



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 30, 2015

#### 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

WMBY 800 AM & 96.5 FM

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

With ROGER DILL

#### STATISTICS 4/26/15

Bible Class: 150  
AM Worship: 185  
PM Worship: 132  
EMBE: \$86.86

**WELCOME!**

# HOMECOMING!

## This 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.



**2015 WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL—\$12,120.00**

**1ST TRIMESTER - 17 WEEKS**

**AVERAGE WEEKLY: \$12,183.38**

**YTD: + \$1,077.33**

Eastern Meadows helps support the work of David Atnip in Vidalia, Georgia.

Dear Brethren,

Thank you for allowing brother and sister Boddy to come our way for this meeting event. Charlie's sermons were encouraging, full of illustrations and touched our hearts. We wish these people the very best in their work for the Lord. They are doing a good job.

Our meeting was supported by several of our sister congregations: Allenhurst, Alma, Belvue in Dublin, Claxton, Cumming, GA., Eastern Meadows, and Hazelhurst.

Our meeting was also well attended by visitors from the community. From those who attended we were able to set up 6 Bible correspondence courses. We also knocked doors every day and were able to set up 29 Bible correspondence courses in all. We hope that much good will be the result.

Thank you again for allowing the Boddys to come our way. I have enclosed some pictures for you. Thanks for all you do for the work of the Lord in Vidalia, GA.

In Christian love,

David F. Atnip, Sr., For the Vidalia Church of Christ



Pictured at left: Charlie Boddy speaking in gospel meeting at Vidalia Church of Christ

Pictured above: Charlie & Mackie Boddy and David Atnip enjoying a fellowship meal

### **FROM THE MINISTER:**

**Keep Praying!** Last Wednesday David Moore, Luke Ferrell, Jenny Khantisouryia and Derek Carnley responded asking for prayers. Sunday morning, Kelsey Evans responded asking for prayers. Please continue to pray for these good brothers and sister. Each had a unique need. God certainly knows that need. Pray!

**Thank You Josh Cochran and Allen Clements.** I just finished listening to the lessons presented by Josh and Allen from Sunday, April 12. Josh works as a prosecutor. Working in the criminal justice system, he brought a unique perspective to a lesson of "Justice" as he examined what the Bible said about justice. Allen Clements is Faulkner University's chorus director. If you have heard the FU Chorus sing – many of us have – you know the good job he does! Allen brought a unique perspective to his lesson on "Singing" as he examined several passages on singing in both the O.T. and N.T. Both of these lessons discussed Bible passages and ideas about the topics that are not frequently presented. If you were not able to hear these lessons, get the CD and listen to them. Great job, Josh and Allen.

**More Great Lessons.** We just finished with an outstanding Wonderful Wednesday Speaker Series. Each of these speakers was from Faulkner University. Actually only one of the speakers was from the Bible Department. If you were not able to hear these, get the CDs. The next Wonderful Wednesday Speaker Series will be in October and the speakers will be from Amridge University.

**Homecoming Sunday!** Be here and invite others. Greet the visitors! Invite the visitors to stay and eat after worship. Two teams will be bringing food and staying for the meal. (Hope the weather is good!)

**Thursday Class On Hiatus.** The Thursday Class will not meet again until September. We will at that time resume our study of the Gospel of Mark. I have personally enjoyed this class (used to be Tuesday Class) over the years. The people sitting in the class are some of the most studied, knowledgably people to share a study with. It is also a joy to see everyone each Thursday. So until September, we will settle for Sundays and Wednesdays!

## NEW WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES STARTING MAY 7

**Wednesday Auditorium Class:** Jerry Martin will begin teaching the first Wednesday in May, *Mentoring 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.

### FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Don't forget to take a few minutes out of your day to pray for those who asked us over the last week. James 5:16.

Coming up...

This year's Grad Picnic will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. We will be honoring Jinny Khantisouriya, who is graduating from BTW and David Moore. We will provide burgers, dogs, buns and chips. We ask that families attending bring sides and drinks. There will be a sign-up sheet at the rear of the auditorium to indicate who is planning to bring food.

VBS is right around the corner! It will be held from Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be, "Daniel." If you are interested in decorating, or teaching, or volunteering in other

areas, please see Becky Norton or myself.

AP Week at ICYC is June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

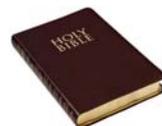
Jerry Martin’s Week at ICYC is July 26<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. I plan to register our campers by the beginning of June.

**TIM’S TRIVIA CORNER:**

*Last week’s question:* Who was the first polygamist? B) Lamech (Genesis 4:19)

*This week’s question:* Which of Ham’s descendants was known as a “mighty hunter before the LORD”?

A) Nimrod; B) Cush; C) Nineveh



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/30/15

**May 3, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Josh Cochran

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Randy Porterfield

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

**Singing:**

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

**SICK:** DEIDRE COLE is scheduled for surgery May 1. DERREK SULLIVAN, Sam Sullivan’s son, is in Jackson Hospital. MITCHELL ADAMS, Julia Benton’s brother, is in Baptist South. ROGER DILL remains in Jackson’s long term care. WAYNE JOHNSTON is home continuing to recover. DON HILYER, James Hilyer’s brother, has been moved to rehab in Tallassee. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, and MARSHA SUTTON. *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:** Teams 4 & 5 (Clements and Henly K./Phyllis A.) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, May 3, following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal May 10 due to the holiday.

**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](mailto: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.

**GRADUATES COOK-OUT:** We will be honoring JINNY KHANTISOURIYA and DAVID MOORE at this years cook-out

Saturday, May 16, 4 PM. More information coming soon.

**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](http://www.rainbowomega.org).

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Administrative Assistant – Academic Affairs. 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**

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

**2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00**

4/26/15 CONTRIBUTION: **\$11,801.35**

BUDGET: - **\$318.65**

YTD: + **\$1,077.33**

**LADYBUGS**

*(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)*

**2015 Theme: VICTORY**

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **May 3:** A Time to Pray, 4:15 PM
- **May 5:** BLD Lunch, 11:30 AM, Chicken Salad Chick, Vaughn Road
- **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**

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| <b>May 3, HOMECOMING!</b>   | • God will remember Gen. 10 |
| <b>May 10, The Flood, B</b> | • Curse on Canaan—Gen. 9    |
| Rainbow covenant—Gen. 9     | • Japheth's descendants     |
| • Covenant with all         | • Ham's descendants         |
| • Sign of the covenant      | • Shem's descendants        |
|                             | • Noah gets drunk           |
|                             | • Ham sees Noah naked       |
|                             | • Noah curses Ham's sons    |
|                             | Generations: Noah's sons—   |

## HOW TO BE HAPPY

If you ask a millionaire to define happiness, he might say that to be happy is to have two million dollars. If you ask a nine-year-old boy, he might answer happiness is being ten years ole. If you ask a candidate, he might say winning an upcoming election. To the athlete, it might be winning the big game.

All of these are fleeting, but God knows how to bring lasting happiness to each of us. Happiness is found in the following:

- ◆ Being corrected by God: “Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore dispise not thou the chastening of the Almighty” (Job 5:17).



- ◆ Having children: “Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them” (Psa. 127:5).
- ◆ Working an honest day for an honest day’s pay: “For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee” (Psa. 128:2).
- ◆ Being the children of Almighty God: “Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord” (Psa. 144:15).
- ◆ Happiness is found in obeying the will of the Father: “He that keepeth the law, happy is he” (Pro. 29:18).
- ◆ Giving to those in need: “He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he” (Pro. 14:21).
- ◆ Having a tender heart that can be pricked by God’s word: “Happy is the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief” (Pro. 28:14).

Where are you searching for happiness? Try God’s way.

--Barry Gilreath, via *HTH/HTH*

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1)

## An Autopsy of a Christian

Often times an autopsy is performed when someone dies to determine the cause of death. What would an autopsy reveal about a Christian?

A Christian has **observant eyes**, rather than having “eyes full of adultery” (2 Peter 2:14). The Christian is to focus his attention on the harvest of lost souls around him (John 4:35). By looking for ways to serve the Lord, the Christian will find open doors of opportunity (1 Corinthians 16:9).

A Christian has **helping hands**. Christians need to be seen as a caring community of believers. In the first century, Christians were quick to respond to the needs of their brethren (Acts 11:17-30). Today, we need to “do good” to those in or out of the church (Galatians 6:10).

A Christian has a **tender heart**. Christians need to have compassionate hearts that motivate them to respond to the needs of their brethren (Acts 11:17-30). When we are tenderhearted, we are able to be kind and giving to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

Christians are **concerned spirits**. Sin should stir the spirits of Christians (Acts 17:16). We cannot afford to ignore or minimize the effects of sin in a person’s life. We have a responsibility as “watchmen” to warn the erring (Ezekiel 3:17).

Would an autopsy of your life show these qualities? Your life can be a good influence if you have these qualities.

--Therman Hodge, *Gospel Gazette Online*