



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 17, 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

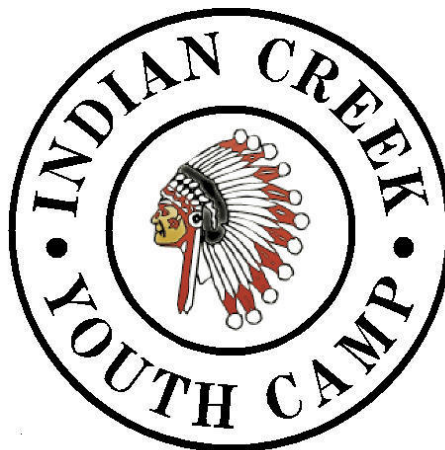
**RADIO PROGRAM**  
WMGY 800 AM DIAL

Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.  
With ROGER DILL

#### STATISTICS 7/13/14

Bible Class: 156  
AM Worship: 208  
PM Worship: 128  
EMBF: \$112.00

**WELCOME!**



# July 20-25

## *Jerry Martin week*

Attending ICYC next week:

**Jerry Martin**

**Denise Martin**

**Tim Gotkiewicz**

**Sally Gotkiewicz**

**Steve Housley**

**Tish Housley**

**Chris Kelley**

**Luke Ferrell**

**Ammaly Khantisouriya**

**Jinny Khantisouriya**

**Grace Mount**

**A.J. Nichols**

**Mary Vander Sewell**

**Norton Sewell**

**Kim Wilson**

## **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**T-N-T SUCCESS.** The men can be thankful to the Ladies for letting the men eat. The men have also enjoyed fellowship over a good meal and then a good Bible lesson.

**WEDNESDAY CLASSES.** Beginning in August JERRY MARTIN will be teaching "Finding Your Place In The Body of Christ" in the Wednesday Auditorium Class. Also beginning in August CHARLIE BODDY will be teaching a "Marriage and Family" class to the Young Adult Class. Make sure you are in on these classes from the first!!

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

If anyone is looking for me next week, I'll be at camp along with 8 youngsters and 6 other adults from Eastern Meadows. Jerry will be our "chief" for the week with Denise assisting him, Steve will be delivering a lesson each day, Tish will be working as a cook, Chris Kelley will be working in the kitchen, and Sally will be a cabin counselor. I'll be working as a cabin counselor and will get to teach a lesson on Tuesday evening. We'll also get to participate in other classes each day and get some fresh air while participating in all sorts of outdoor activities. Looks like the weather is cooling a bit; I hope it holds :)

The 2014 Southern Evangelism Conference (SEC) is just 2 weeks away! It runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be held at Faulkner University. The SEC is no ordinary youth event. This event will teach and train young people to have a desire to tell others about Christ. The goal of SEC is to prepare young people for a life of evangelism. There will be in-depth Bible study and classes designed to teach our young ones to teach others. This year's theme is, "Time Matters." If you desire to go, or wish to send your teen, this is my last call to let me know! I won't be able to register anyone after this week (see above paragraph). I currently have 2 adults and 4 teens who have verified that they are going.

The bi-monthly Capital City prayer breakfast will be held this Friday, July 18, at the Capital City Club in downtown Montgomery. The breakfast will be on the 22nd floor of the RSA building at the corner of Monroe and North Lawrence Streets. Free parking will be available in the garage on North Lawrence Street. There is a sign at the parking garage for the breakfast and an attendant who will pass you through. If you have any questions, you can ask Jerry Martin, Paul Clements, Charlie Boddy, Roger Dill, or myself. Sally and I hope to see you this Friday at 8:30!

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

**Last week's question:** "But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of \_\_\_\_\_." C) those who diligently seek Him.

**This week's question:** James wrote, "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's \_\_\_\_\_."

A) faith is lacking; B) religion is useless; C) thoughts are evil.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/17/14

Sunday, July 20, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Alan Norton

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Josh Cochran

P.M.: Brooks Housley

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Randy Porterfield

P.M.: Jon Timbes

**Singing:**

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

**SICK:** JOY PUGH is undergoing tests. NICOLE TIMBES continues to recover from gallbladder surgery. RED TAYLOR, Dianne Hoskinson's father, is at HealthSouth. LARRY HARRISON, Wendy LeGere's father, is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery July 29th, in Mobile. **Correction:** MIKE HAHN, friend of Jerry & Denise Martin, broke his hand and wrist-not his foot. Sick at home Sunday: HELEN DILL, MARSHA SUTTON, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and CARSON DAVIS. Continue to remember our shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, JIMMIE LINDSEY, and JEWEL BARNES.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues) DALTON & SYBIL DAVIS, BETTY ALLEN, WAYNE & UDEAN HALFORD, RUTH WHITE, DONNIE HILLIARD, NATALIE HAYS, RED TAYLOR, PHYLLIS BLACKWELL, and LAURA BAGENTS. (Battling Cancer) BESSIE FRAZIER, CHERYL ROGERS, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, LULA WILLIAMS, KEVIN PENICK, and ANDY ALLEN.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Billy Creel and family in the passing of his brother, HOLLIS CREEL. Visitation will be tonight from 6-8 PM and the funeral will be tomorrow, July 18, 11 AM at Patterson Forest Grove Funeral Home in Pleasant Grove, AL.

**CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The Capital Prayer Breakfast will be this Friday, July 18, 8:30 AM, in the RSA Tower located in downtown Montgomery. Cost is \$10 per person. Honorees are Jerry & Francis Davidson.

**GAME NIGHT:** Teens & Adults Game Night will be Friday, July 18, 6:30 PM. A sign-up sheet for finger foods will be posted at the Welcome Desk in the front foyer. Bring your favorite games such as dominoes, rook, Uno, etc. See Cecilia Porterfield or Tish Housley for additional information.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 7/20—Lesson 86: *Sin Separates Us From God*, Jms. 3-5; 7/27—Lesson 87: *Hope For Holy Living*, 1 Pet. 1-2.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host the meal this Sunday, July 20, following the AM worship service. Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host July 27.

**JULY 22nd T-N-T:** "Mexican" Meal at 6:30 PM / "Hats, Hats, Hats" Class at 7 PM. Be sure to sign-up on the lists at the LadyBUGS' Desk.

**AUGUST CALENDAR:** All events for the August calendar must be turned in by Sunday, July 27 to Wilma Berry.



## 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:** See Tish, Terry, or Shirley K for day & time
- **July 22 & 29:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM
- **July 18:** B&D Club Lunch, 11:30 AM @ Firebirds

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **July 20—25:** ICYC (Jerry Martin Week)
- **July & August:** Service Projects
- **Aug 1-3:** Southern Evangelism Conference

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

7-13-14 Contribution: **\$12,397.00**

Budget:+ **\$277.00** / YTD: **-\$1,122.31**

## Works of Obedient Faith

The Epistle of James is a wonderful letter full of down-to-Earth wisdom with practical advice for Christian living. James tells us in verse 22 of Chapter 1 [NAS], "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves."

This epistle from James so refutes the doctrine of "faith only" that it is laughable that any sane person would continue to teach such a false doctrine. In fact, the ONLY time the words "faith only" appear in Scripture come from the Epistle of James, and listen to what he has to say about it: "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (James 2:24).

James, the Lord's brother, cites Old Testament characters in Chapter 2 that illustrate these individuals were justified by their works of obedient faith, not merely from proclaiming a mental assent of belief. Whether it was Abraham or Rahab the harlot, James tells us these people acted upon their faith, and those works of obedient faith are what justified them before God. If we are unwilling or refuse to act obediently then our faith is absolutely meaningless. It is a dead faith. James sums up this section of his letter by stating, "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead" (James 2:26 [NAS]).

James points out in his rather whimsical manner the foolishness of those who do not act upon the word of God once they hear it. He writes, "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was." (James 1:23-24 [NAS])

Just as it is a silly notion for a man to look at himself in a mirror and then turn away and forget what he looks like immediately afterwards, it is just as silly for a person to hear the word of God, say "I believe!", and then not act upon that belief in obedient faith. It is nonsensical for anyone to teach or believe anything other than obedient works of faith are required by God if we are to stand justified in Christ before Him. As James puts it, "But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:25 [NAS]).

May the Lord bless you and your family!

--David Ferguson, via *BulletinGold*

## Closing for the Summer

Last week I stopped by the local bowling alley. While there, I asked if they were hiring. They told me that due to lowered use in the summer the bowling alley would be closing for some weeks. I am so thankful that the church doesn't have that way of thinking.

Of course there are vacations that will cause attendance to vary. While our numbers may drop a bit, the numbers near vacation spots will rise. Some locations will have meetings where nearly everyone is a visitor. At my last congregation there were denominational visitors that came every Sunday. They asked to be included in our email bulletin listing in order to keep up with the church when they went back home.

Our love of God isn't regulated by the seasons. I am fully confident that our traveling members will seek out the church wherever they are on the first day of the week. Many times this will be a highlight of the vacation. Travel safely and may God bless you.

--Charlie Gamble