



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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February 12, 2015

## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
Ted Norton

## 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 DIAL

Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.  
With ROGER DILL

## STATISTICS 2/8/15

Bible Class: 164  
AM Worship: 193  
PM Worship: 117  
EMBF: \$104.00

**WELCOME!**

# MARRIAGE DAY

*-February 22-*

## CHARLIE BODDY



**9 AM:** "Ten Commandments For A Happy Marriage"

**10 AM:** "How To Keep The Magic In Marriage"

**5 PM:** "Building Blocks And Cement Of Marriage"

*Mark your calendars. Plan to attend. Invite others!*

## 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

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**We Rejoice.** Sunday, about noon, three were baptized. All were grandchildren of Johnny and Becky Blue. **Haley Edwards** was baptized. Haley is at Eastern Meadows most Sundays, accompanied by her husband, Greg. They live in Montgomery, and will continue to attend Eastern Meadows. **John**



Abbie, John David, & Haley

**David Free** was baptized by his father, David Free. John David lives in Montgomery and attends the Dalraida congregation. He is engaged to Holly Smith (Holly is the Dalraida preacher Doug Smith's



Blue Family

oldest daughter). Doug and his family came over to share this event with the family. **Abbie Tucker** was baptized. Abbie is a student at Auburn University and lives in Auburn and will attend a congregation closer to her home. What a wonderful day to see all three baptized!

**Haley & Greg Edwards**  
9821 Red Maple Lane  
Pike Road, AL 36064

**John David Free**  
124 Ledyard Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36109

**Abbie Tucker**  
308 Jack Hampton Drive  
Auburn, AL 36830

**Marriage Sunday!** What a great day we will have on February 22! **Charlie Boddy** will be presenting three lessons on Marriage that day. Do. Not. Miss. A. Single. Lesson!!! Charlie Boddy has been preaching 55 years. He has been married for 56 years. I think he knows what he is talking about when it comes to marriage! Of course, his lessons will be guided by the word of God. By the way, Charlie is a *good* preacher! I am glad there are no preaching contests! He could out preach me blindfolded and both hands tied behind his back! Yes, he is a good preacher. He could, no doubt present three lessons on marriage "from the overflow" without studying, with his years of studying and experience. However, he has worked very hard on these specific lessons. He always steps in the pulpit thoroughly prepared. So again, don't miss a single lesson. Why not do more than just be here? Invite someone to come hear these lessons.

**Our Ukranian Friends.** As you can see below the separatist/rebels are stepping up their aggression in Eastern Ukraine. The bombs/mortars sent to Kramatorsk on Tuesday probably came from as far as Gorlovka. While they may have targeted some military installations, most of the killed and wounded were civilians. It actually appears that the civilian population was targeted. One shell that did not explode landed in the school yard of the school where Rita and Dima Pazyi attend. The school children were sent to the basement for protection. All of this took place in a very short time

on Tuesday. Of course, no one knows if it will continue, or if this is it for the time being. Please pray the Ukrainian Christians and for Ukraine. Pray for wisdom of the world leaders to bring this conflict to an end.

*Please read this post from Jeff Abrams and pray for our friends in Ukraine. Kramatorsk is the city where Eastern Meadows church has done most of its Ukraine work and the city where the Paziys, supported by Eastern Meadows, live. Please pray.*



### **Tuesday, Feb. 10 Facebook post from Jeff Abrams:**

President Obama and leaders around the world have been politely begging Russian President Vladimir Putin to halt his invasion of the nation of Ukraine.

This is Putin's answer...

Today his pro-Russian forces fired missiles into the defenseless city of Kramatorsk, Ukraine. (A city I've visited over 40 times – including 2 weeks ago – that is filled with many wonderful Christian friends).

This missile landed in the school yard where Vlad Pazyi's 2 children attend school (Vlad is a preacher and dear friend). Thankfully this gift from Putin did not explode.

But others bombs did explode and many innocent lives were lost.

Please do not grow weary of praying for the people of Ukraine.



**The Good You Do!** Many from Eastern Meadows do many things that help further the work of the Lord at Eastern Meadows. Here is a picture of **Marvin Daniels** getting Sunday-Night-Service cards ready. What a job it is for Tim and Terry Bagents to prepare the absentee/visitor list and then complete the card assignments for S-N-S in the short bit of time on Sunday afternoon! No doubt, what Marvin does really helps move the process along. Thank you Marvin, Tim, and Terry, and all who help in *any* way!

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

Bible Bowl practice will be held at the offices each Sunday at 2pm unless otherwise announced. The written Bible Bowl test will be given on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you cannot take the test on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, it is imperative that you see Tim to schedule an alternative test day (the test must be taken between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>).

Next area-wide worship is Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at University. The sermon will be about "One Baptism."

Sally will take the girls to Hope Hull on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> to attend "PURE" at the Liberty Church of Christ. Activities will be from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM and will center on Philippians 4:8. Lunch will be provided. There will be a session for mothers who wish to attend with their girls. Please see Tim (van driver) or Sally if you wish to attend.

If you plan to participate in the 2016 Lads to Leaders convention, take note: the time window for the year-round events in the 2016 convention is already open!

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Which king(s) reigned in Israel between Saul and Solomon? C) David and Ishbosheth (2 Samuel 2:10)

**This week's question:** Which woman reigned over Judah for 6 years?

A) Maacah; B) Jezebel; C) Athaliah



## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

We hope everyone will participate in "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" on Saturday, February 28 at 6 PM. It is lots of fun and will help us get to know one another on a more personal level. Here's how it works: everyone is asked to sign up as either a "Host" or a "Guest" (sign-up sheets are on both welcome desks). Under the appropriate column, fill in the number of adults and children you can either host or will be bringing. The host is responsible for the main dish, beverages and bread. The guests will each be assigned a side dish to bring and where to go. The fun part is that the host does not know who is coming, and the guests do not know whose house they are going to or who else will be there. Please sign up and be a part of this new fellowship opportunity. If you have questions, contact Jerry or Denise Martin (334-782-7020).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/12/15

**Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

**A.M.: William Dill**

**P.M.: William Dill**

**Opening Prayer:**

**A.M.: Jerry Martin**

**P.M.: Josh Cochran**

**Closing Prayer:**

**A.M.: Jeff Simpson**

**P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey**

**Singing:**

**A.M.: Allen Clements**

**P.M.: Allen Clements**

**SICK:** JANET MATHEWS and SALLY GOTKIEWICZ continue to recover from surgery. JIMMY ALLEN is recovering at home after a short stay in the hospital. JENNY PATTERSON, Monica Dill's mother, is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery she underwent Wednesday. IRIS CLEMENTS BOYD, Paul Clements' mother, remains at Hillview Terrace. DON HILYER, James Hilyer's brother, is in Baptist South after suffering a massive heart attack. Sick at home Sunday: ROGER & HELEN DILL, VI ENGLISH, JACQUE HAGAN, GRACE MOUNT, and LEIGH SANDLIN. **Battling Cancer:** MIKE NORMAN. **Shut-ins:** SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues) JENNY JOHNSON, JENNY PATTERSON, IRIS CLEMENTS BOYD, TIM MANN, VALARIE ASH, MARY ANN SMITH, and TERESA ANDERSON. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, BETH HUGGINS, and GERMAINE HARDIN.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON:** 2/15—Judah Alone, (2 Ki. 18-24); 2/22—Captivity, (2 Ki. 24-25).

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** There will not be a meal this Sunday, Feb. 15, due to the holiday weekend. Team 5 (Henly K & Phyllis A) will host Feb. 22.

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

**GOSPEL MEETING:** There will be a gospel meeting at County Line Church of Christ in Deatsville Feb. 15–20, with Mike Kiser speaking. Monday–Friday services at 7 PM.

**FAULKNER LECTURES:** The 71st Annual Faulkner Lectures will be Mar. 1-5. This year's theme is, "iCulture: Pursuing Holiness in a Self-Saturated World." PAUL CLEMENTS will speak Monday, Mar. 2, 11:00 AM and ALLEN CLEMENTS and the Faulkner University Chorus will sing Tuesday, Mar. 3, 6:15 PM.

**AREA WIDE LADIES' DEVO:** Eastern Meadows will host the Quarterly Area Wide Ladies' Devo Monday, Mar. 9, 7 PM. ALL ladies are invited to attend.

**LOST & FOUND:** A ring has been turned in to "lost & found." If you are missing a ring please check with Wilma.

**THANK YOU:** Dear Church Family, I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers on my mothers (Cindy Borroughs) behalf. She had the cancer fully removed and she does not have to have radiation! Thank you again for the prayers! In Christian love, Kayla Knowles

**THANK YOU:** Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Our family is so grateful for your prayers on Russell's behalf. He feels stronger each day and looks forward to walking again unassisted. Thank you also for being a support system for our college son, Derek! With Christian love, Russell & Suzie Carnley



Russell Carnley

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Feb. 21:** "Pure" @ Liberty, 9:30 AM-1 PM (for pre-teen and older girls and a session for moms) Contact Sally if interested in attending.

### COLLEGE EVENTS

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM
- **Mar. 1:** Devo, PM

### 2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

2/8/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,187.25 (+ \$67.25)

YTD: - \$1,629.24

### LADYBUGS (Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

#### 2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **Feb. 18:** BLD Lunch, Blue Moon Café, 11:30
- **Feb. 23:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM



**Walls!  
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## The Dangers of Compromise

Compromise is defined as, "a settlement of differences by mutual concessions." In negotiating a treaty or a business arrangement, compromise is often necessary to completing the deal. Each side must lay aside their egos for the higher good.

In the church, in matters of opinion, compromise is indispensable. The Lord's body is far more

important than anyone getting their way or winning or losing. We must be mature and wise enough to discern the best path to take.

In matters of doctrine, though, the matter of compromise becomes exceedingly dangerous. It can have no place in Biblical discussions.

Men and women of God will compromise on doctrine in order to find peace with a non-believer or one who follows a different gospel. Both sides take what they believe and rework them until they both feel comfortable with them. The dangers should be obvious to thinking individuals.

There are three significant problems with doctrinal compromise.

First, God's Word does not belong to man, so we have no right to compromise it ( Psalm 119:89). Light has no fellowship with darkness ( Ephesians 5:11). We cannot take what belongs to God and change it ( Deuteronomy 4:2; Deuteronomy 12:32; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18-19).

Second, compromise means concessions. The definition of compromise means that we give up part of what we believe in order to make another person happy. Those with the truth must concede to error for compromise to occur. Which part of God's Word would we give up in order to get along with men? How much false doctrine is acceptable to God?

Compromise is often a false promise. "One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised." "It is the weak man who urges compromise—never the strong man." Will we be weak of faith and choose error so weak hearts can be appeased?

Third, compromising the Word of God means that we are placing the feelings of men over the love of God. Scripture is overshadowed by sentimentality when we place hearts above truth. We have no right to relegate God to the backseat where he tags along like a lackey.

God wants us to be courageous and bold to stand against sin because we have the power of God at our disposal. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" ( Ephesians 6:10). We have God and his word. We don't need compromise.

--Richard Mansel, managing editor, *forthright.net*

## TEN THOUGHTS TO START THE DAY

(Psalms 116 & 118)

This is the day the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

I will praise thee; for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me?

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and supplications.

Because He hath inclined my ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, and I will exalt thee.

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