



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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August 6, 2015

ELDERS:

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Billy Bush
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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 8/2/15

Bible Class: 148
AM Worship: 175
PM Worship: 123
EMBE: \$318.00

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"

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.

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

8/2/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$11,348.38

BUDGET: - \$ 771.62

YTD: + \$ 3,146.64

FROM THE MINISTER:

emcofc.org This is where you go to get to the Eastern Meadows website. Ron Hoskinson is working with the website and is doing a wonderful job. He adds more each week. One of the things that you may find of interest is the media section of the website. There you will find an archive of bulletins as well as the current bulletin and sermons from many Sundays past. In addition to Sunday Sermons, Jerry Martin's Wednesday Night Class and two different Marriage Seminars are online. Good stuff! Thank you Ron for the good job you are doing.

Pray For Our Teachers! I don't just mean the Bible Class teachers. I am referring now to the many teachers and support personnel that worship at Eastern Meadows who are ending their summer and returning to the classroom. All will very soon be back at school. I remember when we started the first full day of school on the day after Labor Day - ancient history! Now at the first of August it all begins. Eastern Meadows teachers/support personnel: Allen Clements, Faulkner University; Deidre Cole, Faulkner University; Tammy Evans, Alabama Christian Academy; Ryan Gotkiewicz, Dozier Elementary; Julie Gotkiewicz, Amridge University; Brooks Housley, Amridge University; Sarah Housley, Pike Road Elementary; Alan Kaye, Faulkner University; Gwendolyn Mann, Alabama State University; Jerry Martin, Amridge University; Angie Moore, Faulkner University; Cindy Mulkey, Alabama Christian Academy; Sarah Norton, Faulkner University; Laurie Norton, Alabama Christian Academy; Charlotte Patterson, Alabama Christian Academy; Cecilia Porterfield, Alabama Christian Academy; Jane Norton, Alabama Christian Academy; Jeff Simpson, Troy State University Montgomery; Linda Simpson, Dalraida Elementary; and Thelma Woolfolk, Alabama State University. These good people do everything from teaching in the classroom, to counseling students, to working in offices, to Supervising a department, to nursing, to being a dorm supervisor. May each be blessed in their well doing.

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.

Polishing the Pulpit. Tim and Sally and I will be attending Polishing the Pulpit, August 21-27. Jerry and Denise Martin (speaking and counseling; Denise speaking to the Ladies), Paul and Gladys Clements (will be speaking), and Tish Housley (teach daily classes for 5 year olds). We will all enjoy the week. This year Polishing the Pulpit is expecting over 4,000 attendees, with 800+ classes, with as many as 15 different lectures each hour. If you want to know more about PTP, go to polishingthepulpit.com.

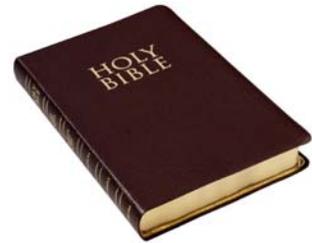
Tuesday-Night-Together Success. The meal and a study for the past several Tuesday nights was a great success. There was always good food, good fellowship, and a challenging lesson. Thanks to the many men and women who taught during Tuesday-Nights-Together. Finishing out the year, once a month Monday-Night-Motivation resumes.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Several of our youth attended the Southern Evangelism Conference (SEC) this past weekend. It was a full weekend of worship, lectures, classes, and singing. Each year, SEC is for teens and focuses on how to better equip ourselves to tell others about the gospel of Jesus. This year's theme was, "Get Out of Your Cage and ENGAGE." The class and speaker topics were wide-ranging in scope, but to summarize, we learned why and how we have to be engaged with others if we are to make disciples. The lessons were very motivating and, I am sure, inspired each of us that attended!

It was announced on Sunday that SEC will now be known as AIMCON (Adventures In Ministry Conference). The dates for AIMCON16 are July 22, 2016 - July 31, 2016. I encourage all of our teens: make plans to attend. The new web address for the event is: www.aimcon.org

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:



Last week's question: Last 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? C) At the death of the High Priest (Joshua 20:6)

This week's question: This week's question: The LORD raised up a deliverer named Othniel, who was: A) Joshua's grandson; B) Joshua's son; C) Caleb's brother

Aug. 9, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Troy Steelman

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Charlie Boddy

P.M.: Alan Kaye

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/6/15

SICK: BAKER CREEL, grandson of Billy and Judy Creel, had an automobile accident Saturday evening and surgery to repair the injuries on Monday at Baptist Hospital South. Prayers have been requested for BILL BRYAN, Sarah Norton's father, who is in the hospital. ROGER DILL, Jackson Long Term Care. SAM SULLIVAN has been undergoing various medical tests. 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, 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.

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

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Judges, Part 2, Judg. 12-1 Sam. 8.

AUGUST 9th NURSERY ATTENDANTS: TERRY BAGENTS & CASSIDY BROWN

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 4 (Clements) will host the meal this Sunday, Aug. 9, following the AM worship service. Team 5 (Henly K & Phyllis A) will host Aug. 16.

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.

COLLEGE CLASS TO RESUME: Beginning this Sunday, August 9, Stan Neuenschwander will begin teaching the College Class. Stan always comes to class very prepared with an animated teaching style. Of course all College age are the target audience for the class; however, this year the college will also be joined by the High School Seniors. Tim Gotkiewicz will be teaching the Wednesday Night Class. Tim also comes very prepared to teach. The College Class will have amazing classes for 2025-2016!

SHEPHERD'S TALK: The elders will present an update on business and events this Sunday following the AM worship service.

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 or pick up a copy at the sound control 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. 23rd 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.

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

FAULKNER UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: University Nurse – Student Services

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY - August 30th

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Aug. 6:** ACA begins school year
- **Aug. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Aug. 13:** Montgomery Co. begins school year

COLLEGE EVENTS

- **Aug. 9:** College Class Begins
- **Aug. 18:** Faulkner begins Fall Semester
- **Aug. 19:** Desserts, 7:30 PM

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)

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.



EASTERN MEADOWS LADIES MAKING INELLA BOWDEN'S DAY A BIT BRIGHTER WITH THE PRESENTATION OF A HAND-CRAFTED WREATH

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting:** Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
- **Aug. 12:** BLD Club Lunch, Newk's, 11:30 AM
- **Aug. 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

The Burning Bush

-Danny Moore-

I've began noticing that as I get older I am starting to enjoy things that I didn't have an appreciation for as a younger man. One of those things is gardening. I watched my mom and dad plant flowers, trees, and vegetable gardens through the years, but never really had an interest in taking part in it until a few years ago.

There is something gratifying about planting a seed in the ground and then waiting to see if it will sprout, and what it will produce. Over the last two or three years I have planted various trees and bushes around the perimeter of the back yard and each plant develops its own personality it seems.

One little plant in particular comes to mind when I think of plants with personality. My mom, who is the source of several of my plants, brought what appeared to be nothing more than a small five or six-inch stick with a single root at the bottom of it. I reluctantly took the sickly plant just to keep from hurting her feelings, but I didn't really want it. I planted it in the ground with absolutely no hope of it ever producing.

Six months later and the lazy little thing was still only a small, bare stick protruding from the ground. I told my mom that I was going to pull it from the ground and toss it in the trash, but in her patience she convinced me not to and she moved the plant to another location in the yard.

Suprisingly six months later the little plant that had failed to grow and seemed destined for the trash pile..... was still a simple bare stick with little hope. After almost two years a single green leaf appeared at the tip top of the plant. I was elated.

The little Burning Bush, also known as *Euonymus Alatus* was alive and well, and sprouted several more twigs bearing leaves over the next six months. All of this happened because one person had hope and inspired another person to have hope in something that seemed hopeless.

Sometimes people are like the Burning Bush. They appear ordinary and possibly incapable of becoming anything more than average. Then the right person comes along and either by loving them, or encouraging them, or providing that nudge in the right direction, they set them ablaze.

In the book of Acts chapter 17, the Jews speak of those who "have turned the world upside down". I'm not anywhere close to doing that, but my goal is to take a few people that are already upside down and help them get turned back right-side up.

Opportunities to help people are abundant and always have been. I look at the twig that sits in my back yard and then I look at pictures of a full grown Burning Bush glowing fiery red in the Autumn and I think that this is how it will be when we help people in need and then they finally come into their season.



Who's In Charge?

A certain sea captain and his chief engineer argued as to which of them was more important to the ship. Failing to agree, they resorted to unique plan of swapping places.

The chief engineer ascended to the bridge and the captain went to the engine room. After a couple of hours the captain suddenly appeared on the deck covered with oil and soot.

"Chief!" he yelled, wildly waving aloft a monkey wrench. "You'll have to come down here; I can't make her go!"

"Of course you can't," replied the chief. "We're aground!"

That argument between the captain and chief engineer - and its results - mirrors the struggle you and I face when it comes to who is in charge of our lives.

Jeremiah spoke the truth when he wrote: "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). In fact, when you and I seek to control and direct our own ships, we often "run it aground," for "there is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

We need direction! The real issue is Lordship - who is going to be the lord of our lives - ourselves or the Lord?

Via HTH/HTH

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