



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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#### 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 8/24/14

Bible Class: 143  
AM Worship: 197  
PM Worship: 118  
EMBF: \$1,335.00

**WELCOME!**

## **2014 WEEKLY BUDGET**

**—\$12,120.00—**

**8-24-14**

**Contribution: \$11,256.25**

**Budget: - \$863.75**

**—YTD: - \$7,527.59—**

**Next Budget Catch-Up Sunday**

**—Sept. 28th—**

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Wonderful News!** Brother JOHNNY BLUE has been back in Bible Classes and Worship for many weeks now. Sunday morning Don Brannan announced that Johnny was confessing his neglect and sin and returning to the Lord. There was then prayer for Johnny. We are thrilled that Johnny is back!

**More Wonderful News.** JACQUE HAGAN was baptized into Christ Monday night at Dalraida's building. Jacqué's grandfather, Jim Russell, took her confession and her uncle, James Russell, baptized her.

**Benevolence Sunday.** Thank you for your extra gifts for Benevolence Sunday. It is directly for a need that we will see for years to come!

**PTP.** Polishing the Pulpit began 20 years ago with a handful of preachers sharing sermons. This year there were 189 speakers, 13 concurrent sessions each hour and nearly 650



separate topics/lessons over the seven days. Over 3,500 attended. It is not just a preacher's thing! There are certainly more non-preachers in attendance than preachers. Why don't you consider attending next year? Go to [polishingthepulpit.com](http://polishingthepulpit.com) and read more about it.

**What a blessing** being at PTP has been! Each day has been richly filled with information and spiritually uplifting lessons, good singing, and great fellowship. Sunday worship was the largest worship assembly I have ever attended. "Our God, He is Alive" was like a dynamic sermon with over 2,000 voices joining in this song.

**A busy morning.** Tish had over 40 five year olds registered for her class at PTP. So far no class has had more than 33 to attend. Thankfully, she is teaching all morning, not all day

**A busy week.** The Martins are both regular speakers at PTP, each teaching 4-5 sessions. Both Jerry and Denise were assigned some difficult topics! In addition they also provided counseling to several individuals and couples, a great service provided by the Martins and PTP! They have been *very* busy.

**Preaching.** My last Sunday morning lesson was one of the more difficult lessons to prepare and preach at EM, the lesson on Depression and Suicide. The same is true for the lesson this Sunday. The topic will be Racial Prejudice. Hopefully the next week I can get back to the "Radical" series!

## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Unity; what a wonderful thing to experience! Several of us are in Tennessee where we have been studying, praying, worshipping, and joining in fellowship with Christians from around the country and experiencing the kind of unity that can only come by the word of God. What an encouragement seeing that we all have like precious faith by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. I am thankful for the opportunity to be here; I pray that we might all be strengthened by the work here. Please pray for us as we continue our week and travel back to Montgomery; I hope to see you all soon!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/28/14

Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Robert Vickrey

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Jerry Martin

P.M.: Alan Kaye

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Troy Steelman

P.M.: Mark Evans

**Singing:**

A.M.: Nathan Bridges

P.M.: Nathan Bridges

**SICK:** JOHNNY BLUE suffered a stroke and is in Jackson Hospital. CLARENCE SIMPSON, Jeff Simpson's father, is in HealthSouth Rehab after suffering two strokes. MARSHA SUTTON is scheduled for back surgery Sept. 10. Prayers have been requested for THOMAS TAUNTON, friend of Ron Hoskinson, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Prayers have been requested for ANSLEY TINGLE, friend of Julie Gotkiewicz, who is pregnant and has a serious heart condition making the baby's delivery very dangerous. 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 ANSLEY TINGLE. (Battling Cancer) BESSIE FRAZIER, CHERYL ROGERS, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, KEVIN PENICK, THOMAS TAUNTON, and ANDY ALLEN.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 8/31—Lesson 92: *Safeguard the Truth*, 2 Jn; 9/7—Lesson 93: *Hospitality at Gaius' House*, 3 Jn.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** There will not be a meal this Sunday. Team 4 (Hoskinson/Ferrell) will host Sept. 7.

**SINGING CLASS:** Sundays, 4:30 PM

**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. Lists of items needed may be picked up at the front welcome center. Leave donations in the box at the back hallway.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Class will resume Sept. 4, 10:30 AM. Tim Gotkiewicz will be teaching "Moral Issues."

**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.
- **Sept. 8:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, Dalraida, 7 PM
- **Sept. 18:** B/D Club Dinner, Olive Garden, 6 PM

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Sept. 13:** Sr. Youth Movie Night @ Tim & Sally's
- **Sept. 14:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM, @ Prattville, "Unity"
- **Sept. 20:** Sewing/Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **Sept. 21:** Youth/Family Devo, PM

## COLLEGE EVENTS:

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

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

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

B) practices righteousness

*This week's question:* When 1 John was written, how many antichrists had come?

A) none B) one C) many



## Attitudes toward Truth

Jesus, the Son of God, came to this celestial ball called earth to seek and save lost humanity (Matthew 18:11; Luke 19:10). "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15)! Interestingly, even though Jesus' mission was a mission of love and rescue, some still rejected Him. Possibly sadder still is the fact that far too many still reject Him. Of course, rejecting Jesus today is manifested by rejecting His Word (John 12:48; 14:6; 2 John 9-11). The accepting or rejecting of Jesus is based upon the attitude (heart) of the hearer. Consider...

Firstly, there is the **stubborn heart**. Of eternal sadness is the fact that this type of attitude (heart) is often the most seen in society today (especially in America)! This attitude does not use the law of rationality, which states we **must** justify our conclusions with adequate evidence. Even in the face of irrefutable evidence (John 20:30-31; 1 John 5:13; Hebrews 11:1; et al.), this type attitude will not submit. This type of heart is based more on feelings than on facts. One can see the biblical example of such an attitude as is recorded in Acts 6:8ff.

Secondly, there is the **suitable heart**. This attitude acknowledges truth, but fails to obey it. Usually the "time is just not right" to submit to the Gospel. Of course, no greater example of the suitable heart exists than that of Governor Felix (Acts 24). In fact, Felix was so convinced and sobered by truth that he "trembled" (Acts 24:25). Although convinced that what Paul spoke was truth, Felix was not convicted to obey. Sadly, far too many are awaiting the perfect time to obey Jesus, while they must understand, "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2b).

Lastly, there is the **submissive heart**. Thank God there have always been and still remain those who, when they hear truth, submit themselves to the facts of the Gospel, quickly obey the commands, so that they can lay hold of the eternal promises. Peter's hearers are certainly a case study in such a heart (Acts 2:14ff). Paul is also a case study in the area of the submissive heart (Acts 9; 26:19).

Sad indeed is the fact that not everyone who hears the Gospel will obey it. Jesus came to give the abundant life (John 10:9-10) to everyone who will simply heed His truth. Have you accepted the truth, or are you rejecting it? How's your heart?

--Rodney Nulph