



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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August 20, 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

WMGY 800 AM & 96.5 FM

Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.

With ROGER DILL

STATISTICS 8/16/15

Bible Class: 135
AM Worship: 179
PM Worship: 132
EMBF: \$88.00

WELCOME!



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"

Choosing That Good Part Ladies Retreat: *Reflections from James*

A Regional Ladies Retreat Overseen By Eastern Meadows

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. The deadline for registration is **September 1**.

FROM THE MINISTER:

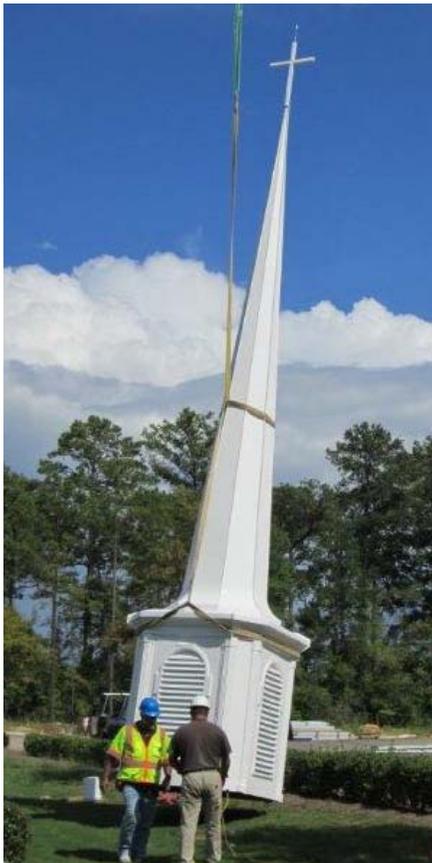
Two Sundays of Great Preaching! This Sunday Charlie Boddy will be speaking at morning worship and Austin Brown will be speaking at the evening worship. Two great opportunities. Charley *always* is thoroughly prepared and presents a lesson that is biblical, needed, and always with a practical application to our lives. This will be Austins *first* "feature length sermon." I am excited about Austin's first sermon. I and will be listening to the CD the very next week! Sunday, August 30, Bill Bagents will be speaking. Bill is an excellent speaker who has a topic that, I believe, everyone will find of interest. Few lessons have been heard on this topic, "Loving in Times of Loss." There have been many "Grief Seminars" across the country. While this lesson may touch on some of the things you might hear in a Grief Seminar, this subject is broader. You will find if very helpful.



Eastern Meadows History

<http://www.emcofc.org/>. Go to the Eastern Meadows' website by typing in this url. Then scroll down and you will see the picture at the right along with the caption, "Eastern Meadows History." Click. Then read about the history of the Eastern Meadows Church of Christ. After you finish this explore the rest of the website. Thank you to RON HOSKINSON for the great job he is doing with the website.

The STEEPLE Is UP!



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

The Lads to Leaders program has added a new event for the boys. "Providers" is a non-competitive, year-round event that can be earned each year. Girls participating in "Keepers" may also choose one of the providers categories in which to participate each year.

Providers is designed to encourage a specific skill that will help prepare the boys for their Biblical place as adults; that is, leading their homes as husbands and fathers. It will also provide experience in practical home maintenance skills that are valuable to all Christian male participants.

Participants should get mentors who will help them choose and plan specific challenges in a given category. Mentors are encouraged to seek guidance and participation of experts.

Briefly, the event challenges are:

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| ⇒ Spiritual leadership | ⇒ Basic Painting |
| ⇒ Basic Marriage | ⇒ Basic Electrical |
| ⇒ Basic Child Discipline | ⇒ Basic Family Finances |
| ⇒ Lawn Mower Use and Maintenance | ⇒ Basic Car Maintenance |
| ⇒ Basic Plumbing | ⇒ Basic Gardening |
| ⇒ Basic Carpentry | ⇒ Basic Home Security |

Each of these challenges have required lessons and a list of required tasks that the participant must observe and do.

Men, please consider helping our teens learn these skills. I will be sending out more detailed information after I return from PTP. Until then, if you want to read the specifics, they can be found at: <http://www.lads2leaders.com>, choose the "convention" tab and click on "Event Rulebook"



Attention Youth Group! This year's Area-Wide shirts are 10 dollars each, and the money is due to me no later than Sunday the 30th. Along with the money, I need to know your size and color preference. You can choose green or blue, and they should look similar to the shirts pictured here. The white design is glow-in-the-dark and has the names of the Area-Wide congregations in the number "16". If you want the shirt, but can't afford one, please let me know!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: The concubine who was cut into 12 pieces was from:

C) Bethlehem (Judges 19:1)

This week's question: Ruth's sister-in-law was : A) Orpah; B) Naomi; or, C) Tamar



Aug. 23, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

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

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Paul Clements
P.M.: Mark Evans

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jimmy Mathews
P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: Will Dill
P.M.: Will Dill

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/20/15

SICK: ANNEGENE DAVIS is in Baptist East Medical Center. C.A. "Red" Taylor, Dianne Hoskinson's father, is in Jackson Hospital (No visitors, please). ROGER DILL is in Jackson Long Term Care (room 577). Sick at home Sunday: ANNEGENE DAVIS, KELSEY EVANS, and OPAL SULLIVAN. 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) CHARLES BUSH and PHYLLIS BLACKWELL. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, NEAL ROBERTS, ROD HALL, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, RYAN AKERS, WAYNE EDWARDS, and MELISSA MOTE.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: United Kingdom, Part 2, 2 Sam. 8—1 Kings 11

AUGUST 23rd NURSERY ATTENDANTS: KAYLA KNOWLES & THERESA MULKEY

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 1 (Norman) will host the meal this Sunday, Aug. 23, following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal Aug. 30, since it is a 5th Sunday.

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR: All events for the September calendar must be in by Sunday, Aug. 23, to Wilma.

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!

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

TO THE EM LADIES: Hello Ladies (Lady Bugs, Sunday Morning Class), I finally moved and trying to settle in. I still have boxes to unpack, hang drapes/pictures. Everything is going well, however, my dad doesn't want me to go home. I love my apartment. Really miss all of you, especially the fellowship, but I am confident that I will meet new friends. My new address: 693 Sherling Lake Road Apt. 426; Greenville, AL, 36037. Love, Mary Grimes

POLISHING THE PULPIT: PTP is Aug. 21—27, in Sieverville, TN. EM members attending are: JERRY & DENISE MARTIN, PAUL & GLADYS CLEMENTS, STEVE & TISH HOUSLEY, and TIM & SALLY GOTKIEWICZ. Jerry, Denise, Paul, and Tish all have teaching and/or counseling to do at PTP. Pray for them to have productive & safe travels.



Please be aware the the construction area is a hard hat area! With workers above, the ground level area is very dangerous. Also, the construction area is inherently dangerous, with numerous trip hazards, electrical hazards, and sharp protruding materials to name a few.

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:** Retreat Sign-up Deadline
- **Sept. 6:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM
- **Sept. 10:** BLD Club Dinner, 6 PM, Cucos
- **Sept. 17–19:** "Choosing That Good Part" Retreat
- **Sept. 28:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

Aug. 23, United Kingdom, Part 2, 2 Sam. 8—1 Kings 11

- David (Part 2)
- Solomon

Aug. 30, Divided Kingdom, Part 1, 1 Kings—2 Kings 9

- Solomon dies, Israel divides
- Early Kings
- 3rd dynasty: Omri—Joram

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sept. 13:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Sept. 20:** Youth/Family Devo, PM

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

8/16/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$11,840.21

BUDGET: - \$279.79 / YTD: + \$28,288.53

Teacher Answers Question: Is 'Precision Obedience' A Valid Theology?

Edmond, Okla. (BNC) by Phil Sanders — I was recently questioned about precision obedience and whether it is a valid theology. I would recommend to all who wish to know the answer to this question to study the book of Deuteronomy. Throughout the book are specific instructions as to how we are to respond to the commandments and precepts that come from God.

I spent many hours reading and re-reading the book in several versions.

I purchased a copy of the Tanakh (an English translation of the Jewish scriptures) in order to see how they understood the passages. I found that God expects us to obey Him lovingly (12x), fearfully (15x), completely (31x), carefully (27x in NASB), and accurately. We were to do "just as the Lord commanded" (69x in the Pentateuch) and act "according to the commandment" (43x). We were to go neither to the right or left (5x), to walk in His ways, to not turn from the way. We were neither to add to nor take away from His commandments (Dt. 4:2; 12:32).

Any serious student would immediately see the importance of these repetitious instructions.

What cinched it for me was how many times Jesus used words like "keep" and "observe," words which reflect careful obedience. I noticed to how Jesus would not act on his own initiative, how He did "just as" the Father commanded (Jn. 14:31). I did not make up the idea of "precision obedience." I found it in the text, where it was all the time. I find these quotations from the Tanakh quite revealing:

When they have announced to you the verdict in the case, you shall carry out the verdict that is announced to you from that place that the Lord chose, observing scrupulously all their instructions to you. You shall act in

accordance with the instructions given you and the ruling handed down to you; you must not deviate from the verdict that they announce to you either to the right or to the left. (Deut. 17:9c-11)

Be careful, then, to do as the Lord your God has commanded you. Do not turn aside to the right or to the left: follow only the path that the Lord your God has enjoined upon you, so that you may thrive and that it may go well with you, and that you may long endure in the land you are to possess. (5:29,30 JPS)

Handling aright the word of truth, paying close attention, not acting on our own initiative, and keeping the commandments mean we too should have a loving, careful, fearful, complete, and accurate obedience.

Precisely obeying means we use bread and fruit of the vine, not roast lamb on the Lord's table. It means we sing from our hearts rather than play or entertain ourselves. It means we have a plurality of elders rather than a single pastor, an archbishop, or a pope. It means we immerse penitent believers instead of sprinkling infants.



In short, it means we do not go beyond the Scriptures for our faith or practice, instead we show our love for God by listening and doing what He says in Scripture rather than pursue our own thoughts.

This is not that hard to understand, and it is thoroughly biblical!

Phil is speaker for the television program "In Search of the Lord's Way." He posted this reply on his Facebook wall today.

http://brotherhoodnews.com/2015/08/17/precision-obedience/?utm_source=feedbu

I WILL

- Like Paul, forget those things which are behind, and press onward (Phil. 3:13)
- Like David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence comes my help (Psa. 121:1).
- Like Abraham, trust implicitly in my God (Jms. 2:23).
- Like Enoch, walk daily in fellowship with my heavenly Father (Gen. 5:22).
- Like Jehoshaphat, prepare my heart to seek God (2 Chron. 19:2-3).
- Like Moses, choose rather to suffer, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (Heb. 11:24-25).
- Like Daniel, commune with God at all times (Dan. 6:10).
- Like Job, be patient under all circumstances (Job 13:15-16; Jms. 5:11).
- Like Caleb and Joshua, refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers, (Num. 13:30; 14:6-9).
- Like Gideon, advance even though my friends by few (Jud. 7:7).
- Like Aaron and Hur, uphold the hands of the leaders of the church with prayer and support (Ex. 17:12).
- Like Andrew, strive to lead my brother to Christ (Jn. 1:40-42).
- Like Stephen, manifest a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt (Acts 7:60).

--Author Unknown