



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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January 8, 2015

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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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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 1/4/15

Bible Class: 141
AM Worship: 198
PM Worship: 128
EMBF: \$291.00

WELCOME!



BUDGET SUNDAY Jan. 11th

The Elders will present the 2015 Budget this Sunday at the AM worship service.



The Quilters took a break during the holidays, but were back at it this week. They will be meeting each Tuesday, 1-3 PM. Anyone who would like to quilt, sew, or learn to sew are welcome to participate.

The 2015 project goal is making quilts for the SPOC (Single Parent Opting for Christ) program at Mt. Dora Children's Home and Bible School.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Budget Sunday. This Sunday the elders will make a presentation of the 2015 Budget. We can all appreciate their leading the congregation in this way; planning the work of Eastern Meadows and challenging us to be a part of the work. As always, if you have further questions or comments they will be glad to speak with you!

Thursday Class. We have *just* started our study of the Gospel of Mark. Why not join us for this study? It is also an excellent opportunity for good fellowship. I know I truly enjoy the association of each person who attends the class. If you cannot come every week, come when you can!

Keep our Ukrainian friends in prayer! We have not said much lately about the ongoing warring situation in Ukraine; however, things have changed very little. Many, many have been displaced from the fighting in Donetsk and the surrounding towns. Many of the churches there have been devastated as the members have moved to other parts of Ukraine to escape the violence. Kramatorsk and its immediate vicinity have continued to be quiet, though this area was the place where there was much fighting in the beginning. Now Kramatorsk and many other places struggle to help the displaced people. Can you imagine if you were forced to leave your home, leaving almost everything you owned behind, and go to a place where you had no job and maybe even no one with which to stay? This is what has happened to so many. The churches, though limited in what they have the resources to do, are doing what they can to help the displaced people. Also, please pray for Vladimer Pazy and his family at the passing of his father last week.

MARRIAGE DAY—February 22—CHARLIE BODDY speaking

Mark your calendars, plan to attend, and be inviting others to come.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

I will rejoice in the Lord,

I will be joyful in God my Savior.

—Habakkuk 3:18

Happiness is a choice.

For the youth group:

This Saturday, the 10th. After Christmas Party and gift exchange at Tim and Sally's. 4pm - 8pm; bring a gift valued at less than 5 dollars and suitable for a boy or girl.

Sunday, the 11th. Area-Wide worship at the Walnut Street Church of Christ. The topic will be "One Body." We will leave the parking lot at 3:45pm and return around 8:15pm. We plan to stop at the Ann Street Chick-FilA to pick-up and drop off anyone who lives that way.

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).

Lads to Leaders Registration Convention Registration deadline is in two weeks, 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.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Who were the two special craftsmen called by God to design and craft the Tabernacle of Meeting, the Ark of the Testimony and the Mercy Seat, and all the furniture of the Tabernacle? C) Bezalel and Ahoilab (Exodus 31:1-6)

This week's question: Which of these was not one of the 12 spies?

A) Vophsi; B) Nahbi; C) Palti



ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/8/15

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Stan Neuenschwander

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Jerry Martin

P.M.: Billy Bush

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: Tim Stevens

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

SICK: SALLY GOTKIEWICZ is scheduled for shoulder surgery Jan. 26. Those who were sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, WESLEY BERRY, BILLY CREEL, ANNEGENE DAVIS, JOY DAVIS, HELEN DILL, LUKE FERRELL, MARCIA GRAVES, JANET MATHEWS, DANE MOORE, JERRY & CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, RANDY PORTERFIELD, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and OPAL SULLIVAN. **Battling Cancer:** MIKE NORMAN. **Shut-ins:** SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

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

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON: 1/11—*Wandering in the Wilderness*, (Num. 14—Duet. 34); 1/18—*Invasion and Conquest of the Land*, (Joshua).

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 1 (Norman) will host the meal this Sunday, Jan. 11, immediately following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal Jan. 18 due to the holiday. Team 2 (Martin) will host the meal Jan. 25.

SINGING CLASS: The singing class has been discontinued until further notice.

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

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: There will be a Capital Prayer Breakfast—sponsored by Amridge University—at 8:30 AM on Friday- January 16, 2015 and located in the RSA Tower on the corner of North Lawrence and Monroe Streets, 22nd floor. The costs is \$10.00 per person. **Paul and Gladys Clements** are to be honored at this time. They have many friends in this area. Paul has served as a preacher of the gospel and as an educator and Gladys is the daughter of a gospel preacher-Clayton Adams. Let Charlie Boddy know if you plan to attend as the cooks need a head count.

THANK YOU: Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits, and food brought to us when I had my December hospital "visit." Thanks, also, to the LadyBUGS for the wonderful bag of goodies you brought to me. We both enjoyed it a lot. Love to all, Marsha Sutton

1/4/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,801.22

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Jan. 10:** After Christmas Party
- **Jan. 11:** Area Wide Youth Devo—Walnut St.

COLLEGE EVENTS

- **Jan. 14:** Wed. Night Desserts return

LADYBUGS (Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

- **QUILTING**, Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
- **Jan. 26:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM (Sunday, Jan. 11, is the deadline to signing up for a study book)

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME

Montgomery Benefit Dinner

**January 29, 2015
6:00 PM**

**Renaissance Hotel & Spa
201 Tallapoosa Street**

See for Tickets!



16 Periods of Bible History

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

The Authority of the Bible

The Bible is the final authority. Many want to appeal to uninspired creeds, church tradition, prophets or the purported voice of God Himself. Once again, the Bible is the final authority. The problem with uninspired creeds is the very fact that they are uninspired. It does not matter how old they are, they hold no authority when it comes to matters of faith. Many hold to the church's traditional interpretation to the Bible over what the Bible actually says; this is simply an invitation for eisegesis (making the Bible say what you want it to say). Some hold to prophets, but the problem is that there are no more prophets, and there have not been any since, at the very latest, the very beginning of the second century. What about those who hear God speaking to them? I've learned that you can't tell people they don't hear something, so the real question is, "How can you be sure that it is really God speaking?" The only way to know is to verify it with what is written. If God is really speaking to you, He won't contradict Himself; otherwise that would make Him a liar and the author of confusion. Also, once the Bible is read to verify what is 'heard,' you'll find that God no longer communicates to us in that fashion, but only through the Bible. Let us rest on the authority of the Bible, and not go beyond what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6).

--Thomas Baxley, 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 blows 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