



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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May 1, 2014

#### ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
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#### DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
Roger Dill  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
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 4/27/14

Bible Class: 165  
AM Worship: 196  
PM Worship: 105  
EMUAF: \$74.00

**WELCOME!**

# HOMECOMING

*This Sunday, May 4, 2014*



## MIKE GIFFORD Speaking

- 9 a.m.: *Introduction to the Psalms*
- 10 a.m.: *Psalms 46: An Important Psalm for Me*
- 5 p.m.: *Faith, Hope, and Love in the Psalms*

MIKE will be speaking at 9 & 10 AM and 5 PM. Mike and his family worshiped with us in the mid-1990s. He and his family were very involved in the work at Eastern Meadows. Mike has served as the full-time preacher at congregations in Georgia and Alabama. He has been self-employed for over 20 years, during which time he has served as an interim preacher for several congregations. He was as an elder of the church in Cartersville, GA from 2008 until 2010. He is currently the co-host of "Holding Forth the Word of Life," an excellent 30 minute television program produced by the Cartersville church. This program can be viewed at <http://www.cartersvillechurchofchrist.org/tv>. Mike is also an instructor at the Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies, and is the Chief Executive Officer at Chinese Agape Foundation. Many of Mike's writings can be found at his website, <http://www.soundbiblestudies.com>. Mike has written four books, including, "In the Lap of God: Comfort From the Psalms," which was originally published in 2010. Each lesson Mike presents on Homecoming Sunday will be from Psalms.

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Sunday and Homecoming.** I am looking forward to Sunday. Yes, because it is Sunday, but more so, because it is Homecoming and Mike Gifford will be speaking. Mike does an excellent job. No doubt with his study and preparation for the book, *In the Lap of God: Comfort From the Psalms*, Mike is particularly qualified to speak on the Psalms this Sunday. *You will not want to miss any of his lessons.* Even if you are not usually here at Bible class or back on Sunday night, you need to be here for these lessons. I have no doubt, that you will be glad you are here, and if you are not present, you will find yourself in the future in need of having heard these lessons. Sunday. Psalms. Be here!

**Last Sunday.** It was a joy to worship Sunday evening with the Youth and College leading us in worship. They all did a very good job.

**Thank you for your participation in Sunday-Night-Service.** Thank you for your willingness to participate in Sunday-Night-Service. Sunday night someone requested several cards, and I had to say, let me give some to all and if there are extras after I get to the back I will bring you more. There has always been someone willing to take the cards. On Monday I talked with Donald Turner, Burt's son. Donald's wife, Denise, had passed away last Friday morning. He was very appreciative of the cards received from Eastern Meadows over the past year. By the way, let us continue to pray for Donald. He is young to lose a wife, and he and Denise had two children, who have now lost their mother.

## FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

Our worship last Sunday evening was very encouraging to me. Turner and Derek used their musical abilities to glorify God and have learned much about leading a congregation. I pray that they continue serving the Lord in this and other ways throughout their lives. Felix, Matt and Daniel each gave inspiring lessons from God's word. We ALL should strive to publicly teach as these young men have done. Paul emphasized the importance of what these young ones are doing, "And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14b)

Daniel used a football analogy (Go with what you know!) to teach the lesson that we all should strive toward the goal with all of our strength until we cross the goal. I am witnessing something this week that can also be used to teach that same lesson; Faulkner Finals week is this week and all of our Faulkner students are "pressing on" toward the goal of completing another year of school. In fact, they are probably working harder this week than they have all year! Miranda Stanford is graduating this year and will be moving back to Oakman, Alabama with her family. Miranda was very faithful in her attendance and is to be commended. I pray that she'll continue to grow in the Lord and joyfully experience God's richest blessings! Congratulations Miranda :)

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Paul told the Colossians that covetousness is \_\_\_\_\_. C) Idolatry

**This week's question:** Paul says in his first letter to the Thessalonians that he remembered their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Job      B) hope      C) the gospel



# ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/1/14

Sunday, May 4, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Alan Norton

P.M.: Alan Norton

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Tim Stevens

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

**Singing:**

A.M.: Nathan Bridges

P.M.: Nathan Bridges

**SICK:** Prayers have been requested for OLIVER TRAMMELL, 3 month old boy, who has a brain tumor and began chemo this week. CHARLIE BODDY underwent a heart catheterization Wednesday. DOROTHY HICKS is recovering from a broken foot. STEPHEN ANDERSON, Thomas Anderson's son, is home recovering from surgery. EDWIN SULLIVAN, Sam Sullivan's son, continues in ICU at Baptist South. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, SARA CLEMENTS, JOY DAVIS, ALICE HANDLANG, VICKI JACKSON, JAY & KERRY ROBERTS, and LEIGH SANDLIN. Continue to remember our shut-ins: HILDA FURLOW, SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JIMMIE LINDSEY.

**UPDATE:** VALLENE LOFTIN, former member, has been moved due to declining health to Enterprise Health and Rehabilitation Center, near her daughter and son-in-law, Susan & Littleton Chatham, in Enterprise, AL.

**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, EMMA MITCHELL, LYNN MCMATH, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, RUTH WHITE, NICOLE RIVERA, VIC HOSKINSON, and DONNIE HILLIARD. (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.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Burt Turner and family in the passing of his daughter-in-law, DENISE TURNER, last Friday. A memorial service was held Tuesday evening in Las Vegas.

**SYMPATHY:** Our condolences to the family of GEORGE ZEPIK, friend of Randy & Marsha Sutton, who passed away Monday morning. The Sutton's appreciate the prayers and cards sent on behalf of their friend.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 5/4—All classes Middle School and up will meet in the Auditorium Class with Mike Gifford teaching; 5/11—Lesson 76: *Be Thou Faithful*, 2 Thess.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 5 & 1 (Mathews & Creel) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, May 4, immediately following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal May 11, due to the Mother's Day holiday.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** 10:30 AM (May 22—not the 15th - will be the last class before summer break.)

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

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

**TEACHERS MEETING:** There will be a meeting for all Bible class teachers this 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.

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

4/27/14: Contribution: \$10,079.13 / Budget: **-\$2,040.87** / YTD: **-\$1,014.90**



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

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **May 11:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **May 17:** HS Graduate Cook-out, 4 PM

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
- **May 2:** Faulkner Graduation

# God is Light

Surely one of the most beautiful and wonderful of God's creations is light. However, light is not only beautiful – it is also essential. Without light from the sun, life on Earth would not be possible. Without light from the sun, we would be lost in total darkness, and we would be without warmth. This light from the sun can be compared to God's spiritual light in many ways: without God's light, eternal life would not be possible; without God's light, we would be lost in eternal darkness; without God's light, we would not feel the warmth of our loving God.

Light is used in the Scriptures to represent such things as the Word of God (Psalm 119:105), Christians (Matthew 5:14-16), and God himself. Please notice some ways that God is compared to light in the Scriptures:

- ♦ **Light symbolizes God's purity** - "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5).
- ♦ **Light symbolizes God's knowledge** - "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance" (Psalm 90:8); "He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him" (Daniel 2:22).
- ♦ **Light symbolizes God's unchanging nature** - "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).
- ♦ **Light symbolizes God's vengeance** - "O Jehovah, thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth" (Psalm 94:1 ASV); "And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day" (Isaiah 10:17).
- ♦ **Light symbolizes God's glory** - "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11); "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" (Revelation 21:23).

-Jason Hilburn