

Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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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 6/28/15

Bible Class: 144

AM Worship: 198

PM Worship: 125

EMBF: \$79.00

WELCOME!

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

6/28/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,134.25

Weekly BUDGET: + \$14.25

YTD: + \$4,083.58

LadyBUGS COOKBOOK

Just a reminder that Ann Evans and Melanie Bush are taking up money for the cookbook orders through July 5th. The cost is \$12 per cookbook made payable to Eastern Meadows Church of Christ. The orders will be sent off on July 6th to the publisher.

- ⇒ 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.

Thanks so much your participation in this project!

FROM THE MINISTER:

Sad Day. Last Friday, June 26, 2015, was a sad day for America. This was the day the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage, paving the way for gay and lesbian marriage in all 50 states. You have heard the news. It has been impossible not to hear the news.

What is a Christian to think? The Bible is clear. Practicing homosexuality is condemned. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9 and 1 Timothy 1:10. The U.S. Supreme Court is NOT the supreme court. The Supreme Court can change the law of the land. The Supreme Court cannot change the law of God. The Christian is to continue to think and believe God's truth. On this particular subject, the Bible is clear; practicing homosexuality is condemned.

What is a Christian to do? If a man is living the faithful Christian life, he is to continue to do what he has been doing . . . living the faithful Christian life. The Christian is to *live* by faith. "I care not today what the morrow may bring, If shadow or sunshine or rain, The Lord I know ruleth o'er everything, And all of my worries are vain. Living by faith in Jesus above, Trusting, confiding in His great love; From all harm safe in His sheltering arm, I'm living by faith and feel no alarm."

Is Homosexuality the Sin of the Day to condemn, while overlooking other sins? No. Sin is sin. There has been more said by Christians about this sin in the last 10 years than probably the preceding century. Why? In the preceding century homosexuality was almost universally condemned. There was no need to prove it is a sin; everyone believed it was a sin. Furthermore, there was a propriety that existed in the previous century where some subjects were not talked about as openly because the subjects would have been considered lacking decorum, respectability, and decency. Now *everything* is in the open. The homosexual community, with their demands of same-sex marriage, have forced Bible-believing Christians (there are no other kind) to speak out on this subject. This subject is constantly in the news. My home page is MSN.com and I look at the news on this page daily. It seems that almost daily there is something on this page in support of homosexuality or news about the subject. As the world has said *much* about this subject, Christians have said more about this subject.

Eastern Meadows' Benevolence in Kramatorsk, Ukraine. Recently Eastern Meadows sent \$500 to Kramatorsk, Ukraine (\$500 was also taken to Ternopil, Ukraine for the same use) to use for the war refugees living in the Kramatorsk, Ukraine area. There has been a significant need in many places in Ukraine, and hundreds of thousands have had to leave their homes and possessions because of the war. Recently Kramatorsk was able to take the \$500 we sent and provide 100 packages to 100 families.



Relief for the war refugees in Kramatorsk, Ukraine



PREACHER, VITALY RODICHEV, WITH PACKAGES TO BE DISTRIBUTED



BIBLE LITERATURE WAS ALSO DISTRIBUTED ALONG WITH THE BENEVOLENT AID

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/2/15

SICK: CHARLOTTE JACKSON & MARSHA SUTTON continue to recover from surgery. ROGER DILL continues in Jackson's long-term care. PATSY LOWERY is suffering with shingles. Prayers have been requested for PHYLLIS BLACKWELL, Dixie Brannan's niece, who continues to suffer with complications following a stroke weeks ago. Prayers have been requested for 22-year-old RYAN AKERS, family friend of the Blue's, who is battling cancer and underwent an emergency surgery Wednesday. Prayers have been requested for WAYNE EDWARDS, Greg Edwards' father, who is having chemo treatments for cancer. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES. Deployed: JON TIMBES, Kuwait. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN. Shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWD-EN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues) ELMER UTLEY, CHARLES BUSH, DARBY DIXON, KATHY ANDERS, and GLORIA HARRIS. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, and RUSSELL CARNLEY.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Wandering in the Wilderness, Part 2, Num. 25-Deut. 34.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: There will not be a meal this Sunday, July 5, due to the holiday weekend.

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.

TUESDAY-NIGHTS-TOGETHER: July 7th meal at 6:30 PM—BBQ—and Bible class at 7 PM—"Look Ahead/Plan Ahead." Meal sign-up list is at the LadyBUGS desk.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Alexander City Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing on Friday, July 10, 7 PM.

AUGUST CALENDARS: All events for the August calendar must be turned in by Sunday, July 12, to Wilma Berry.

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: There will be a Capital Prayer Breakfast Friday, July 17, 8:30 AM.

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.

July 5, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements: Opening Prayer: Closing Prayer: Singing:

A.M.: Tim Stevens A.M.: Jerry Martin A.M.: James Berry A.M.: Dean Norton
P.M.: Tim Stevens P.M.: Mike Norman P.M.: Billy Bush P.M.: Dean Norton

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES 16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

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

July 12, Conquest of Canaan, Josh. 1-24

Joshua in charge

1 ADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)
2015 Theme: VICTORY

- Quilting/Sewing: Tuesday's, 1-3 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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- July 8: Luke Ferrell's Birthday—Cake & Ice Cream, 7:30 PM
- July 19-24: ICYC—Jerry Martin Week
- July 31-Aug. 2: SEC

Rahab

- Israel crosses the Jordan
- Campaigns
- Land divided
- Cities of refuge/Levites
- Eastern tribes go home
- Joshua challenges Israel
- Israel renews covenant

July 19, Judges, Part 1, Jdg. 1-12

Tuesday Nights Together

"Living Faith"

T-N-T continues, with supper at 6:30 and Bible class at 7 pm. Meal sign-up list is posted at the LadyBUGS Desk.

- July 7: Look Ahead/Plan Ahead (BBQ)
- July 14: Sacrificial Faith (Fresh from the Garden)
- July 21: Fear No One but God (Hot Dogs & Burgers)
- → July 28: Seek Spiritual Wealth (Mexican Fiesta)

Believe God and Believe IN Him

"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness, and he was called the friend of God" (James 2:23).

There is a big difference between believing in God and believing God. Abraham did both. God gave him the gift of righteousness, and they were friends. Imagine a human being a friend of the Almighty. Imagine no more, because Jesus has made it a reality for all of us. We have a friend in Jesus, and that connects us to His Father when we keep His commands. He told us that in John 15. Now, with Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we all can be called a friend of God. Believe in God and believe Him.