



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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August 13, 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 8/9/15

Bible Class: 141
AM Worship: 200
PM Worship: 99
EMBF: \$88.00

WELCOME!

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

8/9/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$37,541.58

BUDGET: + \$ 25,421.58

YTD: + \$ 28,568.12

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.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Pray for Thelma! Thelma Woolfolk responded Sunday morning asking for prayer for herself, her mother, and family. By the way, Thelma's mother is in constant need, and someone from the family is always with her. We can understand the difficulty this is for both the sick one and the caregiver. Pray for all!

<http://www.emcofc.org/>. This is how you get to the Eastern Meadows website. Every time I go to the website, I find something new! It is becoming a comprehensive presentation of the Eastern Meadows Church of Christ. Ron Hoskinson is doing a great job and we owe him a debt of thanks! And thanks to those who have given Ron pictures, information, or articles for the website. Check it out!

Crowne Nursing Home Devotional. Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. there is a devotional conducted by churches of Christ. It never was a one congregation work, but a cooperative work of several men and congregations. I was invited to speak on the 2nd Tuesday of the month about 27 years ago. I have been going ever since. For many years Coleman Boyd was present every Tuesday, along with a couple of gentlemen from Capitol Heights and sometimes a family or some ladies from the Highland Gardens church. Over the years the number of church members attending diminished. Eventually Coleman came to be too sick to go and brother Roger Dill who had been going once a month for many years started going every week, with different men coming to speak once a month. With Roger unable to go, I am now going every week and Mark Jones comes once a month to speak. Ideally more should be involved! *If you would like to help on a regular basis, let me know. If you know of someone who you think would like to help, let me know.* I would love to have at least 5 different men coming to speak once a month or so, as it was in the past. I would continue to be present every week, except when I am out of town.

Be Present To Hear Bill Bagents. Bill is an extraordinarily capable speaker. His lessons will touch all of us and help us to help others. Be sure to be here – August 30!

Sunday Contribution. Due to the generosity of some good EM folks, a large contribution Sunday (\$37,541.58) allowed Ted to transfer \$27,000 to the building fund. Thank you!



Visit the Eastern Meadows Web Page at emcofc.org. Check back each week for updates.



Guest Speaker, Bill Bagents

August 30, 2015

Loving In Times of Loss

9 AM, "A Biblical View of Death and Dying"

10 AM, "Helping Others in Times of Loss"

5 PM, "Grief and Faith"

Bill Bagents was reared in Luverne, Alabama, but now makes his home in Florence, Alabama. He is a graduate of Auburn University, B.S.; M.Ed.; and Amridge, M.A., M.Div., and D.Min. He is currently the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean at Heritage Christian University and the associate minister of the Mars Hill Church of Christ. He began serving Mars Hill as an elder in 2006. He is co-founder of the Alpha Center, a Christian counseling center and has done mission work in Russia, Bangladesh, and Nigeria.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Has school begun again already?? Summer brought many lessons for our youth group. We learned about Daniel during VBS; we learned about Noah and the flood during AP week at camp; we learned about walking with God like Noah, the commitment of Daniel, the courage of Esther, and the faith of Timothy at Jerry Martin's week at camp; we learned at SEC about why and how we have to engage with others if we are to make disciples of Christ; and we learned how to be servants while helping others; and I think we all grew.

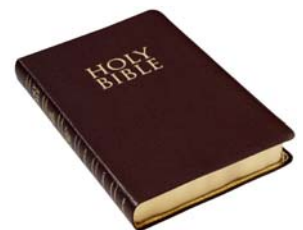
I hope and pray that during the next 9 months, we can grow as well. We have many opportunities ahead of us, such as area-wide worship, Exposure Youth Camp, Lads2Leaders, and a new series of lessons on Matthew.

Speaking of Area-wides, Eastern Meadows was represented by 16 teens and 8 adults! We heard a great lesson on Matthew 5:1-16 (beatitudes, salt and light) that helped us focus on having the Attitude, Image, and Mind (A.I.M.) of Christ. Next up: Sept 13th at Prattville (Matt. 5:17-26)

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: The LORD raised up a deliverer named Othniel, who was: C) Caleb's brother (Judges 3:9)

This week's question: The concubine who was cut into 12 pieces was from : A) Gibeah; B) Ephraim; C) Bethlehem



Aug. 16, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Josh Cochran

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Bagents

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Billy Bush

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/13/15

SICK: SAM SULLIVAN is in Jackson Hospital. ROGER DILL is in Jackson Long Term Care (room 577). ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, Arlette Postma's mother, was in Jackson Hospital. Prayers have been requested for MELISSA MOTE, family friend of the Sewell's, who is battling breast cancer. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, WAYNE JOHNSTON, MARSHA SUTTON, and MARIAN SIKES. 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. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN. Deployed: JON TIMBES, Kuwait.

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

AREA WIDE SINGING: Prattville Church of Christ will host the area wide singing this Friday, Aug. 7, 7 PM.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: United Kingdom, Part 1, 1 Sam. 9—2 Sam. 7

AUGUST 16th NURSERY ATTENDANTS: CINDY MULKEY and DENISE MARTIN

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 5 (Henly A & Phyllis A) will host the meal this Sunday, Aug. 16, following the AM worship service. Team 1 (Norman) will host Aug. 23.

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME ANNUAL FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE: The truck from Mount Dora will be coming August 17th. Find a list of the items most needed on the last page. Leave items behind the LadyBUGS Desk.

SPEAKING AUGUST 23: Charlie Boddy will be speaking at the Aug. 23rd morning service and Austin Brown will be speaking at the evening service.

GOING-AWAY FELLOWSHIP: A Going-Away Fellowship is scheduled for Aug. 30th in honor of the Bridges family. They will be moving to the Phoenix City/Columbus, GA area very soon to be closer to Nathan's work.

FRIENDS FOR FAULKNER (FFF): You are invited to the 1st meeting of the year of FFF Friday, Aug. 28, 12—1 PM in the Rotunda Auditorium. Bring your own lunch. Desserts will be provided. Help FFF help the students!

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY - August 30th

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sept. 13:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS

- **Aug. 18:** Faulkner begins Fall Semester

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

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 Kings 11

- David (Part 2)
- Solomon

LADYBUGS (Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting:** Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
- **Aug. 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Sept. 1:** Sign-up Deadline for Retreat
- **Sept. 6:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM

WHAT HAPPENED?

Do you remember the days of good quality television shows such as, "Father Knows Best," "Leave It to Beaver" and "The Brady Bunch"? These were family shows that exemplified the importance of family structure and often had an underlying moral theme that was conveyed to the audience. Today, audiences are riddled with television shows that tout the "joys" of casual sex, drunkenness and the use of vulgar language. I was recently astonished to learn that a Disney show that my daughter enjoyed watching just introduced a lesbian couple. I was also dismayed by the recent events of the 2014 Grammys.

What happened to our standards in television? At one time it was taboo to show the bedroom of a married couple with only one bed. However, today it is not just the bedroom that is displayed. What happened to morality, ethics and decency? What happened to respect for parents and authority? What has happened to cause the stanch moral decline of America, a breakdown of the line between truth and lie, a blur of right and wrong, and a reverse of good and evil?

There are many examples of people throughout the Bible whose standards were lowered, which led to sin. Eve being tempted changed her thoughts on what God said about the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:1-6). Lot, surrounding himself with the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, gave his daughters to the menacing crowds (Genesis 19).

What happened is a lack of fear for God. In each dispensation, mankind has been commanded to fear God (Genesis 20; Duet. 6:24, et. al.; 1 Peter 2:17). The phrase to "fear God" or "fear the Lord" appears some forty times throughout the Old and New testaments. To fear God is to have an awesome reverence that leads to obedience. Adam and Eve didn't fear God enough to keep from eating of the forbidden tree. Lot's lust for Sodom and Gomorrah was greater than his fear of God.

As Christians, we must fear God and keep His commandments (Deuteronomy 13:4) and not let our standards be lowered along with the low standards of society. We are called, as children of God, to live to a higher standard and "not be conformed to the world but be transformed" (Romans 12:1).

We must always be mindful to reverence God by holding to His standards and by being obedient to His commands, because He is God our Creator and Judge. Solomon concluded Ecclesiastes with these solemn words, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (12:13-14).



--David S. Deagel



MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME

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Items Needed For Food & Supply Drive

Food Items

Cereal	White/Yellow Cake Mix
Coffee	Baked Beans
Fruit Juices	Crushed Pineapple
Bottled Water	Pineapple Bits
Kool Aid	Chili (No Beans)
Canned Chicken	Rotel
Sugar	NesQuik Chocolate Powder
Cookie Mix	Vegetable Oil
Pop Tarts	Taco Seasoning
Mayonnaise	Chicken Broth
Snacks	Peanut Butter

Non Food Items

Laundry Detergent
Paper Plates
Plastic Cups
Paper Towels
Trash Bags
Dishwasher Liquid
Toilet Paper
Body Wash
Liquid Hand Soap
Fabric Softener
Gallon Freezer Bags
Deodorant
Shampoo
Mouthwash
Toothbrushes
Combs/Brushes
Cleaning Supplies



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