



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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June 5, 2014

#### ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
Ted Norton

#### 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

#### 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 6/1/14

Bible Class: 143  
AM Worship: 191  
PM Worship: 115  
EMBF: \$104.00

**WELCOME!**

## *Eastern Meadows*

*will host the*

# AREA WIDE



# SINGING



## Friday, June 6, 2014

## 7—8:30 PM

## Vacation Bible School

# JOSEPH—The DREAMER

## June 16-19—9:30-11:30 AM

## Ages: 4 Yrs.—6th Grade

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**GREAT NEWS!** Friday at 7 p.m. MICHAEL WESTER was baptized into Christ. They had planned to be on the road before that but stayed a little longer in Montgomery for MIKE to baptize his son MICHAEL. Then at 11 p.m. LUKE FERRELL was baptized by his Dad, EDDIE FERRELL. What a joy to know that these two young men have confessed Jesus as the Son of God and have been baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

### MUCH TO PRAY FOR!

Sunday evening a presentation was made about the Bear Valley School in Ukraine and the Paziy's work in Kramatorsk. You could not talk about these things without talking about the troubled Eastern Regions of Ukraine. Sadly, there has been much fighting and many deaths. The regions are dangerous to all. Thankfully the Paziys are OK, but must exercise discretion and care in their travels. There have been many to leave the nearby town of Slavyansk due to the resultant danger from the fighting. Some from Kramatorsk have fled as well. The school in Gorlovka was taken, as reported last week, also resulting in some finding it necessary to leave their homes. Things are not better. Please keep Ukraine, the Paziys, the church and the Bear Valley School in Ukraine in your prayers. These are our family.

*Pray for Subin Panboon and Thailand.* As far as we know, he is fine; however, there has been a coup in Thailand and U.S. State Department has issued a travel advisory for Thailand. Of course none of us are planning to go there, but it indicates the risk and danger associated with going to Thailand. Pray for Subin and the church in Thailand. These are our family.



Michael Wester after his baptism, along with his family, “D”, Jazzy, Maisha, Mike, and John Michael



Luke Ferrell along with his aunt and uncle Dianne and Ron Hoskinson and brother Aaron

*Pray for Sudan.* In certain areas of Sudan, many have been displaced because of the danger by rebel soldiers. With the displacement, there are food and medicine shortages due to the many seeking refuge from the fighting. These are our family.

*Pray for the captive girls in Nigeria.* We have all been disturbed hearing of Boko Haram, an Islamist terrorist group, who kidnapped some two hundred classmates from a girls' secondary school in Chibok more than two weeks ago. At least 10 of these girls were Christians or were from Christian homes. These are our family.

These people are our spiritual family. We may not know them or speak their language or share their culture, but they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**MORE DISTURBING NEWS.** Henley Khantisouryia told me Sunday evening disturbing news about Laos. Men for Burma are coming into Laos and killing those who are found in the country, away from their homes.

## ICYC AP WEEK CAMPERS

Miranda Porterfield

Norton Sewell

Banks Sewell

Gracie Johnston

Turner Johnston

Laura Vickrey

Kimberly Wilson

Grace Mount

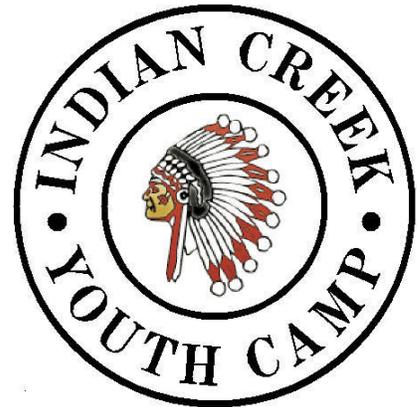
Cassidy Brown

Ammaly Khantisouryia

Jinny Khantisouryia

Tim Gotkiewicz

Landon Evans



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

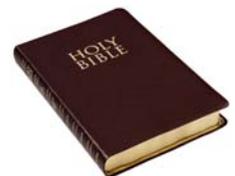
Pray for us! We are going to a land far, far away in the outlying regions of Oakman, Alabama. I will be traveling with an even dozen of our young ones to attend a week of worship, study, singing, prayer, fellowship, fun, and camp food! The best way I can describe Apologetics Press week at camp is with two words, "high energy!"

Immediately after our return, we roll into VBS. If you haven't yet made plans to attend, please consider spending time during VBS week either helping with the kids or bringing someone who might not otherwise get a chance to go. The kids will be learning about the life of Joseph, and I can't think of a better person, besides Jesus, to use as an example for how to live.

### **TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:**

**Last week's question:** Last week's question: Paul told Timothy, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in \_\_\_\_\_." B) purity (1Timothy 4:12)

**This week's question:** Paul told Timothy in his second letter, "But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your \_\_\_\_\_." A) destiny B) calling C) ministry



## Sunday, June 8, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

### Announcements:

A.M.: Wayne Johnston

P.M.: Wayne Johnston

### Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Bagents

P.M.: Josh Cochran

### Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Robert Vickrey

### Singing:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Alan Kaye

**SICK:** HELEN DILL is at Crowne Health Care Rehab. RED TAYLOR, Dianne Hoskinson's father, is in Jackson Hospital. TERESA LYNN KELLEY, Ann Milam's daughter & Chris & A.J.'s mother, is home after being in Baptist South and doing much better Sick at home Sunday: JOY PUGH, MARCIA GRAVES, RON HOSKINSON, VICKY JACKSON, JERRY AND CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, KERRY and SIDNEY ROBERTS, GEORGE DAVIDSON, and VI ENGLISH. Continue to remember our shut-ins: HILDA FURLLOW, SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JIMMIE LINDSEY.

**RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS:** Prayers are requested for FLOYD MCCAFFERY who is in the UAB hospital. Prayers are requested for NATALIE HAYS, 18 year old from Melber, Kentucky and dear friend of Memory Bush, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Missouri late Sunday night. Natalie's mother, Melanie, and her grandmother, Shirley Phillips, were killed in the accident as was the driver of the vehicle that hit them head-on. Natalie suffered a broken arm, three broken ribs, a punctured lung, and each of her legs were broken in four places. She has undergone the first of what will likely be many surgeries. She is currently in the hospital in Springfield, Mo. along with her younger sister, aunt and cousin. Please pray for this family. Natalie's address: Natalie Hays; 1035 St. Rt. 2151; Melber, KY. 42069

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

**THANK YOU:** Please thank the Quilting group at church for the wonderful blanket they made for Dennis. As you know, Dennis is cold most of the time because of the Chemo Treatments. He absolutely loves the gift and was pleasantly surprised. We cannot wait to meet everyone at your church. We plan to visit in the next few weeks. With all our thanks and love, Dennis and Sherry Dragotta

**NEW ADDRESS:** INELLA BOWDEN; c/o Angels for the Elderly; No. 13; 48 Angels Court; Montgomery, AL 36109

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 6/8—Lesson 80: *Christian Duties/Purity of Heart*, Titus; 6/15—Lesson 81: *Christian Love and Forgiveness*, Philemon.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 5 (Mathews) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, June 8, immediately following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal June 15, due to Father's Day holiday.

**AREA WIDE SINGING:** Eastern Meadows will host the Area Wide Singing this 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 serve breakfast at 7.

**SHEPHERD'S TALK:** There will be a Shepherd's Talk after Sunday Morning Worship.

**VBS REGISTRATION:** VBS registration forms are at the front and back welcome centers. Please register your child/children you will be bringing to VBS. **Be sure we have a contact number.** This will help in planning and also save time the first day of VBS. Give to Becky Norton or leave in Resource room.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Roberto Rios will speak at Eastern Meadows on Sunday evening, June 22. Roberto and his family was supported in six weeks of work in Lima, Peru. He will speak and give a mission report. Roberto is the son-in-law of Julia Benton.



**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 7:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM
- **June 21:** Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **June 24:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

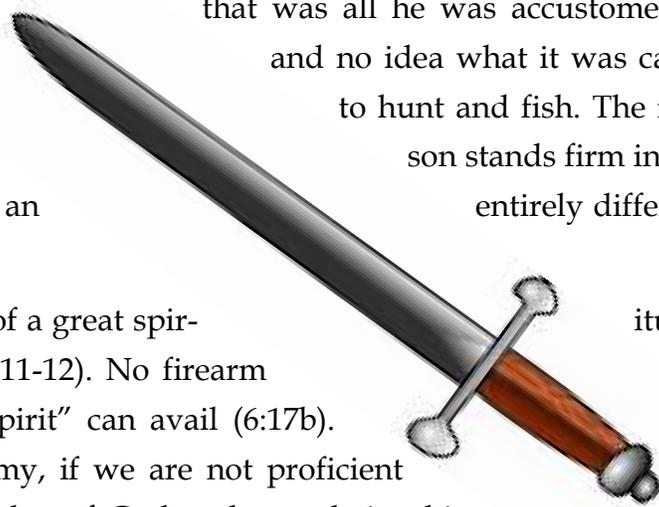
- **June 6:** Area Wide Singing, 7 PM
- **June 8-13:** Indian Creek Youth Camp
- **June 16-19:** VBS, 9:30-11:30 AM

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

6-1-14 Contribution: \$ **\$11,715.26** /  
 Budget: **-\$404.74** / YTD: **-\$1,607.47**

## WEAPON PROFICIENCY

I saw a movie a long time ago where a couple who grew up on a deserted island were discovered. One part I remember in particular is an altercation that took place between the native male and one of the male "discoverers." During the fight, the native wrestled a gun away from his attacker. I remember the part because upon receiving the gun, he held it in a funny fashion and began thrusting it like a spear; that was all he was accustomed to doing. He had never seen a firearm before and no idea what it was capable of; for years he had been using his spear to hunt and fish. The memory of the scene fades at this point, but the lesson stands firm in my mind: It is one thing to have a weapon, but it is an entirely different matter, however, to be proficient with it.



We are in the midst of a great spiritual battle against Satan and his minions (Ephesians 6:11-12). No firearm will aid us in this fight, only "the sword of the spirit" can avail (6:17b). When the time comes for us to engage the enemy, if we are not proficient with our weapon, that is, if we have no knowledge of God and no relationship with Him, we will be defeated. If we are to survive the coming conflicts, we must present ourselves before God as workmen who are not ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15), and we must always be ready to give an answer (1 Peter 3:15).

— Thomas Baxley

## PAUL, AN EXAMPLE OF CONVERSION

Paul was born "Saul" in Tarsus, a city of Cilicia (Acts 22:3). Paul speaks with pride of this city and was not only a resident but a citizen as well (Acts 21:39). However, Paul was reared in Jerusalem (Acts 22:3). It was there that he was instructed according "to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers" (Acts 22:3). Gamaliel, one of the most distinguished and revered rabbis of the day, became Paul's teacher. Thus Paul learned at the feet of this famous grandson of Hillel who was skilled in rabbinic learning.

Paul was devoted to his religion. He described himself as a Pharisee, "the most straitest sect of our religion" (Acts 26:5). In speaking of his Jewish heritage, Paul wrote, "Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews, a Pharisee" (Phil. 3:5). Of his personal devotion Paul says, "Concerning zeal, persecuting the church, touching the righteousness which is in the law blameless" (Phil. 3:6). Paul said that he "was zealous toward God," "lived in all good conscience toward God until this day," and had "profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers" (Acts 22:3; 23:1; Gal. 1:14).

Paul is first introduced in scripture as Saul in Acts 8:1 as it is recorded, "Saul was consenting unto his (Stephen's) death." The next mention of him is in Acts 9:1 in Luke's historical narrative of Paul's conversion. As he is journeying to Damascus to persecute men and women who follow Christ a great light shines about him. In the ensuing conversation with the Lord, Paul is told "go into the city and there it shall be told thee what thou must do" (Acts 9:6).

When Paul enters Damascus he stays at Judas' house on Straight street and, while blinded from the great light, fasts and prays. The disciple Ananias is instructed by the Lord in a vision to seek out Paul (Saul) and, when finding him, heal Paul's blindness. He then instructs Paul, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sin, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:13—16).

Following this it is recorded that he immediately "preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20). This last statement would certainly typify the entirety of Paul's life. Paul expressed his attitude toward the preaching of the gospel like this: "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (I Cor. 9:16). He preached the gospel that was the "power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16). His preaching was of "Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness" (I Cor. 1:23). A true conversion.

We may not have the same future as a Christian as Paul did, traveling from place to place establishing churches, but there is no doubt that we must have the same faith and submit to the same baptism so we may have a true conversion.

-Steve Housley