



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

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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 5/3/15

Bible Class: 164  
AM Worship: 223  
PM Worship: 155  
EMBF: \$290.00

**WELCOME!**

## HIGHLY FAVORED

Of all the young women at the time, God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. The angel informed her that she was "highly favoured" of God (Luke 1:28).

It is important for mothers to see that they are highly favored of God just by being allowed to be mothers. God favors all of us, of course: He saves us, uses us – a phenomenal privilege and an awesome responsibility to make ourselves available to receive His favor.

History shows almost all the greatest workers for God had godly mothers.

- ◆ As Noah's wife, let mothers instill in their boys God's principles so they can live righteously when all their companions are evil (Gen. 6:1-6).
- ◆ As Rachel, let mothers train children to avoid the strong temptations of the teen years (Gen. 39).
- ◆ As Jochabed, let mothers train children to love and serve God above the world's riches (Ex. 6:20; 2:1-10).
- ◆ As Hannah, let mothers teach children to pray (1 Sam. 1:11, 19-28).
- ◆ As the Shunammite woman, let mothers teach their children to be at peace (2 Kng. 4:26).
- ◆ As Elisabeth, let mothers teach children to be righteous before God (Lk. 1:6).
- ◆ As Mary, let mothers teach children to obey God (Lk. 2:51; Jn. 2).
- ◆ As the Canaanite woman, let mothers cry to Jesus that He might help their daughters (Matt. 15:21-28).
- ◆ As Mary, John Mark's mother, let mothers teach children to value worship assemblies (Acts 12:12; 2 Tim. 4:11).
- ◆ As Lois and Eunice, let mothers teach the value of unpretended faith (2 Tim. 1:5).

Via HTH/HTH

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Great Sunday!** This Sunday's Homecoming was one of the best! Thanks to Dan Wheeler for the good messages. With the many visitors we had an outstanding crowd. Thanks to the Fellowship Teams for a great meal that fed several of our visitors!

**Keep Praying.** Sunday evening Lenora Whatley responded asking for prayer for some personal things she faces. Keep Praying.

**Happy Mother's Day!** Though only a national Holiday, it is certainly one that we can appreciate. Honor your mother today! If she is gone, remember her! If you are a Mother, be the Mother that God wants you to be!

**Graduation Cookout!** One of the best fellowships of the year is the graduation cookout. This year Jinny and David will be honored. Plan on being here! (I say this, and I will be out of town and unable to be here! Save a burger for me!).

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Which of Ham's descendants was known as a "mighty hunter before the LORD"? A) Nimrod (Genesis 10:8)

**This 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? A) Love; B) All; C) Hope



## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Our Prom Alternative weekend last Friday and Saturday was a spiritually uplifting time that encouraged each of us to embrace the simplicity of Christianity. I was extremely happy that teens today are willing to put off the trappings that tempt us to dress and act like those who embrace the world. Our devotionals addressed those very thoughts, and I pray that we continually encourage each other to simplify our lives and embrace a life in Christ Jesus!

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 a month away! 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.



# THINKING OF MOTHER

I wonder if mothers really know the influence they are having on their children. My own mother has long since gone on to her home, and though that event happened many years ago, she is constantly in my thoughts.

Mother believed in Bible reading both for herself and for her children. She saw to it that the Bible was read in our home each night. Following the reading of God's Word, she would read a chapter to us from *Hurlbut's Story of the Bible*. There may be better Bible story books available now, but *Hurlbut's* is still my favorite. As a child I learned how thrilling a study of the Bible can be, and that love has grown with the passing years. How thankful I am that she loved the Bible, and whetted my appetite for God's Word.



Attendance at all worship services was a rule at our house. There was never a discussion about whether we were going to attend. That issue had been decided long before I ever came along. One of my most vivid childhood memories has to do with a Sunday morning. Dad and I had gone over to Grandmother's house to pick up some of his hunting dogs before church. On the way back as I hung out the car window watching the dogs follow, I fell out of the car and cut a long gash in my chin. Dad immediately took me to the doctor, and by the time the doctor had finished with me I had enough bandages around my head to have been mistaken for King Tut. Dad used to tell that even before he could explain to my mother what had happened she was saying, "Hurry up! We're going to be late for church." Hebrews 10:25 which exhorts Christians not to neglect meeting together could have been left out of her Bible with no harmful results because I don't think she ever considered the possibility of missing a service.



Of course her religion was not confined to the church house. I can still hear her singing "Blessed Assurance" in the kitchen. It was easy for her to talk about God anytime of the day, or sing praises as she did her chores. I never got the idea that God was locked up in a church building.

Prayer was a constant part of her life. Before every meal we gave thanks. As children she taught us how to pray as she tucked us into bed at night. We prayed before we went on trips, and again upon arriving. Even today when I hear the injunction, "Pray without ceasing," I think of Mother.

In my humble opinion, having a Christian mother is one of the greatest gifts any child can receive.

— Allen Webster

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Proverbs 31:28).

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

# BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY—MAY 31ST

## Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund

Sunday, May 31, is “Benevolence Sunday.” On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution is taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. This is to be separate and apart from the regular contribution. The special contribution will be used exclusively for benevolence work. The May 31st contribution will go to Rainbow Omega in Eastaboga, Alabama. Checks for this effort should be made out to: EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. Envelopes marked “EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND” will be provided for those who wish to contribute to this effort in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

Don Brannan, for the elders



## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

### 16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

#### **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

#### **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**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/7/15

**May 10, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

**A.M.:** Lindsey Mulkey

**P.M.:** Lindsey Mulkey

**Opening Prayer:**

**A.M.:** Tim Bagents

**P.M.:** Mike Norman

**Closing Prayer:**

**A.M.:** Jeff Simpson

**P.M.:** Roy Mulkey

**Singing:**

**A.M.:** Dean Norton

**P.M.:** Dean Norton

**SICK:** DEIDRE COLE is recovering from surgery. ROGER DILL remains in Jackson's long term care. Prayers have been requested for SHARON WHITE, Shirley Kaye's sister-in-law, who had serious intestinal surgery 2 weeks ago and is now in ICU with blood clots in her lungs. Prayers have been requested for ELMER UTLEY, Deidre Cole's grandfather, who is recovering from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: DONNA PILGRIM, MARSHA SUTTON and KERRY ROBERTS. *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, and MITCHELL ADAMS. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, LINDA MCKNIGHT, DEREK MAY, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, and TONY DISHMAN.

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** There will not be a meal this Sunday, May 10, due to the holiday. Team 1 (Norman) will host May 17.

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

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

**UKRAINE:** STEVE HOUSLEY will leave May 14 to teach at the Bible Institute in Ukraine. He is to return May 30. Pray that Steve will have a safe and successful trip.

**CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The bi-monthly breakfast will be Friday, May 15, 8:30 AM.

**GRADUATES COOK-OUT:** We will be honoring JINNY KHANTISOURIYA and DAVID MOORE at this year's cook-out on Saturday, May 16, 4 PM. More information coming soon.

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

**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.

**BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY:** Benevolence Sunday will be May 31 and will go to Rainbow Omega.

**ACC SUMMER REUNION:** For all those that attended Alabama Christian College during the 70’s and 80’s – including faculty and staff – the reunion will be June 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with the schedule as follows: Friday, June 26 - 6:00 p.m. Welcome reception at the Barn (Fine Arts Center); 9:30 p.m. Devotional at the Capitol steps. Saturday, June 27 - 9:00 a.m.: Breakfast on the Rotunda steps; 10:00 a.m., Chapel in the Auditorium; 10:45 a.m., Campus tours; 12:00 noon, Cookout at the Pavilion in the park; 2:00 p.m., Reunion Concert in the Rotunda featuring *Harvest Gold* members; Dinner around town with friends. Please register at <http://www.faulkner.edu/accreunion> or call 334-386-7254.

**EASTERN MEADOWS’ VBS:** June 8—11, 9:30—11:30 AM; Ages 4 years old—6th grade; DANIEL, Lion Whisperer. Registration forms may be picked up at the Resource Room.



# HUGS

There’s something in a simple hug  
That always warms the heart;  
It welcomes us back home  
And makes it easier to part.

A hug’s a way to share the joy  
And sad times we go through,  
Or just a way for friends to say  
They like you 'cause you’re you.

Hugs are meant for anyone  
For whom we really care,  
From your grandma to your neighbor,  
Or a cuddly teddy bear.

A hug is an amazing thing-  
It’s just the perfect way  
To show the love we’re feeling  
But can’t find the words to say.

It’s funny how a little hug  
Makes everyone feel good;  
In every place and language,  
It’s always understood.

And hugs don’t need new equipment,  
Special batteries or special parts—  
Just open up your arms  
And open up your hearts!

—Author Unknown



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

## LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God’s Service)

2015 Theme: **VICTORY**

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday’s, 1-3 PM
- **May 11:** Area Wide Ladies’ Devo @ Panama Street, 7 PM
- **May 18:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **May 31:** Secret Sister Reveal, 6 PM
- **June 7:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM

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Don’t forget to pick-up a **Cookbook Questionnaire** at the LadyBUGS Desk, fill it out, and return to ANN EVANS!

**2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00**

5/3/15 CONTRIBUTION: **\$13,626.54**

BUDGET: + **\$1,506.54**

YTD: + **\$2,583.87**