



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
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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 DIAL**

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

## STATISTICS 3/8/15

**Bible Class: 123**  
**AM Worship: 174**  
**PM Worship: 118**  
**EMBF: \$79.40**

**WELCOME!**

## 2015 Faulkner University Preacher's Challenge

For the past 10 years, you have helped me meet the goal of raising \$1,000 for the Bible Department at Faulkner University. Due to your generosity, most years that goal was doubled with over \$2,000 given to the Bible Department at Faulkner University.

Each year FU requires all students to take a Bible class along with their regular classes. This year about 1,900 students are studying the Bible on all of the FU campuses. Many of these students attend churches of Christ, but an increasing number do not. Perhaps as many as one-half of the total number of students are not members of the Lord's church. The Bible classes at FU teach more who are not Christians each week than all of the churches in Montgomery put together (OK, this is not an official statistic, but a personal observation). Approximately 40 of these students are Bible majors.



At schools such as Faulkner University, students pay tuition. However, the tuition does not cover the total cost of their education. Neither does it "cover" the cost of their Bible education. Donations by you and people like you help the school to continue to teach the Bible and offer the various Bible degrees.

I appreciate your past help with the Preacher's Challenge and your anticipated help for the 2015 Preacher's Challenge. Brother V. P. Black started the Preacher's Challenge at a difficult time in the University's history. What a blessing it has been to enable the Bible to be taught to so many! If you can help, please make out a check to FU Bible Department. In the "For" at bottom of the check please write "Housley Preacher's Challenge." You can give the check to me, and I will get it to FU. Thank you for your help!

—Steve Housley

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Don't like saying good-bye!** Sunday we said goodbye to DILLON LEGERE. He will be moving to Andalusia to live with his grandparents and finish the school year there during the family's transition from Montgomery to Louisiana. We will miss Dillon! WENDY LEGERE will be moving later this month when she begins her new job in Louisiana.

**Youth and Lads to Leaders.** Be praying for our Youth as they continue preparations for the Lad's to Leader's convention, April 3-5. Every week they are studying Bible Bowl and preparing for person events such as speech, song leading, etc. This is a wonderful event!

**April Wonderful Wednesdays.** This year April's Wonderful Wednesdays we will be using Faulkner University speakers. October's Wonderful Wednesdays we will be using Amridge speakers. The speakers coming this April are Melvin Otey, Billy Hilyer, Don Myers, and Sam Long. More will be said next week!



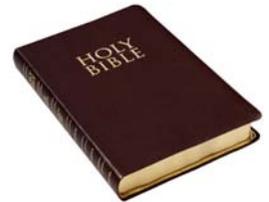
**Photo from Feb. 15, 2013:** Pictured with Dillon (in black vest and bowtie) are his mother Wendy LeGere, brother Corey LeGere, and grandparents Larry and Judie Harrison.

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Was Ezekiel called to prophesy to the Israelites before or after the destruction of Jerusalem? Answer: Before (Ezekiel 2:1-3)

**This week's question:** The book of Esther recalls the establishment of the Purim (Esther 9:26). What does the word "Purim" mean?

A) Salvation; B) Redemption; C) Lots



## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Bible Bowl practice or Scrapbook/Banner work will be held at the offices each Sunday at 2pm unless otherwise announced.

Eastern Meadows will host the next area-wide worship, Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Dalraida. I am looking forward to seeing our younger members lead in worship!

Vickie is still looking for scrapbook worthy pictures for the period of Jan 2014 to Jan 2015. Don't be shy.

### 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/12/15

March 15, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Josh Cochran

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Jerry Martin

P.M.: Jon Timbers

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: James Hilyer

P.M.: Alan Kaye

**Singing:**

A.M.: Nathan Bridges

P.M.: Nathan Bridges

**SICK:** DIXIE BRANNAN continues to recover from surgery. It was good to have MARGARET DANIEL back with us Sunday as she continues to recover from surgery. ROGER DILL is back at home. Prayers have been requested for DONNA KLINE, friend of Steve & Tish Housley, who is suffering health problems. Sick at home Sunday: ROGER & HELEN DILL, BILL & VIRGINIA EVANS, MARCIA GRAVES, DIANNE HOSKINSON, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. *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) DON HILYER, LINDA MCKNIGHT, DON BRIDGES, SHARON LONG, and DONNA KLINE. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, BETH HUGGINS, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, LINDA MCKNIGHT, DEREK MAY, NEAL ROBERTS, and ROD HALL.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Thursday, March 5, BARRETT WAYNE EDWARDS was born to parents, GREG & HALEY EDWARDS. Barrett weighed 8 lb. 13 oz. and was 21 in. long. The grandparents are WAYNE & KIM MATHEWS and the great-grandparents are JOHNNY & BECKY BLUE. Congratulations!

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Friday, Mar. 6, KATHRYN OLIVIA (Lovie) TUCKER was born to parents, WILL & NATALIE TUCKER. Lovie weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and was 17 3/4 in. long. The grandparents are DAVID & DEIDRE TUCKER and the great-grandparents are JOHNNY & BECKY BLUE. Congratulations!

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON:** 3/15—*Years of Silence*; 3/22—*Life of Christ*, (Luke).

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 4 (Clements) will host the meal this Sunday following the AM worship service. Team 5 (Henly K & Phyllis A) will host Mar. 22.

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

**LADIES' DAY:** There will be a Ladies' Day at Grandview Pines Church of Christ Saturday, Mar. 14, with Denise Martin speaking on the theme, "Lemons to Lemonade." Registration/Continental Breakfast at 9 AM. Lunch will be served. For more info, call (334) 285-6327.

**CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Capital Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Friday, March 20, 8:30 AM. PAUL & GLADY CLEMENTS will be honored. The location is the Capital City Club on the 22nd floor of the RSA building at the corner of Monroe and North Lawrence Streets. There is ample parking in the deck on North Lawrence Street diagonally across from the RSA building. For parking please enter at the entrance designated Capital City Club. Cost is \$10 per person. Please let us know how many will attend so we can make the proper arrangements. You may reach me, Curtis Sampley, at 334-387-7504 or email me at [curtis-sampley@amridgeuniversity.edu](mailto:curtis-sampley@amridgeuniversity.edu).

**APRIL CALENDAR:** Please have all events for the April calendar turned in by Mar. 22 to Wilma.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Director, Huntsville Extension Center – Huntsville Extension Center. 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/>.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Apr. 12:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

## COLLEGE EVENTS

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM

## LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: **VICTORY**

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **Mar. 19:** Dinner, 6 PM, Jim & Nicks
- **Mar. 23:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Apr. 5:** A Time to Pray
- **Apr. 8:** Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel, 9 AM
- **Apr. 18:** LadyBUGS Day
- **Apr. 19:** Wendy LeGere's Bridal Shower

Let us not lose  
heart in doing  
good, for in due  
time we will  
reap if we do  
not grow weary.  
Galatians 6:9 NASB

**2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00**

3/8/15 CONTRIBUTION: **\$11,010.25** / BUDGET: **-\$1,109.75** / YTD: **-\$765.24**

## 'Ole Rock' the Mule

Rock was one mean mule. He would chase the rest of the stock around the barn yard biting them. He especially liked to bite cows on the top of their rumps because it hurt and they would bellow. He had the best pasture in which to graze but chose the road ditch instead. He would jump over the fence and graze on weeds and grass. My Dad decided to put a stop to that, so he put a leather band around his front ankle and tied a length of chain to it to prevent him from jumping the fence. That didn't stop him, so the chain was lengthened. Still he jumped the fence. So the chain was lengthened even more and tied to his back ankle. Now he couldn't rear up and jump the fence. "Rock" learned to rear up, draw his front foot underneath his body and leap over the fence, all to eat the weeds from the road ditch. Nothing seemingly would stop him from jumping. My Dad was becoming more and more concerned about his safety outside the fence because of the road traffic so close to the road ditch. Not only was there danger of automotive traffic but there could be poisonous weeds in the area. There was no place of safety outside the fenced pasture. Had he stayed in the pasture he could have gone to the barn where there was proper nutritious food and safety provided from all dangers outside the fence.



Many of God's children are like "ole Rock." They will leave the perfectly safe pasture (the Lord's church) and graze in Satan's road ditch of sin. The pleasure is not in the value of sin in which they revel but they merely want to leave the perfect place of refuge. Some will see their error and return while others choose to graze in the road ditch of sin for momentary pleasure where no promise is made for their safety in the future.

We need to bring them back into the place prepared for God's people where pleasures are found until the returning of the Lord. Are you looking for "Rocks" to bring them back to safety in green pastures?

Charles Pulley, via *BULLETIN-DIGEST.com*