



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

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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 3/1/15

**Bible Class: 147**  
**AM Worship: 184**  
**PM Worship: 105**  
**EMBF: \$487.00**

**WELCOME!**

# Jesus Wept

The shortest verse in the Bible, when thoroughly understood, will have a mountainous impact upon the heart of a Christian. John 11:35 says, "Jesus wept." His friend had left the land of the dying and had crossed over into paradise. His friends around Him were weeping and mourning the loss of their friend and brother. Jesus too felt the pain, the emptiness. Those around Jesus observed His pain saying, "See how He loved Him!" (Jn. 11:36).

The writer of Hebrews stated, "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). Isaiah had prophesied about Jesus saying, "Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows..." (Is. 53:4a). Jesus can empathize with you.

When King Hezekiah wept over his sickness and pending death, God responded (2 Kgs. 20:5). When David was captured by the Philistines he wrote, "You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?" (Ps. 56:8).

When Jesus wept, His loving Father was watching. When He prayed, His Father answered and raised Lazarus from the dead. When you weep over the struggles and pains of this life, that same loving Father is watching over you. Jesus can relate on a very personal level with you pain and heartache. What a tremendous comfort to know that Jesus wept.

—Steve Vice, Forest Park Church of Christ

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Great Start!** Last Saturday's *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* was a great success. There were five host families and a total of 50 who participated. Truly a great beginning! Thanks to Jerry and Denise Martin for bringing this fellowship opportunity to Eastern Meadows and for organizing it. Now we can look forward to the next one (next Fall).

**Faulkner Lectures.** As you read this the 2015 Lectures are history. A great job by those from Eastern Meadows, PAUL CLEMENTS and ALLEN CLEMENTS and the Chorus! These sessions were, of course, open to all. A session for the FU Bible majors was conducted by CHARLIE BODDY. Thanks to all of these men for the good job at the FU lectures and the good job they do at Eastern Meadows.

**Sunday Fellowships!** Our Sunday fellowships have been very well attended. Two weeks ago there were two groups to meet. We were blessed to have the best day of weather in quite a while and were able to eat inside and outside comfortably. Last week, there was only one team hosting, but about 57 were in attendance, filling up the inside with an overflow to the cool outside. And visitors were present both weeks. Thank you for the good job you do.

**Why?** It is not because of *us*. It is not because of a desire that *Eastern Meadows* have glory. The reason for service; for worship; for cooperation with one another in the Lord's church is Jesus. It is about our God. "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Let us remember "the why."

## "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?"



**Left:** Norman & Barbara Norman (hosts), Brooks & Sara Housley, and Charlie & Mackie Boddy (guests).

**Right:** Jerry & Denise Martin (hosts), Jon, Nicole, & Hunter Timbes, Kim Wilson, Sam Sullivan, Grace Mount, Tim Mount, Thomas Anderson, Ella Rose Clements, and Tonna Johnson (guests).



**Right:** Steve & Tish Housley (hosts), Bridges Family- Nathan & Melissa, Illiya, Max, & Ruthie, Mary Grimes, RJ & Drew Simmons, and Gwen Mann (guests).



## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

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

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Who did Nebuchadnezzar appoint as the governor of those remaining in Judah after he had taken most of Judah into captivity? C) Gedaliah, son of Ahikam (2 Kings 25:22)

**This week's question:** Was Ezekiel called to prophesy to the Israelites before or after the destruction of Jerusalem?



## There Is Great Gain in Fellowship

One of the many benefits of living the Christian life is fellowship. "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). Once added to the body of Christ, we find encouragement and edification among those with whom we share like precious faith.

When we read of the establishment of the church on the day of Pentecost, we learn from that day forward that fellowship was a most beneficial part of the Christian's way of life. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and that same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:41-42).

Fellowship means that they continued to share in those matters which were of a common concern or interest. It was mutual participation as they carried out the duties that related to the welfare of the individual members and the church. "They had all things in common," reads verse 44b. What were some of the things that they held in common? They were those things which they possessed in common or in which all may partake. All Christians share in the hope of heaven for example. We come together each Lord's day and worship God, give as we have prospered, sing songs of praise, pray together, partake of the Lord's Supper together and hear a portion of God's Word (cf. Acts 2:42, 47; Colossians 3:16).

Then, in Acts 2:46, the Bible records another activity of their fellowship. The "breaking of bread" in Acts 2:42 had reference to the Lord's Supper, but the context of verse 46 indicates that they also had the practice of sharing other meals together on a regular basis: "And they, continuing daily in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." We certainly are in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ when we parti-

participate in a “covered dish” dinner. Moreover, the bond with our fellow Christians is strengthened by our participation in “Friday Night Sings,” holiday dinners and other gatherings. Therefore, we should take advantage of each and every opportunity to come together with the brethren. After all, where could we be in better company?

Even more so, true fellowship includes our active participation in carrying out the work of the church. There is much work to do in the Lord’s vineyard. All of us have talents that lend themselves to the work of the church. When we are actively engaged in Christ’s work, doing His will and cooperating with others of the household of faith, we are practicing fellowship. Joining together in the support of missionary work, orphanages, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and visiting the sick and shut-ins are all examples of **fellowship in action**.

Fellowship is not just being together, but it is our partnership with Christ in fulfilling God’s will. “God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:9). The root of fellowship is dependent upon our spiritual unity with Christ. True fellowship is an outward action of an inner relationship with Christ.

Randy Chamberlin, via *Gospel Gazette Online*

## *Spiritual Garments*

When one is baptized into Christ, he is clothed in Him (Galatians 3:27). We were raised from the watery grave of baptism to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). We were raised with Christ through faith (Colossians 2:12). Since this is true (Colossians 3:1), we have died to the practice of sin (Romans 6:2). “For ye died and your life is hid with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3). Therefore, because of all of this, you must put sin out of your life and “put off the old man with his doings” (Colossians 3:9) and “put on the new man” (3:10).

The elect are identified as holy and beloved (Colossians 3:12ff). We are holy because God’s chosen ones are separated unto God for sacred service. In Christ, God’s holy ones are to exhibit a pure and godly character. Christians are identified as beloved simply because we are loved by God. It is a term of affection and refers to God’s true love for His children.

Putting off the old man of sin requires a change of heart and mind. It requires a change of conduct and pattern of life. We no longer serve self, Satan or sin. As Peter described it, we are now “children of obedience” (1 Peter 1:14). We must be servants of obedience unto righteousness (Romans 6:16).

After we “put to death” what is earthly and of the flesh (Colossians 3:5), we must get dressed for heaven. Paul said, “put on the new man” (Colossians 3:10).

We must “put on therefore...” certain characteristics (Colossians 3:12ff). We must put on “a heart of compassion” (ASV) or “bowels of mercies” (KJV). We are to feel with and for one another. We are to have genuine care and concern for others. We must put on kindness. We are to be considerate, especially for the needs of others, good and gracious in service. We must put on lowliness, which involves humility. We are not to be proud, haughty or arrogant. We must put on meekness, which is strength under control. Meekness is restrained power. Meekness is not weakness. We must put on longsuffering, which includes self-restraint. It is a quality of control and endurance in the face of provocation. We must put on forbearance. Forbearance is to endure, to bear with. We must put on forgiveness. We are to graciously “let go of” the offenses of others. We must put on love, godly love.

It is “agape,” the thing that holds all the other spiritual garments together! We must put love on above all else. Finally, we must put on thankfulness. It is to be grateful, especially of the relationships we have with fellow Christians, with God our Father and with the Lord Jesus Christ.

--Paul Clements, via Gospel Gazette Online

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/5/15

<b>March 8, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:</b>			
<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
<b>A.M.: Roy Mulkey</b>	<b>A.M.: Tim Stevens</b>	<b>A.M.: Randy Porterfield</b>	<b>A.M.: Allen Clements</b>
<b>P.M.: Roy Mulkey</b>	<b>P.M.: Jeff Simpson</b>	<b>P.M.: Alan Kaye</b>	<b>P.M.: Allen Clements</b>

**SICK:** VIRGINIA EVANS is recovering at home following surgery and hospital stay. VI ENGLISH is scheduled for an out-patient procedure Friday. DIXIE BRANNAN and MARGARET DANIEL continue to recover from surgery. ROGER DILL is in HealthSouth Rehab. KATHY DAVIS, Nicole Timbes’ mother, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery Monday. Prayers have been requested for NEAL ROBERTS, Jay Roberts’ brother, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. Prayers are requested for SHARON LONG, Marian Sikes’ daughter, who was involved in an auto accident. Please keep in prayer ROD HALL, the father of Stan & Becky Neuenschwanders’ daughter-in-law Amy, who has been diagnosed with liver, pancreas, and bone marrow cancer. (Rod is a member of the church in Charleston, West Virginia.) It was good to have FAYE ALLEN back with us Sunday. Sick at home Sunday: JOY DAVIS, HELEN DILL, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, RON HOSKINSON, and MARIAN SIKES. *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. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, BETH HUGGINS, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, LINDA MCKNIGHT, DEREK MAY, NEAL ROBERTS, and ROD HALL.

**SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON:** 3/8—Return from Captivity, (Ezra-Esther); 3/15—Years of Silence.

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) will host the meal this Sunday following the AM worship service. Team 4 (Clements) will host Mar. 15.

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

**AREA WIDE SINGING:** Grandview Pines Church of Christ will host the Area wide singing Friday, Mar. 6, 7 PM.

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

**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.

**NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION:** BRAD & KAYLA KNOWLES, 2200 Vaughn Lakes Blvd. Apt. 3026, 36117, (334) 313-2007 (Brad’s Cell), (229) 300-1025 (Kayla’s cell). GREG & HALEY EDWARDS, 9821 Red Maple Lane, Pike Road, 36064, 799-3484 (Greg’s cell), 391-6327 (Haley’s cell).

**TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY:** The Prattville Travelers have six seats open for the Lancaster Show Trip and the Dutch Country in Pennsylvania with Diamond Tours. The trip is scheduled for Apr. 13-18, 2015. The cost is \$472 per person, double occupancy. For information and reservations contact: Sonny or Carolyn Soloman at (334) 285-4973.

**CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Capital Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2015. 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. (It will also be held the third Friday May, Ju-

July, September and November). 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. Bring a friend if you like, but please let us know how many will attend so we can make the proper arrangements. Breakfast is \$10 per person. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship together. You may reach me at 334-387-7504 or email me at [curtissampley@amridgeuniversity.edu](mailto:curtissampley@amridgeuniversity.edu).

**2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00**

3/1/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,004.00

BUDGET: (+ \$2,884.00)

YTD: + \$344.51



## Time to Spring Ahead

Time changes this Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks *forward* 1 hour at bedtime Saturday!

*“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you” (Matt. 5:44).*

### 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. 9:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ EM
- **Mar. 19:** Dinner, 6 PM, Jim & Nicks
- **Mar. 23:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Secret LadyBUGS:** Time to sign-up for Secret LadyBUGS. The sign-up list is posted at the LadyBUGS Desk. See Cindy Mulkey for more information.

### 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