



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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June 25, 2015

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Don Brannan
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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
Roger Dill
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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 6/21/15

Bible Class: 109
AM Worship: 163
PM Worship: 116
EMBE: \$104.00

WELCOME!

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

6/21/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,477.00

Weekly BUDGET: + \$3,357.00

YTD: + \$4,069.33

ICYC

-AP Week-

June 28—July 3



Campers:

Tim G.
Turner

Banks

Luke

Norton

Tennison

Landon

Jinny

Ammaly

Miranda

Gracie

Mary Vander

Kim

Grace

FROM THE MINISTER:

Welcome. Sunday, SHERON CAMPBELL, responded to the invitation. Sheron wants to come back to the Lord's church after being away for many years. We are thrilled for her decision and will continue to be praying for her strength to follow the Lord.

The Ugliness of Hate. I believe that the ugliness of hate was manifest on the evening of June 17, 2015, at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston, South Carolina, United States when a lone gunman, 21 year old Dylann Roof, shot 10 people, killing nine. His sole reason for this horror was hate. After spending an hour in the Bible study, even participating, he stood up and pulled a gun from a fanny pack. While shooting he said "I have to do it. You rape our women and you're taking over our country. And you have to go." He continued to make racially offensive remarks as he shot and killed nine people.

If Roof thought he would further divide the races by his actions he was very wrong. Thankfully he was wrong. In the days following there was a prayer vigil held at the Emanuel AME church which was attended by as many, if not more, white people than black (just look at the pictures). On Sunday afternoon, June 21, thousands of marchers met in the middle of Charleston's main bridge in a show of unity. And once again, both races participated! Roof's actions brought the races together!



A picture of the June 21 march on Charleston's main bridge.

The Bible clearly teaches, "Then Peter opened his mouth and said: 'In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.'" (Acts 10:34-35 NKJV). The Jew and Gentile (the great prejudice and divide of Bible times) are both reconciled in one body (the church) (Ephesians 2:16). There were not two churches, one for Gentiles and another for Jews. The implication is clear: there are not two churches today - one for white and one for black. There is one church and it is for all races, colors, nationalities, etc.! Certainly God does not intend that men hate on the basis of race or color! To be more precise, God does not intend that men hate!

As the song says, "The blessed gospel is for all; The gospel is for all. Where sin has gone must go His grace. The gospel is for all."

I am not a supporter of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination. I would not follow its theology/teaching (<http://www.ame-church.com/our-church/our-beliefs>). The tragedy of this event does *not* make me a supporter of the teaching of that religious group. However, I am deeply sorrowful for the loss of nine families on that day. I am deeply sorrowful that a man did this out of bigotry and hatred. I am thankful that Charleston and beyond have taken it as a rallying cry to stop the hate. Let us, wherever we find ourselves, be the light of love.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: The Book of Exodus ends when: B) The Israelites complete the tabernacle (Exodus 40:33-38)

This week's question: What event opens the Book of Numbers?

A) A Census of the Israelites; B) The departure from Mount Sinai; C) The arrival at the plains opposite Canaan



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

AP Camp starts Sunday! More than 200 are signed up to attend, and with the Lord’s blessings, we anticipate a great week...with a bunch of wonderful young people and Christian staff members.

The Youth Group has several acts of service under their belt since school let out for the summer. We are to love and care for one another, and I can’t think of a better way for our teens to get out and meet those who we are to care for. With that said, if you have a need for something to get done, but just can’t seem to be able, let me know and I’ll see what we can do. It can even be something that doesn’t require a lot of time, just some young hands! If you are thinking, “I’ll let them help someone who needs it more” please re-think and let us help!

Coming up...

Jerry Martin’s Week at ICYC is July 19th – July 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!



Youth Group at work... from cleaning out gutters to yard work to power washing, they have been busy. Need help? Talk with Tim Gotkiewicz.

Pictured Top LtoR: Landon Evans, Jinny Khnatisouriya, and Tennison Norton

Pictured Bottom LtoR: Dallas Brown, Tim G., Landon Evans, and Tennison Norton



ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/25/15

SICK: CHARLOTTE JACKSON is at home recovering from surgery. NEOSHIA SIMMONS is home after being in Baptist East. MARSHA SUTTON has returned home. ROGER DILL continues in Jackson's long-term care. GLORIA HARRIS, Thomas Anderson's sister, is in the hospital in Texarkana, TX. Please continue praying for KEVIN PENICK, who has been battling esophageal cancer, and now has cancer in the lungs. Sick at home Sunday: ANNEGENE DAVIS, BILL & VIRGINIA EVANS, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, WAYNE JOHNSTON, TRACY LINCOLN, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and OPAL SULLIVAN. *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) ELMER UTLEY, CHARLES BUSH, DARBY DIXON, and KATHY ANDERS. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, and RUSSELL CARNLEY.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the McCullers family, especially parents CHRIS & MARY LOU MCCULLERS, in the passing of COREY MCCULLERS. MARY LOU MCCULLERS, Corey's mother, NINA MCCULLERS, his grandmother, and NICHOLE MCCULLERS HOLT, his aunt, are former EM members. The funeral was Tuesday in Deatsville, Alabama.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Wandering in the Wilderness, Part 1, Num. 14-24.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 4 (Clements) will host the meal this Sunday, June 28, following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal July 3 due to the holiday weekend.

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

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.

MOUNT DORA ANNUAL FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE: The annual Food & Supply Drive for Mount Dora Children's Home is August 17-20. We should have a list by early July of the foods and other supplies needed.

MAILING ADDRESS: DAVID MOORE, 146 Azalea Lane, Mentor, OH, 44060.

NEW MEMBER: SHERON CAMPBELL; P.O. Box 241224, 36124; Cell—334.318.2994; Email—Sheron.Knott@DignityMemorial.com

LADYBUGS COOKBOOK

The cost of the Eastern Meadows cookbook is \$12 per copy. The cookbook will be a padded three-ringed binder containing approximately 650 recipes. We will begin collecting funds tonight. Please see **Melanie Bush** or **Ann Evans** to pay for the cookbooks you ordered. Your name will be checked off their list and you will be given a receipt at the time payment is made. Please keep your receipt until books are delivered. You can see Melanie or Ann at the LadyBUGS' desk or the front welcome desk before service or immediately after service on Sunday or Wednesday beginning tonight through Sunday, July 5.

The deadline for collecting funds for the cookbook is **SUNDAY, JULY 5**. We plan to place the order and forward the recipes to the publisher Monday, July 6. Please remember the following:

- We will order the number of cookbooks for which funds have been collected.
- No extra books will be ordered.
- No books will be available for sale when cookbooks are received.
- Deadline for paying for cookbooks is Sunday, July 5.

Thank you again for your response and support in this effort.

June 28, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey
P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Josh Cochran
P.M.: Brad Knowles

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Randy Porterfield
P.M.: Josh Cochran

Singing:

A.M.: Paul Clements
P.M.: Paul Clements

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

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

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

July 5, Wandering in the Wilderness, Part 2, Num. 25-Duet. 34

- Fornication with Midianites
- Second Census
- Wrath on Midianites
- Speeches of Moses
- Moses dies

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 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
- **July 19:** Craft Project, 2 PM

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.

**June 30: Conquering Doubt
(Salads & Sandwiches)**

Stop Signs

Two very true statements: (1) Stop signs don't stop cars. (2) God's laws don't stop sin.

Laws are not designed to stop lawlessness. They only specify what is forbidden. It's the driver who either obeys or disobeys stop signs. And it's the individual who obeys or disobeys God's commandments.

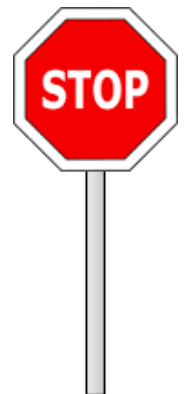
The driver must deal with the consequences of disobeying stop signs. And the individual must deal with the eternal consequences of disobeying God's "stop signs."

Ignoring a stop sign may not always result in a serious consequence, but disobeying God's commandments will certainly incur consequences. Sometimes in this life, but definitely in the judgment.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10

"He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day." John 12:48

LESSON: Obey stop signs to avoid serious problems. Obey God's commandments to avoid eternal consequences.



--Ron Adams, BulletinGold