



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 2, 2015

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
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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 & 96.5 FM

Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.

With ROGER DILL

STATISTICS 3/29/15

Bible Class: 130
AM Worship: 183
PM Worship: 123
EMBF: \$1,542.00

WELCOME!

LADS TO LEADERS / LEADERETTES 2015 CONVENTION

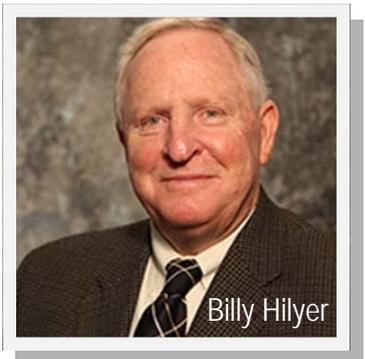
Our group will be attending the Lads To Leaders / Leaderettes Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, Apr. 2nd thru 5th. Pray for them to have a safe and productive trip. Those attending:

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

April Wonderful Wednesdays

Apr. 8: Billy Hilyer, "God's Holiness"
Apr. 15: Don Myers, "Missions/Evangelism"
Apr. 22: Sam Long, "That Your Joy May Be Full"



Billy Hilyer

FROM THE MINISTER:

Keep Praying for our Ukraine Brethren. This week I saw this article which discussed the problems all religious groups are having as a result of the “Russian Orthodox Church Only” position of the rebels in Ukraine. The url is long, but if you copy it and then paste it into your browser, you can read the article. It focuses on the church of Christ in Donetsk. Please go this link and read the article. [http://america.aljazeera.com/multimedia/2015/3/in-rebel-held-donetsk-religious-intolerance-grows.html?](http://america.aljazeera.com/multimedia/2015/3/in-rebel-held-donetsk-religious-intolerance-grows.html?fb_action_ids=10204908336046650&fb_action_types=og.shares&fb_source=other_multiline&action_object_map=%5B796511127097727%5D&action_type_map=%5B%22og.shares%22%5D&action_ref_map=%5B%5D)

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Great job guys! Sunday evening Landon Evans, Tennison Norton, Norton Sewell, Banks Sewell, and Turner Johnston led singing for the Sunday night service. Every one of them did an excellent job leading the song, starting us at the correct pitch and keeping time. Seriously, I was amazed that every one of them did such a good job. Thanks to Dean Norton for helping them learn what to do in leading singing!

Pray for our Youth at Lads to Leaders! This is the weekend they have been preparing for. Pray for their safe trip! I count one of my favorite weekends as the weekend I accompanied our Youth to L/L years ago. Most adults who attend are used to judge some event. Additionally, when you are not judging, you attend the events of the youth from your congregation to encourage them. An amazing weekend! And amazing event!

Thank you! This Sunday is the last Sunday for PAUL CLEMENTS to teach the adult class on Sunday mornings. He took us through the first two cycles of this curriculum. TIM STEVENS will now take us through the third cycle. Thanks to Paul for the good job he did! Thanks to all of our teachers for the good you job you do!



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Eastern Meadows will host the next Central-Alabama Area-wide worship, Sunday, April 12th at Dalraida. I am looking forward to seeing our younger members lead in worship! After worship, we will host a meal for the teens. We ask that you help out with dessert to go with our delicious pizza. A sign-up list will be at the control desk for those who wish to help with providing cookies (store-bought is O.K.). Thanks!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: During the trial of Jesus, Pontius Pilate and Herod: A) Became friends (Luke 23:12)

This week's question: How old was the lame man that Peter healed in the third chapter of Acts?

A) Over 40; B) Over 50; C) Over 60



Good Advice Can Change Bad Behavior

Sometimes due to the nature of my job I get to see things that other people don't get to see. Sometimes even though I don't want to see those things I have to view them anyway. I started working in law enforcement a little over a year ago and I can tell you that even though a neighborhood full of houses are built from the same materials, have identical yards, with similar cars parked in front of them, they can be vastly different on the inside. When people part ways in public they go home and close their doors to the rest of the world. Sometimes those doors open back up in the middle of the night when everyone else is asleep and I have to enter through them into private lives.

Once I was called out at midnight to locate a 6-year old that was wandering around a neighborhood knocking on doors because he was lost. Although he had found his way home before I arrived, I entered the residence to conduct a welfare check. A 2-year old boy approached me with dark circles under his eyes. His parents were in the middle of a divorce and neither was home, but he was left in the care of a young teenage sibling. Even though he looked sleep deprived he was still in good spirits and proudly handed me a toy. We played for a few minutes, but I couldn't help thinking as we played that if his family life didn't improve that he would face many problems before he was an adolescent, maybe ones that couldn't be fixed.

Frederick Douglass wrote, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." There are a lot of broken men and women walking the streets of America, of Alabama, of Montgomery County. The problem with that is that those men and women have become fathers and mothers and are following the same pattern that their parents followed.

One similarity that I see in troubled family life is that the children are treated as a burden instead of a blessing. As I've learned, if you are parenting correctly, you constantly sacrifice time, money, and everything in between. In many cases it feels like the parents have animosity toward their children because parenthood holds them accountable and forces a sense of responsibility upon them.

I conducted a traffic stop late at night where a male driver had two children under the age of three just laying on the back seat. He stated that he had taken them out of the car seat because they were falling asleep and looked uncomfortable. Although his intentions were good, obviously accountability and responsibility were absent here. We are Christians and not super heroes so we can't solve every problem that we encounter, but as Christians we can educate all that

APRIL BIBLE READING

1 1 Samuel 11-13
2 1 Samuel 14, 15
3 1 Samuel 16, 17
4 1 Samuel 18-20
5 1 Samuel 21-24
6 1 Samuel 25-27
7 1 Samuel 28-31
8 2 Samuel 1-3
9 2 Samuel 4-7
10 2 Samuel 8-11
11 2 Samuel 12, 13
12 2 Samuel 14, 15
13 2 Samuel 16, 17
14 2 Samuel 18, 19
15 2 Samuel 20-22
16 2 Samuel 23, 24
17 1 Kings 1
18 1 Kings 2, 3
19 1 Kings 4-6
20 1 Kings 7
21 1 Kings 8
22 1 Kings 9, 10
23 1 Kings 11, 12
24 1 Kings 13, 14
25 1 Kings 15-17
26 1 Kings 18, 19
27 1 Kings 20, 21
28 1 Kings 22
29 2 Kings 1-4
30 2 Kings 5-7

Homecoming

May 3rd

Dan Wheeler

Mark the date. Plan to be here. Invite others, especially former members.

we come in contact with that do not have daily interaction with God. Proverbs 15:32 states, "He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding."

Some of the most helpful things in my life were just small pieces of advice that were offered to me by wise people, who probably at the time didn't even consider that their advice would have any influence. I'm sure that you will not reach everyone that you offer instruction to, but if you reach one person maybe they will pass it on to several others.

--Danny Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/2/15

April 5, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Ted Norton

P.M.: John Cole

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: Troy Steelman

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: ROGER DILL is in Jackson Hospital ICU following last week's surgery. WAYNE JOHNSTON underwent a heart catheter this morning and will be scheduled for bypass surgery next week. DON HILYER, James Hilyer's brother, is in critical condition. Prayers have been requested for MICHAEL LOUCKS, Dorothy Sullivan's father, who is in Jackson Hospital. Sick at home Sunday: HELEN DILL, CHARLOTTE JACKSON, and MARIAN SIKES, 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, AL DODSON, MICHAEL LOUCKS, and LEAH KELLY. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, LINDA MCKNIGHT, DEREK MAY, NEAL ROBERTS, and ROD HALL.

SYMPATHY: Our condolences to Thelma Woolfolk in the passing of her nephew. The funeral was Saturday.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Louise Stevens and family in the passing of her brother-in-law, DANIEL GUY. The funeral was Tuesday at Leak Memory.

SUNDAY BIBLE LESSON: 4/5—Early Church—Part B, (Acts); 4/12—Before the Flood, (Gen. 1-5).

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: There will not be a meal this Sunday due to the holiday. Team 1 (Norman) will host the meal Apr. 12. Team 2 (Martin) will host Apr. 19.

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

LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the elders, deacons, and ministers Sunday, Apr. 12. Eat at 7 AM with the meeting at 7:30. Tim Gotkiewicz is responsible for breakfast.

THANK YOU: Your special ways and generous heart make a beautiful difference. Thank you so much. *Thanks for your prayers, cards, and food you gave us after my surgery. We love all of you! Don & Dixie Brannan*

AREA WIDE SINGING: Tallassee Church of Christ will host the area wide singing Friday, Apr. 3. 7 PM. (209 Gilmer Avenue, Tallassee, AL)

ACA ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT DINNER: The dinner will be Monday, Apr. 13, 6 PM, at Wesley Hall (Frazer United Methodist) with guest speaker Greg McElroy. 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.

FREE WORKSHOP: Prattville Church of Christ will be hosting a workshop entitled, "Managing Money God's Way" April 18-19. KEITH KASARJIAN will be the speaker. There is no cost and lunch will be provided both days. Call 334-365-4201 to register for this seminar.

MEN'S CONFERENCE: Peachtree City Church of Christ (Peachtree, GA) is hosting a Men's Conference—for *ALL men of all ages*—May 1-2 with the theme, "Reconnect." Fliers may be picked up at the front welcome center. Speakers are GREG TIDWELL, AUBREY JOHNSON, and MATTHEW MORINE. Registration info at (770) 487-9246, pccoc@bellsouth.net, or ptccoc.com.

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

3/29/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,495.00 / BUDGET: + \$375.00 / YTD: + \$216.98

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Apr. 2-5:** LtoL/L Convention
- **Apr. 12:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS

- **College Desserts:** Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM
- **Apr. 27-30:** Faulkner Finals

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **Apr. 8:** Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel, 9 AM
- **Apr. 11:** Tish Housley speaks at Rocky Creek Ladies' Day (Lucedale, MS)
- **Apr. 18:** LadyBUGS Day
- **Apr. 19:** Wendy LeGere's Bridal Shower
- **Apr. 26:** Craft Demo, 2 PM
- **Apr. 27:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

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

God Hears and Answers

The folks in Jesus' day knew "that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him" (John 9:31). God will hear the prayers of the righteous. James tells us that the prayers of the righteous get results (James 5:16). How does God respond to our prayers? Sometimes God will say "Yes" to our requests as He did to Elijah (James 5:17). Elijah prayed that it would not rain, and God granted his request.

There are occasions when God says "No." Of course, if we are not doing His will, we should expect "No" for an answer to our prayers. Yet, even the righteous were sometimes told "No." We have the example of our Lord pleading with the Father to "let this cup [of suffering and death] pass away from me..." (Matthew 26:39). It was needful for the sake of mankind that God say "No" to His Son (Hebrews 5:7).

Then, there are times when God says *“Wait a while.”* For example, Judah’s leaders came to the prophet Jeremiah and asked him to pray for them. Jeremiah obliged, and **10 days later** the response of Jehovah came to Jeremiah (Jeremiah 42:1-7).

Occasionally, God may *give us something different than* what we asked. The apostle Paul had a thorn in the flesh and asked God three times to take it away. God did not do as Paul asked. Rather, God told Paul, *“My grace is sufficient for thee...”* (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).

Sometimes God may *give us more* than we asked. He is certainly able (Ephesians 3:20). Remember when Solomon prayed for an understanding heart? God told him, *“Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself a long life, neither hast thou asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern justice; behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. **And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked,** both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy days”* (1 Kings 3:7-14).

Our God *“is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath”* (Joshua 2:11). He is Almighty God (Genesis 17:1). In God’s hand is power and might (1 Chronicles 29:12). With Him *“nothing shall be impossible”* (Luke 1:37). God can and will hear and answer prayer.

With Paul, we need to trust that *“my God shall supply every need...”* (Philippians 4:19). Keep in mind that God knows *“what things ye have need of, before ye ask him”* (Matthew 6:8). In righteousness, convey your thanksgivings, your prayers and your supplications unto the Father above.

--Paul Clements

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◆ It is easier to COMPROMISE the truth than to STAND for it.

◆ It is easier to IGNORE sin, than EXPOSE it.

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◆ It is easier to JUSTIFY the sinner than to DEMAND his repentance.

◆ It is easier to CRITICIZE the preaching of the truth than to ENDORSE it.

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◆ It is easier to be SILENT than to CONTEND for the faith.

◆ It is easier to REFUSE an admonition than to RECEIVE it.

◆ It is easier to be WORLDLY than to be GODLY.

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◆ It is easier to COMMIT SIN than AVOID it.

◆ It is easier to NEGLECT than to TAKE HEED.

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◆ It is easier to MAKE EXCUSES than to BE FAITHFUL.

Why is this true? Simply because it is easier to travel the BROAD WAY than to travel the NARROW WAY (Matthew 7:13-14)!

--Author Unknown, via BulletinGold

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“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).

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