syria observed the following of Jesus: "You are the heir to King David's throne, but you renounced all of his royal splendor. Of all his magnificent beds, you chose a feeding-trough. Of all his golden chariots, you chose an ass. Never was there a king like you! Instead of royal isolation, you made yourself available to everyone who needed you. Instead of high security, you made yourself vulnerable to those who hated you."

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).



– House to House, Heart to Heart

6 Ways to Keep Facebook from Harming Your Marriage

Posted on April 16, 2014 by Adam Faughn

It has been reported recently that fully 33% of all divorces mention Facebook somewhere in the divorce filings. Certainly, there are ways to enjoy the good uses of Facebook without it leading to divorce, but it can be very easy to be trapped in a digital, social, interactive world and much closer to cheating on your spouse than you ever dreamed you would be. If nothing else, it is easy to find yourself drawn to Facebook friends in a way that is drawing your attention away from your spouse, even if only subconsciously.

How can we enjoy Facebook without it leading to harm to our marriages? Here are 6 tips.

1. **Never Hide Your Activity from Your Spouse.** If you won't scroll through your timeline or even your private Facebook messages with your spouse nearby, you are doing something you shouldn't be. Your husband or wife should be able to look at your Facebook page at any point in time...no questions asked, and you should be willing to share.
2. **Share Your Password.** Why would you be embarrassed if your spouse logged in as you just for a moment, just to see what you have been up to? (By the way, this is important for parents, too.) Sharing passwords should be true of all accounts and devices, but especially when it is connected with something as "social" as Facebook.
3. **Unfriend Anyone Your Spouse Isn't Comfortable With.** If you have an "old flame" as a friend in Facebook, that's not necessarily wrong. But if your spouse is not comfortable with that person, you should unfriend that person...immediately. Doing so shows that the emotions and desires of your spouse are worth more to you than peering into the life of someone else.
4. **Don't "Like" Tempting Things.** How many men "like" the pages of celebrities not because their work is good, but because they like seeing pictures of her? How many women "like" nice looking movie stars, even though they know that their husband will never look like that? By clicking that "like" button, you are adding things that will pull your eyes, heart, and mind away from your spouse on a regular basis.
5. **Praise Your Spouse on Facebook.** Leah (writer's wife) isn't on Facebook, and if she ever does sign up, you will probably see pigs with wings flying overhead. That said, I try to post things about her from time to time that build her up. This is a public forum where we can build up our marriage and the one to whom we are married. Far too many, though, run down their spouse. Praise him. Praise her. And do so often.
6. **Turn Off Facebook.** It's a great tool, but there is also an addictive nature to it. Set parameters for how much time you will spend scrolling through your news feed or checking messages. When that time is done, turn it off and actually spend face-to-face time with your spouse. Or, if you check Facebook on your lunch break, take the time to call or text your spouse or plan something for a date. No one starts out on Facebook thinking, "I'm going to see if I can ruin my marriage with this website." Sadly, though, by not using Facebook in a responsible way, it is easy to chip away at the foundation of your marriage. Before you know it, "Facebook" may be used in some papers at the courthouse that you never thought you'd have to sign. Treat your spouse and your marriage with honor in every space...even cyberspace. QUESTION: What are some ways you protect your marriage on Facebook? Share your thoughts in the comments! - See more at: http://www.faughnfamily.com/6-ways-facebook-harming-marriage/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+faughnfamily%2FfpBz+%28The+Faughn+Family+of+Four%29#sthash.nxqXSx7e.dpuf