



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## 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 11/15/15

Bible Class: 135  
AM Worship: 171  
PM Worship: 119  
EMBF: \$82.00

**WELCOME!**



*“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give  
thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy en-  
dures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of  
lords! For His mercy endures forever: To Him  
who alone does great wonders, For His mercy  
endures forever; To Him who by wisdom made  
the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;  
To Him who laid out the earth above the wa-  
ters, For His mercy endures forever; To Him  
who made great lights, For His mercy endures  
forever—The sun to rule by day, For His mer-  
cy endures forever; The moon and stars to rule  
by night, For His mercy endures forever. To  
Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, For  
His mercy endures forever; And brought out  
Israel from among them, For His mercy en-  
dures forever; With a strong hand, and with  
an outstretched arm, For His mercy endures  
forever” (Psalm 136:1-12).*



## **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**Congratulations to Paul and Gladys Clements!** This past Saturday the Clements celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at a beautiful reception hosted by their children at University Church of Christ. Their actual anniversary is November 26. Congratulations to them both!

**Thank You To The Normans.** About 70 people enjoyed a great time of fellowship and some very good food at the Normans "Story Road Place." Thank you to the Normans for opening up the "Story Road Place" to Eastern Meadows and cooking all of the meat for the many who attended.

## **CURRICULUM NEWS**

Eastern Meadows begins the new curriculum, *Engraving Heavenly Truths*, Sunday, December 6. The first quarter is a Survey of the Old Testament. While the adults will also be using this curriculum, as our last, one year, curriculum was primarily a survey of the O.T., the adult classes will be given great latitude for the quarter. Currently, some of the adult class teachers are considering an O.T. Character Study.

The second quarter is a N.T. survey, and again the adult class teachers will be given latitude in their presentation of a N.T. study. At the third quarter, the adult class will be closer aligned to the children's class with the curriculum.

This curriculum is designed around facts to be learned. The teacher, or course, is to present a study on the passages/topics that are being considered. The students are responsible for learning facts from the study. This curriculum does not follow "study a lesson, *forget* a lesson" approach. With the facts to be learned, there is a constant review of previous lessons. The parents of the children will be given a mini-flashcard set to use at home, to help the students learn the facts. This curriculum has great promise. Its effectiveness, ultimately depend on both the teacher's presentation *and the parents helping the children learn the facts at home!*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND TEACHER'S MEETING**

To kick-off the new curriculum, December 6 will be Sunday School Open House and Teacher's Meeting. After Sunday morning worship, all the students, along with the parents, will return to the child's classroom for a brief meeting. You will have an opportunity to hear the teacher's plans for the quarter. Additionally, at this time, the parents will receive the mini-flashcards so they can help the children learn their facts. The meeting will be brief - likely no more than ten minutes. We have many talented, hard-working, teachers and we can be thankful. We can also be thankful for every child/student.

## **FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:**

Popcorn and a movie - Tim and Sally's house - Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ noon. Bring a sack lunch if you need lunch. Or, eat all the popcorn you can stand! 'Fireproof' will be the main feature.

Our next Youth Group Area-Wide worship and fellowship is Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Registration for ICYC AP weeks 1 & 2 begin on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Eastern Meadows on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> for week 1, so check your calendars, schedules, etc. and decide if you want to attend.

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:



**Last 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. C) Joanna Luke (24:10)

**This week's question:** The field that Judas purchased with the blood money was called Akel Dama, which meant \_\_\_\_\_.

A) potter's field; B) desolate dwelling place; C) field of blood

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/19/15

**Nov. 22, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:**

<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
<b>A.M.:</b> Roy Mulkey	<b>A.M.:</b> S. Neuenschwander	<b>A.M.:</b> John Cole	<b>A.M.:</b>
<b>P.M.:</b> Roy Mulkey	<b>P.M.:</b> Alan Kaye	<b>P.M.:</b> Turner Johnston	<b>P.M.:</b>

**SICK:** PHYLLIS ALLEN is recovering from back surgery. It was good to have WAYNE JOHNSTON back with us Sunday after undergoing pacemaker-replacement surgery the week before. DAVID CUNNINGHAM, father of Sarah Housley, underwent catheter ablation for heart arrhythmia Nov. 17 in Birmingham. Prayers have been requested for MARILYN PIERCE, Vickie Johnston's mother, who is battling cancer. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, SUSAN BROOKS, LAWSON FUTRAL, DONNA PILGRIM, and RANDY PORTERFIELD. 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, MARK CHAMBLISS, DONNA HINES, and MARILYN PIERCE.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Sheron Campbell in the passing of her aunt, ANN ANDREWS. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, 1 p.m., at White Chapel.

**BIBLE CLASS LESSON:** Early Church, Part 2, Acts 13-28

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 2 (Martin) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday following the morning worship service, which will be the last fellowship meal until January 2016.

**NOV. 22nd NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** TERRY BAGENTS & HALEY STEELMAN

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** After today, class will be dismissed until January 2016.

**DECEMBER CALENDAR:** All events for the December calendar must be in by this Sunday, Nov. 22, to Wilma Berry.

**HOMECOMING:** Holt Street Church of Christ will have Homecoming this Sunday, Nov. 22, with guest speaker, Michael Shepherd. Sunday's schedule: Bible Class, 8:45 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**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.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Faulkner University would like to announce the following open positions: Director of Birmingham Extension Center, Faculty, Behavioral Sciences, Director, MBA Program – College of Business, and Police Officer – Campus Safety. These positions are being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcements can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.



## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

### 16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

#### Nov. 22, *Early Church, Acts 13-28*

- Paul's journeys
- Paul arrested, sent to Rome

#### Nov. 29, *Review*

#### Dec. 6, *Begin New Curriculum: Engraving Heavenly Truths*

## LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Dec. 4:** Ornament Swap, 6 PM, @ Sewells
- **Dec. 6:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM
- **Jan. 10:** 2016 LadyBUGS Meeting

**2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00**

11/15/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$11,790.00 /  
BUDGET: - \$330.00 / YTD: + \$21,455.79

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Nov. 23:** Popcorn & Movie @ Tim & Sally's, 12 noon. Bring a sack lunch.
- **Dec. 13:** Area Wide Devo, PM
- **Dec. 27—30:** EXPOSURE—"III" Father.Son.Spirit.

# THANKSGIVING

It was the Psalmist who declared, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord...I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:12, 13, 17). It was said that the Lord sent two angels to earth to gather the petitions and thanksgivings made by his followers. Both angels returned to heaven in distress. The angel bearing the petitions was truly weighted down with his burden. The other angel bringing the prayers of thanksgivings was nearly empty handed. The lesson is obvious and clear. Most of God's children are more apt to make requests, petitions and supplications rather than the giving of thanks.

This is often the case in private and public prayers. We need to listen to our prayers and note that this is true. Our brothers who lead the public prayers during our assemblies should express gratitude to God for all the blessings we have in Jesus (Ephesians 1:3) on behalf of the congregation. It is sad to observe that this is not done very much. I remember hearing a fellow preacher lead prayers in two different assemblies during gospel meetings wherein he never gave thanks for the grace and love of God. It is so needful that we all express our gratitude to our gracious heavenly Father for all of life's blessings that flow so freely from His bountiful hand of grace (James 1:17).

Here are some ways by which we all can be more positive in rendering thanksgiving unto God. We need to enumerate daily our blessings of life rather than dwell on the injuries, disappointments, trials and sorrows that we have experienced. When we think in this manner we chase away the negative thoughts from our minds. Express in your private prayers the gratitude in your heart for your family, friends, food, shelter, raiment, opportunities, freedom and a thousand other things that God has given you. Your daily life should be in the likeness of Jesus Christ. Such will indicate your thankfulness for His death for you. Your countenance of happiness and your trusting manner of life will show others that you are thankful to God for His unmerited favor.

Our songs in worship should be filled with praise and adoration to God and the Lamb. Sadly to say, most of our songs are focused on heaven and of exhorting one another. This is not to say that

such should not be sung but to leave songs of praise to God out of our singing is not right. It would be good if our song leaders began our worship assemblies with songs of praise to God. Our public prayers should burst forth with such expressions as we assemble to render our homage and devotion to God with awe and godly fear. We should carefully read the book of Psalm and notice how much space is devoted to the praise to the Lord God even when the writer was experiencing trials and tribulations in his life. His life was filled with thanksgiving and so should ours. David wrote in Psalm 95:2, "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving...: Again he stated in Psalm 100:4, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving..." and in Psalm 69:30, "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."

--Raymond Elliott

## ***Explorer Series: Bible Culture & Geography***

The 1st—6th graders Wednesday night class on *Bible Culture and Geography* continues. They are currently studying the dwelling places in Bible times. In class, they made caves, tents and brick and mortar "homes".

