



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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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 9/7/14

Bible Class: 139
AM Worship: 181
PM Worship: 136
EMBF: \$139.00

WELCOME!

Walking by Faith

Show me no pity because my eyes fail me,
For I walk by faith and not by sight.
I would rather walk with God in darkness
Than to walk alone with the gift of light.

There have been days of anguish and despair
When I felt my faith would fail the test.
I've prayed, "Dear Lord, please linger near;
If I can feel You close, I'm truly blessed."

I cannot see the pearl-tipped peaks of spring,
Or autumn's bright leaves as they spin and fall.
But how can I fail to place my trust
In the Master above who created them all?

Far beyond where the eagles upward soar
Lies Heaven's glorious and infinite space.
God awaits my coming in the sunset's glow,
And the next thing I'll see shall be His face!

I'll taste life's bounty, feel the warmth of love,
Hear birds sing, smell the roses by the lake.
Please grant me the gift of patience, Lord;
To see Your face, I'll wait...I'll wait.

—Barbara Cagle Ray, via *BulletinGold*

FROM THE MINISTER:

Thursday Class! The Thursday class got off to a great start last week. Tim Gotkiewicz is teaching/coordinating the class. We are viewing and then discussing videos prepared by Don Blackwell. The first was excellent, and I am sure any who attend will enjoy learning in this manner. If you have not attended, plan on coming. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Monday Night Motivations. It is not just a "girl thing" any more. Both men and women have a class in Monday Night Motivations. We eat at 6:30 p.m. and have a class from 7-8 p.m. What a great time of fellowship and study! If you have not attended, try it out. It is a good time for all.

Invite 'Em Cards. Sunday night we passed out some "Invite 'Em Cards." Please use them. Be more aggressive about inviting others to come worship with you! Invite your friends. Invite strangers. I think the biggest problem is that we do not "think" to invite others. It is not that we don't want to or are "afraid" to invite others. I think we just get busy with life and forget to. Let us invite!

Update on Suicide

Recently we studied a lesson on Sunday mornings about Depression and Suicide. Brandi Pouncey told me that this (now!) is Suicide Prevention Week and she sent me some updated statistics. Brandi is the Program Manager - GLS Suicide Prevention Grant for the state of Alabama. These statistics show how "scary" this problem is. The following are some of the updated statistics that were sent to her. They are presented here without comment:

1. Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death for all ages.
2. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds.
3. Alabama ranked 28th for suicides according to 2011 data
4. Firearms are the leading method of suicides in the US and Alabama
5. Suicide knows no age limits. There have been some 8 year olds in Alabama that have died by suicide. However, this information won't be released because death certificates won't allow anyone under the age of 8 to be labeled as death by suicide. These are labeled as accidental deaths.
6. There are many suicides that are not reported as suicides because there is not strong enough evidence to label it as a suicide. There have been single vehicle accidents that have been speculated to be a suicidal means, but can't be labeled as this.
7. High risk Groups
 - a. Males - 8th leading cause of death (4 times more likely to die from suicide)
 - b. Youth - 2nd leading cause of death
 - c. Elderly
8. Racial Rates of Suicide
 - #1 - White males
 - #2 American Indian and Native Alaskan

(African American Females are the lowest -- the thought behind this is because African American females are usually relied upon more than other races --- as in they are the only providers for their children)

9. Risk Factors that we can't change
 - a. Family history of suicide
 - b. Family history of addictive behavior
 - c. Childhood abuse or neglect
 - d. Prior substance abuse
 - e. Previous suicide attempts
10. *Myths* related to suicide
 - a. Most suicides happen during the holidays. Suicide doesn't recognize holidays.
 - b. People who talk about suicide, won't really try to kill themselves.
 - c. If someone is determined to kill him/herself, there is nothing you can do to stop them.
 - d. People who attempt suicide are just looking for attention.
 - e. Talking about suicide to someone who is depressed may cause them to kill him/herself.
 - f. Many teens believe that Valentine's Day has more suicides than any other day.

I want to remind you of the conclusion of that lesson on Depression and Suicide. *Before* you are tempted with suicide consider these things. The reason I write *before* is when someone is tempted, they are often not thinking. Think now. Decide now. Consider:

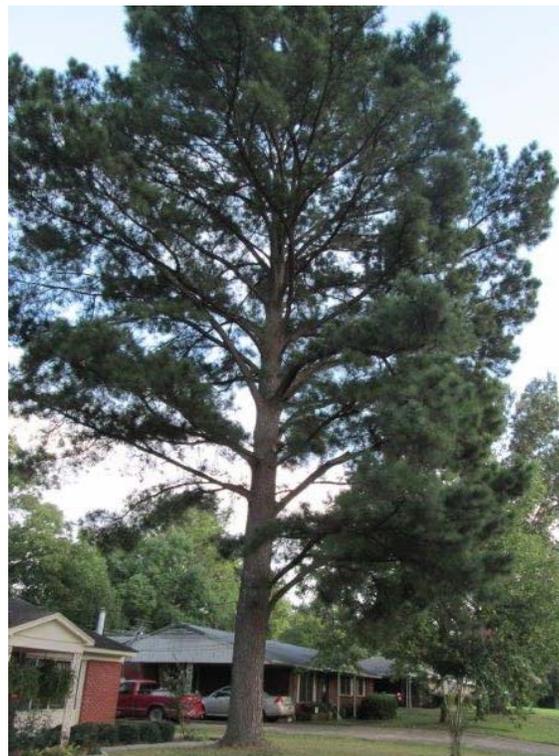
1. Is this the way I want to meet my maker, having taking my own life?
2. Will I really make my troubles go away by taking my life? Often, what is in someone's mind and heart that so haunts them that they consider suicide. In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the Rich Man was conscious of this life after his life was over. If this applies to me and you, we continue to have those haunting thoughts that drove us to suicide for eternity! We have only made it worse.
3. What if the suicide does not work? There are many who are maimed in body and mind as a result of a failed suicide attempt. Once again, the situation has only been made worse.
4. How would I feel if someone I love took their life? The heartache for those left behind is immense. I don't want to be the cause of that!
5. Is this the legacy I want to leave for my loved ones? There is an established fact that if there is a suicide in the family, there becomes a great likelihood that others in the family will commit suicide. I would not want my children, grandchildren, etc. to consider suicide as an option, would you? So we must decide now, I will not commit suicide.

-Steve Housley

Cutting a Limb and Watching Your Tongue

When we returned from Polishing the Pulpit, I had a limb that had broken and was hanging over my Power Line going to the house. I needed it down! I called Chuck Norton (Montgomery Tree Service) and he came with his helper, Willie, and they took down the limb. Chuck was smart. He stayed

on the ground and Willie did the climbing. Willie went up the pine tree with his spiked boots going over one limb after another to arrive at the broken limb. After he tied off a safety rope, to my surprise, he shimmied down the broken limb. When he was above the power line he carefully cut and removed a section of the limb just above the power line. Then, like Tarzan he swung from the broken limb back to the trunk of the tree and up the tree he went again. After about two more cuts, the entire limb was safely on the ground. Willie was as graceful as a ballerina in that tree! Had he gone up the tree and just wacked off the limb, collateral damage would have been inevitable, the limb could have harmed my power line, my telephone line, my TV antenna, or even fallen against the house and broken out a window. However, with the skill and care he used to cut the limb nothing was harmed when he cut the limb.



Like cutting the limb, sometimes we may think we need to “get someone told.” Perhaps it is that they have espoused error and need to be confronted. Perhaps they have been overcome with sin and need to be restored. Perhaps they have sinned against us and we hope for reconciliation. So how do we speak with the friend or brother? We can just “cut off the limb” and let it fall where it may and possibly take down the power line, telephone line, antenna, and possible knock out a couple of windows. That is, we get it said (“get them told”) with no regard to the words we use, or our evident attitude, or who we might hurt by what we say. *While it may need to be said, do we want to do more harm than is currently experienced?*

I encourage you to say what needs to be said, but be careful of your attitude! Paul said, Speaking the truth *in love*” (Eph. 4:15). Does this person perceive that I love him?

I encourage you to say what needs to be said, but be careful how you say it! Paul said, “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:6). Gracious? Gracious speech is certainly not offensive in tone or words that are used. Salt? They can easily “swallow” what you are saying.

The point is, what needs to be said, is said, but without collateral damage. So, can you speak to another, the way Willie cut down the limb?

-Steve Housley

2014 WEEKLY BUDGET—\$12,120.00—

9-7-14

Contribution: \$12,963.80

Budget: + \$843.80

—YTD: - \$7,916.79—

Next Budget Catch-Up Sunday —Sept. 28th—

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Don't forget to bring your Mount Dora donations by this Sunday. Time is running out!

In case you didn't know, the money that campers pay to attend the sessions at Indian Creek Youth Camp don't cover the costs of running the camp. Funds are needed to make up the difference. One way of generating funds is by operating a food concession at Alabama Crimson Tide home football games. The camp director is looking for volunteers to work the concession on November 15th and November 29th. If you are interested, let me know and we'll get you hooked up.

Youth group: If you want to purchase an area-wide t-shirt, please get your order in soon! The deadline is Tuesday the 23rd. Shirts are 7 dollars each and must be pre-paid and pre-ordered. If you miss out, there will not be any extra shirts ordered.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: In his second letter, John says to the elect lady that he had found some of her children: B) walking in truth (2 John 4)

This week's question: In 3 John, John writes to Gaius and mentions two men. One is godly and the other is evil. Which man was godly?

A) Diotrephes B) Demetrius C) Tychicus



ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/11/14

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Alan Norton

P.M.: Alan Norton

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Charlie Boddy

P.M.: Billy Bush

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Keith Simmons

P.M.: John Cole

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

SICK: MARSHA SUTTON underwent back surgery Wednesday at Baptist South. JOHNNY BLUE is now home from rehab. BETTY DAVIDSON is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery Oct. 14. LEON JACKSON will soon be scheduled for surgery in Birmingham. DAVID CUNNINGHAM, father of Melissa Bridges and Sarah Housley, will have heart valve surgery Oct. 1 in Birmingham. Prayers are requested for KEVIN BOOTH, family friend of the Graves', who is suffering many health issues. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, HELEN DILL, ALICE HANDLANG, JERRY & CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, LEIGH SANDLIN, MARIAN SIKES, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and MARSHA SUTTON. 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, SAMUEL MOORE, THOMAS TAUNTON, ANSLEY TINGLE, KEVIN BOOTH, and DAVID CUNNINGHAM. (Battling Cancer) BESSIE FRAZIER, DENNIS DRAGOTTA, KEVIN PENICK, and ANDY ALLEN.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our congratulations to BRAD & JENNIFER (SIMPSON) SCOTT on their marriage Friday, Sept. 5, in Montgomery. Brad is in the Navy so they will reside in Oklahoma City, OK, where he is assigned.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS: 9/14—Lesson 94: *Consequences of Sin/Consistency in the Faith*, Jude; 9/21—Lesson 95: Review of Romans-Jude.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 5 (Mathews) will host the meal this Sunday, Sept. 14, following the AM wor-

ship service. Team 1 (Creel) will host Sept. 21.

SINGING CLASS: Sundays, 4:30 PM

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

THANK YOU SO MUCH! Thanks to all for your support and encouragement as we are working on our current project of making quilts for the Rainbow Omega residents. Many of you have helped in several different ways. Your help and your generosity is very much appreciated and has put us in good shape to complete this project. We are making progress! We now have about 70 quilts completed. Again, thank you all. The LadyBUGS Quilters

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP: Thanks to everyone who has helped in providing lunch for Amridge University on Monday, Sept. 15. The response has been wonderful. I appreciate your willingness to help and your generosity. All arrangements have been made and Tish will be delivering lunch. Again, THANK YOU!!! Terry Bagents

MT. DORA CHILDREN'S HOME: The Food Drive for Mt. Dora Children's Home is underway. Leave donations in the box at the back hallway by next Sunday, Sept. 14.

TEACHERS WORKDAY: There will be a workday for the Children's Department Teachers this Sunday, Sept. 14.

CAPITOL PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Capital Prayer Breakfast will be on Friday, Sept. 19, 8:30 AM. Cost is \$10.00 per person. All are cordially invited to attend. Our honoree this time is **Bannie Burt**. Sister Burt was a longtime kindergarten teacher at ACA. This good lady has taught so many of our children and grandchildren. Let me know if you plan to attend as the cooks need a head count. (Jimmie Benson @ jcbenson@knology.net)

MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION: This month's M-N-M will be Sept. 22. We will eat (Sandwiches & Salads) at 6:30 PM with class at 7. Food sign-up lists at LadyBUGS Desk.



LA DYBUGS



Ladies Building Unity in God's Service

"Seven t y-Times-Seven"

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM & 3rd Saturday's, 1-4 PM
- **Visitation:** See Tish, Terry, or Shirley K.
- **Sept. 18:** B/D Club Dinner, Olive Garden, 6 PM
- **Sept. 20:** Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **Sept. 22:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

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

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Wednesday Night Desserts,** 7:30 PM
- **Oct. 5:** Devo, PM

The 23rd Channel

The television is my shepherd; I shall not want. It makes me to lie down on the sofa. It leads me away from the faith. It destroys my soul. It leads me in the path of sex and violence, for the sponsors sake.

Yea, though I walk in the shadow of Christian responsibilities, there shall be no interruption, for the television is with me. Its cable and remote control, they comfort me; it prepares a commercial for me in the presence of my worldliness.

It anointest my head with humanism and consumerism; my coveting runneth over. Surely laziness and ignorance shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house watching television forever.

