



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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MINISTERS:

Steve Housley, Pulpit
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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

WELCOME!

Get Back Up!

When a giraffe is born, he tumbles ten feet to the ground, landing on his back. Within seconds, he rolls over and stands, struggling with those tall, untried legs.

The mother giraffe positions herself directly over her newborn, swings her leg outward and kicks that baby, sending it sprawling! If it doesn't get up, she kicks it again. If it grows tired, she kicks it again to stimulate its efforts to stand. Each time the baby giraffe manages to get to its feet, the mother kicks it once again.

Now, this may seem cruel to you, but there is a reason for the mother's behavior. She is simply preparing the baby for survival, because that little giraffe must learn to get up quickly and run with the herd when danger comes-otherwise he will not survive!

As Christians, we need to learn the same lesson that baby giraffes learn: when life kicks you down, you must get back up. You must never give up! Our souls survival depends upon our ability to persevere. James says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

When things go wrong, Satan would love nothing better than for you to throw in the towel and give up on faith, God, Christ and the church. That's his goal to get you to quit short of the goal of salvation. He wants you to become so frustrated that you will simply quit. Don't let him get to you. When life knocks you down, get back up!



--Larry Fitzgerald, via *BulletinGold*

Dangerous Clothing!

Have you ever heard of clothing that puts you in the hospital? A 35-year-old woman in Adelaide, Australia, had to be treated at the Royal Adelaide Hospital for loss of circulation. She was on an IV for four days! Why? The official report used scary words like “hypoattenuation,” “oedema of muscles,” and “myonecrosis.” The bottom line was that her skinny jeans were too tight. Coupled with squatting frequently while helping a family member move and wearing these overly compressed pants, her legs and lower extremities were so numb that she could not walk (via jnnp.bmj.com). The truth is truly stranger than fiction.

Is there any dangerous clothing in your closet or wardrobe? Especially as summer weather heats up, some reveal clothing that could be dangerous to themselves and others. Consider this.

- Clothes may be too tight.
- Clothes may be too short.
- Clothes may be otherwise too revealing.
- Clothes may contain provocative words or sexually suggestive phrases.



Frustrating for both those trying to defend or condemn immodest clothing is the fact that Scripture does not give specific guidelines for clothing God finds either acceptable or unacceptable. True, we can point to how God clothed the first couple in the Garden of Eden, but they had the right to see each other completely unclothed. We can talk about the priests’ garments under the Old Law, but they wore it doing things, offering animal sacrifices and worshipping with mechanical instruments, that keep us from binding that as a pattern for clothing today. New Testament passages about modest clothing (1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4) seem to primarily address over-dressing, though the principle about clothing which can easily produce lust may be applicable. Yet, especially clothing that strongly resembles lingerie and undergarments, extremely short-shorts, clothing that clearly outlines parts of the body that should not be publicly seen, and the like can be dangerous for the wearers and the observers. God made men and women sexual creatures, and clothing that “feels” and “looks” sexy can stir feelings in people toward people they do not have the right to feel.

As we assess the clothing in our wardrobes, it is good to ask some important spiritual questions:

- Does it help me present my body as a sacrifice that is holy and acceptable to God (Rom. 12:1)?
- Does it reflect that I am conforming to the world or being transformed by God’s will (Rom.12:2)?
- Is it an “anything” that causes my brother to stumble (Rom. 14:21)?
- Is it “lust-producing” (cf. Mat. 5:28)?

Frustratingly, this requires some common sense and some thoughtful examination. Individuals



must use propriety in the absence of a “thou shalt” or “thou shalt not.” Yet, neither should we feign ignorance in a world where fashion designers tout clothes that are “hot,” “sexy,” “dangerous,” or the like. No preacher or Bible teacher can force their personal standards of modesty on anyone else, but he or she can appeal to the heart and ask that Christlike love for the souls of others be exercised. After all, clothes can be dangerous even if they don’t land you in the hospital!

--Neal Pollard

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/23/15

July 26, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Bagents

P.M.: Randy Porterfield

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Billy Bush

Singing:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Alan Kaye

SICK: Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. **Shut-ins:** SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES. **Deployed:** JON TIMBES, Kuwait. **Battling Cancer:** MIKE NORMAN.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues) ELMER UTLEY, CHARLES BUSH, DARBY DIXON, and PHYLLIS BLACKWELL. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, RUSSELL CARNLEY, RYAN AKERS, and WAYNE EDWARDS.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Judges, Part 1, Judg. 1-12.

JULY 26 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: JEAN BERRY & KIM WILSON

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 2 (Martin) will host the meal this Sunday, July 26, following the AM worship service. Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) will host Aug. 2.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Prattville Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Aug. 7, 7 PM.

LEADERSHIP MEETING: There will be a business meeting for all the leadership—elders, deacons, and ministers—Aug. 9, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7 by Roy Mulkey & Randy Porterfield.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

July 26, Judges, Part 1, Judg. 1-12

- Joshua dies
- Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar
- Deborah
- Gideon
- Abimelech
- Tola and Jair
- Jephthah

Aug. 2, Judges, Part 2, Judg. 12-1 Sam. 8

- Ibzan, Elon, Abdon,
- Samson
- Right in his own eyes
- Ruth
- Eli
- Samuel
- Israel demands a king
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Tuesday Nights Together

This Tuesday is the last T-N-T for the year. We will have supper at 6:30 PM and Bible class at 7. Meal sign-up list is posted at the LadyBUGS Desk.

- ♦ July 28: Seek Spiritual Wealth (Mexican Fiesta)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- July 19-24: ICYC—Jerry Martin Week
- July 31-Aug. 2: SEC
- Aug. 6: ACA begins school year

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- July 28: T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM
- Aug. 2: A Time to Pray, 4:15 PM
- Aug. 12: BLD Club Lunch, Newk's, 11:30 AM
- Aug. 24: M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

Choosing That Good Part Retreat : Reflections from James

*This retreat is for women who are striving to "Choose That Good Part" in their busy lives as Christians, wives, mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. The first annual retreat will be held **September 17-19, 2015**, at Indian Creek Youth Camp in Oakman, Alabama, under the oversight of our elders. Registration sheets (on the LadyBUGS' desk) should be turned in to Denise Martin and include a check for \$75, made out to Eastern Meadows Church of Christ, for the cost of the retreat. We need to know how many are attending ASAP so we can make plans for food, etc. Please go ahead and turn in your registration forms even if you cannot pay until later. The deadline for registration is September 1.*

The Parable of a Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. "There are five things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be."

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now put yourself in the pencil's place; always remember these five rules and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand, and allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

Five: On every surface you walk through, you must leave you mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties.

By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart.

