



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 3, 2014

**ELDERS:**

- Tim Bagents
- Don Brannan
- Ted Norton

**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 3/30/14**

- Bible Class: 134
- AM Worship: 191
- PM Worship: 108
- EMUAF: \$1,667.00

**YOU ARE  
WELCOME!**

# THANK YOU!!!!!!

Sunday—March 30th

## BENEVOLENCE FUND

### \$1,667.00

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## BUDGET CATCH-UP

### \$15,236.00

**Over Goal by \$1,916.00**

## APRIL WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

*"Reasons to Believe"*

with Drs. Dave & Jeff Miller

- 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)"



**Jeff Miller**

## **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**Let us keep praying!** Wednesday night David Moore responded requesting prayers. Let us continue to pray for David.

**We rejoice!** Wednesday night Charles Brown baptized his son, Austin. Many stayed for the baptism which was after Wednesday evening services. We rejoice at Austin's decision and pray they he will remain true to his decision to live the Christian life!

**Welcome!** Sunday evening it was announced that Charles and Michele Brown along with their children, Austin, Dallas, Cassidy, and Brayden were placing membership with Eastern Meadows. The Browns have been regular with Eastern Meadows for several months. They had been long time members at Dalraida but live in Sturbridge, very close to our building. Charles is a graduate of Auburn University and a civil engineer at Sherlock, Smith and Adams. Michele has a B. S. in Nursing from AUM and works as an R.N. at HealthSouth Rehab and OBGYN Associates of Montgomery. Austin is a senior at LAMP and is on the golf team and plans to attend Auburn University in agronomy and soils. Cassidy is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at LAMP and is on the track team. Dallas is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Floyd Magnet is on the track and wrestling teams. Brayden is in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Wilson elementary and is playing softball. It is a busy family and we are so glad that they are at Eastern Meadows. Welcome Charles, Michele, Austin, Dallas, Cassidy, and Brayden.



**Thank you for your generosity.** Sunday God blessed Eastern Meadows with \$15,236 given in the regular contribution and \$1,667 given to Eastern Meadows Benevolence for a total of \$16,903 given on Sunday. This allows us to start off the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter "in the black" and is a great help to all who are recipients of the benevolent fund. Thank you.

**Kyle Butt's debate.** Remember Kyle's debate is this Friday evening. It begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. with interviews from Kyle and his opponent after the debate. The debate can be seen at <http://www.gbntv.org/live/> on the internet. Of course, if you have a satellite, you may be able to view GBN directly from the satellite. If you have a Roku box, subscribe to the GBN channel (no cost for GBN) and just watch on your TV through the Roku box. That is what Tish and I will do. The proposition of the debate is "The pain and suffering in the world indicate that the Christian God does not exist." Bart Ehrman will be affirming and Kyle Butt will be denying the proposition. This is an important debate as the subject is one of the most often used arguments against the existence of God. Everyone would do well to listen to the debate!

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

Please remember our college students this month. They are facing many challenges that will test their commitment, their time management, and most importantly - their faith. Between Jamboree (this weekend), finals, and planning for their summer, they will be pressed from many sides. The temptation is always there to sleep-in or neglect study or prayer. We should encourage them at every opportunity so that they will not grow weary. Most importantly: if Paul desired prayers, we

know that they certainly make a difference. Don't you want to make a difference in someone's life?

Speaking of Jamboree; we normally experience a greater number of visitors than normal, so we are asking that, if possible, you bring some food to help out the food team on Sunday. Contact Sally if you have any questions. Thanks!

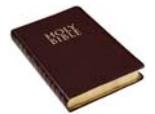
Several of our teens will be traveling with Sally and me this Friday and Saturday. We are going to Lake Martin with many of the teens from churches throughout Alabama to participate in a prom alternative. Our theme this year is Ecclesiastes 3:1. I will be leading one of our devotionals and speaking on, "Service in Every Season." Please pray for us that our trip will be safe and spiritually uplifting.

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

*Last week's question:* Who did Paul send to the Ephesians to tell them of his affairs and to comfort their hearts? C) Tychicus (Ephesians 6:21, 22)

*This week's question:* Paul told the Christians in Philippi: "Let each \_\_\_\_\_."

A) bear his own load B) Put on the whole armor of God C) esteem others better than himself



**DEBATE**

*The PAIN & SUFFERING in the World Indicate that the Christian God does NOT EXIST.*

*Dr. Bart Ehrman will affirm.* *Kyle Butt will deny.*

Hosted by the University of North Alabama Christian Student Center

Place: **Norton Auditorium**  
University of North Alabama  
Florence, Alabama  
Date: **April 4, 2014**  
Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Tickets \$10.00. All proceeds benefit the UNA Christian Student Center.  
To purchase tickets visit [www.unacsc.com](http://www.unacsc.com).

For more information please contact the  
University of North Alabama Christian Student Center  
**(256) 764-9439**

  
Dr. Bart Ehrman

Bart D. Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has written more than 25 books, a multitude of scholarly articles, and has been involved in numerous debates. He has authored four *New York Times* Bestsellers: *Misquoting Jesus*, *Forged*, *Jesus Interrupted*, and *God's Problem*. He earned an M.Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

  
Kyle Butt

Kyle Butt works in the Bible Department at Apologetics Press. He has authored or co-authored more than 20 books dealing with such topics as the existence of God, atheism, the deity of Christ, and the inspiration of the Bible. He has been in two previous debates defending the existence of the God of the Bible. He received his B.A. in Bible and M.A. in New Testament studies from Freed-Hardeman University.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/27/14

Sunday, Apr. 6, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Ted Norton

P.M.: Robert Vickrey

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: Mark Evans

**Singing:**

A.M.: Nathan Bridges

P.M.: Nathan Bridges

**SICK:** MARVIN DANIEL is recovering at home after undergoing a heart cath and stent repair Monday. DENISE TURNER, one of Burt's daughters-in-law, is in ICU in Las Vegas and Burt is out there with his son Donald. SHEILA TURNER, another of Burt's daughters-in-law, suffered a broken shoulder in a fall. BETTY DAVIDSON'S knee-replacement surgery has been postponed due to other health issues. JENNY PATTERSON, Monica Dill's mother, underwent a heart cath in Birmingham on Tuesday. Jinny & Ammaly Khantissouriya's grandfather in Laos is seriously ill. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, JOY DAVIS, HELEN DILL, MARCIA GRAVES, MARSHA SUTTON, and AARON & COURTNEY WARD. 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLYWEDS:** Congratulations to STEPHEN & CARLI (PILGRIM) BURT who were married Saturday, Mar. 29, in Birmingham. We wish them the best!

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 4/6—Lesson 72: *Prayer/Virtues In Christ*, Phil. 3-4; 4/13—Lesson 73: *Christ The Supreme Head of the Church*, Col. 1-2.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 2 (Gotkiewicz) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, Apr. 6, following the AM worship service. Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host Apr. 13.

**HELP NEEDED:** Faulkner University's Jamboree will be Apr. 4-5, bringing extra visitors to EM that Sunday, Apr. 6. We need volunteers to fix and leave food to facilitate the extra people. Please sign-up on the list posted at the LadyBUGS desk in the rear if you will help with this. Your help is appreciated.

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

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

**EHRMAN / BUTT DEBATE:** The topic of debate is "The Problem of Pain and Suffering as it Relates to the Existence of God" and will take place this Friday, Apr. 4, 6 PM, at the University of North Alabama. GBN will broadcast live via television and at [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org).

**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.

**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, Deacons, and Ministers 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.

**ADDRESS & NUMBERS:** CHARLES & MICHELLE BROWN, (AUSTIN, CASSIDY, DALLAS, & BRAYDEN), 8442 Rockbridge Circle, 36116; 260-8494.

**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.



**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. 4-5:** Prom Alternative
- **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

## BUY THE TRUTH AND SELL IT NOT

Buy the truth, and sell it not (Prov 23:23, KJV). These words suggest at least three things: truth is a rare and precious commodity, truth is a costly commodity, and truth may be traded away at an even greater cost. These three things certainly apply to the truth of the gospel. However I believe Solomon had a more everyday thought in mind. He had just said, Listen to your father.do not despise your mother (v. 22). He follows with: And he who begets a wise child will delight in him. Let your father and your mother be glad (vv.24-25).

That truth is a rare and precious commodity is underscored by the work of Robert Feldman, a professor of psychology at the University of Massachusetts, who says, Not only do we lie frequently, but we lie without even thinking about it. People lie while they are getting acquainted an average of three times in a 10-minute period. Participants in my studies actually are not aware that they are lying that much until they watch videos of their interactions (From a 2009 interview in Time).

There may be many costs involved in buying the truth, but one that comes quickly to my mind is that buying it costs time and effort. We are bombarded with information claiming to be the truth about this or that person or this or that thing. It is easy to accept the claim because we like or identify with the person or organization making the claim. However, any untruth we might embrace becomes a part of us and warps our reality. There are a number of online sites, some better than others, that devote themselves to debunking some of the more popular and prevalent lies in our society. However, these popular lies may not be as harmful to us as are those we tell ourselves or those we allow friends and family to tell us that we accept without question.

We sell the truth when we accept information at face value. This does not mean that we need to be paranoid and go around accusing everyone of lying. It does mean that we need to think for ourselves. The Latin phrase *fides tamen quin* (trust but verify) should be our default mode. We need to always verify something before we repeat it or act on it. The excuse I was just repeating what I heard, is really no excuse for peddling prevarications and propaganda.

--Don Campbell, *BULLETINGOLD*

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Monday was a day marked by the accomplishment of an important milestone for Mike Wester. He was promoted to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. As a “Chief”, Mike is now among the top one percent of the Air force Enlisted ranks. We congratulate Mike and his family as we also wish them God’s blessings as they prepare to embark on the next phase of Mike’s career. We will miss them as they transfer to Germany, but we know that the Lord also needs faithful workers in Europe. Congratulations Mike and Family!



Pictured L to R: Maisha, Mike, Mike’s Mom, & Jasmin

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).*

# SPRING

“And winter slumbering in the open air, Wears on his smiling face a dream of Spring!” (Samuel Taylor Coleridge). I love the springtime, but my mother taught me long ago that contentment in every season makes a man great. So, you could say, we’re leaving a lustrous winter and entering the grand wonderland of warmth and growth that is the spring of the year.

It’s a time of renewal. Eli, our 5 year old, asked me yesterday, “Why did God make winter?” Now, I’m no scientist, but I explained that the world needs some time to rest and recover from working so hard in the warmer months and it gets to do that in the winter. But in the Spring, the world wakes back up and things that seemed dead and lifeless burst forth with new vigor.

Maybe your faith is hibernating. Oh, you still “believe,” but you haven’t acted on your faith in some time. I pray that for you, Spring is just around the corner. See, your “faith” isn’t really faith at all if it isn’t a “working faith.” James wrote that “faith without works is dead” (Jms. 2:26). But God justifies us when we ACT on the convictions that His word has placed in our hearts.

So, you’re tired. You’re overwhelmed and burdened. Jesus calls out “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28). The world is renewed when Spring comes, and your soul can be renewed by the forgiveness and grace supplied by the blood of Jesus. “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16).

—Darrell Powell