



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 30, 2015

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 7/26/15

Bible Class: 130
AM Worship: 181
PM Worship: 127
EMBF: \$88.00

WELCOME!

TAKING ANOTHER LOOK

"But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this... will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:25).

So how would you characterize your study of God's word? Do you "look intently" into it (that is, with your attention firmly fixed on it, engrossed in it, intensely?). Or do the following words better describe your study of the Bible: "cursory," "once in a while," and "hardly ever"?



The word James uses for "intently" is vivid. The same word is used in 1 Peter 1:12, where we are told that angels "long to look" into the mysteries of God. This word is also used in John 20:5, where Jesus' "beloved disciple" stooped over to look into the empty tomb. No doubt he expected to see a corpse. What he saw must have made him look again more intently, for fifty years later he would recall the scene in vivid and minute detail:

- ◆ "He saw strips of linen," we are told, "the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head ... and the cloth folded by itself."
- ◆ He had taken a long, careful, intense look.
- ◆ James wants us to study God's word like that, in detail and with great care.

I'm not saying that one must know Greek and Hebrew to be a good student of the Bible (neither would I discourage someone from studying them). I'm simply concerned that in an age when so many gaze at a TV set and let its images spill over them, that we should make the effort to study God's word. Your TV might lead you to the "next exciting episode," but God's word will lead you to eternal life.

So read it. Ingest it. Look "intently into" it, as if your life depends on it, for it surely does.

--Stan Mitchell, Via *Forthright Magazine*

FROM THE MINISTER:

Great News. Sunday night July 26, 2015 Tim Gotkiewicz baptized ILIYA BRIDGES into Christ. Iliya had been talking with his parents, Nathan and Melissa, about wanting to be baptized. As a first time camper last week he asked about being baptized. And Sunday night at EM he was baptized. Iliya will be 10 years old in November. By the way, at ICYC last week Iliya won the Bible award for his age group. We rejoice with Iliya and his family.

NOT Great News. Nathan Bridges took a job with Columbus Technical College and has been teaching, traveling and staying away from Montgomery much of the week. They have been waiting on the sale of their home to move and now it appears they will be moving. A going-away-fellowship is scheduled for Sunday night, August 23. (We have lost too many families (and this will make three good song leaders having moved to Georgia) because of Georgia!)

More NOT Great News. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will see a note from Mary Grimes. Mary has already moved to Greenville to be near her aged father. Such a sweet lady. We will miss Mary!

Thank You Eastern Meadows. I appreciate the fact that Eastern Meadows encourages our youth to be a part of a Bible camp each summer. For the past three summers, Eastern Meadows has taken youth to the AP week at Indian Creek Youth Camp and Jerry Martin's week at Indian Creek Youth Camp. There is no way to adequately describe the uplift Bible Camp is . . . you just have to be there and I am glad our youth have been there. In addition to youth, we had the director, a counselor, the nurse, and cooks at ICYC.

emcofc.org This is where you go to Eastern Meadows website. Ron Hoskinson is working with the website and is doing a wonderful job. He adds more each week. Already there is much for the visitor to see who wants to learn about Eastern Meadows. Thank you Ron! Check out emcofc.org.

Perfect. Grant Prater, a senior at Loveless Academic Magnet Program in Montgomery, did what almost no one else does. I have never heard of it being done. He had a perfect score on *both* the ACT and SAT test. This is nothing short of amazing. I guess he could say he is perfect, well, academically perfect, well, on the ACT and SAT test. So congratulations to Grant Prater (who I do not know). But spiritually or morally, no one is perfect. Romans chapter 3 is plain about that. As a result of Grant Prater's ACT and SAT test, he would almost certainly be admitted to any college he desires to attend. Because we fall short spiritually, we don't qualify for where we want to go after this life is over. We are not perfect, but we can have access to Jesus' blood which forgives and justifies! Have you been washed in the blood of the lamb?



The Bridges Family



Chief Martin Presenting The Bible Award To Iliya Bridges At ICYC

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

I suppose there is a trade off on most things that we do. With Bible camp, I see a definite trade off; spiritual recharging vs. physical drain! No matter how worn out I feel at the end of camp, I feel energized with joy.

Think about 1 John 1:3b-4, "truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full."

We are immersed in the word of God at camp and it indeed makes our joy full!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Last week's question: How many times did the Israelites march around Jericho? A) 13 (Joshua 6:3,4)

This week's question: When an Israelite who accidentally killed someone fled to a city of refuge and it was found that the death was unintentional, when could he return to his own city? A) At the next new moon; B) At the death of the avenger of blood; C) At the death of the High Priest



ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/30/15

Aug. 2, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Ted Norton

P.M.: Mike Norman

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Randy Porterfield

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Paul Clements

SICK: Sick on Sunday: Naomi Bowers, Margaret and Marcia Graves, and Marcia Sutton. Sam Sullivan will have outpatient surgery, Thursday, July 30 at Jackson Hospital. ROGER DILL is in Jackson Long Term Care. 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.

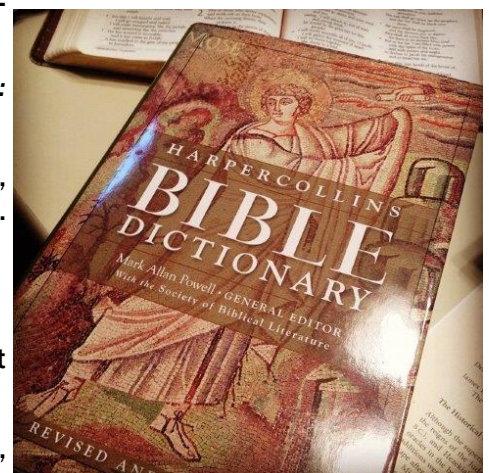
BIBLE LESSON: This Week: Judges, Part 1, Judges 1-11; Next Week: Judges, Part 2, Judges 12-1 Samuel 8

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) will host the meal this Sunday, Aug. 2, following the AM worship service. Team 4 (Clements) will host Aug. 9.

AUG. 2ND NURSERY ATTENDANTS: THERESA MULKEY & KAYLA KNOWLES

LOST BOOK. If you find a Harper Collins Bible Dictionary please contact DEAN NORTON. Dean would like to have it back in his library.

COLLEGE CLASS: Eastern Meadows College Class begins meeting Sunday, August 9.



NOTE FROM MARY GRIMES: To My Christian Family, With regret Sunday July 19th will be my last day to worship at Eastern Meadows. I will be moving to Greenville to assist in taking care of my father. I will forever be grateful for the manner that you welcomed and embraced me during my time at Eastern Meadows. May God forever bless you. Christian love, Mary Grimes

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.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a Gospel Meeting at Georgia Road Church of Christ Aug. 2-6, with Frank Chesser speaking. Sunday services at 9 & 10 AM and 1 PM. Monday – Thursday services at 7 PM.

GOSPEL MEETING: Bobby Golson will be the speaker at the County Line Church of Christ (1686 County Road 39; Deatsville, AL 36022) August 3-7. Monday through Friday services are at 7 p.m.

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

FAULKNER UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Vice President for University Advancement – Advancement; Student Accounts Representative – Student Accounts; and Sales Clerk – Eagle Spirit Store

Choosing That Good Part Ladies Retreat : Reflections from James A Regional Ladies Retreat Overseen By Eastern Meadows

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.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES 16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

Aug. 9, Judges, Part 2, Judg. 12-1 Sam. 8

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

Aug. 16, United Kingdom, Part 1, 1 Sam. 9-2 Sam. 7

- Saul
- David (Part 1)

Aug. 23, United Kingdom, Part 2, 2 Sam. 8-1 Ki. 11

- David (Part 2)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **July 31-Aug. 2:** SEC
- **Aug. 6:** ACA begins 2015-16 School Year
- **Aug. 13:** Montgomery Co. Schools begin

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

7/26/15 CONTRIBUTION: **\$12,414.00**

BUDGET: YTD: **+\$3,918.26**

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: **VICTORY**

- **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



Young Adult Work Day At Rainbow Omega

On Saturday, July 11, eight of Eastern Meadows Young Adults traveled to Rainbow Omega for a work day. Work. They. Did. They painted two apartments — a lot of painting for eight people in one day. It was a long, but good day. They also toured the facility and learned of the good work Eastern Meadows is helping with each month by your contributions.

Join us Sunday August 30th, 2015 at Eastern Meadows Church of Christ to hear Dr. Bill Bagents, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean at Heritage Christian University located in Florence, AL.



Topic: "Loving in Times of Loss"

9:00 AM Bible Study: A Biblical View of Death and Dying

10:00 AM Lesson: Helping Others in Times of Loss

5:00 PM Lesson: Grief and Faith

2015 Jerry Martin Week At ICYC

