



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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November 25, 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

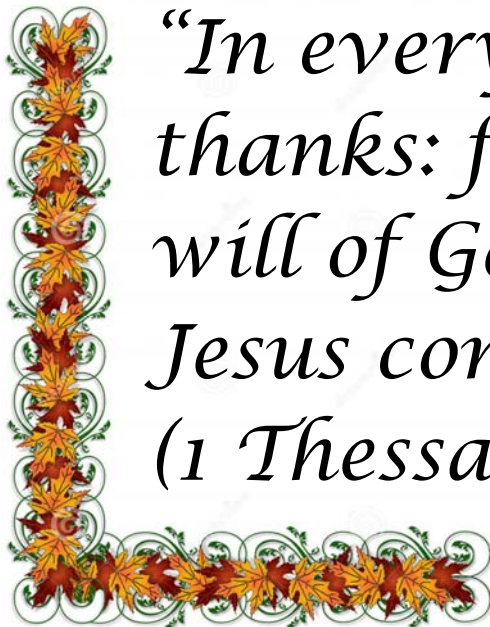
WMGY 800 AM & 96.5 FM

Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.
With Steve Housley

STATISTICS 11/22/15

Bible Class: 123
AM Worship: 172
PM Worship: 107
EMBF: \$99.00

WELCOME!



*“In everything give
thanks: for this is the
will of God in Christ
Jesus concerning you”
(1 Thessalonians 5:18).*

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY

Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund

This Sunday, Nov. 29th, is “Benevolence Sunday.” On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution is taken for the **EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND**. This is to be separate and apart from the regular contribution. The special contribution will be used exclusively for benevolence work. Checks for this effort should be made out to: **EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND**. Envelopes marked “**EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND**” will be provided for those who wish to contribute to this effort in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

Don Brannan, for the elders

FROM THE MINISTER:

Thanksgiving. So what do you have to be thankful for? I hope the list is endless, for we should be thankful for every good thing God has brought into our lives. Ultimately, though we should be thankful for God's goodness expressed in His grace to us through His Son Jesus Christ. Not all share the same earthly blessings. Not everyone has health. Not everyone has sufficient wealth for daily needs. Not everyone has family. But everyone can be a recipient of God's grace and be saved, living with hope and dying with a future in heaven. *Be thankful!*

Sunday Past! This past Sunday there were, finally, a smaller number on the sick list. And we had several visitors Sunday morning. Most of the EM members had not yet gone out of town – though some had already left for the Holidays. But on Wednesday and Thursday, the scattering begins! What a joy for families to stop what they are doing and spend this time together.

Sunday Future. I hope you will be present this Sunday to worship our glorious God. Being in worship should be your intention. Being in worship should be the most important thing you do this week, *even Thanksgiving week!* Our determination to be in worship should be so great that if you can be anywhere at all, you will be at worship. For the faithful Christian, you know where you will be on Sunday mornings. No questions. No decisions. You will be there. Your family knows you will be in worship. Any friends, who know you at all, know you will be in worship.

Sunday School Curriculum News!

This Sunday we finish the last Sunday of the one year curriculum, *Journey Through The Bible*. The intent of this one year Bible survey was to get the overall story/picture of the Bible in our mind by dividing Bible History into 16 periods. I think this curriculum has been of particular value for the High School classes on down.

Thank you to each teacher who has helped make this curriculum a success at Eastern Meadows. Our teachers do not get enough kudos for the good work they do!

Most of the Bible Class teachers remain in the classroom and just continue with the new curriculum. Tim Stevens will be rotating out of the auditorium class. Thank you Tim for the excellent job you did teaching the past eight months. *We could not have had a better class!*

New Curriculum, *Engraving Heavenly Truths*. The new curriculum begins the first Sunday in December. All classes will be studying the new curriculum on Sunday mornings; however, the adult class teachers will not be following the curriculum closely for the first two quarters. The first two quarters of *Engraving Heavenly Truths* is a Survey of the O.T. and the N.T. Since this was primarily the study over the past year, the adult class teachers are being given latitude to plan their own lessons from the O.T. this quarter.

Auditorium Class. The auditorium class will be taught by Thomas Anderson. He will be leading us in a study of various O.T. characters. Some of the characters to be studied will be Jonah, Hosea and Gomer, Abigail, Naaman, Esau and Jacob, Achan, and others.

Ladies Class. Tonna Johnson and Melanie Bush will each take a month to teach the Ladies class. The Ladies class will be using *Systematic Study of Bible Women - part 1 - Women of the Old Testament revised & expanded by Beth Johnson from North Columbia Church of Christ in Columbia, South Carolina* as a guide to their study of Women from the Old Testament.

Young Ladies Class. Janet Mathews and Terry Bagents will be leading the class in a study of the Minor Prophets. Over the past few months Jane Sewell, Angie Moore, Sarah Norton, Sarah Housley, and Gwen Mann had all taught the Young Ladies Class.

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.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: The field that Judas purchased with the blood money was called Akel Dama, which meant _____. C) field of blood (Acts 1:19)

This week's question: Where did Luke join Paul and Silas?

A) Lystra; B) Macedonia; C) Troas



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.

Cookie Bake at Tim and Sally's on Dec 19th! Details are still being ironed out, but put this on your calendar.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/25/15

Nov. 29, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Austin Brown

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: George Davidson

P.M.: Jimmy Mathews

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Bill Evans

P.M.: Turner Johnston

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

SICK: JACKIE JOHNSTON is in Jackson Hospital. PHYLLIS ALLEN continues to recover from back surgery. KATHY DAVIE, Nicole Timbes' mother, is now cancer free, but has recently become blind in one eye and suffered two strokes. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ARLETTE POSTMA and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFFIELD, 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 and KATHY DAVIS. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HAR-DIN, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, RYAN AKERS, WAYNE EDWARDS, MELISSA MOTE, PHYL-LIS DELL, JAMIE FINLAYSON, JEAN PERCIVAL, OLEN HOUSLEY, TELSIE DAVIS, MARK CHAMBLISS, DONNA HINES, and MARILYN PIERCE.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Jean Berry and family in the passing of her aunt, JERALDINE GUNNELS from Millbrook. The funeral will be Wednesday, Nov. 25, in Millbrook.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to James Hilyer, sister-in-law Eloise, and family in the passing of his brother, DON HILYER. Visitation is 12:30-2 p.m. with the funeral at 2 p.m. this Saturday at Refuge Baptist Church in Red Hill, AL.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE: JEAN PURCIVAL, friend of Randy & Marsha Sutton, received a good report from her latest pet scan. Her son Danny wrote, "Tell everyone thank you for the prayers, they are working, and God indeed is good. And mom loves the quilt! Thank you so much for everything."

BIBLE CLASS LESSON: Review

NOV. 29th NURSERY ATTENDANTS: JANE SEWELL & MARY VANDER SEWELL

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, NOV. 25TH: There will be a Devotional at 6:30 p.m. for all ages. No classes will meet. Everyone will be in the auditorium.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Wetumpka Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.

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2015 RAINBOW OMEGA POINSETTIAS: It is time to order your poinsettias from Rainbow Omega. Order forms will be posted at the front and rear welcome centers. Please turn in order forms by Dec. 6 to Wilma Berry.

LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET: All the Elders and Deacons will meet Sunday, Dec. 13, for a business meeting at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served by Tim Gotkiewicz and Steve Houlsey at 7 a.m.

YOUNG FAMILIES/PROFESSIONALS 2ND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: The December fellowship will be on the 13th following the evening worship service at Urban Cookhouse. See Sarah Housley for more information.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: All are invited to spread some holiday cheer on Friday, Dec. 19. Meet at 6:15 p.m. in the back parking lot, and we'll caravan to each location. Please sign the list on the front foyer desk if you plan to be there so that we can approximate the number of homes we will be able to visit. All ages are encouraged to come!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Academic Secretary – Criminal Justice/Legal Studies. This position is being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcement can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

11/22/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$11,712.17 /
BUDGET: - \$407.83 / YTD: + \$21,047.96

Dear Eastern Meadows Family,

We are overwhelmed by the innumerable acts of love and kindness shown to Roger and our family during his illness and ensuing death. The countless acts of Christian love are a testament to the true discipleship that is practiced by the Saints who worship at Eastern Meadows; "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35.

It seemed, at times, as if every member of Eastern Meadows reached out to us during this difficult period and helped to strengthen our faith and courage. The cards, prayers, food, flowers, and visits have all been a comfort to our family. Roger was keenly aware of all of your assistance during his final days, and he too, was extremely grateful.

Thank you for allowing us the use of the building and the immeasurable help provided during the planning and in administering his memorial. We would have never been able to provide Roger with such a beautiful service without your assistance. We are deeply honored and feel tremendously blessed to be a part of this Church.

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith growth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;" II Thessalonians 1:3.

Our words cannot fully express the deep love and gratitude we feel towards you all.

Thank you,

Helen Dill
Helen Dill and children
Wendell Dill
Alci *John* *W.D.* *Evelina Dill Hall*
Debra *John*



Some of our youth visited and sang for Sister Black.
Pictured left to right: Miranda Porterfield, Banks Sewell, Lourine Black,
Turner Johnston, and Sydney Roberts