



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 31, 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 7/27/14

Bible Class: 148
AM Worship: 181
PM Worship: 137
EMBF: \$84.00

WELCOME!

Selling the Old Collectibles

While conversing with my father the other day we got on the subject of “collectibles.” I asked him if they (my folks) still had some of the old toys my brother and I used to have. He said they had several old toys boxed up in the basement. Turns out they had kept all of my old Star Wars action figures I had collected as a young boy. We learned, after some internet research, that those action figures were worth considerably more than what we had originally paid for them. After some discussion, we agreed to sell those old collectibles.



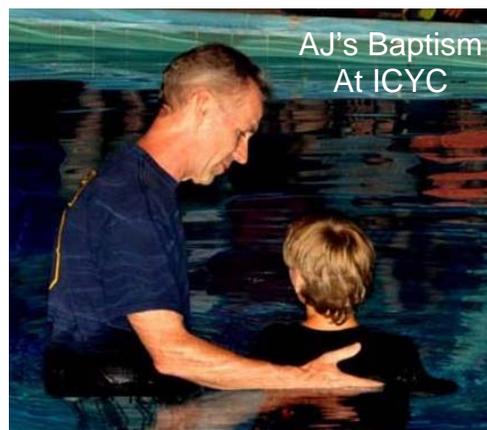
It amazes me what some folks will pay for “collectibles.” But even more amazing than that are folks like me who have within their possession such valuable “collectibles,” but have them tucked away in a box somewhere unawares. Of what value are “collectibles” stored away in a box somewhere collecting dust?

The greatest “treasure” of all time is within man’s grasp, but unfortunately most folks in the world have no interest in it (of course, I have reference to the Gospel of Christ--the Word of God--the church). Seems to me that most folks would rather buy up things that will ultimately perish than to obtain that which will last forever (cf. 2 Peter 3:10ff; 1 Peter 1:24-25; Dan. 2:44)! The wise man said, “Buy the truth, and sell it not...” (Prov. 23:23). Jesus, in His parable of the hidden treasure, describes the true eternal value of that treasure (church/salvation) and the sacrifice we should be willing to make to obtain it (cf. Matt. 13:44). But more tragic than man choosing to reject this eternal treasure is God’s people having possession of it and then doing nothing with it. This treasure, the Gospel of Christ, is within us (2 Cor. 4:7), but it is of no value unless it is active (James 2:18ff)!

—Terry R. Townsend, via BULLETINDIGEST.com

FROM THE MINISTER:

Great News! At Bible Camp both **Kim Wilson** and **Grace Mount** responded for prayer at Bible Camp last week. **AJ Nichols** had been asking all week about being baptized. On Thursday evening Jerry Martin and I talked with him. AJ is young, but he answered questions about sin, our Savior, and salvation accurately. We called his grandmother, Ann Milam, and he was then taken to the pool and baptized. AJ wants to please God, and he has been taught what to do to please God. Let us encourage him to mature in the Lord!



Brad & Kayla Knowles



More Great News! It was my pleasure to announce that BRAD and KAYLA KNOWLES were placing membership with Eastern Meadows. Brad grew up in Prattville and has been active in the Prattville church. Kayla is from Kansas City, Illinois. As they have family in Prattville, they will often be there on Sunday mornings and will be here primarily on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. Kayla is a Faulkner University graduate and works for Chik-fil-a at the RSA tower as a trainer and Brad is a full-time student at AUM. They were married April 18, 2014 — still newlyweds! They enjoy taking their dog Scruffy to the park, visiting antique

shops in the area, exercising and spending quality time together. You will enjoy knowing Brad and Kayla! Get to know them and give them a big Eastern Meadows welcome.

Continue to Pray! Rhonda Hill has again requested prayer for daughter, **Heather**, as she is to hear soon from her medical tests. **Joy Pugh** has heard from her tests and has visited the oncologists. She has cancer in her lungs, liver, stomach, and bones, as well as two cancerous tumors. She will be having a port put in this Friday morning for chemo-therapy and afterwards will begin chemotherapy. **Andy Allen**, Phyllis' son, will be having surgery to remove additional colon cancer soon. **Laura Bagents**, Tim Bagents and Melanie Bush's sister-in-law, will be having brain surgery Thursday, July 31. Yes, these are on the prayer list, but here is just another reminder, continue to pray.

Relating the News to the Christian Life

Recently two news articles caught my attention. Both definitely had a bearing on the Christian and how he is to live his life. One had to do with using marijuana and the other had to do with debt. Two unrelated subjects, but living a faithful Christian life can *help* avoid the pitfalls of each subject/problem.

"Marijuana's risk vs. benefits: The debate is on" was the title of an article in Sunday's paper. With a few states having legalized marijuana and someone in every state clamoring for the legalization of marijuana, I thought this article was worth looking over.

In the past I have heard people say marijuana smoking is safer than cigarette smoking. This statement was from individuals, not a scientific study. According to the article in the Sunday paper, there are some possible legitimate medical benefits from marijuana. "Smoking marijuana *may* stimulate appetite, especially in patients with AIDS . . . Smoking pot also may alleviate the nausea and

vomiting caused by chemotherapy treatments for cancer. Additionally, it may relieve severe pain and spasticity, when muscles become overly tight and rigid." But note, "Marijuana may make the cognitive problems associated with HIV even worse . . ."

Most of the article was on the *risks* associated with marijuana use. Note:

"People, who use pot frequently, beginning as teens, often have significant declines in their IQ as adults."

"Some studies have linked heavy marijuana smoking to lung cancer. . . Marijuana is associated with a variety of lung problems, including inflammation of the airways, symptoms of chronic bronchitis and an increased risk of pneumonia and respiratory infections."

"People who smoke marijuana have changes in their blood vessels that increase the risk of heart attack and stroke."

If you wish to read the entire article and see the citations go to the Montgomery Advertiser, July 27, page 3U.

So should Christians use marijuana? For us in Alabama, it is illegal. That is reason enough not to use it. Additionally, consider the potential health hazard of its use. And if those are not reasons enough for the Christian not to use it, realize that it has an intoxication effect that hinders living the Christian life.

"**A third of Americans delinquent on debt**" was the title of an internet news article found at <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2014/07/29/america-debt-loads/13152651/>. Someone may remark, "Everybody has debt." This was not about debt. It was about being delinquent with debt and having the debt turned over for collection. The state of Alabama was one of the states with the highest rate of delinquent debt in collection at above 40%.

Years ago I heard that half of all bankruptcies were due to medical bills. No doubt some of the bad debt is due to medical and health issues beyond the ability and planning of the individual. However, if the debt is not health related, Christians should not overextend themselves to the point of "lack of payment." The apostle Paul was clear. We are to pay our bills. "Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. 8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:7-8 ESV). We need to be managing, budgeting, and planning.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last 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 _____." B) religion is useless.

This week's question: Peter wrote that we have an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled and that does not _____, reserved in heaven for you.

A) fade away B) lose hope C) lose value



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Indian Creek Youth Camp was definitely inspiring, uplifting, challenging, fun, and a great learning experience! Each of us sat in 4 Bible lessons each day that centered on the theme, "The Battle Belongs

to the Lord!" Our lessons emphasized that the Lord has already secured spiritual victory. The lessons we learned instilled confidence and courage in the heart of each of us so that we would be equipped to face whatever life hurls at us. Following our evening worship each day, an invitation was extended. Three from Eastern Meadows responded during the week: A.J. Nichols put on Jesus in baptism, Kim Wilson asked for prayers as she works to study more, and Grace Mount asked for prayers as she struggles to be a better soldier in the Lord's Army. Please pray for these three young souls and encourage them as you have opportunity. Two of our campers were honored with awards; Luke Ferrell was named the most improved camper for the week, and Jinny Khantisouriya was recognized as the best teenage girl Bible student. All of our campers had a great week and I'm very proud of the entire group. Each of us who attended at ICYC appreciates the entire congregation for your prayers and support!

Several of our youth group will be attending the Southern Evangelism Conference this weekend at Faulkner University. We'll be teaching and training our young people to tell others about Christ. Pray for us that we instill an increased desire and ability to win souls for Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/31/14

Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz	A.M.: Don Brannan	A.M.: Austin Brown	A.M.: Alan Kaye
P.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz	P.M.: Jerry Martin	P.M.: Mark Evans	P.M.: Alan Kaye

SICK: JOY PUGH will soon begin chemo treatments. GWEN MANN will have out-patient knee surgery Tuesday at Jackson's Surgical Center. JIMMY HICKS, Dorothy Hicks' son, is home from the hospital. BARNEY BELL continues to recover from surgery. LARRY HARRISON, Wendy LeGere's father, is recovering from knee-replacement surgery. LAURA BAGENTS, Tim Bagents' and Melanie Bush's sister-in-law, is scheduled for brain surgery today, July 31 in Birmingham. RED TAYLOR, Dianne Hoskinson's father, is home from rehab. Sick at home Sunday: JOY DAVIS, HELEN DILL, VI ENGLISH, MARCIA GRAVES. LEIGH SANDLIN, MARIAN SIKES, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. 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: 8/3—Lesson 88: *Expressions of True Christian Character*, 1 Pet. 3-5; 8/10—Lesson 89: *Be Ready for His Coming*, 2 Pet.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 5 (Mathews) will host the meal this Sunday, Aug. 3, following the AM worship service. Team 1 (Creel) will host Aug.10.

BUILDING SECURITY: Responsible for securing the building the month of August is ROY MULKEY (substitute is RANDY JOHNSTON).

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

DISHES: Dishes taken to the Dill's have been placed in the Tea Room. Please go by and pick-up yours.

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.

LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the elders and deacons on Sunday, Aug. 10, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be prepared by Tim Gotkiewicz and Roy Mulkey and served at 7 AM.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a gospel meeting at Narrow Lane Road Church of Christ Aug. 10-13 with Ralph P. Smith, Jr. speaking. Monday-Wednesday services at 7 PM.

COLLEGE STUDENT RECEPTION: There will be a reception in honor of college students following the PM worship service Aug. 17. See Judy Creel or Gladys Clements for information.

BRIDAL SHOWER: There will be a bridal shower in honor of JENNIFER SIMPSON Sunday, Aug. 17, 2:30-4 PM. A shower sign-up list is posted at the LadyBUGS desk. Jennifer is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Macys. All ladies are invited to attend.



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.
- **Aug. 2:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM
- **Aug. 16:** Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **Aug. 17:** Bridal Shower for Jennifer Simpson, Registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Macys, 2:30-4 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Aug 1-3:** Southern Evangelism Conference
- **Aug. 10:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Aug. 9:** Faulkner Freshmen Move-in, 8 AM
- **Aug. 17:** College Student Reception, PM
- **Aug. 20 & 27:** Desserts, 7:30 PM

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

7-27-14

Contribution: **\$11,793.71** / Budget: **-\$326.29** / YTD: **-\$2,122.60**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **ALICE HANDLANG** who is retiring. Today, July 31st, is her last day at work. Alice taught over 30 years at the university level and had 10 years with the State of Alabama, the last 7 with the Department of Education. After retirement, she plans on doing some work to both the inside and outside of her house, get a cat, and be more involved with church work. We wish Alice the best!



NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES

In August Jerry Martin will begin teaching his material "Finding Your Place In The Body" in the auditorium class. Charlie Boddy will be teaching a series of lessons on Marriage and the Family in the Young Adult class. These have the promise of being wonderful classes! Make your plans to be in Bible classes!

Tuesday—Nights—Together

The theme for this year's T-N-T was "Hats and Hearts" with Bible classes for both the men and the women. Each Tuesday was well attended. We began with a meal followed by class. Tim Gotkiewicz, Steve Housley, Paul Clements, Alan Kaye, Don Brannan, and Jon Timbes taught the men's class.

Terry Bagents Teaching the Ladies' Class



Terry Bagents, Melanie Bush, and Tonna Johnson taught the ladies' class. Our Tuesday-Nights-Together came to a close this week.

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Jon Timbes Teaching the Men's Class