



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 24, 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 7/20/14

Bible Class: 131
AM Worship: 187
PM Worship: 109
EMBF: \$81.00

WELCOME!

The World's Most Important Book

What was billed as the world's most expensive book went on display in 2008 at the New York Library. There are more expensive old books, but this is a new book produced by the Italian publisher Marilena Ferrari. It's cost: over \$100,000!

The book depicts the life and work of Michelangelo, including photographs of his drawings and sculptures, creations from the Sistine Chapel, and his personal poetry.

It weighs sixty-two pounds, has a front cover of white marble, and is covered with red silk velvet. Its paper is from one of Italy's oldest paper mills – the mill where Picasso bought his art paper.

Each copy takes six months to make, and comes with a 500 year warranty! More than 20 of the books have been sold to buyers around the world.

These books are valuable because of the craft, quality of materials, and time that goes into their production. But there is another that is much more valuable. It is the most important book ever printed – and the most valuable book – because it is God's revelation of Himself to man. Have you read the Bible?

– *House to House/Heart to Heart*



FROM THE MINISTER:

Camp. This is basically my first time at Indian Creek Youth Camp (ICYC). Being there two hours in the summer of 1977 does not count. I can easily see why people come back year after year to ICYC. It really is a great place to be. Though Tish and I quickly learned to love Jerry and Denise Martin, I learned to appreciate them even more during this week. There were people at ICYC this week from Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Texas, and of course Alabama. They passed up many Bible camps on their way to ICYC, but at no other place and no other week could they be at Jerry Martin's week of camp. Jerry Martin's week of camp is also multi-generational, with at least three generations of some families present. Jerry, of course was the director, and Denise helped him and helped in the kitchen. I taught the 11 a.m. session each day and helped serve the meals each day. Tish worked in the kitchen with meal preparation and served. Tim and Sally were both cabin counselors and teachers. Chris Kelly was a worker, working primarily in the kitchen and canteen. With great singing, Bible teaching, *many* activities, everyone truly enjoyed this week at ICYC.

Visitors. This summer has been the summer of visitors. Every Sunday we have had several new people visiting Eastern Meadows. Some have been from out of town, but several have been here from "in town." Thank you for making an effort to greet these EM visitors. Perhaps if we treat them right, they will become more than visitors!

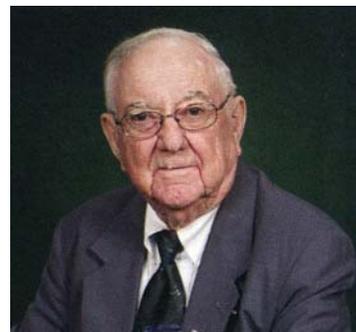
Brother James Lindsey

1921 – 2014

Eastern Meadows expresses sympathy to the family of Jimmy Lindsey at his passing on Monday, July 21, 2014. Brother Lindsey was 92 years old. How blessed he was to have this many years, and able to live independently until the very end. Brother Lindsey was not always so independent. Many years ago he was crippled due to myasthenia gravis. As medications were developed to help the disease, he gained his strength and became more mobile.

Brother Lindsey was a faithful Christian. That is the best thing that can be said of anyone and I am so glad I can say it of Jimmy. Of the many years I have been at Eastern Meadows he has always been a faithful member of the Lord's church and very supportive of the work at Eastern Meadows. I personally appreciate him as he was very encouraging to me in my work. He was at Eastern Meadows longer than most all of the current membership. I think there would only be the possibility of one person being here longer. He was a great example of a loyal member of a congregation.

Brother Lindsey was preceded in death by his good wife Mamie Lindsey. He truly missed her. We extend our sympathy to his daughter Theresa (Roy) and his son Ronnie (Diane) and his four grandchildren. Theresa and Roy and their son Lindsey and his wife Cindy are members at Eastern Meadows. Brother Lindsey's visitation and funeral are Thursday, July 23 at Leak Memory and the burial is in the Forest Hills cemetery in Snowden. We will all miss brother Lindsey.





Jerry Martin speaking



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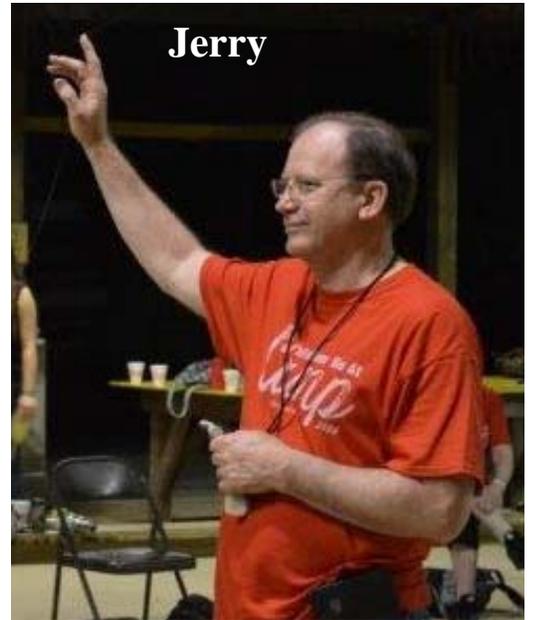
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Steve speaking



Jinny & Grace



Jerry



Tim speaking

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/24/14

Sunday, July 27, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Wayne Johnston

P.M.: Wayne Johnston

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Stevens

P.M.: Billy Bush

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jerry Martin

P.M.: Jon Timbes

Singing:

A.M.: Nathan Bridges

P.M.: Nathan Bridges

SICK: BARNEY BELL had successful hip-replacement surgery on Tuesday. ANDY ALLEN, Phyllis Allen's son, is undergoing tests which will determine when surgery will be scheduled. JOY PUGH has an appointment at the Cancer Center this morning, July 24. LARRY HARRISON, Wendy LeGere's father, is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery July 29th in Mobile. LAURA BAGENTS, Tim Bagents' and Melanie Bush's sister-in-law, is scheduled for brain surgery July 31 in Birmingham. Prayers have been requested for CHARLES BUSH, uncle of Donna Boutwell, who will undergo surgery soon. It was good to have NICOLE TIMBES back with us Sunday as she continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: GLADYS CLEMENTS, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES. Continue to remember our shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues) DALTON & SYBIL DAVIS, BETTY ALLEN, DONNIE HILLIARD, RED TAYLOR, LAURA BAGENTS, MIKE HAHN, LARRY HARRISON, and CHARLES BUSH. (Battling Cancer) BESSIE FRAZIER, CHERYL ROGERS, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, LULA WILLIAMS, KEVIN PENICK, and ANDY ALLEN.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 7/27—Lesson 87: *Hope For Holy Living*, 1 Pet. 1-2; 8/3—Lesson 88: *Expressions of True Christian Character*, 1 Pet. 3-5.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host the meal this Sunday, July 27, following the AM worship service. Team 5 (Mathews) will host Aug. 3.

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

JULY 29th T-N-T: "Potluck" Meal at 6:30 PM / "Not a Hat at All..." Class at 7 PM. Be sure to sign-up on the lists at the LadyBUGS' Desk.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: On Wednesday night, July 30, we will have congregational singing. There will be NO Bible classes.

AREA WIDE SINGING: The area wide singing will be hosted by Prattville Church of Christ Friday, Aug. 1, 7 PM.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a gospel meeting at Georgia Road Church of Christ Aug. 3-7 with Mel Futrell speaking. Monday—Thursday services at 7 PM.

FAULKNER FRESHMEN MOVE-IN DAY: Saturday, Aug. 9, will be move-in day for the Faulkner Freshmen. Volunteers are needed to help and are asked to be there at 8 AM. See Tim G. for more information.



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.
- **July 29:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM
- **Aug. 2:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **July & August:** Service Projects
- **Aug 1-3:** Southern Evangelism Conference
- **Aug. 10:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Aug. 9:** Faulkner Freshmen Move-in, 8 AM

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

7-20-14 Contribution: \$10,846.00 Budget: -\$1,274.00 / YTD: -\$2,416.31

Being in Christ

The significance of being “in Christ” is seen in the fact that all spiritual blessings are in Him. God is certainly to be praised for providing “every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places “in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). For clarity, the phrase “in the heavenly” refers to the spiritual realm. In Ephesians 1:3, “the heavenly” likely refers specifically to the church, the spiritual body of Christ.

One “in Christ” is the beneficiary of many wonderful blessings (Ephesians 1:3-7). Those “in Christ” are chosen in Him (v. 4). Those “in Christ” are adopted as sons through Jesus Christ (v. 5). God’s grace is “freely bestowed on us through the Beloved” (v. 6). “In Christ” we have redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of sins by the grace of God (vs. 7-8). If you’re keeping count, that’s at least five specific spiritual blessings that are to be found only “in Christ”!

It is important to know what the Bible teaches about how one comes to be “in Christ.” The apostle Paul very clearly and distinctly taught, “for as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27). How does one get into Christ? We are baptized into Christ. The brethren in the churches of Galatia “were baptized.” That is, they were immersed, and therefore, they were “in Christ” wherein lie all spiritual blessings.

To be “in Christ” one must have accepted the evidence presented in Scripture that Jesus is the Christ, confessed faith in Christ, repented of sins, and have been baptized to put on Christ. When one is baptized into Christ, he is raised from the watery grave of baptism to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3ff). When one is baptized into Christ, he is a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). Paul said “our old man was crucified...” (Romans 6:6). We must put away or put off the old man and put on the new man (Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:5-14). We must put on as those chosen in Christ “a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering” (Colossians 3:12). When we are clothed “in Christ” (Galatians 3:27), we are to take His character to be our own. We assume the character of Christ. Those “in Christ” must have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5). We must conduct our lives in humble submission to the will of the Father as did Jesus (John 6:38).

The scriptural concept of being “in Christ” must have been important for the apostle Paul to use that phrase or one similar more than 100 times in his writings. Some examples follow. The church is one body “in Christ” (Romans 12:5). There is no condemnation to those who are “in Christ” (Romans 8:1). Those who live a faithful Christian life will fall asleep [die] “in Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:18). These examples should suffice to make the point that being “in Christ” is a very important subject. If anyone desires to enjoy the spiritual blessings such as redemption and forgiveness of sins, he must be “in Christ.”

--Paul Clements, via *Gospel Gazette Online*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).