



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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November 12, 2015

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Don Brannan
Ted Norton

DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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 Steve Housley

STATISTICS 11/8/15

Bible Class: 107
AM Worship: 150
PM Worship: 88
EMBF: \$103.00

WELCOME!

12 REASONS WHY I QUIT ATTENDING SPORTING EVENTS:

1. The coach never came to visit me.
2. Every time I went, they asked for money.
3. The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly.
4. The seats were very hard.
5. The referees made a decision I didn't agree with.
6. I was sitting with hypocrites—they only came to see what others were wearing!
7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some songs I had never heard before.
9. The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands.
10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
11. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches, anyway.
12. I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

Signed, Wayward Christian

FROM THE MINISTER:

Feel Good or Do Good! In preaching from the Sermon on the Mount, I could not help but think about how the Sermon on the Mount would compare to some of the preaching of the most famous contemporary preachers, who with every breath emphasize how God is blessing us, sometimes to the exclusion of how we are to obey God!. The Sermon on the Mount was about our obeying God! For three chapters we read primarily of God's expectations for us, rather than our expectations of God's blessings in our lives.

The beatitude section does couple our actions and attitudes with a blessing received from God. The last part of chapter five speaks of God's love (Matthew 5:45). There is the "reward you openly" section at the first of Matthew chapter six, but we are rewarded when we *properly* perform the acts of righteousness. There is the "these things shall be added to you" section (Matthew 6:33), but this is the blessing received when we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. There is the "it will be given you" section (Matthew 7:7) but this happens when we ask! In most of the three chapters the commands preached are not directly attached to a blessing.

Do you see a pattern? These three chapters are about our properly serving and obeying our God. These three chapters are about having our heart right before God, so our lives will be right! This is the emphasis!

God is good. God is gracious. God holds out great promises for us. All of these things motivate us to live faithfully, obeying God in all things. But let us realize that we need to learn what we are to do in order to obey God! Learning what God wants of us, instead of learning what God will do for us, was the emphasis of the Sermon on the Mount. Note Matthew 7:21-27! This was not a "feel good" sermon; it was a "do good" sermon! Let us "do good!" By the way, when we "do good," we will usually "feel good!"

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: On the night of His betrayal, Jesus told his apostles to buy _____ if they didn't have one. C) A sword (Luke 22:36)

This week's question: Luke tells us that Mary Magdalene, _____, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them told the Apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead.

A) Mary, the mother of Jesus; B) Martha; C) Joanna



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Our next Youth Group Area-Wide worship and fellowship is Sunday, December 13th, and will be at the Wetumpka 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 6:1-4, 19-24. The van will be leaving at 4pm and picking up at the McDonalds on Congressman Dickinson Drive.

Our Youth and Family devotional for November will be this Sunday November 15th after the evening worship. See you there!

Registration for ICYC AP weeks 1 & 2 begin on Jan 1st. The theme for week 1 (June 5 - 10) is "The Church" and the theme for week 2 (June 26 - July 1) is The Existence of God." I plan to register East-

ern Meadows on Jan 1st for week 1, so check your calendars, schedules, etc. and decide if you want to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/12/15

Nov. 8, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz	A.M.: Don Brannan	A.M.: Jeff Simpson	A.M.: Allen Clements
P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz	P.M.: James Hilyer	P.M.: Turner Johnston	P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: PHYLLIS ALLEN is recovering from back surgery. WAYNE JOHNSTON underwent pacemaker-replacement surgery Wednesday, Nov. 11. Prayers have been requested for DONNA HINES, co-worker of Billy Creel, who is battling cancer. Prayers have been requested for DAVID CUNNINGHAM, father of Sarah Housley, who will have catheter ablation for heart arrhythmia on Nov. 17 in Birmingham. HUNTER TIMBES will have myringotomy surgery Dec. 4. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, TERRY BAGENTS, CHARNER CLEMENTS, DEIDRE COLE, JULIE, GRAYSON, & CARTER GOTKIEWICZ, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, WAYNE JOHNSTON, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, LINDA SIMPSON, NEOSHIA SIMMONS, TROY STEELMAN, and NICOLE & HUNTER TIMBES. 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) DAVID CUNNINGHAM. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, RYAN AKERS, WAYNE EDWARDS, MELISSA MOTE, PHYLLIS DELL, JAMIE FINLAYSON, JEAN PERCIVAL, OLEN HOUSLEY, TELSIE DAVIS, and MARK CHAMBLISS.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE: OLEN HOUSLEY, first cousin of Steve Housley, Charlotte Patterson, and Sara Black, is being treated for pancreatic cancer that has spread to his liver. He will be taking chemotherapy as long as he lives and suffers from the typical side effects of chemotherapy. Olen called Eastern Meadows this week to primarily thank the congregation for the many cards he has received. Knowing that you are praying for him has been very comforting. *Your Work In Sunday-Night-Service makes a difference!*

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of JOE CROWDER, former member of Eastern Meadows, who passed away suddenly Nov. 11.

BIBLE CLASS LESSON: Early Church, Part 2, Acts 9-12

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 1 (Norman) will host the fellowship meal today following the morning worship service. Team 2 (Martin) will host Nov. 22.

NOV. 15th NURSERY ATTENDANTS: MELANIE BUSH & COURTNEY COCHRAN

CAPITAL CITY PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Capital City Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by Amridge University, will be **THIS FRIDAY** instead of the third Friday. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Capital City Club (located on the 22nd floor of the RSA building on the corner of North Lawrence and Monroe Streets). There is free parking diagonally across the street on North Lawrence. To use the parking facility, enter at the Capital City Club entrance. The cost is \$10.00 per person. This month we will honor Patsy Holmes of the Wetumpka Church of Christ. If you plan to attend, please contact Curtis Sampley at curtissampley@amridgeuniversity.edu or 334.387.7504, or Diann Lazenby at diannlazenby@amridgeuniversity.edu or 334.387.7502, or Jimmy Benson at jcbenson@knology.net.

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

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Paul & Gladys Clements their children 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.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING: There will be a Devotional at 6:30 p.m. for all ages. No classes will meet. Everyone will be in the auditorium.

CHRISTMAS STEAK DINNER FELLOWSHIP: Usually by now we would have begun announcing this Holiday Fellowship. The fellowship has not been announced because the fellowship will be in the new fellowship hall after we occupy the new auditorium! This of course *may be* after Christmas and the New Year, but the fellowship will be as good as ever and maybe better, because the last Holiday Fellowship we had in our own building was, likely, December 2005!

SAVE THE DATES: It's time to start planning for the 2016 Montgomery Benefit Dinner for the Mount Dora Children's Home! Here are two dates for you to mark now on your calendars:

1. Please plan to join us for the planning luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the President's Dining Room at Faulkner University. Like last year, the meeting will be held in conjunction with the monthly Montgomery Ministers' Luncheon (thank you, Sam Long). We will have dinner tickets and posters to pass out to each church at this luncheon. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP via email to me if you plan to attend.
2. The 2016 Montgomery Area Benefit Dinner is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016. It will be held in the Rotunda at Faulkner University. Please note this is a change in location from previous years. The Faulkner location offers free parking and will be more centrally located for most of you than the Renaissance Hotel downtown. We will provide more details as the date draws closer.

It's been an exciting year for us at Mount Dora Children's Home. God continues to bless us in so many ways. We will look forward to sharing our story with you at the dinner. Thank you so much for your faithful support, partnership and prayer. Dave Hogan, dave.hogan@mdchome.org; 352-383-2155, Ext. 259 office; 352-455-7178 cell.

NEW ADDRESS: LAPORSCHÉ BARNES and KIANA LONG, 6910 E. Vaughn Pointe Drive, 36116



The Alabama Christian Academy Chorus sang at Lipscomb University this week. Four of EM's youth group are a part of the chorus.

Pictured LtoR: Banks Sewell, Sydney Roberts, Miranda Porterfield, and Turner Johnston.

LADYBUGS
(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)
2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting:** Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
- **Nov. 16:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Dec. 4:** Ornament Swap, 6 PM, @ Sewells
- **Dec. 6:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM
- **Jan. 10:** 2016 LadyBUGS Meeting

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Nov. 15:** Youth & Family Devo, PM
- **Dec. 13:** Area Wide Devo, PM
- **Dec. 27–30:** EXPOSURE—"III" Father.Son.Spirit.

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00
11/8/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$13,433.00 /
BUDGET: + \$1,313.00 / YTD: + \$24, 265.79