



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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May 22, 2014

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Roy Mulkey
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Jeff Simpson

MINISTERS:

Steve Housley, Pulpit
Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth
& College

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 5/18/14

Bible Class: 139
AM Worship: 201
PM Worship: 113
EMBF: \$92.00

WELCOME!

GOING-AWAY FINGERFOODS FELLOWSHIP

There will be a going-away fellowship in honor of the MIKE WESTER family this Sunday, May 25, following the PM worship service, who will be moving to Germany where Mike will be stationed with the Air Force. Bring fingerfoods and drinks. You may give donations to Wilma Berry or Tim G. for a monetary gift for the Westers. The Sr. Youth Group will set-up, serve, and clean-up.



Pictured (L to R): Mike, Maisha, John Michael, Michael, Danaisha and Jasmin Wester

FROM THE MINISTER:

Week Two. By the time you read this, I will have finished teaching the second week of classes in Gorlovka, Ukraine. Friday is their exam day, and I do not need to be on Skype for that – I can be in bed and sleep. As I mentioned last week, I have learned to have a greater appreciation for those who work night shift and for my Dad who worked a different shift every week of most of his working life. I have enjoyed this opportunity; however, it is not the same as being there, even in terms of teaching. Also I am not able to be a part of other teaching opportunities and spend some time in Kramatorsk with the Paziys, whom we help support. Thank you for this opportunity.

Our Brothers and Sisters in Kramatorsk. Last weekend what could be described as a battle for Slavyansk and Kramatorsk took place. One of the results in Kramatorsk was that a major water line was broken from the bombardment and the city was left without water (water is now restored!) and because of gas line disruption, many were left without gas (most people cook with gas). On a positive note, the church had 50 in attendance, an outstanding number under the circumstances. In Slavyansk, where the most fighting has been, the preacher Albert took his family to Kiev for safety. Let us continue to pray for our brethren. By the way, in Gorlovka, where the school is located, things have been relatively quiet.

It is coming. Summer will soon be here and schools will be out. Many will be vacationing and enjoying summer activities. *Never* take a vacation from God. If you are out of town, on the Lord's day, be in worship. When enjoying leisure activities, *never* compromise God's teachings for your own pleasure. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Already much preparation has been done. Soon our Youth will be going to Indian Creek Youth Camp. Bible Camp is one of the best things youth can be involved in. They will have the opportunity to be at AP Week and Jerry Martin's week.

Bible Classes. How blessed we have been to have DEAN NORTON and TIM STEVENS teaching on Sunday morning. A variety of teachers have been used in the New Testament portion of our 5 year through the Bible study. What a great job PAUL CLEMENTS is doing teaching on holiness on Wednesdays! What a privilege for the Young Adult class to continue to study "Finding Your Place in the Body" with Jerry Martin. If you have not been in Bible classes, YOU NEED TO BE! Thanks to all (and the ladies!) for the good job you do!

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

Many thanks to those who brought food, helped with the preparations/serving/clean-up for Austin's graduation picnic! I had a wonderful time and I'm sure everyone there did as well. We had the pleasure of meeting more the Browns' family; they certainly are good people.

I am still in need of a cot for our week at camp. If you have one that we can use the week of June 8th – 13th, please let me know.

Seven from Eastern Meadows attended the capital city prayer breakfast last Friday morning. I am thankful for the opportunity to gather with so many from around the Montgomery area with the purpose of going to God in united prayer. Please consider joining us next time.

Remember: the Youth & Family Devo that was scheduled for Sunday night, the 25th, has been cancelled. Also, the youth group will assist in set-up, serving, and clean-up for the Wester Farewell Fellowship after our Sunday evening worship.

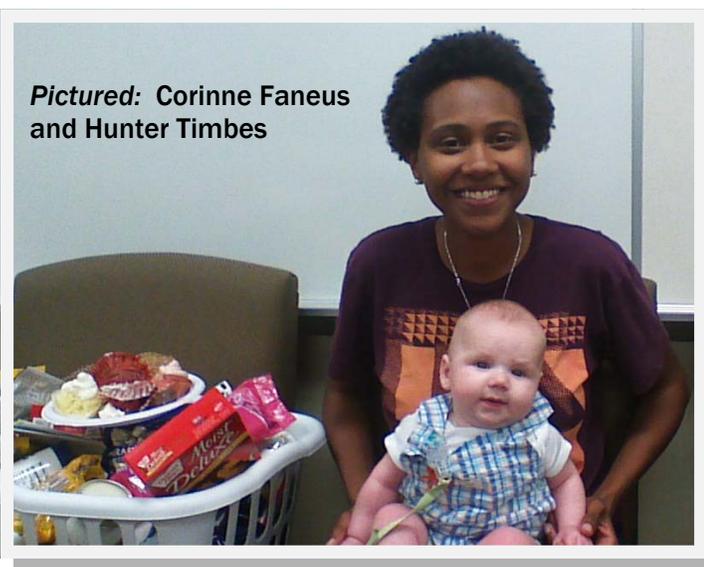
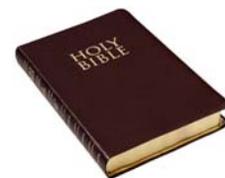
INVENTORY CLOSEOUT! I still have a few of the Youth Group T-Shirts for 2014 in my office. If you want one, contact me and I'll get you one. They are 10 dollars each. I'm still accepting money

for shirts already given out and I surely appreciate y'all's support!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Paul told the Thessalonians that, "we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are _____." C) busybodies!

This week's question: In Paul's first letter to Timothy, where did Paul tell Timothy to stay while he (Paul) went to Macedonia? A) Ephesus B) Lystra C) Iconium



Pictured: Corinne Faneus and Hunter Timbes

Eastern Meadows helps support the mission work of CORINNE FANEUS and LACEE SEWELL in Cusco, Peru. Corinne was in the U.S. for a short time and was able to be with us last Wednesday, May 14. We had a fellowship in honor of Corinne following Bible class. The ladies presented her with a basket filled with items she and Lacey could use in Peru. It was good to get to fellowship with Corinne.



The cook-out in honor of our high school graduate, AUSTIN BROWN, was last Saturday, May 17. We had fun, food and fellowship. Don Brannan presented Austin with a Bible from Eastern Meadows, as pictured.



GRADUATION INVITATION: Eastern Meadows received an invitation to the graduation ceremony of JUSTIN LIGMON WOOLFOLK, Thelma Woolfolk's grandson, of Montgomery Academy. The ceremony is Thursday, May 22, 7 PM, at the Vaughn Road Campus. Our congratulations to Justin!

ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/22/14

Sunday, May 25, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Steve Sewell

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: James Berry

P.M.: Billy Bush

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Wayne Johnston

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: HELEN DILL is in Jackson Hospital ICU. JOHNNY BLUE, Becky Blue's husband, is recovering at home following surgery and hospital stay. DIANE LINDSEY'S heart catheterization has been postponed. DOROTHY HICKS continues to recover from a broken foot. EDWIN SULLIVAN, Sam's son, is home and improving. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, LISA COTHRAN, MARGARET GRAVES, MARCIA GRAVES, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON, and ROBERT VICKREY. Continue to remember our shut-ins: HILDA FURLOW, SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JIMMIE LINDSEY.

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT: NOAH ALLAN MIZELL was born May 10, 2014, to SARAH & JOSHUA MIZELL. Noah weighed 4 lb. 14 oz. and was 17 1/2 in. long. ALAINA is the proud big sister and ROSS & TYLIESE SCHLITT are the proud grandparents.

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT: JACKSON "FORD" MORRIS was born May 16, 2014, to PAIGE & DANNY MORRIS. Ford weighed 8 lb. and was 21 1/2 in. long. DONNA BOUTWELL is the proud grandmother.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the Khantisouriya family in the passing of Noy's father on Tuesday. This was Henly's father-in-law and Ammaly, Jinny, and Nalin's grandfather.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues) CHARLES NORTON, DALTON & SYBIL DAVIS, BETTY ALLEN, MARTHA HUGGINS, WAYNE & UDEAN HALFORD, REX ROBERTS, ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, EDITH JAIME, RUTH WHITE, DONNIE HILLIARD, and DIANE LINDSEY. (Battling Cancer) BESSIE FRAZIER, CHERYL ROGERS, ANITA RYALS, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, and LULA WILLIAMS.

THANK YOU: Brothers & Sisters, Our family is so appreciative and thankful for the love and support of your congregation during the recent illness and passing of my wife, Denise Turner. Knowing you were praying for her gave us all comfort! In Christian love, Donald, Samantha, & Jacob Turner

THANK YOU: *Thanks from Me! Just a little line or two to bring my warmest thanks to you!* Thanks to Eastern Meadows family for your love and prayers from all the Roberts family. We are blessed to feel a part of your Christian family and to receive the many cards and phone calls from those we love and miss seeing. Sorry we could not be at your homecoming celebration. May God bless you all. We love you! Rex, Ruth, and family

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 5/25—Lesson 78: *Guidelines in Faith & Discipline/Love of Money*, 1 Tim. 4-6; 6/1—Lesson 79: *Study & Teach God's Word*, 2 Tim.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, May 25, immediately following the AM worship service. Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host June 1.

VBS TEACHERS & TRAVELERS MEETING: There will be a meeting this Sunday, May 25, at 4:15 PM, for all VBS teachers and travelers.

CALENDAR EVENTS: All events for the June calendar must be turned in by this Sunday, May 25, to Wilma Berry.

WORSHIP LEADERS LIST: Tim Gotkiewicz will be publishing the June Worship Leaders List this Monday, May 26. Men, if you will be out-of-town at any time in June, please let Tim know by this Sunday, May 25. You can tell him in person or email him at youth@emcofc.org.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: Promotion for the Children's classes will be Sunday, June 1.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a gospel meeting at Panama Street Church of Christ June 1-5 with Cliff Goodwin speaking. Sunday's schedule: 9 AM Bible Class; 10 AM Worship; 1 PM Singing; 6 PM Worship. Monday—Thursday services at 7 PM.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Eastern Meadows will host the Area Wide Singing on Friday, June 6, 7 PM. Refreshments

will be served following dismissal. Team 2 (Gotkiewicz) and the Sr. Youth Group will be responsible for set-up and clean-up.

MEN'S EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the men of the congregation Sunday, June 8, 7:30 AM. Steve Housley & Wayne Johnston will cook and serve breakfast at 7.

NEED FOR VBS: Clean, brown paper bags (grocery bags) are needed for VBS. Please give to Becky Norton, Sarah Housley, or leave in Resource room.

7B SOUTHEASTERN SOUL SAVING SEMINAR: The seminar will be at Adamsville Church of Christ in Adamsville, AL, June 20-22. Speakers include Todd Clippard, Cliff Goodwin, Dale Jenkins, and Tim Wilkes. Pamphlets about the event are available at the Front Welcome Center. For more information contact the church office at (205) 674-5659 or email at acofc@adamsvillechurch.org.

 **LA DYBUGS** 
Ladies Building Unity in God's Service
"Seventy-Times-Seven"

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 3-5 PM & 3rd Saturday's, 1-4 PM
- **Visitation:** Thursday Afternoons
- **June 1:** Secret LadyBUGS Reveal, PM
- **June 7:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM
- **June 21:** Quilting, 1-4 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **May 25:** Wester's Going-Away fellowship
- **June 6:** Area Wide Singing, 7 PM
- **June 8-13:** Indian Creek Youth Camp
- **June 16-19:** VBS, 9:30-11:30 AM

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

5/18/14: Contribution: **\$12,293.00** Budget: + \$173.00 YTD: **-\$827.49**

Vacation Bible School

JOSEPH—The DREAMER

June 16-19—9:30-11:30 AM—Ages: 4 Yrs.—6th Grade

How Do We Hear?

We are warned in Scripture to take heed what we hear (Mark 4:24) and how we hear (Luke 8:18). We may not always be able to control everything that might fall on our ears, but much of it we can. And, whatever we do hear we can take care how we hear, that is, what effect it might have on us. We can use self-control and self-discipline regarding our reactions to such things. But do we hear any better than the next fellow?



What I am asking is whether we pay attention to what we hear more than others even

when we hear the Gospel truth of Jesus Christ? Do we respond any more favorably before God than those who reject His Word altogether?

Yes, most would say they hear better when it comes to hearing Gods Word. We often criticize those in religious error for just not paying real attention to the revealed truth. This criticism is justly given. But when I hear the command to assemble faithfully being taught, and see brothers and sisters act as if such a command was never given, it does make one wonder how we hear.

--James W. Boyd, *BulletinGold*

WHEN 900 MILLION PEOPLE ARE WATCHING YOU

How do you feel when you stand before a crowd with all eyes on you? Do your palms get cold and clammy? Do you become nervous and anxious? Do you blush, tremble, shake, or get nauseous? Multiple sources indicate that 90 percent of all people deal with some level of stage fright (Vijai P. Sharma). So chances are pretty good that you deal with some degree of stage fright. However, this article is not about overcoming stage fright. Even though 90% of people deal with this issue, there is at least one stage where the vast majority of people feel no fright at all!

This stage is none other than Facebook. Last month, Facebook exceeded the 900 million active user mark. This means that there are potentially 900 million people able to watch you and see exactly what you say and do. Are you feeling a little bit of that stage fright coming back? Most people are very careful in front of a crowd but may not be on Facebook and other social media avenues.



God has always called His people to be different from everyone else (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Timothy 2:21; etc). The question for us is, do our Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest accounts reflect this? Here are several categories to consider:

What Do We Say and Post? Are there any words on our accounts that reflect a less than Christian behavior? Could someone look at our profiles and see bad language, gossip, slander, or other forms of crude and crass speech (2 Corinthians 12:20; James 3)?

What People and Activities Do We "Like" (Support)? Do we "Like" celebrities, athletes, artists or other people with trashy reputations? Do we support movies, music, TV shows, video games, or other things that are not Christ-like (Romans 12:2)?

What Pictures Are On Our Profiles? Do any pictures show us engaging in sin or other less than godly behaviors (Romans 13:13-14)? Do any pictures show us hanging with people or in places a Christians should not be (1 Corinthians 15:33)? Do any pictures of us or anyone else on our profiles display immodesty or promote lust (1 Timothy 2:9-10; Romans 13:13; Matthew 5:28)?

In Matthew 5:14-16, God has called us to be a light in the darkness. There is nothing further and more contrasting to darkness than light. Do the things we say, post, support, and depict on social media sites show that we are a light to this world, or show that we are dabbling in darkness? Potentially 900 million people can see what we put on our social media profiles depending on privacy settings. What kind of conclusions will they make about us? Will they even know we are Christians?

We must always be careful to be Christ-like in all parts of our lives. Whether it is out in public or online, may we always live by Colossians 3:17, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

--Brett Petrillo