



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## DEACONS:

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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 5/4/14

AM Worship: 220  
PM Worship: 126  
EMBF: \$104.00

**WELCOME!**

*Happy Mother's Day!*  
*Sunday, May 11, 2014*

## Mothers Are Special

**When God made mothers He made a very special creature indeed.**

**The unconditional love God gave mothers for their children is probably the closest thing on earth to His incredible love for us.**

**The gentle tenderness a mother expresses in handling her newborn child is so reminiscent of the tender loving care God promises to the faithful.**

**The sincere sympathy mothers show for hurt elbows and hurt hearts is not unlike the compassion God has for us.**

**The sacrificial unselfishness mothers demonstrate time and time again towards their children reminds us of how benevolent God has been to us.**

**The soft special kisses and the always sweet smiles that mothers so generously give can help us to understand and appreciate the joy God has designed for families in the here and now and for Christians forevermore.**

**God bless loving mothers for showing us many important things about God.**

**-Edd Sterch via *BulletinGold***

## **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**Please Pray.** Sunday morning THELMA WOOLFOLK responded asking for prayers for strength. Let us continue to pray for Thelma.

**Sunday Meal.** Teams Mathews and Creel did a great job hosting our fellowship meal Sunday. There was a large amount of good food and a good number of visitors that enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thanks for a great job!

**Thank you Mike Gifford.** We had three great lessons from the Psalms on Sunday. My favorite was the Sunday morning worship lesson, a lesson on Psalm 46. I strongly encourage you to get the CD of that lesson if you were not here to listen to it!

**My Apologies.** Sunday night Mike's PowerPoint of his lesson was not on the church computer and ready for use. That was my fault. Mike had emailed his PowerPoints and handouts. I had simply overlooked the Sunday night PowerPoint and had not gotten it to Jimmy and Chris so they could have it ready. I am glad Mike had it on a "stick" and we could get it up and going. My thanks to Chris for his quick work in getting the PowerPoint up and running.

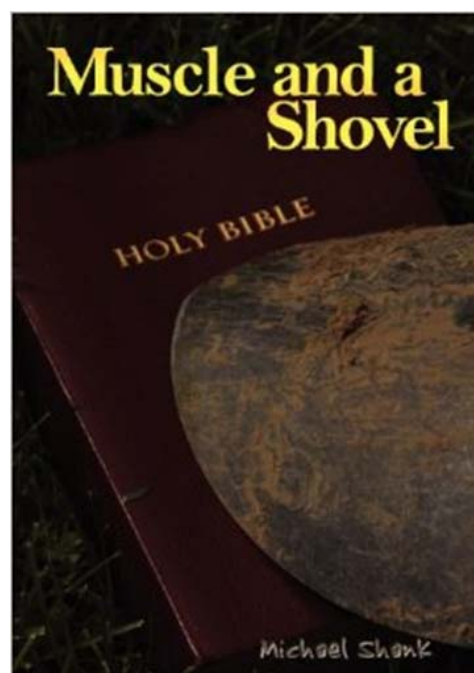
**Great Singing.** Yes, great singing Sunday, but the singing I am now referring to was last Wednesday's Fifth Wednesday singing. All, from young to old, did a great job leading. Further, their selection of songs was great. It was songs that we could sing! Thank you fellows!

**Last Sunday's Teacher's Meeting.** Thanks to those who attended the Teacher's Meeting. Over the next few weeks much consideration is being given to the new curriculum that we will be studying.

**Construction.** On Your Mark. Get Set. GOOOOOO! We now have a building permit, so you will probably be seeing dirt moving the next time you are here.

**Continue To Pray For Ukraine.** In the past week Kramatorsk (the town in Ukraine where EM has done most of its Ukraine work) has been one of the Ukrainian cities in the forefront of the news. The Ukraine army has chosen Slavyansk and Kramatorsk as the first places to try to remove the terrorists/separatists from government buildings. While our brethren are safe, it is because they are staying in and away from the troubled areas.

Eastern Meadows has ordered several copies of the book, **Muscle and a Shovel**. The cost is \$15. This book is reported to have help teach 7,000 the New Testament Gospel of Christ and help bring about their conversion. The book is Michael Shank's personal story of his conversion. As he tells the story, he teaches the very things he learned during his search for truth. I urge you to get the book and read it and then pass it on.



## FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

First off, happy Mother's day to all of our mothers! You certainly deserve a special day.

Don't forget the Area-Wide Worship for the youth group on Sunday evening at Faulkner University. The van will leave the building at 4 pm, everyone else be at the rotunda by 4:45.

For those who weren't there this past Sunday, Mike Gifford taught us a wonderful lesson on the 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm. There is a bit of what might be called "urban legend" concerning the 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

William Shakespeare was in King James' service during the preparation of the King James Bible, and he was 46 years old in 1611 when the translation was completed.

In the King James Version, the 46th word from the beginning of Psalm 46 is "shake" and the 46th word from the end (omitting the liturgical mark "Selah") is "spear". This also carries to the NKJV.

Because of these details, there is a rumor concerning the 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm; supposedly, William Shakespeare was one of the translators and placed his mark on the translated text of Psalm 46. Most scholars don't endorse this story, but it's one of those things that make me go, "Hmmmmm...."

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 says in his first letter to the Thessalonians that he remembered their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of \_\_\_\_\_. B) hope

*This week's question:* Psalm 119 is divided into 22 sections, which correspond with:

A) The number of subjects in the chapter; B) The number of rhyming verses; C) The number of letters in the Hebrew alphabet.



## Thank You Mom

*"Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise--"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth" (Eph 6:2-3).*

In a little town in Taylor County West Virginia Anna Jarvis in 1907 began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. The special day would fall on the anniversary of her mother's death. So on May 10, 1908 the day was observed in Philadelphia Pennsylvania where Jarvis had recently moved. It wasn't until 1914 that president Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement to the nation that every 2nd Sunday of May would be a national day of observance.

Mothers Day is a special day in which we take a moment to honor the women who make a difference in our lives. It is not very often we hear good news these days about the Mothers who as my gift reminds me rock the cradle that rules the world.

In my years of Christian service I had the privilege of interviewing senior statesmen, great community leaders and church leaders who are making a difference in all of our lives. In our first few weeks after moving to Logansport Indiana I was given a personal invitation to meet with Mayor Michael Fincher. Mayor Fincher impressed me as he spoke in tears about his mother. I am convinced that the world is a better place because of all mothers that were readers, teachers and fitting examples. Dedicated mothers produce determined children. We all know that it takes a considerable amount of determination to make a difference in todays world.

So take some time this Mothers Day to remember Mom. The apostle Paul reminds his son in the faith (Timothy) where his personal faith originated. I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 2 Tim 1:5

This Life Thoughts is dedicated to my Mom who has made many sacrifices and uttered many prayers that have made a tremendous difference in many of my major decisions in life. Thank you Mom.

--Rick Woodall, *Life Thoughts* via *BulletinGold*

## A Mothers Influence

A woman who runs her house well is both its queen and its subject. She is the one who makes work possible for her husband and children; she protects them from worries, feeds them, and cares for them. She is Minister of Finance and, thanks to her, the household budget is balanced. She is Minister of Fine Arts, and it is to her doing if the house or the apartment has charm. She is Minister of Family Education and responsible for the boys entry into school and college and the girls cleverness and cultivation. A woman should be as proud of her success in making her house into a perfect little world as the greatest statesman of his in organizing a nations affairs.

--Andre Maurois, *The Art of Living*, via *BulletinGold*

### SMILE A WHILE

Since the spoiled little boy seldom left his mothers side in all his five years, his parents were naturally concerned when he came home from his first day of school.

Tell me, cried the mother as she hugged him. Did you cry at school today?

No, said the little terror, but the teacher did!

– *The Sower*

**Sunday, May 11, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

**A.M.:** Robert Vickrey

**P.M.:** Robert Vickrey

**Opening Prayer:**

**A.M.:** Josh Cochran

**P.M.:** Brooks Housley

**Closing Prayer:**

**A.M.:** Jimmy Mathews

**P.M.:** Roy Mulkey

**Singing:**

**A.M.:** William Dill

**P.M.:** William Dill

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/8/14

**SICK:** CHARLIE BODDY underwent a heart catheterization last week. EDWIN SULLIVAN, Sam Sullivan's son, continues in critical condition at Baptist South. Sick at home Sunday: BRAYDEN BROWN, JOHN & DEIDRE COLE, JOY DAVIS, HELEN DILL, MARCIA GRAVES, DOROTHY HICKS, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON, VICKI JACKSON, PAM LOWERY, and PATSY LOWERY. 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, EMMA MITCHELL, LYNN MCMATH, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, RUTH WHITE, NICOLE RIVERA, VIC HOSKINSON, OLIVER TRAMMELL, 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), BRITNEY HETHCOCK, and LULA WILLIAMS.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Frances Nelson in the passing of her brother, ROLAND LOGAN. The funeral was Saturday in Centerville, AL. Roland was Linda Schaefer's uncle.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 5/11—Lesson 76: *Be Thou Faithful*, 2 Thess; 5/18—Lesson 77: *Worship, Prayer, Church Leadership*, 1 Tim. 1-3.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** 10:30 AM (*May 22* will be the last class before summer break.)

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** There will not be a meal today, May 11, due to the Mother's Day holiday. Team 2 (Gotkiewicz) will host the fellowship meal Sunday, May 18, immediately following the AM worship service.

**CORINNE IS COMING!** Corinne Faneus will be visiting Eastern Meadows on Wednesday, May 14th. We will have refreshments after Bible class in her honor. We will also present a basket of items she and Lacey need. Included with the items will be notecards with updates on EM members that Corinne and Lacey have requested. There will be sign-up lists at the LadyBUGS Desk for cupcakes and basket items, and cards for you to write Corinne & Lacey updates on your family. Donations for shipping should be given to Gladys Clements or Judy Creel. Basket items, notecards, and money must be turned in by this Sunday evening.

**GOING-AWAY FINGERFOODS FELLOWSHIP:** There will be a going-away fellowship in honor of the MIKE WESTER family 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 and join in wishing well Mike, Maisha, Danaisha, Michael, Jasmin, and John Michael.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

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

## 2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

5/4/14: Contribution: \$12,069.16  
Budget: **-\$150.84**  
YTD: **-\$1,165.74**



## LA DYBUGS

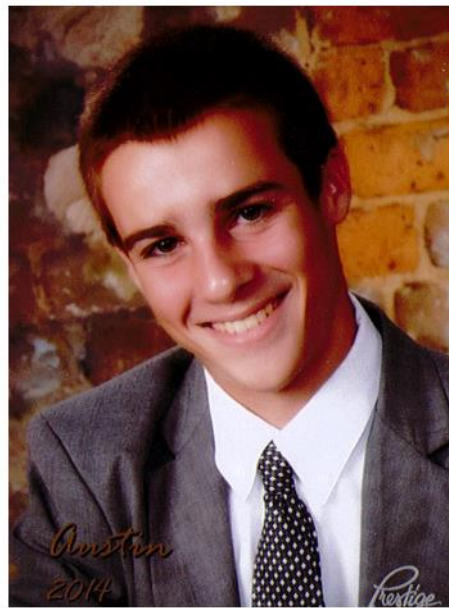


### Ladies Building Unity in God's Service

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 3-5 PM & 3rd Saturday's, 1-4 PM
- **Visitation:** Thursday Afternoons
- **May 12:** Area Wide Ladies Devo, 7 PM, Panama St.
- **May 14:** Cupcakes for Corinne
- **May 17:** Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **May 20:** B&D Club will have their first luncheon @ Chicken Salad Chick on Zelda, 11:30 AM. ALL ladies are invited to attend! Be sure to sign-up.
- **June 1:** Secret LadyBUGS Reveal, PM



# *Graduation Picnic!*



**FOOD**

**GAMES**

*Guest of Honor: Austin Brown  
Loveless Academic Magnet Program  
Class of 2014*

**MAY 17th—4pm to 7pm**

**BURGERS, DOGS BUNS AND CHIPS WILL BE PROVIDED**

**PLEASE BRING SIDES AND/OR DRINKS**