



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 23, 2015

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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 4/19/15

Bible Class: 136
AM Worship: 179
PM Worship: 121
EMBE: \$93.00

WELCOME!

HOMECOMING!

Sunday, May 3

DAN WHEELER
speaking



Dan and Grace Wheeler met at Alabama Christian College and married in 1979. Dan served Eastern Meadows as part-time youth minister in 1988-1989. With Grace as his helper, Dan preached full-time for 30 years in Hannibal, Mo.; Centreville, Ala.; and Orlando, Fla. They have three children and three grandchildren, all living in Orlando.

Dan earned a Master of Arts in Speech Communication from the University of Alabama and a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Central Florida. He was an adjunct instructor of speech communication at UCF for 15 years and later an adjunct professor of communication and education at Belhaven University's Orlando campus. He is now an assistant professor of education and Director of the Graduate programs in the College of Education at Faulkner University.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Muslims Persecute Those Who Follow Jesus. *First Example:* "Suhail Gabriel was in bed when Islamic State militants stormed his village in eastern Syria, firing machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. Gabriel rushed his wife and daughter onto his motorcycle and sped through the early-morning darkness, he later recalled. 'We left in our pajamas,' Gabriel said. 'We didn't even have time to put on clothes.' These people are known as 'Assyrians' and still speak Aramaic, the language of Jesus." This is just one example of the many religious groups that have been persecuted by the militant Muslims. (<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/islamic-state-uproots-christians-who-use-the-language-of-jesus/ar-AAAb1PZH>).

Second Example: Police in Sicily have detained 15 people for allegedly throwing 12 migrants overboard during a Muslim assault against Christians on the high seas amid Italy's migration crisis. The statement said the motive was that the victims "professed the Christian faith while the aggressors were Muslim." (<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/police-muslims-threw-christians-overboard-during-med-voyage/ar-AAAb6bxV>).

Third Example: "A video purporting to show the killing of Ethiopian Christians by Islamic State-affiliated militants in Libya has been released online. The 29-minute video appears to show militants holding two groups of captives, one by an affiliate in eastern Libya known as Barka Province and the other by the Fazzan Province, an affiliate in the south." (http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2015/04/19/isil-ethiopian-christians/26026769/?fb_ref=Default)

All of these news stories appeared just last week! It is becoming increasingly dangerous in this world for those who believe in Jesus.

Buzzards vs. Human Babies. Buzzards roost in the barn behind the offices at Eastern Meadows. When we first took occupation of this property in 2006 a pair of Buzzards were raising a baby buzzard (at that time, going into the barn, I learned buzzards growl ... and stink). Though they may have been back to the barn over the years, they are definitely back now. Sometimes they can even be seen sitting atop the cross on the steeple. The easiest way to get rid of these birds would certainly be with a 22 rifle. And they could be shot while in the barn avoiding any chance of a "stray" bullet! But I am *not* advocating shooting the Buzzards, *because they are a protected species and it is against the law to harm them!* Buzzards are protected by the North American Migratory Bird Act (<http://www.fws.gov/laws/lawsdigest/migtrea.html>) . If you harm one, you might just go to jail.



However, human babies can be aborted (killed) freely, particularly in the first trimester, but even later, in the 2nd and 3rd trimester, under varying conditions. How is it that a buzzard is of more value than a human baby?

Preacher's Challenge. THANK YOU for your help with the 2015 Preacher's Challenge. Nineteen Eastern Meadows families gave a total of \$1,865.00. Another great year for the Preacher's Challenge! And your gifts come when you are also giving generously to Eastern Meadows and the Eastern Meadows Benevolent Fund! I cannot thank you enough!

Homecoming! We are only days from Homecoming. Dan Wheeler will be the speaker. He served as part-time Youth Minister at Eastern Meadows *many* years ago. Make your plans to be here for every service!

BIBLE CLASS NEWS

Wednesday Auditorium Class: Jerry Martin will begin teaching the first Wednesday in May, *Men-*

toring and Motivating the Next Generation. The series will emphasize the need and responsibility of the present generation of Christians to instill spiritual truths and model a working faith to the next generation.

Wednesday Young Adult Class: Allen Clements will be teaching, *The Case for Faith*. These lessons discuss typical objections to having faith often used by atheists and agnostics (e.g., “A merciful God wouldn’t allow so much suffering in the world”). It is a follow-up/continuation of the class, *The Case for Christ*, that Allen taught a couple of years ago.



TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: During the creation, what food did God give (a) man to eat? And (b) animals to eat? C) (a) herbs and fruit, (b) herbs (Gen 1:29, 30)

This week's question: Who was the first polygamist?

A) Cain; B) Lamech; C) Tubal-Cain



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Prom Alternative will be May 1st and 2nd. We have 9 going from Eastern Meadows.

Coming up...

This year's Grad Picnic will be on May 16th at 4 pm. We will be honoring Jinny Khantisouriya and David Moore. Details to come out soon!

Booker T Washington Graduation Ceremony (Jinny) is May 22nd at 6 pm. It will be held at the First Baptist Church (Perry Street).

VBS is June 8th – June 11th. The theme will be, “Daniel.” If you are interested in volunteering, please see Becky Norton or myself.

AP Week at ICYC is June 28th – July 3rd.

Jerry Martin's Week at ICYC is July 26th – July 31st. If you wish to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. I plan to register our campers by the beginning of June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/23/15

April 26, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:			
Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: John Cole	A.M.: Charlie Boddy	A.M.: Brad Knowles	A.M.: William Dill
P.M.: John Cole	P.M.: Randy Porterfield	P.M.: Troy Steelman	P.M.: William Dill

SICK: ROGER DILL is in Jackson's long term care. WAYNE JOHNSTON returned to Baptist South. CHARLOTTE JACKSON continues to recover from surgery. Sick Sunday: MARVIN DANIEL, AARON FERRELL, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, KERRY ROBERTS, 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, AL DODSON, and LEAH KELLY. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, LINDA MCKNIGHT, DEREK MAY, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, and TONY DISHMAN.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, Apr. 26, following the AM worship service. Teams 4 & 5 (Clements and Henly K./Phyllis A.) will host May 3.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at the Prattville Church of Christ Saturday, Apr. 25, 9 AM—lunch (provided) with Beth Pratt speaking on the theme, "Let the older women teach the younger women..."

MAY CALENDAR: All events for the May calendar must be turned in by this Sunday, Apr. 26, to Wilma Berry.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Instead of Bible classes, we will have congregational singing Wednesday, Apr. 29, 6:30 PM.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Holt Street Church of Christ Saturday, May 2, 8:30 AM – 12 noon with JANIA OTEY speaking on the theme, "Behind the Makeup: Proverbs 31:30." Program will be followed by lunch buffet.

FFF YARD SALE: The annual Friends for Faulkner yard sale is coming up soon. Donation items will be taken daily from Monday, May 4th until end of sale in Harris-Parker 112. Money raised goes to student scholarships and non-budgeted items. **DATES/TIMES:** Thursday, May 7th - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday, May 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 9th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **LOCATION:** Faulkner University Campus Harris-Parker 112/117 and outside on grounds. For more information, contact Wanda Warmack @ wwarmack@faulkner.edu or 334-386-7314.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Redland Road Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, May 8, 7 PM.

AREA WIDE LADIES DEVO: The quarterly Area Wide Ladies' Devo will be May 11, 7 PM, at Panama Street Church of Christ. ALL ladies are invited to attend.

RAINBOW OMEGA FUNDRAISING DINNER: Rainbow Omega presents "One on One With Coach Gene Stallings," moderated by Jeff Speegle of ABC33/40 Sports Anchor, at the 23rd Annual Birmingham Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, May 28, 7 PM at the Hyatt Wynfrey Hotel Riverchase Galleria. For ticket information: call (256) 831-0919; email Office@rainbowomega.org; website www.rainbowomega.org.

LadyBUGS Craft Project—this Sunday, Apr. 26, 2 PM. Supplies list: 16 X 20 canvas (or smaller, but needs to be rectangle shape); Small black acrylic paint*; Small brown acrylic paint*; Small forest green acrylic paint*; (Brown and green can be substituted by other colors); Three 1 or 2 inch foam brushes.; Jute (string)**; *The paint goes a long way and can be shared among 2-3 people. **The Jute comes in a big roll and can be shared with at least 4 people, probably more. See Vickie for additional information.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **May 10:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **May 16:** Graduates Cook-out, 4 PM

COLLEGE EVENTS

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

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

4/19/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,1750.00

BUDGET: + \$55.00

YTD: + \$1,395.98

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **Apr. 26:** Craft Project, 2 PM
- **May 3:** A Time to Pray, 4:15 PM
- **May 5:** BLD Lunch, Chicken Salad Chick, 11:30 AM
- **May 11:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo @ Panama Street, 7 PM
- **May 18:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

Apr. 26, The Flood, A

The flood itself—Gen. 6-8

- Before
- During
- After

Meat for food—Gen. 9

- Dominion over all things
- All things edible
- Do not eat the blood

Capital punishment—Gen. 9

- Lifeblood required
- Reason: image of God

May 3, HOMECOMING!

May 10, The Flood, B

Rainbow covenant—Gen. 9

- Covenant with all
- Sign of the covenant
- God will remember

Curse on Canaan—Gen. 9

- Noah gets drunk
- Ham sees Noah naked
- Noah curses Ham's sons

Generations: Noah's sons—Gen. 10

- Japheth's descendants
- Ham's descendants
- Shem's descendants

VEGETARIANS

Paul Harvey, much loved radio personality, once quipped, "Vegetarian is an old Indian word for 'doesn't hunt well.'"

I like vegetables, but I am no vegetarian. I like meat—all kinds. I like beef, pork, chicken, fish, and squirrel. You didn't expect the last one, did you? Did you forget that I grew up in rural Alabama?

I'm convinced that there are many Bible vegetarians today. There is no meat in their diet because they don't hunt well. They do not search or hunt through the Scriptures as they should. Jesus declared, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they which testify of me" (John 5:39). Had the Pharisees truly searched, they would have known that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah (John 7:52).



In contrast to the Pharisees, the Bereans were great hunters. Of them, Luke records, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

What about us? How well do we hunt? (2 Timothy 2:15). Are we Bible vegetarians?

If we are searching the Scriptures as we should, there will be plenty of meat in our diets. In fact, there might even be some strong meat or squirrel (Hebrews 5:12-14). Don't knock it until you have tried it! It tastes kind of like chicken.

Wade L. Webster, via *Glad Tidings & Good Things*

LadyBUGS Day, April 18, 2015

"Walking By Faith"



Denise Martin speaking



Enjoyed a Salad Lunch



Had Small Discussion Groups

