



# 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 1/11/15

Bible Class: 131  
AM Worship: 198  
PM Worship: 128  
EMBF: \$91.00

**WELCOME!**

## How Great Thou Art!

Humpback whales are about forty feet long at maturity and weigh about one ton per foot. They carry a thousand pounds of barnacles, and when they jump or "breach," they extend themselves totally in the air, and then free-fall back into the ocean. You can see the splash five miles away.

Humpback whales travel down to Hawaii from Alaska every year to calve in the warm Hawaiian waters. Year after year, each family comes back to the very same place around the island. When the calves are born (they weigh about 5 tons), they are born breech – or tail first. If they were born head first, these air-breathing mammals



would drown during the birth process. As a baby whale is born, another humpback whale comes alongside and pushes it up to the surface to help the baby take his first breath of air.

The humpback whale sings a song that can be heard more than fifty miles away under water. Every one of these whales sings the same song. Each year, the song changes slightly, and every humpback whale in the world will sing that year's song. Amazing! Incredible! What a display of the wonderful creative power of our God!

-Author Unknown

*"Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: Talk ye of all his wondrous works" (Psalm 105:2).*

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Thank You Elders!** Thank you to Ted, Don, and Tim for the work in preparing a budget for the coming year and making the presentation on Sunday. If you have questions or want clarifications about any aspect of the budget, just ask them.

**Thank You Charlie!** Thanks to Charlie Boddy for filling in at the last minute on Sunday evening. This cold had gotten the best of me! I know it is a cold because with fever rising on Sunday afternoon, I went a doc-in-the-box and was told, not flu! With so many who have been sick, I guess I thought it was time to join in.

**Save-the Date!** February 22 is the date for our Marriage Sunday with Charlie Boddy! Plan your schedule around this date and plan to be here!

**Thursday Class.** We have just started our study of the book of Mark. Why not join us for this study, Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

## 16 Periods of Bible History

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ◆ Before the Flood            | ◆ Invasion and Conquest of the Land | ◆ Captivity             |
| ◆ The Flood                   | ◆ Judges                            | ◆ Return from Captivity |
| ◆ Scattering of the People    | ◆ United Kingdom                    | ◆ Years of Silence      |
| ◆ Patriarchs                  | ◆ Divided Kingdom                   | ◆ Life of Christ        |
| ◆ Exodus                      | ◆ Judah Alone                       | ◆ Early Church          |
| ◆ Wandering in the Wilderness |                                     |                         |

## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

I once attended a week long Dale Carnegie training course, which had some really good thoughts on motivation and leadership. I received a copy of "Dale Carnegie's Golden Book" to keep with me and periodically read. I particularly like the section entitled, "The Perfect Way to Conquer Worry." The section contains only one word, "Pray."

ICYC AP week is June 28-July 3! I have registered several from Eastern Meadows, so if you haven't confirmed with me, let me know ASAP (As Soon As Possible).

PARENTS: Are you going to the convention? I need to know! Lads to Leaders Registration Convention Registration deadline is next week, January 20, 2015. This means that all pre-convention events such as Mass Media entries and Song Composition, Bulletin Board, Good Samaritan, Second Language, Centurion of Scripture, and Know the Books must be completed by January 20th. The Pearls test and Bible Bowl test are February 11-23, 2015. I have registered Eastern Meadows and will verify the events, etc. with each participant.

**NOTE:** I need to meet with all teens and parents to discuss L2L after services Sunday morning.

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Which of these was not one of the 12 spies? A) Vophsi (Numbers 13:14)

**This week's question:** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! "You shall love the LORD your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_, with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and with all your \_\_\_\_\_."

A) heart, soul, mind; B) mind, heart, strength; C) heart, soul, strength



# ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/15/15

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Billy Bush	A.M.: Wayne Johnston	A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey	A.M.: William Dill
P.M.: Billy Bush	P.M.: Troy Steelman	P.M.: Tim Stevens	P.M.: William Dill

**SICK:** SALLY GOTKIEWICZ is scheduled for shoulder surgery Jan. 26. IMOGENE DOLD, Tish Housley's mother, had 3 stents inserted due to heart blockage and continues to improve. Prayers have requested for KATHY DAVIS, Nicole Timbes' mother, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Continue to pray for GERMAINE HARDIN, sister-in-law of Denise Martin, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, stage 3, but is now stage 4. Those who were sick at home Sunday: GEORGE DAVIDSON, HELEN DILL, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, BETH HOUSLEY, JANET MATHEWS, and MARSHA SUTTON. *Battling Cancer:* MIKE NORMAN. *Shut-ins:* SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues) JENNY JOHNSON. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, RUSSELL CARNLEY, GLEN BARRON, BETH HUGGINS, GERMAINE HARDIN, and CINDY BORROUGHS.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Thomas Anderson in the passing of his sister, RUTH DOVE. Visitation will be Friday from 6-8 PM with the funeral Saturday at 11 AM in Houston, TX.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON:** 1/18—*Invasion and Conquest of the Land*, (Joshua); 1/25—*Judges*, (Judges-1 Sam. 8).

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** There will not be a meal this Sunday due to the holiday. Team 2 (Martin) will host Jan. 25.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** 10:30 AM - "The Gospel of Mark"

**CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** There will be a Capital Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 AM this Friday at the Capital City Club located in the RSA Tower on the corner of North Lawrence and Monroe Streets, 22nd floor. The cost is \$10.00 per person. *Honoring PAUL & GLADYS CLEMENTS has been postponed until March.* Let Charlie Boddy know if you plan to attend as the cooks need a head count.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you so much for the wonderful prayers and support that the great prayer warriors at Eastern Meadows Church of Christ have given for me. I am begging, at this point, that you all continue to pray for me. Love, Jenny Johnson.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Police Officer - Campus Safety. The complete position announcements can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.

## MARRIAGE DAY—February 22—CHARLIE BODDY speaking

Mark your calendars. Plan to attend. Be inviting others to come.

**2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00**  
 1/11/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$10,762.00  
 YTD: - \$676.78

**LADYBUGS (Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)**

- **QUILTING**, Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
- **Jan. 26:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Feb. 1:** Meet for Prayer, 4:20 PM

**MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME**  
 Montgomery Benefit Dinner  
 January 29, 2015  
 6:00 PM  
 Renaissance Hotel & Spa



See **PAUL CLEMENTS, ROY MULKEY, or CHARLIE BODDY** for Tickets!

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Jan. 18:** L2L Meeting, AM
- **Feb. 8:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Feb. 21:** "Pure" @ Liberty, 9:30 AM-1 PM (for pre-teen and older girls and a session for moms) Contact Sally if interested.

## COLLEGE EVENTS

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM

## Why Is It?

Why is it that we find time to read the newspaper, magazines, etc., but can't find the time to read, study and meditate upon God's Word (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 1:1-3)? Why is it that we faithfully attend ball games, business related meetings, social gatherings and club meetings, but we are not faithful in attending all the services of the church, including Sunday and Wednesday evening (Hebrews 10:24-26; Acts 2:42)? Why is it when it comes to politics, we don't mind letting

others know what we are politically, but then we are afraid and embarrassed to let others know that we are Christians, members of the church of Christ (1 Peter 4:16; Romans 16:16)? Why is it that we are so concerned about the physical things of this world, and we neglect spiritual things (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-3; 1 John 2:15-17)?



Why is it that we are so concerned about whether or not animals are being mistreated, but we are not concerned when unborn babies are being killed every day (Romans 12:9-10; 13:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21)? Why is it that we can sit at a ball game or in front of the TV for two to three hours and not even nod, but the moment we sit down in our place in the worship services, we are "gone" (John 4:24; Psalm 122:1)? Why is it that we as parents will make sure that our children will be in school every day possible, but then we are not so concerned about their attendance in Bible class (Ephesians 6:1-4)? Why is it wrong to have God and the Bible in our schools, but right to have God and the Bible in our prisons? You can pass out Bibles in prison but not in school.

Does that make sense? Is there any wonder why there is so much lawlessness, disrespect and irreverence in our world today?

--Jerry W. Joseph, via *Gospel Gazette Online*

## Temptation or Test?

When one experiences the way of life in a tumultuous sea, a sea that seems never to be calm, He who sees life as it actually is has a way of calming the roughest of seas. Often, however, we fail to see this because the waves roar, the weight of the water is heavy and bone-chilling cold as the winds blow with force. To complicate the situation the skies are dark as the clouds touch the horizon in the distance. "Lord, don't you care that we are perishing?!" Thinking on this in relation to Exodus 15, it seems to me that the Lord will test each of those who belong to Him, but it is up to each of us as to whether or not it becomes a temptation.

—Ron Thomas, via *BulletinGOLD*

