



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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September 18, 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**  
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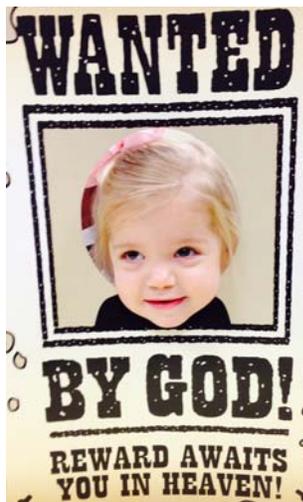
**Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.**  
**With ROGER DILL**

### STATISTICS 9/14/14

- Bible Class: 135
- AM Worship: 182
- PM Worship: 130
- EMBF: \$93.00

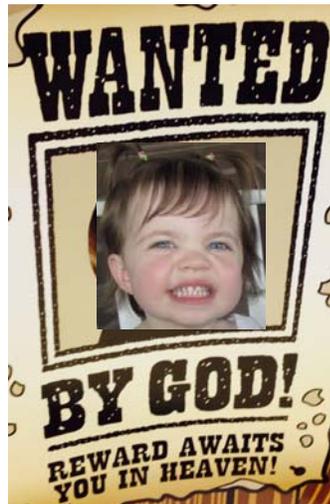
**WELCOME!**

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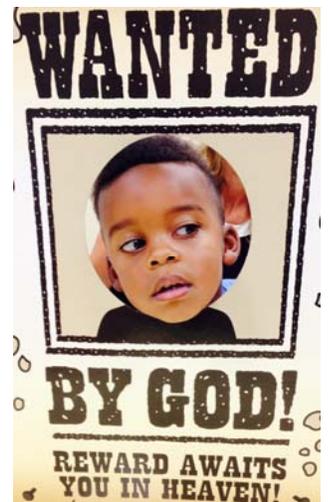


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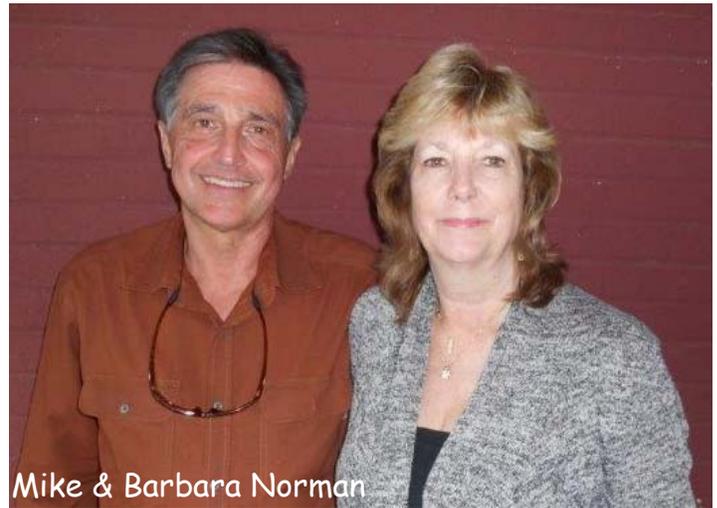
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## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Great News!** Sunday night we announced that MIKE and BARBARA NORMAN placed membership with Eastern Meadows. They live in Ramer and have been members at the Ramer church. You can expect to see Mike and Barbara at every service and they plan to be active members at Eastern Meadows. Life is busy for Mike and Barbara as they have run their own business, Backyard Solutions of Alabama, and have three grandchildren with a fourth one on the way. Get to know Mike and Barbara and give them a big welcome!



**Soon and Very Soon.** It is only two Sundays away that we will be at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and will be having the Budget Catch-up Sunday. Eastern Meadows did amazingly well first quarter with the challenging budget of \$12,120. We fell behind a bit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, but we were able to make it up at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter at the Budget Catch-up Sunday. It has been more difficult this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and we will need an extra push by not just a few, but by the majority of the congregation to keep us current with the budget. Be planning what you can do and do what you can!

## Affording to Give

One of the reasons that prevents many from giving is the lifestyle lived. (Sometimes it is other reasons.) It is not always the fact that there is no money, but there is no money after the house payment, car payment, and money spent on furnishings, entertainment, vacations, etc. While some of these are essentials, the “proportion” of them that we enjoy may not be so essential. One of the things Tish and I purposed to do in our married life is to keep our expenses down sufficiently so that we would always be able to give as we prospered. When we were newly married, there were times we needed it and it cost \$5 and we did not buy it. I will admit that being so “tight” was a frustration to Tish and probably one of the biggest frustrations with me that she has had in our marriage. It is not so much that way now. I feel that any “reputation” for being “tight” with money is based on years gone by and not the reality of the present. My point is this, *don't live on what should be given to God.*

Having said that, we are so blessed today, aren't we? We have so much, materially. Most do not worry about having enough food or clothes. Most have not only necessities, but many luxuries, even though we have redefined necessities/luxuries. Below is an article that shows how much different it is today for most who would read this.

Some Helpful Financial Advice From the Gospel Advocate, May 20, 1891---Might still work today! Family Financiering , "They tell me you work for a dollar a day: How is it you clothe your six boys on such pay?" "I know you will think it conceited and queer, But I do it because I'm a good financier. "There's Pete, John, Jim, and Joe and William and Ned, a half-dozen boys to have clothed up and fed. And I buy for them all, good plain victuals to eat, but clothing—I only buy clothing for Pete. When Pete's clothes are too small for him to get on, my wife makes them over and gives them to John. When for John, who is ten, they have grown out of date, she just makes 'em over for Jim, who is eight. When for Jim they become too ragged to fix, she just

makes 'em over for Joe, who is six. And when little Joseph can wear 'em no more, she just makes 'em over for Bill, who's four. And when for young Bill they no longer will do, she just makes 'em over for Ned, who is two. So you see, if I get enough clothing for Pete, the family is furnished with clothing complete." "But when Ned has got through with the clothing and when He has thrown it aside – what do you do with it then?" "Why, once more we go round, the circle complete, and begin to use it for patches for Pete." – Selected.

Aren't we greatly blessed today!

-Steve Housley

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

*Last 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? B) Demetrius (3 Jn. 12)

*This week's question:* Jude reminds us of three examples of God's vengeance. Which is not mentioned? A) Sodom and Gomorrah; B) The people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive; C) Angels who did not keep their proper domain.



### FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Fifteen teens and four adults from Eastern Meadows attended the Central Alabama Area-Wide worship at the Prattville Church of Christ on Sunday evening. This year's theme for our area-wide assemblies is entitled "ONE" and is based on Ephesians 4. Mike Whisenant, the pulpit minister at the Rock Creek Church of Christ in Warrior, Alabama, delivered a sermon on the subject of unity that was both encouraging and challenging. One question he had for us was, "What are you doing to help the growth and unity of the body? It's a serious question, and one that deserves our attention, and one that requires self-evaluation. Take some time and consider whether the unity of the church could be better with a little effort on your part. Two of our teens, after hearing this lesson, have asked for our prayers. Please take a moment to say a prayer for Banks, who desires to be a better leader in the church, and for Luke, who struggles to stand firm in faith while people around him try to drag him down. I'm encouraged by the faith and determination of these young men. Please encourage them as you are able. Our other teens are also facing difficult challenges and also need our prayers and encouragement. Could we help our unity with a little more effort?

Youth group reminder: Area-wide t-shirts are 7 dollars each.

The ICYC camp director is still looking for volunteers to work the University of Alabama concession on November 15<sup>th</sup> (Miss Bulldogs) and November 29<sup>th</sup> (Iron Bowl). If you are interested, let me know and we'll get you hooked up.

The Capital Prayer Breakfast will be held this Friday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Capital City Club. It is located on the 22nd floor of the RSA building at the corner of Monroe and North Lawrence Streets in downtown Montgomery. There is "FREE" Parking available in the garage diagonally across the street from the RSA building. You will need to enter from North Lawrence Street at the Capital City Club entrance. (Lawrence is a one way street going south). The breakfast always begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$10, payable as you enter. Bannie Burt will be honored this month.

## **“OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY”**

Panama Missions “Operation Christmas Joy” provides plastic shoeboxes, gift bags, and school backpacks loaded with small toys, personal care items, school supplies, religious materials, and candy for needy children. Diaper bags are also prepared for expectant and new mothers. Mothers staying with children in hospitals are given “care bags.” Many of the gifts include a Bible story book or a New Testament. Each gift is also accompanied by a teaching tract with contact information for local churches of Christ.

A mission team from the U.S. travels to Panama in early December to join forces with native Christians to distribute the gifts in schools, hospitals, churches, and villages. These gifts are mostly for children whose families live on \$2.00 or less per day. These children will likely not receive any other gifts at Christmas.

Church members, here is where you come in: Eastern Meadows has 36 empty plastic shoeboxes that need to be filled for these children. They are located in the ladies’ classroom; if you take a box, please add your name to the list on the table. Each shoebox has a step-by-step shoebox guide handout; be sure to read the instructions carefully. A special religious tract in Spanish will be added to each box before it is wrapped. We ask that you simply follow the instruction sheet, which gives you plenty of choices.

The shoeboxes are due back, filled, no later than Wednesday evening, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you don’t get a shoebox, but still want to help, you can donate money to purchase the shoeboxes and hard candy. Please see either Tim or Sally G.

## **APPROPRIATE APPAREL**

We all need to realize that our assemblies when we come together as a corporate body of believers to worship God are very sacred gatherings. While we live in the presence of Jehovah God at all times our periods of worship are the occasions when we come before God in reverence through prescribed avenues of worship coupled with hearts filled with sincerity, praise and love.

The apostle Paul in dealing with such assemblies gave some regulations regarding the leadership of men and even the dress of women (See I Timothy 2:8-15). It is the last point I want to discuss in this article. In I Timothy 2:9 Paul wrote, *“In like manner that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety...”* The word modest (kosmios) refers to that apparel which is orderly, well-arranged and decent. While the Holy Scriptures do not regulate fashion, the principle of modesty is considered by the inspired writer.

A real problem seemed to have been prevalent relative to dress, especially a woman’s dress, when Paul wrote I Timothy. He specifically mentioned that women were not to emphasize the outward appearance in the extreme, that is, the wearing of gold or pearls or costly raiment when the most important aspect of a person’s life should be godliness and good works (I Timothy 2:9, 10). In other words, the problem in Paul’s day in the matter of apparel in the assemblies was that of ‘over-dressing’.

Generally speaking the problem in our congregations today is the opposite; that is of ‘under-dressing’ by many of our ladies. Christian women should be very sensitive to this problem. It is

recognized that there are some items of clothing that could be suitable for play and family outings and the like that would be out of place during an assembly designed for worship to God and the edification of the church. Attire that would be too revealing like low cut dresses and blouses, short skirts, shorts or tight apparel which emphasizes the erotic parts of the female anatomy should be shunned by Christian ladies. Mothers should set the proper example in this matter and properly train their daughters in the area of modest apparel and especially in regards to dressing for periods of worship.

Then there is the matter of influence. What do others think of me? What kind of impression am I making? Do people regard me as being spiritual or worldly because of my dress? Would I cause a person to think evil because of the brevity of my apparel? Might I not influence others to wear even less clothing by my example? Immodest dress infers that one is drawing too much attention to oneself. That would be the case whether one wore too much jewelry and expensive apparel as mentioned by Paul or too little clothing in a situation that would be considered immodest. This is often a problem that is prevalent among our congregations, especially in the summer months.

Our ladies should give prayerful consideration regarding this particular area of Christian influence.

--Raymond Elliott

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/18/14

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 / Leading the congregation in:**

<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
<b>A.M.: Roy Mulkey</b>	<b>A.M.: Jerry Martin</b>	<b>A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz</b>	<b>A.M.: Paul Clements</b>
<b>P.M.: Roy Mulkey</b>	<b>P.M.: Jimmy Mathews</b>	<b>P.M.: John Cole</b>	<b>P.M.: Paul Clements</b>

**SICK:** MARSHA SUTTON is recovering at home from back surgery. JOHNNY BLUE is now at home. BETTY DAVIDSON is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery Oct. 14. LEON JACKSON will soon be scheduled for surgery in Birmingham. Sick at home Sunday: GEORGE DAVIDSON, HELEN DILL, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and RANDY 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.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Marvin Daniel and family in the passing of his brother, BOB ALLEN, last Saturday. Graveside service was Sunday at Greenwood.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSONS:** 9/21—Lesson 95: Review of Romans-Jude; 9/28—Lesson 96: The Glorified Jesus in the Midst of His Church, Rev. 1-3.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 1 (Creel) will host the meal this Sunday, Sept. 21, following the AM worship service. Team 2 (Gotkiewicz) will host Sept. 28.

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

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** 10:30 AM

**CAPITOL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The Capitol Prayer Breakfast will be on Friday, Sept. 19, 8:30 AM. Cost is \$10.00 per person. All are cordially invited to attend. The honoree this time is **Bannie Burt**.

**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.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** AARON & COURTNEY WARD, 7401 Selma Hwy., 36108; MIKE & BARBARA NORMAN, 14694 Hobbie Road, Ramer, 36069, 306-7583.

**2014 WEEKLY BUDGET—\$12,120.00**

9-14-14 Contribution: **\$11,242.00**

Budget: **-\$853.00**

—YTD: **-\$8,769.79—**

## Budget Catch-Up Sunday

—Sept. 28th—



**LA DYBUGS**



**Ladies Building Unity in God's Service**

**“Seven ty-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, 6 PM, Olive Garden
- **Sept. 20:** Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **Sept. 22:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Oct. 4:** Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Sept. 20:** Sewing/Quilting, 1-4 PM
- **Sept. 21:** Youth/Family Devo, PM
- **Oct. 12:** Area Wide Devo, PM, @ Dalraida, “Spirit”

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

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

## I Have Decided I Will...

I will do more than belong...I will **PARTICIPATE**.

I will do more than believe...I will **PRACTICE**.

I will do more than care...I will **HELP**.

I will do more than be fair...I will be **KIND**.

I will do more than forgive...I will **FORGET**.

I will do more than teach...I will **INSPIRE**.

I will do more than be friendly...I will be a **FRIEND**.

The decision to do more with enthusiasm must be made by each one of us, therefore—

**I can, You can, We can!!**

Via *BulletinGold*