



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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August 21, 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 8/17/14

Bible Class: 160  
AM Worship: 212  
PM Worship: 152  
EMBF: \$80.00

**WELCOME!**

## *BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY* *—AUGUST 24TH—*



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

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Thank You Ladies.** When Joy Pugh was taken ill and diagnosed with cancer you rose to the challenge. *Many* of you prepared a meal and took it to the family during this time. Joy was unable to cook food for her family and you took away that stress. She remarked to me, "No one has ever done anything like this for me." She was very appreciative. *Many* times her husband, Brian, expressed appreciation for the food you brought over the past several weeks.

Monday evening before Joy's funeral, the ladies prepared a meal for the family. There was plenty. There was plenty for the family who ate and the EM members present. There was plenty to send food home with Brian and the boys and there was enough to take to the Housch home for Sister Housch and the Porterfields. Ladies, thank you for caring for others.

**Big Project.** Another big project our ladies have set for themselves is making lap quilts for all of the residents of Rainbow Omega. There will be about 100 quilts to be made. There are not many making the quilts so this is quite an undertaking. They are to be commended. If you would like to help in some way make quilts, or if you would like to help buy the materials others would use to make the quilts (materials for 100 quilts will cost \$700 or more), see Margaret Daniels.

# REBECCA JOY PUGH

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Sister Joy Pugh was overtaken by the cancer that was found only a few weeks ago and breathed her last breath. She passed away Friday, August 15. The visitation was Monday, August 18 at 6 p.m. and the funeral was at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Meadows Building with the burial on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Ebenezer Cemetery. She was survived by her husband Brian, sons, Spencer and Colton, and nephews Daniel and David Moore and brother Chris English. We will all miss Joy.

Joy found it easy to smile and laugh. She was humble and appreciated everything done for her and her family the past few weeks. Joy loved the holidays, decorating for each major holiday. She enjoyed music. But first, she was a wife and mother. She did not work outside the home after Spencer was born. She did not hesitate to make room in her home for Daniel and David after their mother and Joy's sister, Laura died.

Let us continue to pray for Brian, Spencer, Colton, Daniel, David, and Chris.



## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last 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 \_\_\_\_\_." C) come to repentance

**This week's question:** John wrote, "Little children, let no one deceive you. He who \_\_\_\_\_ is righteous, just as He is righteous."

A) loves God B) practices righteousness C) has faith



**FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:**

WOW! What a great reception last Sunday evening! Our college students were so, so thankful for the love shown to them. I can't begin to find words to express my thanks for making them feel so welcome. Suffice it to say, "y'all done good!"

With the new college school year, we are kicking off our Wednesday night desserts and monthly college devotionals. Sign-up sheets have been posted at the audio/visual control desk at the rear of the auditorium.

With the new high school year, we are kicking off our youth and family devotionals on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Our devotionals will be based on this year's Lads to Leaders Pearls studies. I'm looking forward to a great series of lessons and singing!

The Lads to Leaders office is still looking for your favorite recipes in the following categories:

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

Dianne Hoskinson has submitted several already, and 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 will sell for \$15 each, including standard shipping. Pre-paid preorders may be placed by calling the L2L office at (334) 215-0251.

**2014 WEEKLY BUDGET—\$12,120.00—**

8-17-14 Contribution: \$11,012.00

Budget: - \$1,108.00

**—Year-To-Date: - \$6,663.84—**

**Next Budget Catch-up Sunday—  
Sept. 28th**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/21/14

Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: S. Neuenschwander

P.M.: Tim Stevens

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Josh Cochran

P.M.: Mark Evans

**Singing:**

A.M.: Jon Timbes

P.M.: Jon Timbes

**SICK:** JOHNNY BLUE suffered a stroke and is in Jackson Hospital ICU, but hopes to be in a regular room today. PAT PUGH is recovering at home after having a stroke last week. CLARENCE SIMPSON, Jeff Simpson's father, is in HealthSouth Rehab after suffering a stroke. CHARLES BUSH, Donna Boutwell's uncle, is recovering from surgery in Pensacola, Florida. MARSHA SUTTON is scheduled for back surgery Sept. 10. Sick at home Sunday: BARNEY BELL, MARSHA SUTTON, and THELMA WOOLFOLK. Continue to remember our shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues) 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 to Donna Boutwell and family at the passing of her uncle DALTON DAVIS.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Cecilia Porterfield and family in the passing of her father, ROBERT HOUSCH. Visitation is tonight, Aug. 21, 5-7 PM at Leak Memory and the funeral is Friday, 11 AM, also at Leak Memory.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 8/24—Lesson 91: *Try the Spirits/Love One Another*, 1 Jn. 4-5; 8/31—Lesson 92: *Safe-guard the Truth*, 2 Jn.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 3 Milam/Kelley) will host the meal this Sunday, Aug. 24, following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal Aug. 31.

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

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

**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.

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:** All events for the September calendar need to be turned in by this Sunday, August 24, to Wilma Berry.

**MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION:** M-N-M will start back next week, Aug. 25. We will eat at 6:30 PM with classes at 7 for both the men and the women. A food sign-up list will be posted at the LadyBUGS' Desk in the back.

**COLLEGE DESSERTS & DEVOS:** Your help is needed with the Wednesday night desserts and monthly devotionals for our college students. Sign-up lists are posted at the sound control desk at the back of auditorium. See Tim G. for more information.

**MT. DORA CHILDREN'S HOME:** The Food Drive for Mt. Dora Children's Home is underway. Printed lists may be picked up at the front welcome center. Drop donations in the box at the back of the building. (See pg. 6)

**AREA WIDE SINGING:** University Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Sept. 5, 7-8:30 PM.

**LADIES' DAY:** There will be a Ladies' Day at Cedar Grove Church of Christ in Andalusia on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9:30 AM—Lunch @ 12 noon. Teenage girls are also invited. Guest speaker, Paula Harrington, will present lessons on the theme, *J-O-Y = Jesus, Others, You*. For more information, contact church office at 334-222-3651.

**AREA WIDE LADIES' DEVOTIONAL:** The quarterly area wide ladies' devo will be Monday, Sept. 8, at Dalraida Church of Christ from 7-8 PM. 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. 25:** M-N-M

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Sept. 13:** Sr. Youth Movie Night @ Tim & Sally's
- **Sept. 14:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM, @ Prattville, "Unity"

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Wednesday Night Desserts,** 7:30 PM
- **Sept 7:** College Devo, PM

# Securing Forgiveness

In 2 Corinthians 7, Paul exhorted the Corinthian church to purity of life and showed the source of his comfort in afflictions. He began the chapter by calling them "beloved" and finished by rejoicing over his confidence in them.

How could he honestly say those things, considering that the rest of the chapter is about their sins about which he had sternly confronted them in his first epistle (1 Corinthians 5)? He could commend them because they had responded with godly sorrow. They had sincerely repented, and now their state was completely clean.

Many of us as Christians find it difficult to accept God's forgiveness for our sins and to feel forgiven. We tell others about the love and forgiveness that Jesus offers, yet the hardest thing for us to do, it seems, is to receive that same love and forgiveness. After we've done something wrong, it's

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not unusual to feel sorry about it. Yet, if we merely regret the consequences and don't genuinely repent and accept God's forgiveness, we have nothing more than sorrow as the world does.

Second Corinthians 7:10 says, "For godly sorrow [sorrow according to the will of God - JRV] worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." This "godly sorrow" manifests itself by repentance and divine grace. The "sorrow of the world" brings death because, instead of being God-centered sorrow over the wickedness of sin, it is self-centered sorrow over the painful consequences of sin. This epistle's primary purpose was not to deal with the notorious offender in Corinth or the person he had injured, but to test their loyalty and devotion to Paul as their apostle.

Don't say, "If only I could undo the past." Well, I'm afraid we can't do that. We can't undo sin, but we can repent of it sincerely. Our merciful God is waiting right now to flood your troubled heart with the joy of His forgiveness. Conviction of sin is miserable to the human soul. However, belief, repentance, confession, immersion in water and faithful living can make us joyful!

--Russ Vickers



# MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME

## Items Needed

### Food Items

Coffee  
Decaf Tea Bags  
Dill Pickles  
Thousand Island Dressing  
Apple/Grape Juice  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Hamburger helper  
Canned Sloppy Joe Mix  
Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Sweetened Condensed Milk  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Cake Mixes  
Pancake Mix  
Pop Tarts  
Cream Style Corn  
Apple Sauce  
Nutella Spread  
Steak Sauce  
BBQ Sauce  
Chocolate Syrup  
Jiffy Cornbread Mix  
Jello  
Tuna

### Non Food Items

Laundry Detergent  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Plates  
Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags  
Febreze  
Body Wash  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Paper Cups  
Dishwasher Detergetn  
Dryer Sheets  
Paper Towels  
Napkins  
Cleaning Supplies  
Hand Soap  
Toothpaste  
Men/Women's Deodorant  
Pampers Diapers: Swaddlers or  
Cruisers, size 3 or 4

Walmart and Sam's Gift Cards are also helpful for purchasing perishable items.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

