



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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October 29, 2015

## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
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## 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 & 96.5 FM

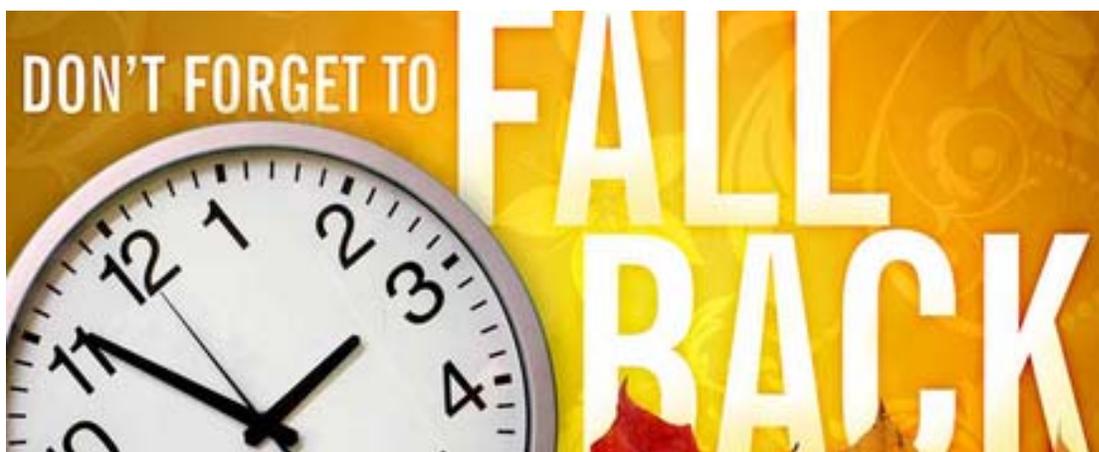
Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.

With ROGER DILL

## STATISTICS 10/25/15

Bible Class: 142  
AM Worship: 197  
PM Worship: 130  
EMBE: \$105.00

**WELCOME!**



Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend, so don't forget to set your clocks BACK an hour at bedtime Saturday night, Oct. 31st.

## HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE

Kenneth Joines lost his beloved wife Jan. I can only imagine what those who have suffered such loss are experiencing, but I do appreciate what he has written about it.

"This year was the second anniversary without her. I have decided I have two choices: I can shed tears because she is gone, or I can smile because she lived. I can cry because of what she took away, or I can open my eyes and see what all she has left. My heart can be empty because she is not here or it can be full because of what we shared. I can turn my back on tomorrow and try to relive yesterday, or I can be happy today because of yesterday. I can close my mind, be empty and look back, or do what I think she would want: smile, open my eyes, love, and go forward.

"In each case, I choose the latter."

--Copied, Preacher Talk

## **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**Thank You Ladies!** We had the unfortunate lot to lose two of our Eastern Meadows brothers in one week. Both of these families had large families and there was a significant food need. Thank you ladies for the many dishes you prepared for these two families. These families have expressed their appreciation countless numbers of times. But I appreciate it too. I am glad to be a part of a church family that cares.

**Faithfulness.** Recently Mike Flowers, 59, was in the national news. All he did was go to work . . . every day . . . taking NO sick days in his 35 year career as a police officer in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is retiring with a perfect record. When I saw this, I thought about how most people are committed to their work. Most people do not miss for *any* reason. It takes being sick to keep them from work. There is a good reason for this. Unexplained absenteeism can lead to job dismissal. Fir-erd! We don't want that, so we go to work. Now the challenge. The challenge is not you never missing work; never taking a sick day. The challenge is to have at least the same commitment to worship the Almighty God as you do to your job! Actually, there should be a greater commitment to worshipping God than to your job! We would not sleep in and miss work; do we sleep in and miss Bible Study or Worship? We would not miss work for watching a program on T.V. but do we miss Bible Study to watch our favorite program? We would not miss work. Do we miss Bible Study or Worship? Let's be faithful.

**War Room.** I think this may be the first time I have recommended a movie in the bulletin. I heard several friends recommend this movie and over our Vacation we went to see the movie. It was produced by the Kendrick brothers who also produced the movies "Facing the Giants" and "Fireproof." This movie does not promote a doctrine of a denomination; rather, it promotes prayer and marriage. What a wonderful combination! And there is no bad language, immodesty, or adultery or fornication in the movie. No, not everyone likes the movie. One review I saw read, "The movie equivalent of repeatedly being punched by a Bible, War Room is so brazen with its Evangelical agenda and curbed by its lackluster cinematic approach that nonbelievers will find it laughable." (Gregory Wakeman). If someone is anti-Christian and anti-prayer, he will not like this movie. If someone does not want a decent movie that will motivate you to be a better person, he probably will not like this movie. And this movie has had success! It has stayed in the Top 10 movies after four weeks and has grossed 60 million on a budget of just 3 million. If you are going to a movie, see this one. If you are renting a movie, rent "Fireproof."

## **New Class Beginning Next Week:** *Ascertaining Bible Authority*

Paul Clements will be teaching the *Wednesday Night Auditorium Class* on the subject, "Ascertaining Bible Authority." Ok, ascertaining is a big word, and Paul hesitated using this word. It means, "find (something) out for certain; make sure of." So we will be learning about "Making Sure of Bible Authority." This is a very important study. The religious world generally is not asking, "Is it right? Is it in the Bible." I am afraid that many in the church have also quit asking the questions, "Is it right? Is it in the Bible." But once we ask that question, how can we determine what the Bible teaches? As you can see, this is a fundamental subject! A needed subject! *We need this class!*

## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Our next Youth Group Area-Wide worship and fellowship is this Sunday, November 8th, and will be at the Liberty Church of Christ. Following the theme of AIM (Attitude, Image, and Mind) focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, we will hear a lesson on Matthew 5:38-48. The van will be leaving at 4pm and picking up at the Ann St. Chick-fil-A.

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:



**Last week's question:** John the Baptist was a member of which tribe? C) Levi (Luke 1:5)

**This week's question:** Who warned Jesus to depart the region ruled by Herod, because he wanted to kill Jesus?

A) His disciples; B) The Pharisees; C) His Apostles

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/29/15

**Nov. 1, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:**

<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
<b>A.M.: Troy Steelman</b>	<b>A.M.: Tim Stevens</b>	<b>A.M.: Alan Norton</b>	<b>A.M.: Dean Norton</b>
<b>P.M.: Troy Steelman</b>	<b>P.M.: Randy Porterfield</b>	<b>P.M.: Turner Johnston</b>	<b>P.M.: Paul Clements</b>

**SICK:** SUSAN BROOKS is in Baptist East Medical Center with a blood clot in her leg and lung and is undergoing tests and procedures for the clots and bleeding. PHYLLIS ALLEN is scheduled for surgery Oct. 29. WAYNE JOHNSTON is scheduled for pacemaker-replacement surgery Nov. 11. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, MARGARET DANIEL, VI ENGLISH, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, and JERRY PATTERSON. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN. Deployed: JON TIMBES, Kuwait.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues) QUIN MERRYMAN. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, RYAN AKERS, WAYNE EDWARDS, MELISSA MOTE, PHYLLIS DELL, JAMIE FINLAYSON, OLEN HOUSLEY, and TELSIE DAVIS.

**BIBLE CLASS LESSON:** Life of Christ, Part 3, Luke 19-24

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 4 (Clements) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, Nov. 1, following the morning worship service. Team 5 (Henly K/Phyllis A) will host Nov. 8.

**NOV. 1ST NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** SARAH NORTON & LYNDE CROWDER

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** 10:30 a.m. - Study of Mark

**AREA WIDE SINGING:** Mt. Hebron Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

**TEACHERS MEETING:** There will be a meeting for ALL current and future teachers this Sunday, Nov. 1, in the Tea Room immediately following the evening worship service.

**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Paul & Gladys Clements their child-

ren and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Nov. 14, 2015, 2-4 p.m. at University Church of Christ. Your presence is the only gift needed! RSVP to jennifermitchell334@gmail.com.

**BBQ IN THE COUNTRY:** You are invited to a BBQ in the country at Story Road Place (home of Mike & Barbara Norman) Saturday, Nov. 14, 4-8 p.m. The meat will be provided. Be sure to sign-up if you plan to attend and note what side dish you will bring—list is posted at the LadyBUGS Desk. Directions are also posted at the front and rear welcome desks.

**THANK YOU:** *With my thanks, Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to me.* Eastern Meadows, Meeting the challenges of surgery are not easy. But your prayers, thoughts, positive comments, and visits made it a whole lot easier. The food you delivered was delicious and abundant for us. We greatly appreciate those who came all the way to our house to deliver food as we do not live close. Thank you for everything, Becky Neuenschwander

**UPDATE:** Dear Eastern Meadows, I am some better. Still having trouble sitting for any length of time. Doctor says that will get better. Can see improvement from week to week. It's hard to tell if all of the pain and discomfort is from the surgery or if it is from back problems. Hope this back surgery will help to clear some of the pain up. Hope all is well with all of you. Please keep me in your prayers. Thank you! In Christian love, Phyllis Allen

## Praise the Lord!

### Psalm 117

- \* What? (117:1-2): "Praise the Lord!"
- \* Why? (117:2): For His "Unfailing love."
- \* Who? (117:1) "All you people of the earth."

-Mark Posey, via *Glad Tidings of Good Things*

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

### 16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

#### **Nov. 1, Life of Christ, Part 3, Luke 19-24**

- The last week
- Death and resurrection

#### **Nov. 8, Early Church, Part 1, Acts 1-8**

- The beginning
- Preaching, persecution, growth

#### **Nov. 15, Early Church, Part 2, Acts 9-12**

- Paul's conversion
- Gentiles accepted
- Peter arrested/delivered

### 2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

10/25/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$11,925.00 /  
BUDGET: - \$195.00 / YTD: + \$25,108.79

## LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting:** Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
- **Nov. 1:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM
- **Nov. 4:** BLD Club Lunch, 11:30 AM, Fire-birds
- **Nov. 9:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ University
- **Nov. 16:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Nov. 8:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM (Liberty)
- **Nov. 15:** Youth & Family Devo, PM
- **Dec. 27—30:** EXPOSURE—"III" Father. Son. Spirit.

## BE CHRIST

What is your goal in life? To get rich? Have a nice car? Be the envy of your friends and neighbors? We know that this is the goal of many in America, and they work hard daily trying to gain these things in life, thinking that this will bring them the happiness "they deserve." (?)

Others are more altruistic in their hopes and dreams, striving to look out for others and the welfare of others. They know that happiness does not come from things, but service. But even some of them get “carried away” with this, because they condemn others who are not like them and concerned for others.

For the spiritually minded, what is the greatest goal? Is your goal to get to heaven? Most everyone reading these words would say yes, that is their greatest goal. But do we, perhaps, need to think of the goal in another fashion? The goal is not the prize – the goal must be to be “like Christ!” If you pursue that goal with your entire being the destination will never be in question! If you want some assurance that you will go to heaven when Judgment day comes, the way to KNOW we can get there is to be like Christ! To BE CHRIST in a world that does not know him, and to show the love of Christ in all that we say and do. What does it mean to be Christ?

Jesus PREACHED TRUTH! In a world today that refuses to admit there is absolute truth, we must preach truth. Jesus said to the Jews in John 8:32 “*You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.*” This clearly states that we can know truth, and that living by the truth can bring real freedom. Truth must be our watchword – we need to know the truth, live by the truth, and teach the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Jesus SHOWED COMPASSION and sympathy for mankind. If we look at all of the passages in the New Testament that discusses compassion, we find that Jesus had compassion on the lost sheep (souls – Matthew 9:36). He had compassion on the sick, and healed many (Matthew 14:14; Mark 1:41). He had compassion on the hungry (Matthew 15:32; Mark 8:1-2). He had compassion for the blind, physically and spiritually (Matthew 20:29-34; John 9:38-41). He had compassion on the unclean (the leper – Mark 1:40-42). He had compassion on the sorrowful (Luke 7:13-14 Romans 12:15). One man has written that we should, in like manner, have compassion on the POWS – the poor, orphans, widows and strangers. Like POWS in war, these are in circumstances beyond their control, and to which they are enslaved. To BE Christ means that we do all we can to help them, in whatever way we can.

Jesus DESPISED SIN BUT LOVED THE SINNER. John 8:1-11 (the woman taken in adultery) is the classic example of Jesus showing compassion for the sinner, but encouraging her to sin no more. Jesus was merciful on those who knew they were sinners and wanted to change! But to those who were self-righteous and didn’t see the need for him and his grace, he was stern and rebuked them harshly (Matthew 23). So we must love the sinner (John 3:16) and hate the sin in their lives. We need to love them so much that we are honest when we discuss sin in their lives, lest they think they are safe in their sin, or that God will not judge them for their sin.

Jesus WAS ABOUT THE FATHER’S BUSINESS! His whole life was centered around doing what the Father wanted: his whole life centered on pleasing the Father (read John 5:19-45; 6:57-65; 8:27-42; 10:15-30; 12:49-50; 14:10-16) As disciples of Christ, as we conform ourselves to the image of his Son (Romans 8:29) we must be about the Father’s business as well.

Jesus GLORIFIED GOD. As Jesus prayed before his death on the cross, he prays that the Father would glorify him as HE GLORIFIED THE FATHER. He glorified the Father as he finished the work the Father gave him to do (John 17:1-5). It was (and is) all about the Father’s glory.

This is our calling, beloved. To be like Christ. To show Christ to a world that needs so desperately to see Him! What is your goal? What is your desire above all else?

--Tommy Tidwell

# TRUNK -Or- Treat 2015

