



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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March 19, 2015

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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 ROGER DILL

STATISTICS 3/15/15

Bible Class: 145
AM Worship: 191
PM Worship: 126
EMBF: \$86.00

WELCOME!

Wonderful Wednesdays in April

"Speakers from Faulkner"

Apr. 1: **MICHAEL OTEY** – "God's Call to Serve"

Apr. 8: **BILLY HILYER** – "God's Holiness"

Apr. 15: **DON MYERS** – "Missions/Evangelism"

Apr. 22: **SAM LONG** – "That Your Joy May Be Full"

Services at 6:30 PM



"So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height..." (Nehemiah 4:6).

FROM THE MINISTER:

We Are On FM! WMGY has added (up to this time they were only AM) and can now be heard at both 800 AM and 96.5 FM. This means that Eastern Meadows radio program can be heard on both AM and FM on Sunday mornings, from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. This will open up the possibility of being heard by more people. If you are like most folks, you tend to listen to FM as the quality is far better and there is sufficient programming in FM to stay there. Now we are there. Eastern Meadows is on FM.

Thank You. Thank you for your help with the Faulkner University Preacher's Challenge. Already several of you have made a contribution to help me meet the goal. Thank you!

You're Not Wearing Green. This is what I heard when I went to Crowne Healthcare for the devotional on Tuesday morning. It was kind of true. I had on a blue and white striped shirt with navy pants. No green. But I did have green on! The stitching at the toe on my socks was green. Of course no one could see that! Life is sometimes like this. You may think something about someone. They themselves may be the reason you think this (like those at Crowne thinking I did not have green on because they did not see it!). But . . . just remember the reality may be different than what you think. There may be worries, problems, and things in their life that you do not know about. Do not jump to conclusions! Be patient with others.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: The book of Esther recalls the establishment of the Purim (Esther 9:26). What does the word "Purim" mean? C) Lots (Esther 9:24)

This week's question: Cleopatra was:
A) Egyptian; B) Roman; C) Greek



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 12th at Dalraida. I am looking forward to seeing our younger members lead in worship!

We will be working on Scrapbook and Banner this Saturday, March 21st at 2:00 PM. We will also meet and work on Monday March 23rd, time TBD. Vickie is still looking for scrapbook worthy pictures for the period of Jan 2014 to Jan 2015. Don't be shy. These are likely to be the last two times to work on scrapbook and banner, so be sure to be there!

16 Periods of Bible History

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| ◆ Before the Flood | ness | ◆ Judah Alone |
| ◆ The Flood | ◆ Invasion and Conquest of the Land | ◆ Captivity |
| ◆ Scattering of the People | ◆ Judges | ◆ Return from Captivity |
| ◆ Patriarchs | ◆ United Kingdom | ◆ Years of Silence |
| ◆ Exodus | ◆ Divided Kingdom | ◆ Life of Christ |
| ◆ Wandering in the Wilder- | | ◆ Early Church |

LADS TO LEADERS / LEADERETTES CONVENTION

April 3-5, 2015

Our group will be attending the Lads To Leaders Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, Apr. 2-5. Pray for them to have a safe and productive trip. Those attending:

Tim Gotkiewicz
Sally Gotkiewicz
Mollie Beth Dill
Kelsey Evans
Landon Evans
Aaron Ferrell
Luke Ferrell
Gracie Johnston
Turner Johnston
Will Johnston

Ammaly Khantisouriya
Jinny Khantisouriya
Grace Mount
Tennison Norton
Miranda Porterfield
Banks Sewell
Mary Vander Sewell
Norton Sewell
Kimberly Wilson

Mark Evans
Tammy Evans
Dianne Hoskinson
Ron Hoskinson
Randy Johnston
Vickie Johnston
Cecilia Porterfield
Randy Porterfield
Jane Sewell

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/19/15

March 22, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Troy Steelman

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: James Berry

P.M.: Mike Norman

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Alan Kaye

Singing:

A.M.: Nathan Bridges

P.M.: Nathan Bridges

SICK: VIRGINIA EVANS continues to recover from surgery. ROGER DILL is scheduled for surgery Monday, Mar. 23. It was good to have DIXIE BRANNAN back with us Sunday as she continues to recover. Prayers have been requested for LAURA NICHOLS, AJ Nichols' grandmother, as she continues to undergo tests and procedures for her heart. AL DODSON, friend of Randy Porterfield, requests prayers as he deals with COPD. IMOGENE DOLD, Tish Housley's mother, was hospitalized over the weekend, but is now at rehab. Sick at home Sunday: ROGER & HELEN DILL, BILL & VIRGINIA EVANS, KELSEY EVANS, and BETH HOUSLEY. *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, DON BRIDGES, SHARON LONG, LAURA NICHOLS, and DONNA KLINE. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, LINDA MCKNIGHT, DEREK MAY, NEAL ROBERTS, and ROD HALL.

PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE: BETH HUGGINS, friend of Dianne Hoskinson, was on our prayer list for several weeks as she battled cancer. Dianne reports that she is doing well and appreciated all the cards and prayers for her friend.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON: 3/22—*Life of Christ*, (Luke); 3/29—*Early Church*, (Acts).

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 5 (Henly K & Phyllis A) will host the meal today following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal Mar. 29.

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

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: Capital Prayer Breakfast scheduled for this Friday, March 20. 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. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. 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 at 334-387-7504 or email me at curtissampley@amridgeuniversity.edu.

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

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a gospel meeting at Georgia Road Church of Christ Mar. 22-27. Sunday, Mar. 22, David Phillips will speak at the 9 AM, 10 AM, and 1 PM services. Monday—Friday services at 7 PM with speakers, David Phillips (Mar. 23); Raymond Elliott (Mar. 24); Cecil May (Mar. 25); Jimmy Gee (Mar. 26); Mel Futrel (Mar. 27).

ACA ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT DINNER: The dinner will be Monday, Apr. 13, 6 PM, at the Frazer United Methodist Wesley Hall with guest speaker Greg McElroy. Event will feature selections from the ACA Acapella Chorus and Jazz Band and the meal will be catered by Jim n Nicks. Individual tickets on sale: \$10 adults, \$5 students. Call 277-1985 ext. 211. More information on the event is available at the website www.alabamachristian.com.

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

3/15/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$12124.00 / BUDGET: + \$4.00 / YTD: - \$761.24

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—Supper sign-up list posted at LadyBUGS Desk
- **Apr. 8:** Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel, 9 AM
- **Apr. 11:** Tish Housley speaks at Rocky Creek Ladies' Day (Luedale, MS)
- **Apr. 18:** LadyBUGS Day
- **Apr. 19:** Wendy LeGere's Bridal Shower

He Lives

Jesus died over 2000 years ago, yet nobody has ever referred to Him as the late Jesus.

Not even the heathens.

Nowhere in history.

Nowhere had He ever been referred to in the past tense!

— Ralph Harman, *Glad Tidings of Good Things*

"He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." (Isaiah 53.3-4)

What Will Y-O-U Do With Jesus?

- Herod the King judged Jesus to be a usurper and dangerous and wanted him to be killed as an infant. (Matthew 1:13).
- The leaders of the Jews rejected Jesus, falsely accused him of blasphemy and sought to have him killed. (Matthew 26:65; 27:1).
- Judas, though believed by his fellow disciples to be a companion and friend of Jesus, betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. (Matthew 26:15).
- Peter promised loyalty saying, "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended" (Matthew 26:33), but he followed Jesus from a distance (Matthew 26:58), and ultimately denied the Lord saying, "I know not the man" (Matthew 26:75).
- Pilate acknowledged Jesus as a "just" man (Matthew 27: 24), but washed his hands of the situation and allowed the Jews to see Jesus crucified.
- The Roman soldiers mocked Jesus and crucified him (Matthew 27:27-31).

But what will you do with Jesus? Pilate asked the crowd, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" If you, singled out from the crowd, are asked, "What will YOU do with Jesus who is called Christ?", how would you answer? We will never be asked by Pilate. We may never be asked that specific question by anyone (beyond this article you are reading today), but in reality we answer the question every day.

When temptation to sin comes our way, we will be answering the question, "What will you do with Jesus" by our response to the temptation.

When we know of something we should do, our doing it or not doing it answers the question, "What will you do with Jesus?"

When you are angered by someone's words or actions, your response to the situation answers the question, "What will you do with Jesus?"

We do answer the question, "What will you do with Jesus." It is answered by words, but more often by our actions. Let us be sure that we answer the question by loving Him, obeying Him and living for Him.

By the way, "What will YOU do with Jesus?"

-Steve Housley

Jesus Knows Me This I Love

Most believers in the Lord have sung or have heard the song "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so..." However, the expression 'Jesus (God) knows me' is equally as scriptural, and we all should love this great truth and the One who knows us. In 2 Timothy 2:19 we read, "Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.'" The church of our Lord has a sure foundation, and the gates of hades cannot successfully prevail against it (Matthew 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 3:11). In the New Jerusalem, the wall "had twelve foundations, and on these were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Revelation 21:14). The house of God (the church) has this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His..." In Nahum 1:7 the prophet wrote these comforting words, "The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him."

God is all knowing. The Psalmist declared this in Psalm 139:1-6, "O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

"The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him" (Nahum 1:7).

You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it." Rather than being a frightening thing to me, as His child I should be so thankful that the Almighty God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, knows my heart's intentions, my weaknesses, my heartaches, my cares, my trials and tribulations, my desires, my needs and yes, even the number of hairs on my head. He knows my name. He knows more about me than my wife, my children, my friends, my brethren and even the federal government.

The mere thought is overwhelming. To know that He cares for me moves me emotionally, and I love it so. Among the teeming millions who live on this earth, He hears me when I pray to Him. How can this be? There is not a place I can go but that He is there (Psalm 139:7-12), and I love it so. He knew me when I was in my mother's womb and He knows the way I shall go (Psalm 139:13-16). The Psalmist closes the chapter with these words, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24).

--Raymond Elliott, *Gospel Gazette Online*