



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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June 18, 2015

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Tim Bagents
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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 6/14/15

Bible Class: 119
AM Worship: 168
PM Worship: 118
EMBE: \$61.00

WELCOME!

LadyBUGS Cookbook Update

We are waiting for final information from the publishers to determine the price of our cookbook. When final details have been confirmed and finalized, we will announce the price of the cookbooks and begin collecting funds. We will allow approximately two weeks to collect money for the cookbooks ordered and a final deadline will be given. After the deadline for collecting money has passed, the book order will be place. Please make note of the following:



- ◆ The price of the cookbook must be collected before the books are ordered. We will only order cookbooks for which we have collected money.
- ◆ There will be no extra cookbooks ordered.
- ◆ Orders can still be placed through Sunday, June 21.

Thank you so much for your wonderful response in submitting recipes and ordering cookbooks thus far. If you need more information, please see Ann Evans.

ICYC: AP Week

June 28—July 3



Tim G.
Turner
Banks
Luke
Norton

Tennison
Landon
Jinny
Ammaly
Miranda

Gracie
Mary Vander
Kim
Grace

FROM THE MINISTER:

Thanks again for the Shepherd's Talk. We are blessed that the EM elders want to keep us informed about the EM work. Such is certainly encouraging and helpful. Thanks Tim for the good job Sunday!

Prayers at EM. Many of our prayer leaders are thoughtful to find out the specific prayer needs. Many prayer needs are located in the bulletin itself, or the Sunday announcements, or certainly the Sunday night prayer list. However, it is with preparation that the prayer leader mentions many of the prayer needs specifically and by name. *I personally appreciate the preparation our prayer leaders make when they stand before us and God to lead us in prayer!* If you are scheduled to lead a prayer in worship, do the same — prepare for the prayer. Spend some time considering what you need to pray for and, if need be, take a list of these prayer needs when you go to the microphone to lead us in prayer. Of course, the last minute draftee prayer leader does not have this privilege of preparation (this happens when the one scheduled to pray is not present). However, if you know ahead of time that you are the prayer leader, prepare for the prayer! Thanks to the *many* of you who do!

T-N-T means Tuesday-Night-Together. This begins soon, June 30! We eat together at 6:30. The class is from 7-8 p.m. The ladies are together. The men are together. Great time of study and fellowship. Plan to be at all T-N-Ts. There are 5 weeks of consecutive weeks of T-N-T. Be at them all!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: When Moses first met with Pharaoh, he said: C) Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness." (Exo. 5:1)



This week's question: The Book of Exodus ends when:

A) The Israelites leave Egypt; B) The Israelites complete the tabernacle; or, C) The Israelites leave Sinai

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Proud, sad, encouraged, and relieved; I have mixed emotions about VBS... Proud of the way our teens spread their wings and showed a good amount of leadership skills; sad that it's over and missing those smiling faces; encouraged by the participation of so many of our members, and relieved that it's over, whew! Now it's time to start thinking about next year :)

I know that some people are uncomfortable being praised for the work they do, but I'll do this anyway. Many, many, many thanks to the following people who stepped up and served in different ways: Hannah Armstrong, Billy Bush, Melanie Bush, Terry Bagents, Carter Benson, Wilma Berry, Austin Brown, Cassidy Brown, Dallas Brown, Mollie Beth Dill, Landon Evans, Kelsey Evans, Kallie Futral, Ryan Gotkiewicz, Sally Gotkiewicz, Lori Hagan, Jacque Hagan, Shirley Hancock, Beth Housley, Sarah Housley, Tish Housley, Turner Johnston, Gracie Johnston, Jinny Khantisouriya, Ammaly Khantisouriya, Denise Martin, Ann Milam, Cindy Mulkey, Becky Neuenschwander, Barbara Norman, Becky Norton, Cecilia Porterfield, Miranda Porterfield, Randal Porterfield, Jane Sewell, Mary Vander Sewell, Banks Sewell, Norton Sewell, Linda Simpson, Nicole Timbes,

Coming up:

- AP Week at ICYC is June 28th—July 3rd.
- Jerry Martin's Week at ICYC is July 19th—24th. If you wish to attend, please let me know as

soon as possible.

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

A Father's Failure

“O my son Absalom – my son, my son Absalom – if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!” (2 Samuel 18:33). Here is an exceedingly bitter cry. It is one of the saddest passages in the entire Bible. One would think that such was the cry of a mother who had lost the dearest thing on earth to her, a child. Yet, no, it is the bitter cry of a man weeping for his son who had been killed. Absalom, the son of David had been slain while leading his forces against his father, the King of Israel. David had instructed Joab and his men to deal gently with his son (2 Samuel 18:5), but they slew the young man anyway (2 Samuel 18:14-15). In the rearing of his son Absalom, David was indeed a failure.

Yet, wherein had David failed? We must be fair and note that in other ventures in life, David was not a failure. In fact, in many things he was very successful. We observe that David rose rapidly in rank. We saw him first as a shepherd boy. He possessed a brilliant mind and fortitude. As a courageous lad, he went out to meet and defeat the great giant Goliath in battle. David was a many-sided man. He was not only a shepherd but a poet, a singer and later the King of Israel. A man like this will usually make good in any situation. While as king, much wealth was accumulated in the treasury. The enemies had been defeated. The time was called the *Golden Age of Israel*. David provided the proper foundation upon which his son Solomon eventually erected the Temple. Yet, in what did this successful man fail?

He failed as a father. David paid a great price for his success. When David looked over his life, he saw it too. It cost him many hours of sorrow. Our text in 2 Samuel 18:31-33 reveals only one time of his weeping. His son was killed while rebelling against him. Many fathers today are like David. They too will pay the price. Some men are successful at building fortunes but completely unsuccessful at building men.

One might ask, “Why did David take this failure so hard?” It was because of his tender love for his son that he had lost. Fathers are not supposed to do much weeping it is often thought by misinformed individuals. We should understand, however, that often fathers are just as devoted to their children as mothers are. David also took his failure hard because his loss was without remedy. We may blunder in some things and correct them the next time, but there is no next time in the rearing of children. David could have said, “I would make Absalom a different boy if I could only have my time over with him.” No wonder he cried. David took failure hard because he knew he lost his son hopelessly. Absalom was gone for good. He could not be brought back again. Death always produces this feeling when we lose loved ones. David lost his son needlessly. If he had been the right kind of a father, perhaps he could have saved his son. Many a father carries this self-accusation in his bosom.

The story is told about a father who took his little child into the field one afternoon, and it being a hot day, he laid down in the shade of a beautiful tree. The little child ran about gathering wild flowers and little bits of grass and coming to his father and would cry, “Look how pretty!” At last



the father fell asleep, and while he was sleeping, the child wandered away. When the father awoke, his first thought was, "Where is my child?" He looked around, but he could not see him. He shouted at the top of his voice, but all he heard was an echo. Running to a little hill, he looked around and shouted again. There was no response. Then going to a steep cliff at some distance he looked down and there, far below on the rocks and briars, he saw the mangled form of his precious child. He rushed to the spot and took up the lifeless corpse and hugged it to his bosom and accused himself of being the murderer of his child. While he was sleeping and neglecting for just a short time, his child had wandered over the precipice.

Such depicts so many fathers and mothers today. While their children are wandering closer and closer to the edge of the cliff and to certain destruction, parents are asleep regarding the moral and spiritual welfare of their offspring. Often parents contribute to the downfall of their children because of their own way of life. Some fathers drink, gamble and are unfaithful to their marriage vows, and then, they wonder what went wrong in the rearing of their children. King David was crushed beneath the burden of thought that he had lost his son Absalom for all eternity. It should be noted that providing the daily necessities for one's family is not enough. More important is the rearing of children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Money may provide for the body but not for the soul. Money may buy groceries but not character.



Another question to ponder is why was David a failure as a father? When John was born, the question was raised, "What then shall this child be" (Luke 1:66)? It is required of parents to train children in the way of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6). David undoubtedly shifted his responsibilities to someone else. He had many obligations, cares, troubles and political problems, but he should not have neglected his son. Perhaps Absalom never thought about going to David with his broken toy, and he never thought about going to him with his broken heart. David gave him everything but himself. Many fathers are like that today. David in his sins concerning Bathsheba could have influenced his son, adversely so. David repented and returned from the far country of sin, but Absalom never came back from that land of sorrow.

Fathers, you should consider your responsibilities toward your children before it is eternally too late. Lead your loved ones in the way of the Savior Jesus Christ. Make every effort to save your family from sin and an everlasting separation from the God of heaven. You cannot afford to lose your sons and daughters.

--Raymond Elliott

ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/18/15

SICK: CHARLOTTE JACKSON is at home recovering from surgery on Tuesday. MARSHA SUTTON is in Hillview Terrace following hip surgery. MARGARET GRAVES is home after being hospitalized over the weekend. ROGER DILL continues in Jackson's long-term care. IMOGENE DOLD, Tish Housley's mother, is in the hospital being treated for pneumonia. Prayers have been requested for CHARLES BUSH, Donna Boutwell's uncle, who suffered several significant injuries in a fall last week. Prayers have been requested for newborn DARBY DIXON, grandchild of a family friend of Charlotte Patterson, who was born with heart problems and having to undergo heart surgeries. Prayers have been requested for KATHY ANDERS, friend of Charlotte Patterson, in the passing of her 14 yr. old grandson, Clay. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, JEAN BERRY, DIXIE BRANNAN, VIRGINIA EVANS, MARCIA GRAVES, JERRY PATTERSON, NEOSHIA SIMMONS, and NICOLE TIMBES. 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, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, and RUSSELL CARNLEY.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our congratulations to DANIEL & LEAH KELLY, (former members), in the birth of their son, CARTER SCOTT KELLY, who was born Saturday, June 13. Carter weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. DRANNAN and LECY are the big brother and sister. Both baby and mother are doing well.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: There will not be a meal June 21 due to Father's Day holiday. Team 4 (Clements) will host June 28.

JULY CALENDAR: All events for the July calendar need to be turned in by June 24 to Wilma.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Safety Officer – Campus Safety. This position is 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/>.

THANK YOU: *I can't thank you enough...but I hope you know I appreciate everything you've done.* Dear Eastern Meadows Congregation, We appreciate all of the cards you have sent and the prayers on our family's account! The quilt, sent by your "LadyBUG Quilters," you gave us is beautiful! Thank you. The Youth Group sent a hand-made hot/cold pack, comes in quite handy! Thank you. From, The Carnley Family.

Happy Father's Day!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES 16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

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

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

June 28, Wandering in the Wilderness, Part 1, Num. 14-24

- Sentenced to 40 yrs.
- Holy/unholy
- Time of transition
- Balaam blesses Israel

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

6/14/15 CONTRIBUTION: **\$11,364.00**

BUDGET: - **\$756.00**

YTD: + **\$712.73**

ATTENDED NURSERY

Our nursery will soon be staffed by volunteers.

If you would like to help with this, please sign the list posted at the front and rear welcome centers.



June 21, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Alan Norton
P.M.: Alan Norton

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: S. Neuenschwander
P.M.: Jerry Martin

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz
P.M.: Josh Cochran

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton
P.M.: Dean Norton

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting/Sewing:** Tuesday's, 1-3 PM
- **June 18:** BLD Dinner @ Red Robin, 6 PM
- **June 30:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM
- **July 5:** A Time to Pray, 4:15 PM
- **July 7, 14, 21, 28:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM
- **July 11:** BLD Club Breakfast, Egg & I, 9 AM

T-N-T

TUESDAY-NIGHTS-TOGETHER will begin June 30 and will meet for 5 consecutive weeks. Dinner at 6:30 with Bible class scheduled to begin promptly at 7 pm. There will be separate classes for the men and women. We hope you will make plans to attend.

Choosing That Good Part

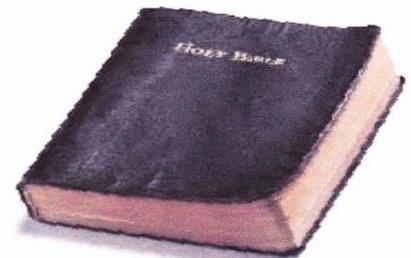
Fall Retreat

Reflections from James

September 17 – 19

SPEAKERS

*April Meacham
Bethany Butt
Cindy Rodgers
Denise Martin
Donna Faughn
Tish Housley*



Indian Creek Youth Camp - Oakman, Alabama

For more information:

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