



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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August 14, 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 8/10/14

Bible Class: 149
AM Worship: 202
PM Worship: 105
EMBF: \$81.00

WELCOME!



*There will be a Bridal Shower
in honor of*

JENNIFER SIMPSON

*This Sunday from 2:30—4 p.m. in the Tea
Room. A shower sign-up list is posted at the
LadyBUGS' Desk. Jennifer is registered at Bed,
Bath, & Beyond and Macy's. Don't forget your
recipes. ALL ladies are invited to attend.*



There will be a **"Welcome College Students Reception"** immediately following the evening worship service this Sunday. A food sign-up list is posted at the LadyBUGS' Desk. See Judy Creel or Gladys Clements for more information.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Great News! Sunday morning following services CASSIDY BROWN found Tim Gotkiewicz and said she wanted to be baptized. Many had already left, but there were still about 30–40 who had the opportunity to witness Cassidy make the good confession and be baptized by her father CHARLES BROWN. Cassidy is in the 10th grade at Lamp and is on the Cross-Country running team. We welcome Cassidy to the body of Christ.

Sunday was “Bow-tie Sunday.” Many of the men wore a bow-tie. I don’t have one so I did not do so, but by the next time, I will have one and wear mine too. No spiritual significance, just interesting to see!

Back-to-School. Thank you for your comments on the lesson “Back to School” Sunday. Let us pray for our many students from K-graduate school/professional schools and teachers and librarians. We have members at several different public and private schools and at least three different colleges and universities. I hope they all have a great year!

Welcome Back College Students. Area colleges and universities are back in session and we hope to see some college students return to Eastern Meadows. Look out for them and make them feel welcome!

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Don’t forget the college welcome reception after Sunday evening worship! See Judy Creel, Gladys Clements, or Dianne Hoskinson for info. I am so thankful for our ladies, who exhibit such a fine Christ-like spirit and make our lives so much better each day.

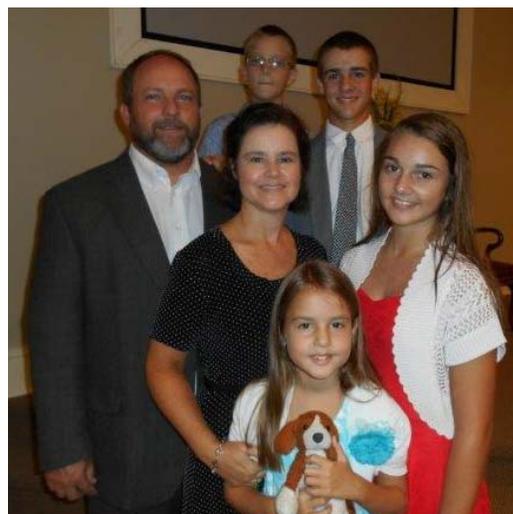
My thanks go out to those who served during Faulkner’s move-in day last Saturday. Seeing the many people helping others reminded me of something Paul wrote,

“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:1-4)

Sunday evening, we took 14 to Opelika to attend the first central Alabama area-wide worship for this school year. The theme for this year is “One” (Ephesians chapter 4). Our lesson this month was “bearing with one another in love.”

I am always uplifted when people recognize their need for Jesus in their lives. Cassidy Brown put on Christ in Baptism after our Sunday morning worship and then Kelsey Evans asked on Sunday evening that we pray for her as she strives to be more Christ-like. Please keep these two young women in your prayers and do whatever you can to encourage and help them in their walk.

Dianne Hoskinson has submitted several recipes already, but the Lads to Leaders office is still looking for your favorite recipes in the following categories:



Cassidy (in red) and her family.

- Appetizers & Beverages
- Soups & Salads
- Vegetables & Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads & Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies & Candy
- This & That

They are accepting recipe submissions through August 27, 2014. You can give your recipe to me and I'll submit it for you. The cookbooks, which will raise money for new audio-visual equipment, will sell for \$15 each, including standard shipping. Pre-paid preorders may be placed by calling the L2L office at (334) 215-0251.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: Peter wrote, "Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or _____ - rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God." A) putting on fine apparel (1 Peter 3:3,4)



This week's question: Peter wrote, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should _____." A) be saved B) have eternal life C) come to repentance

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/14/14

Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Bagents

P.M.: Allen Clements

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: George Davidson

P.M.: Mark Evans

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

SICK: JOY PUGH is in ICU at Baptist Medical Center South. DALTON DAVIS, Donna Boutwell's uncle, is home and under hospice care. CHARLES BUSH, Donna Boutwell's uncle, is scheduled for surgery Aug. 18 in Pensacola. Sick at home Sunday: PHYLLIS ALLEN, HELEN DILL. 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, and CHARLES BUSH. (Battling Cancer) BESSIE FRAZIER, CHERYL ROGERS, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, KEVIN PENICK, and ANDY ALLEN.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended Randy & Marsha Sutton in the passing of their friend and brother-in-Christ, PHILIP MOLSON, of Houston, TX.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 8/17—Lesson 90: *Fellowship With the Father*, 1 Jn. 1-3; 8/24—Lesson 91: *Try the Spirits/Love One Another*, 1 Jn. 4-5.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 2 (Gotkiewicz) will host the meal this Sunday, Aug. 17, following the AM worship service. Team 3 (Milam/Kelley) will host Aug. 24.

POLISHING THE PULPIT: STEVE & TISH HOUSLEY and TIM & SALLY GOTKIEWICZ will be attending Polishing the Pulpit Aug. 22-28.

SINGING CLASS: Singing Class starts back Sunday, Aug. 24, at 4:30 PM. Paul Clements will lead the class in learning new songs and revisiting songs we haven't sung in a while. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE: On Sunday, Aug. 24, CHARLIE BODDY will speak at the AM worship service and PAUL CLEMENTS speak at the PM worship service.

 **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. 16:** Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **Aug. 17:** Jennifer Simpson's Bridal Shower, 2:30 -4 PM
- **Aug. 17:** College Student Reception, 6 PM
- **Aug. 19:** Lunch, 11:30, Blue Moon Café
- **Aug. 25:** M-N-M, 7 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Aug. 16:** Sewing Class, 1-4 PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Aug. 17:** College Student Reception, PM
- **Aug. 20 & 27:** Desserts, 7:30 PM

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,120.00

8-10-14	Contribution: \$10,599.00
	Budget: -\$1,521.00
	YTD: -\$5,555.84

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY—AUGUST 24TH



Your gifts on Benevolence Sunday will benefit the Bridges family in the adoption of Ruthie.



Bow Tie Sunday



Got Too Close to the “Gettin in Place”

Years ago, my father-in-law told a story that set me to thinking about sin and temptation. Here is the story. One night the parents were in bed and heard a thump and a loud cry. They rushed to their child’s room and saw he had fallen out of the bed. The father asked, “What happened?” The child responded, “I got too close to the ‘gettin in place!’” In a similar way, believers who have died to sin (Romans 6:1-2) sometimes try to see just how close they can get to the “gettin in place” of sin without becoming again entangled therein.

Yes, even Christians are tempted to sin (James 1:12-15). Though those who are begotten of God do not keep on doing sin as a habit (1 John 3:9), all sin (Romans 3:10, 23). This is the reason for warnings in Scripture (e.g., 1 Corinthians 10:12). This is why the Spirit by inspiration had Paul write such drastic instructions as those found in Colossians 3:5ff.

Children of God are tempted. Children of God can sin, and it can happen to the new convert, too. Consider Simon the Sorcerer. He had just believed and had been immersed when he sinned by

desiring to purchase the power of the apostles. As a new Christian, he was neither immune to temptation nor was he told to be baptized again, but rather he was instructed to repent and pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:9-24). Even those who have been Christians for a long time can still yield to sin. The Hebrews writer directed the Christians to whom he wrote to lay aside the sin that closely clings to you (Hebrews 12:1). These besetting sins hinder us in running the Christian race. Christians need to always be on guard. We need to have our shield of faith protecting us at all times (Ephesians 6:16).

We are advised to “abhor that which is evil” (Romans 12:9). We must “abstain from every appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22). We know what sin is. We know sin is evil. We know we are not to sin. The true believer doesn’t want to sin. So, then why do we so often see just how close we can get to sin without falling into sin? What do we expect to happen if we “get too close to the ‘getting in place’”? Maybe we think we will not succumb to temptation. If that’s the case, then we are fooling nobody but ourselves! The “secret” to avoiding sin is to try to get as far away as possible from the “getting in place” of sin. What do you fear most? Is it snakes? Is it the dark? Whatever it may be, we typically try to get as far away as we can. That’s the way we need to treat evil, temptation and sin.

A good illustration of getting too close to the “getting in place” of sin is found in Genesis 13. Abraham’s nephew had been given every advantage by his uncle. Lot had chosen the well watered plain of the Jordan River and “pitched his tent toward Sodom” (Genesis 13:12). Preachers and teachers have for years used this story to encourage the righteous to stay as far from the “getting in place” of sin as possible, and rightly so!

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (Romans 6:1-2).

“...Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Romans 12:9).

Peter offered some excellent instruction in his second epistle regarding sinking into sin again. Remember, he was the one who began to sink when fear replaced faith as he was walking on the water toward Jesus. As Leroy Brownlow pointed out, “Peter began to sink in familiar waters.” Christians who sink into sin again typically go down in familiar waters. Few take up some new or different sin. So Peter knew about falling. Near the end of 2 Peter, he warned, “beware lest ye... fall from your own steadfastness” (3:17). In Chapter Two he warned if you *get too close* and are again entangled in sin, the last state is worse than the first. Peter had started in Chapter One with what God had done in providing precious promises to those who had “escaped from the corruption that is in the world.” Then he advised that for this very reason [that they had escaped from sin] they should make every effort to build on faith (give diligent effort to add to your faith) virtue, knowledge, self-control, etc. Then, he assured them if they did this (v. 10) that they would never stumble or fall!

Look again to the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13 where Paul reminded that temptation is a common experience of man and that being a Christian does not exempt us from temptation. However, we do have the *Christian Advantage* which is: in temptation, God gives us *bearing power, escaping power* and *enduring power*.

So, how are we to deal with temptation and sin? Paul said, “but thou, O man of God, flee these things [sin], and follow after righteousness...” (1 Timothy 6:11). The end result is found in James 1:12. “Blessed is the man that endures [who perseveres in] temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to them that love him.”

—Paul Clements