



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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September 16, 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

WMBY 800 AM & 96.5 FM

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

With ROGER DILL

STATISTICS 9/13/15

Bible Class: 140
AM Worship: 185
PM Worship: 106
EMBE: \$65.00

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

October, 2015



October 7: Jerry Martin,
"Tell Me The Story Of Jesus"



October 14: Jim Smeal,
"Christ Crucified"



October 21: Leon Estep,
"Lessons From Haggai"



October 28: Paul Meachum,
"Marriage In America:
A Postmortem"

Mark your calendars! Plan to be here each week!

FROM THE MINISTER:

The Coles. Sunday morning I read a statement from John and Deidre Cole – they are expecting! Several weeks ago they had requested prayer that they cope with the difficulties that couples wanting children can face. Now they have the good news that a baby is on the way! Let us continue to pray for a safe pregnancy and delivery and a healthy baby!

The Construction Continues! Notice the middle picture of the front page, bottom middle of the picture. That is the baptistry with a cloth over the baptistry. It is a real baptistry, with lots of water when it is filled. It will be sitting up high behind the pulpit. This will be easier to baptize folks in than the portable baptistry we currently use – though it seems that I am the only one who had problems baptizing someone!

Pray for the Ladies Retreat! It begins tomorrow. There are about 65 ladies coming from 8 states to Indian Creek Youth Camp. They will have an intense study of the book of James from Thursday evening through Saturday morning. Pray from their safety and success.

Wonderful Wednesdays! We are only a few weeks away from Wonderful Wednesdays. In October we will listen to four good lessons from speakers from Amridge University. And we start off with our own, Jerry Martin!

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/16/15

Sept. 20, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Charlie Boddy

P.M.: Mark Evans

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: James Hilyer

P.M.: Tim Stevens

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

SICK: ALAN KAYE underwent surgery Wednesday. ANNEGENE DAVIS is scheduled for a heart catheterization Sept. 22. JOHNNY BLUE will have lung cancer surgery Sept. 28, at UAB. (The previous diagnosis of no cancer for Johnny was in error.) MIKE NORMAN hopes to receive tests results this week. THELMA WOOLFOLK is undergoing tests. ROGER DILL will be moving Thursday from Noland Hospital to his daughter Evie Webb's house under hospice care. JAMIE FINLAYSON, Melanie Bush and Tim Bagents niece underwent cancer surgery and will soon begin chemo and radiation treatments. Prayers have also been requested for SONNY SOLOMON, member at Prattville Church of Christ, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will undergo surgery Sept. 23. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ROY MULKEY, and DOROTHY 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, PHYLLIS BLACKWELL, C.A. (Red) TAYLOR, ANN KAYE, and ANGIE HICKS. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, NEAL ROBERTS, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, RYAN AKERS, WAYNE EDWARDS, MELISSA MOTE, PAM BROWN, PHYLLIS DELL, and JAMIE FINLAYSON.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Sally Gotkiewicz and family in the passing of her sister, NANCY MABRY, on Saturday. The funeral was Wednesday in Union, SC. Nancy was the aunt of Ryan Gotkiewicz.

SYMPATHY: Our condolences to the family of ANN NIXON CLAKELEY who passed away Sunday. The funeral will be at Redland Road Church of Christ Thursday at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10a.m. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery immediately following.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Judah Alone, 2 Kings 18-25

SEPTEMBER 13 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: BECKY NORTON & CASSIDY BROWN

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday following the morning worship service. Team 4 (Clements) will host Sept. 27.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 a.m. Study of Mark.

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Capital Prayer Breakfast will be Friday, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m., located in the RSA Tower on the corner of North Lawrence and Monroe Streets, 22nd floor. The costs is \$10.00 per person. There is "FREE" parking available in the garage diagonally across the street from the RSA building. You will need to enter from North Lawrence Street at the Capital City Club entrance. (Lawrence is a one way street going south). If you plan to attend, please call Curtis Sampley at 334-387-7504. You may call at any hour of the day or night; just leave me a message of your intent, or email me at curtissampley@amridgeuniversity.edu.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Westside Church of Christ Saturday, Sept. 19, with Emma Johnson speaking on "Revealing the Masks." The day begins at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

OCTOBER CALENDAR: All events for the October calendar must be turned in by Sunday, Sept. 20, to Wilma.

CORINNE TO VISIT: Eastern Meadows helps support the mission work that CORINNE FANEUS is involved with in Cusco, Peru. She is presently in the states and will visit with us next Wednesday night, Sept. 23.

STACY FERGUSON SPEAKING: STACY FERGUSON, of mission work in the Pacific Islands, will speak Sunday, Sept. 27, at the evening worship service.

THANK YOU: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, We can't begin to explain how much we appreciate all that you've done for us these past months; before and after my broken hip and femur and the resulting surgery; and then my other fall in July. All of your prayers, visits, cards, notes, calls, food, etc., have been so helpful. Thank you. Thank you to the Ladybugs, too, for the lovely burlap wreath. We love y'all. Marsha & Randy Sutton



The "Explorer Series: Bible Culture & Geography" Class continues. They are currently studying foods of the Bible. Will Johnston, as pictured at left, is giving thanks for the lentil soup they are about to enjoy.

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting:** Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
- **Sept. 17–19:** "Choosing That Good Part" Retreat
- **Sept. 27:** Craft Project—Painting A Snowman, \$10, Sign-up list at desk, 2 PM
- **Sept. 28:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Oct. 4:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM
- **Oct. 7:** BLD Club Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 9 AM
- **Oct. 11:** Courtney Ward's Baby Shower, 6 PM (registered at Target)

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

Sept. 20, Judah Alone, 2 Kings 18-25

- Hezekiah's reform
- Manasseh and Amon
- Josiah's reform
- Kings before the fall
- Judah falls

Sept. 27, Captivity, 2 Kings 25—2 Chron. 36)

- 70 years of captivity
- Messages of hope
- Cyrus' decree

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sept. 20:** Youth/Family Devo, PM
- **Oct. 11:** Area Wide Devo @ Walnut Street, PM
- **Oct. 18:** Youth & Family Devo, PM

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

9/13/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$11,337.00

BUDGET: -\$783.00 / YTD: + \$28,372.44

A Perfect Salvation

There are other salvations spoken of in the Bible. Noah and his family were saved from the flood (Genesis 6:7, 9; Hebrews 11:7). Israel was saved from bondage (Exodus 14:30). The three Hebrew children were saved from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:19-30). Those are past salvations.

Today, we can be saved from the guilt of sin. The Bible tells us we are guilty. It also tells us that we can be free.

What is sin? Several New Testament passages define sin for us (1 John 3:4; 5:17; James 4:17; Romans 14:23). It is transgressing or going beyond the law of God. Simply, sin is unrighteousness. Yet, sin can also result from what one fails to do.

Jesus, though, is the Savior from sin (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:8-11), and that was the purpose for which He left heaven and came into the world. It is evident from an abundance of Scripture that Jesus saves by his blood (Romans 3:24-25; 5:8-9; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:11-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5). We contact that blood in the act of baptism (Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 3:27; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 6:3-4).

Thereby, we are saved from the power of sin. We are delivered from its power (Colossians 1:12-13), and we are made free from sin (Romans 6:16-18).

Salvation is perfected in us through compliance with the terms of salvation offered by God the Father, revealed by God the Holy Spirit and imitating the sacrifice of God the Son (Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 6:3-5). Have you experienced the perfect salvation?

--Therman Hodge, via Gospel Gazette Online

What Will You Be Doing When the End Comes?

Paul, the apostle, wrote, "Then cometh the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power" (1 Corinthians 15:24). There is no doubt about it, Jesus is coming. When He comes, the end of the world will also come – at which time Jesus will deliver the kingdom, which is the church, to the Father (Matthew 16:18-19; Colossians 1:13-18). Have you ever thought about what you might be doing when He does come? Ultimately, nobody could possibly know the answer to that question, because nobody knows when the end will come (Matthew 24:35 – 25:46; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-10).

However, what if, when the Lord comes, He comes on a Sunday morning, Sunday evening or Wednesday night? What would you say then? There are some people that you could say, without a doubt, "I know exactly where they would be and what they would be doing; they would be at church (i.e., in the assembly) gathered together with other saints, worshiping God and studying His Word." While some can find almost any excuse for missing church, these would not miss services for anything, not even and especially the end of the world.

What will come of those who have little to do with the kingdom or church now? Will they suddenly become interested at Christ's coming? No doubt, "Yes." In Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus taught that when He comes for the kingdom of heaven (the church), some will be unprepared. The parable is about Christians who had made some preparation to enter heaven, but they did not make full preparation. Suddenly, they will want to be with faithful saints in heaven, but the door will be shut!

Obviously, going to church or assembling with the saints does not comprise all the preparation that one must make. Yet, one cannot make proper preparation for heaven if assembling with the church is not important to him or her. Jesus *is coming* for *the church!* Will you be ready?

--Robert Lupo, via Gospel Gazette Online