



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
Ted Norton

## 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 6/7/15

Bible Class: 129  
AM Worship: 170  
PM Worship: 132  
EMBE: \$115.00

**WELCOME!**

## New Class for 1st–6th Graders

# Explorer Series: Bible Culture & Geography

## Apologetics Press

The new class begins Wednesday, June 18. Tish Housley will be teaching the class using material from *Apologetics Press* to learn about the culture and geography in which thousands of Bible events took place. Lessons will include

the geography of Palestine, professions, dwellings, foods, clothing, customs, and more of Bible times.

After a completion of these lessons, students will grow to appreciate that the biblical events took place in far different times, countries, and cultures. They will have a much better overall understanding of the Bible as they grow to recognize the different contexts in which the biblical events took place.





# VBS 2015



## FROM THE MINISTER:

VBS. A great week. Great decorations. Great Nebuchadnezzar – I think the EM Nebuchadnezzar (Tim Gotkiweicz) was nicer than Daniel’s Nebuchadnezzar! – Great teachers and teaching – Great kiddos! Great VBS. Thanks to all who helped make VBS a success.

**Love-locks.** Never heard of them? The idea is that you and your love (girlfriend, boyfriend, spouse) attach a lock, often with names or initials written on it, onto a bridge. You throw the keys into the river or canal as a sign that your love is eternal, never to be undone. The locks became popular after a 2006 Italian novel by Federico Moccia included a romantic padlocking scene at Rome’s Milvian Bridge. What started in Rome spread throughout Europe. I first saw them in Gorlovka, Ukraine, and then this year in Ternopil. In Ternopil there was a bridge with many locks attached, but the city also erected “lock-trees” especially for the locks.



**Love-locks problem.** In Venice, Italy bolt cutters were used to remove the locks from the Ponte del Accademia bridge, and Florence stripped 5,000 love locks from its famed Ponte Vecchio bridge with threats of fining offenders. Recently, locks were removed from the Pont des Arts footbridge in central Paris because the locks were damaging the bridge. The tradition has jumped the ocean and the Brooklyn Bridge began to be a depository of the locks, until the city started removing them. It has removed over 5,600 locks from the bridge. A romantic gesture is threatening the integrity of bridges!



**Love-locks can be removed!** Whether or not the love of the couple lasts, the love-locks can be removed! There is a love though that cannot be cut away by bolt cutters.



Paul says of the love of Christ, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35, 38-39 NKJV). No one can separate us from the love of Christ . . . not even bolt cutters. However, Jude tells us “keep yourselves in the love of God” (21). *Much, however, can separate us from our love for Christ!*

Jesus spoke of some whose love for God had grown cold (Mt. 24:12); John writes of those who “left their first love” (Rev. 2:4). *Has your love for God grown cold or have you left your first love?*

## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Another great night of area-wide singing was experienced last Friday, and some great food was served to top it off! Many thanks to the Youth Group and also some of our college students for setting up, serving, and cleaning up!

As of this writing, we are most of the way through VBS. I’m always encouraged to see the young ones learning about God, but I’m especially encouraged by the way our teens stepped up and took

charge of several events!

Coming up...

Due to inclement weather, the teen cookout has been moved to Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:30 and going until 6:00. I will have the van to take anyone who needs a ride to class by 6:30.

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

Jerry Martin’s Week at ICYC is July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

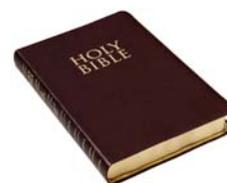
The Southern Evangelism Conference is July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The theme this year is, “Get out of your cage and ENGAGE.” Registration opens next week, so make your plans now!

**TIM’S TRIVIA CORNER:**

**Last week’s question:** What name did the chief of the eunuchs give to Daniel? C) Belteshazzar (Daniel 1:7)

**This week’s question:** When Moses first met with Pharaoh, he said:

- A) Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “Release my people from bondage.”
- B) Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “Let my people go free.”
- C) Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.”



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/11/15

<b>June 14, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:</b>			
<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
A.M.: Jerry Martin	A.M.: Paul Clements	A.M.: Troy Steelman	A.M.: William Dill
P.M.: Jerry Martin	P.M.: James Berry	P.M.: Josh Cochran	P.M.: William Dill

**SICK:** MARSHA SUTTON has been moved to HealthSouth Rehab following hip surgery. CHARLIE BODDY received a good report on the heart cath. ROGER DILL continues in Jackson’s long-term care. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, GRACE MOUNT, and CHARLOTTE PATTERSON. Prayers have been requested for GLENDA SMITH, friend of Julie Gotkiewicz, who recently had surgery to remove a cancerous kidney. *Deployed:* JON TIMBES, Kuwait. *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) SHARON WHITE. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, ANDY ALLEN, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, DEREK MAY, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, TONY DISHMAN, WAYNE EDWARDS, IMOGENE GRACE, and RUSSELL CARNLEY.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** MARGARET ANN CROWDER was born Thursday, June 4, to JOSEPH & LANEY CROWDER. Maggie weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and was 19 in. long. LYNDE CROWDER is the proud grandmother and BETSY YATES is the proud great-grandmother. Congratulations to all!

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday, June 14, following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal June 21 due to Father’s Day holiday.

**EAT & MEET:** There will be a Business Meeting for all the men of the congregation Sunday, June 14. Breakfast at 7 AM and meeting at 7:30. Jimmy Mathews is responsible for breakfast.

**THANK YOU:** God often sends His blessings through the thoughtful people He brings into our lives. Thank you and God bless you in return for your kindness. Thank you everyone from the Eastern Meadows Church of Christ. I really appreciate all the cards that I have received and thoughts and prayers from this lovely church of wonderful people. I am going through a difficult time in my life right now and receiving a lot of prayers and blessings helps me in this cancer that I have. Thank you again and bless you all in return for your kindness. -Germaine Hardin

**THANK YOU:** Eastern Meadows Church of Christ, I wanted to tell all of you that I have certainly enjoyed receiving your wonderful cards and notes during my cancer surgery and radiation. I am happy to report that I am done with radiation and the doctors have declared I am cancer free. I thank the Lord for that. Love, Linda McKnight (Randy Sutton's sister)

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Faulkner University would like to announce the following open positions: Academic Secretary - Jones School of Law; Faculty Secretary - College of Arts and Sciences; Office Manager - Executive and Professional Enrollment. These positions are being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcements can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.



## Attention LadyBUGS!

We need your help! We need to know how many cookbooks you plan to order. There will be a sign up sheet on the front desk and the LadyBUGS' desk this coming Sunday. **Please sign one of these lists this Sunday, June 14th, with your name and the number of cookbooks you are committing to buy.** Think about how many you may want to buy to give to friends and relatives, as well as yourself. The cost has not been set yet, but should be between \$7-\$12 per cookbook. It will be set according to how many recipes are in the cookbook, and how many cookbooks are ordered. We have over 500 recipes, so it will be a nice cookbook! We need this information on Sunday, June 14th, so we can send the recipes to the cookbook company next week. If you are going to be out of town on Sunday, please email Ann Evans your name and the number of cookbooks you are committing to purchase by Sunday. Ann's email address is: [devans277@gmail.com](mailto:devans277@gmail.com)

Any ladies that are available to help, please meet this coming Monday, June 15th, at 10:00 am in the tea room at Eastern Meadows.

Thank you for your help!

**2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00**

6/7/15 CONTRIBUTION: **\$11,411.05** / BUDGET: **-\$708.95** / YTD: **+\$2,105.81**

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

#### 16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

##### **June 14, Exodus, Part 2, Ex. 25-Lev. 7**

- Tabernacle Instructions
- Two special craftsmen
- Covenant: broken/renewed
- Tabernacle built
- Laws for priests/Levites

##### **June 21, Exodus, Part 3, Lev. 8-Num. 13**

- Leviticus teaches holiness
- Census taken
- Tabernacle dedicated
- Second Passover
- Sinai to Kadesh Barnea
- Fearful report

# What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

--Author Unknown, via BulletinGold

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **June 28-July 3:** ICYC—AP Week
- **July 19-24:** ICYC—Jerry Martin Week
- **July 31—Aug. 2:** SEC

## LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: **VICTORY**

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **June 14:** Sign-up for cookbooks
- **June 14:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM
- **June 15:** Help with cookbook, 10 AM
- **June 18:** BLD Dinner @ Red Robin, 6 PM
- **June 30:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM

**Tuesday Nights Together:** T-N-T will begin June 30 and will meet for 5 consecutive weeks. Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 and Bible class is scheduled to begin promptly at 7 pm. Everyone is invited. We hope you will make plans to attend.

## LadyBUGS

### Road Trip

