



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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May 14, 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 5/10/15

Bible Class: 160
AM Worship: 201
PM Worship: 115
EMBF: \$107.00

WELCOME!

VBS

June 8-11, 9:30-11:30 AM

Ages 4 yrs.-6th Graders

DANIEL, The Lion Whisperer



SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

May 17, Scattering of the People, Gen. 11

Tower of Babel

- One language
- Settled in Shinar
- Making the City
- Languages divided

- The Lord sees
- The Lord judges
- The Lord scatters

Generations: Shem to Abraham

- **Shem**
- Arphaxed
- Salah
- Eber
- Peleg

- Reu
- Serug
- Nahor
- Terah
- **Abraham**

May 24, Patriarchs, Gen. 12-50

Abraham

- Promise to Abraham
- Ishmael: son of flesh
- Man of faith

Isaac

- Two nations in Rebeka
- Promise to Isaac
- Isaac blesses Jacob

FROM THE MINISTER:

Just Around The Corner. It won't be long until Vacation Bible School. Much planning and work is already taking place. I am hoping it will be one of the very best that we have had on Vaughn Road. June 8-11 are the dates. Be praying.

Help to Ukraine. Eastern Meadows will be helping with Ukrainian Refugee Benevolence. Money has been sent to the Kramatorsk account so the Paziys can assist Eastern Meadows with Refugee Benevolence in the Kramatorsk area. I will be taking \$500 to be used in the Ternopil, Ukraine area. If you have watched news about Ukraine you have seen the great need there is with the Ukrainians who have fled the areas under rebel control. Even the Christian Chronicle has had stories of the difficulties the Ukrainian refugees have faced. Two recent stories can be accessed: <http://www.christianchronicle.org/article/voices-only-training-churches-to-sing-in-ukraine-and-everywhere-else> and <http://www.christianchronicle.org/article/heroes-satan-and-ukraine>. Thank you for your generosity for the work at Eastern Meadows that allows for this work to be done.

Some Interesting Names. A recent article, <http://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/news/14-of-the-most-depressing-place-names-in-north-america/ar-BBjCWAm#page=1>, listed the most depressing place names in America. They were Point No Point, Washington; Dismal, North Carolina; Boring, Maryland; Misery Bay, Michigan; Tombstone, Arizona; Cape Disappointment, Washington; Skull Island, Washington; Little Hope, Texas; Dead Horse Bay, New York; and Shades of Death Road, New Jersey. Sometimes the reason for the name of the place is not known; sometimes there is speculation about the name, and other times, the reason for the name is known. For instance, Little Hope, Texas was named for the church, "Little Hope," a very sad name for a church. One of the best names for a church is the church my Sister-In-Law attends, Gospel Hill Church of Christ.

Question. While most of the time a church takes its name from location' i.e., Eastern Meadows Church of Christ was located in the Eastern Meadows neighborhood; what if the church took its name from its personality? Would it be Happy Church of Christ, Praise God Church of Christ, or Friendly Church of Christ. Would this describe what you help the church to be?

Why? Why church of Christ? Read Romans 16:16. When the Lord adds us to the church (Acts 2:47); it is no doubt to His church, the church that He promised to build (Matthew 16:18). Since it is His, we are in the church of Christ (Christ's church). I don't want to be in any church but His!

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Coming up...

This year's Grad Picnic will be THIS SATURDAY, May 16th 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 is a sign-up sheet at the rear of the auditorium to indicate who is planning to bring food.

VBS is less than a month away! It will be held from Monday, June 8th through Thursday, June 11th. 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 28th – July 3rd.

Jerry Martin's Week at ICYC is July 19th – July 24th. If you wish to attend, please let me know as

soon as possible. I plan to register our campers by the beginning of June.

The Southern Evangelism Conference is July 31st – August 2nd. The theme this year is, “Get out of your cage and ENGAGE.” Registration opens in 3 weeks, so make your plans now!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: "Now may the God of _____ fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in _____ by the power of the Holy Spirit." Which word completes both blanks? C) Hope (Romans 15:13, from Dan Wheeler's lesson)

This week's question: Why did Noah's descendants build the Tower of Babel?

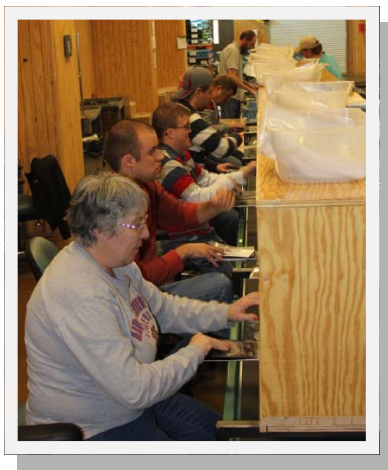
A) To reach God, even unto the heavens; B) To reach Heaven, even unto God; C) So they wouldn't be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth



BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY

—MAY 31ST—

On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution is taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. The May 31st contribution will go to Rainbow Omega in Eastaboga, Alabama.



ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/14/15

May 17, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Alan Norton

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Steve Sewell

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: James Hilyer

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

SICK: Keep in prayer HUNTER TIMBES, who is being tested for minor motor seizures. THELMA WOOLFOLK is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery June 1. ROGER DILL continues in Jackson's long-time care. WAYNE JOHNSTON is recovering at home. LYNN KELLEY, Ann Milam's daughter and mother of Chris and A.J., is in Baptist South Hospital. MITCHELL ADAMS, Julia Benton's brother, is now home from the hospital and doing much better. Sick at home Sunday: CASSIDY BROWN, MARCIA GRAVES, OPAL SULLIVAN, and COURTNEY WARD. *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, LEAH KELLY, DERREK SULLIVAN, SHARON WHITE, ELMER UTLEY, and LYNN KELLEY. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, LINDA MCKNIGHT, DEREK MAY, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, and TONY DISHMAN.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 1 (Norman) will host this Sundays fellowship meal immediately following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal May 25 due to the holiday weekend.

UKRAINE: STEVE HOUSLEY is in Ukraine teaching a Bible class at the Bible Institute. He is to return May 30. Pray that Steve will have a safe and successful trip.

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: There will be a Capital Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 AM on Friday, May 15, 2015, located in the RSA Tower on the corner of North Lawrence and Monroe Streets, 22nd floor. Cost is \$10.00 per person. The breakfast is sponsored by Amridge University. Honorees will be Steve and Pat Phillips. If you plan to attend, as the cooks need a head count, contact Jimmie Benson, jcbenson@knology.net or Curtis Sampley at curtis-sampley@amridgeuniversity.edu

GRADUATES COOK-OUT: We will be honoring JINNY KHANTISOURIYA and DAVID MOORE at this year's cook-out on Saturday, May 16, 4 PM. Burgers, dogs, buns and chips will be provided. We ask that families attending bring sides and drinks.

SPEAKING: While Steve is in Ukraine, JERRY MARTIN will speak Sunday, May 17, and TIM Gotkiewicz on May 24.

VBS TEACHERS MEETING: There will be a meeting for all VBS Teachers and Helpers Sunday, May 24, 4:15 PM. See Becky Norton for more information.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: Sunday, June 7, will be Promotion Sunday for all the children's classes.

VBS: Vacation Bible School at Wetumpka Church of Christ will be Saturday, May 30, 9:30 AM—3:00 PM with the theme, "Extinguish the Fires of Sin and Help Rescue Others From the Fire." Registration begins at 9 AM.

1ST-6TH GRADERS NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS: The new Wednesday night Bible class for our first through sixth graders will begin June 17. The class will be about Bible Culture and Bible Geography and taught by Tish Housley. They will be studying Customs in Bible times. (Clothes, feasts, animals, dwelling places, professions, maps and so much more.) You don't want your child to miss this class.

HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED: Childhaven is in need of houseparents. They are seeking couples of great faith and love for teen and pre-teen aged girls 14-21. Childhaven provides excellent salary and benefits, and hires both husband and wife full-time. For more information, contact Executive Director, Dr. Jim Wright at phone 256-734-6720 or email J.wright@childhaven.com. To learn more, visit www.childhaven.com.

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

5/10/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$11,694.86 / BUDGET: - \$425.14 / YTD: + \$2,158.73

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **May 16:** Graduates Cook-out, 4 PM
- **June 8-11:** VBS
- **June 28-July 3:** ICYC—AP Week

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **May 18:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **May 31:** Secret Sister Reveal, 6 PM
- **June 4:** Road Trip to Petals from the Past
- **June 7:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM

ROAD TRIP: A road trip is being planned to visit Petals from the Past on June 4th. Petals from the Past is a beautiful garden and landscaping facility located in Jemison, a short drive up I-65. They specialize in antique roses, heirloom shrubs, and hard-to-find perennial flowers and herbs. You can tour the lovely gardens and purchase plants and unique items for their gift shop. There is no charge to tour the gardens. June is the start of their black and blue season (blackberry and blueberry season) where you can purchase already packaged (or pick your own) blackberries. Blueberries will not be ready until later in June. If we have at least 10 people, they will also cater a luncheon for us at \$12 per person. If you are interested in joining this outing, please sign-up at the LadyBUGS desk, so we can see how many people are interested.

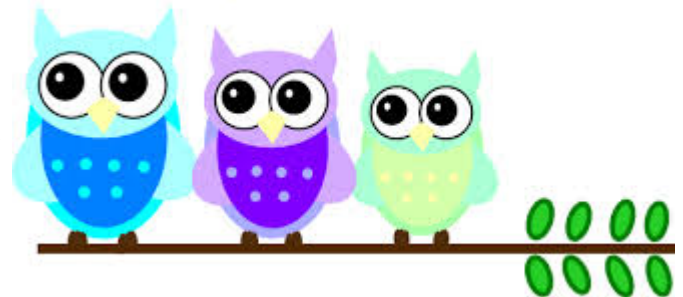


LOVE YOUR CHILDREN

Parents are like sculptors creating a masterpiece. They carve and chisel little hearts into some type of adults. Young mothers are to be taught, among other things, to love their children (Tit. 2:4-5). Fathers share the responsibility of loving their boys and girls.

Parenting is a wonderful privilege but an awesome responsibility. “Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them” (Psa. 127:3-5).

Love children enough to be good examples before them. Parental behavior ought always to be worthy of imitation. Many parents fall into the category of “do as I say and not as I do” which Jesus strongly denounced (Matt. 23:3). Abraham commanded his children after him (Gen. 18:19). Joshua lived for the Lord and led his family in that direction (Josh. 24:15). God chose a godly couple as earthly parents of Jesus (Matt. 1; Luke 2).



Love children enough to teach them. Duet. 6:7 speaks of teaching the Lord’s words diligently to children in the course of everyday events. Eph. 6:4 commands that children be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Don’t hope someone else will teach them. Teach them yourself about the Lord, His church, moral purity, marriage, salvation, and heaven.

Love children enough to discipline them. “He that spareth the rod hateth his own son” (Pro. 13:24). He who loves will chasten (Rev. 3:19). Discipline brings about the peaceable fruit of righteousness” (Heb. 12:11). Parents should strive to be united and consistent in discipline.

Love children enough to allow them to leave the nest when it is time. The Bible often speaks of leaving father and mother and cleaving to mates (Gen. 2; Matt. 19; Eph. 5).

To fail to allow children to form that loyalty to a new family is to cause many problems. Children must always honor parents but more allegiance must be given to mates than to parents.

Love your children. Time rushes by.

-Vance Hutton, via HTH/HTH

“...bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:3).

Graduation



Picnic!



Jinny Khantisouriya
Booker T. Washington Magnet

David Moore



May 16th—4 p.m.

**BURGERS, DOGS, BUNS, & CHIPS WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING SIDES AND/OR DRINKS**