



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

8464 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

Phone: 334-273-0001 / Fax: 334-273-0375

September 24, 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 9/20/15

Bible Class: 124
AM Worship: 170
PM Worship: 96
EMBF: \$83.00

WELCOME!

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:

Sunday Responses: Sunday we had opportunity to pray for RON HOSKINSON and MARCIA GRAVES. Let us continue to pray for their spiritual strength each day. How wonderful that we have the opportunity to pray! Let us pray for one another.

The Lord's Supper on Friday? It has not been an unusual thing for some in the religious world to take the Lord's Supper/Communion on "Maundy Thursday," the Thursday before Easter. (Note: "Maundy Thursday" and "Easter" are not mentioned in scripture. Further the traditions of men concerning these two occasions are just that, traditions of men). In the last few years, you might sometimes hear (still a rare thing) of a "church of Christ" having the Lord's Supper on the Thursday before Easter. Because someone does something does not make it right. To learn more about Sunday as the day for the Lord's Supper (and not Thursday or Friday) go to https://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=11&article=1254&topic=81&utm_source=9%2F21%2F2015&utm_campaign=Oct+14&utm_medium=email. You will need to copy and paste both lines into your browser. This article is 11 pages and far too lengthy for the bulletin. The concluding paragraph is below:

Only by gathering everything the New Testament says on a subject and logically fitting it all together can one arrive at the truth. The conclusion to be drawn from this information is definitive and unquestionable. Since Christians met every Sunday (1 Corinthians 16:2), and a central purpose for such assemblies was to observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7) regularly and consistently (Acts 2:42), it follows that the early church partook of the Lord's Supper every Sunday – and partook of it only on Sunday. H. Leo Boles well concluded: "There is no scriptural example or instruction authorizing the eating of the Lord's Supper on any day except the first day of the week" (1985, p. 37). Rex Turner offers a fitting summary: "[T]he necessary and inescapable conclusion is that disciples must meet on, and only on, the first day of the week to break bread" (1972, p. 77).

Read the entirety of the article. Let us assemble for communion every Sunday. Let us not be duped into thinking that any other day is acceptable. Let us follow God's word and not man's traditions.

Youth and Family Devotionals. This is not my domain, but I would strongly encourage all parents to attend the devotionals. As Tish and I do not have youth, we are not usually in the devotional, but this past Sunday we were present (I listened through the door). Tim Gotkiewicz does an excellent job directing these devotionals. *Why would you stay away and keep your children from attending?*

2015 "Choosing That Good Part" Ladies Retreat

It is history. Sixty-four women registered for the retreat. Fifty-six women met from Thursday, September 17 till Saturday, September 19 at Indian Creek Youth Camp. These women ate together, studied together, sang together, prayed together, played together and became great friends. They were from eight different states from as far away as 6 hours, but for some, as close as fifteen minutes. Our Eastern Meadows ladies had about a three hour drive to ICYC, most carpooling and enjoying time together on the way up and back. Take the time to read some of the comments and look at the pictures below:

"The retreat was outstanding! Thanks to the elders of Eastern Meadows Church of Christ for overseeing this. Thanks to Denise Martin and Tish Housley for all your hard work in organizing the retreat. Thanks to all the speakers - beyond amazing. Thanks for all the ladies who came and participated. My heart is full!" (Wilma Berry, Montgomery, AL)



"I was encouraged by all of the older women and their wonderful lessons of wisdom." (Meleah Handley, age 19, Jasper, AL)

"What a great group of women and a great study of the book of James. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a reality." (Donna Faughn, Paducah, KY)

"The retreat was uplifting; it was encouraging. I am inspired to do better! Thank you!!!" (Ponna Mahan, Bankston, AL)

"I like that it was an in-depth study on one book." (Jen Clowdus, Niceville, FL)

"It was very organized and had a relaxed at-



mosphere. I enjoyed getting to know the other ladies." (Carlee Helms, Arkadelphia, AR)

"The deeper study of a commonly taught book was really beneficial and the time for fellowship was also a blessing for me." (Beth Ross, Water Valley, MS)

"The time was rewarding. The speakers were amazing. The fellowship with other Christian ladies was just what I needed!" (Billie Pouncey, Montgomery, AL)

"I loved the true study and focus...the entire weekend was well planned." (Cindy Rodgers, Gulf Breeze, FL)



"I enjoyed the in depth study of [James]. I have a better understanding of how to study a book. I have struggled with this and now I am armed and ready." (Dee Kep-ler, Batesville, MS)

"The singing with the beautiful ladies' voices was inspiring. Applying James to our everyday lives was practical." (Alice Handlang, Montgomery, AL)

"The discussion groups were very beneficial. Wonderful cooks!" (Memory Bush, Luverne, AL)

"The lessons from James, the fellowship, the singing, not to mention the food were all so good! I intend to re-study the chapters using the notes all the teachers provided. Many good memories were made." (Patricia Russell, Montgomery, AL)

"This is the first Ladies retreat I have been able to attend. I really had a great time and was strengthened spiritually. Thank you for putting this together. I look forward to going every year." (Ashley Callahan, Memphis, TN)



Thanks to all the ones that made the retreat happen, and their many hours of work. The speakers, the fellowship and the food were superb! (Annette Huett, Montgomery, AL)

Looking forward to next year! It was great....spiritually, friendship - fellowship, and just downright fun! Thank you to the Eastern Meadows Elders, Denise Martin and Tish Housley....and all the speakers. Truly I have been blessed. (Pat Owens, Buford, GA)

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Our next Youth Group Area-Wide worship and fellowship is Sunday, October 11th, and will be at Walnut Street in Greenville. Following the theme of AIM (Attitude, Image, and Mind) focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, we will hear a lesson on Matthew 5:27-37.

Youth Group: Popcorn and a movie at Tim and Sally's: Friday, October 9th@ 6:30 p.m.

Our next Youth and Family Devotional: Sunday evening, October 18th, after the evening worship service. All youth group members and their family members are invited to pray, sing, eat, and hear a devotional message with us.

Exposure 2015 registration is upon us! Please decide by September 30th if you plan to attend. This

year's youth camp will be Sunday, December 27 – Wednesday, December 30. This year's theme is "III" Father. Son. Spirit.

This Sunday is the kick-off for the Panama Missions Operation Christmas Joy project. We have the opportunity to provide small toys, personal care items, school supplies, religious materials, and candy for needy children. A mission team will travel to Panama in early December to distribute the gifts in schools, hospitals, churches, and Indian villages. These gifts are mostly for children whose families live on less than \$2.00 per day, and who will likely not receive any other gifts during the holidays. Many of the gifts include a New Testament or a Bible story book. Each gift is accompanied by a teaching tract with contact information for local churches of Christ. Sign-up sheets, Containers and instructions will be available at the ladies' classroom. Please see Sally G. For more information.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: What did Jezebel call Jehu from the window? B) Zimri (2Kings 9:31)

This week's question: Which of these did NOT happen during the additional 15 years that Hezekiah was allowed to live? A) Manasseh was born; B) Josiah was born; C) Hezekiah showed the Babylonians all of his treasure



ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/24/15

Sept. 27, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Alan Norton

P.M.: Alan Norton

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Randy Porterfield

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Randy Johnston

P.M.: Tim Stevens

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

SICK: ANNEGENE DAVIS underwent a stress test Sept. 22. JOHNNY BLUE who will have lung cancer surgery Sept. 28, at UAB. PHYLLIS ALLEN has two upcoming surgeries—Oct. 2nd & 29th—at Jackson Hospital. It was good to have ALAN KAYE back with us Sunday as he continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, ANNEGEN DAVIS, DALLAS POUNCEY, 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: Eastern Meadows extends sympathy to Oksana Pazyi and her family in the passing of Oksana's mother, Luda Terishknaya. She passed away September 12 and the funeral was September 14. Oksana is supported by Eastern Meadows in her work with the ABC school at the church in Kramatorsk, Ukraine.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Captivity, 2 Kings 25—2 Chron. 36

SEPTEMBER 27 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: TISH HOUSLEY & KIM WILSON

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 4 (Clements) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday following the morning worship service. Team 5 (Henly K/Phyllis A) will host Oct. 4.

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

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

THANK YOU: To our dear Eastern Meadows church family, For countless prayers, calls, visits and love shared, words are not enough to convey our thanks. The last two years struggling with ill health problems are made bearable by the kindness of

gentle hugs and kind words, gifts that warm our laps and bring us comfort knowing the love in each and every stitch. Meals delivered at just the most needed moment fill us in body and spirit and heart with love for you. God is good and we are blessed in your fellowship. Many thanks. Love, Roger & Helen Dill & family

THANK YOU: Thank you for the cards, phone calls, and most of all your prayers during my recent hospitalization and rehabilitation. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. In Christian Love, C. A. "Red" Taylor

THANK YOU: Dear Church Members, Just wanted to drop a note to you to thank you for your prayers. One of your parishioners, Dianne Hoskinson, added me to the prayer list recently as I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I cannot adequately express in words what your prayers have meant, as well as receiving your sweet notes of encouragement in the mail. I thank you for being angels on earth. May God bless each of you! Pam Brown

THANK YOU: Thank you to all the men who cooked for the ladies retreat! The food was absolutely wonderful and served so proficiently! Thanks again for sharing your time and energy for a delightful and encouraging event! Love, Lisa Reese

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY: Redland Road Church of Christ invites you to Anniversary Sunday, Sept. 27. They are beginning their 14th year in the Redland Road community. Schedule: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.; Lunch, 11:15.

SECURITY: DEAN NORTON is responsible for securing the building for the month of October.

GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR DINNER: We hope everyone will participate in "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" on Saturday, October 17th, at 6 PM. It is lots of fun and will help us get to know one another on a more personal level. Here's how it works: everyone is asked to sign up as either a "Host" or a "Guest" (sign-up sheets are on both welcome desks). Under the appropriate column, fill in the number of adults and children you can either host or will be bringing as a guest. The host is responsible for the main dish, beverages and bread. The guests will each be assigned a side dish to bring and where to go. The fun part is that the host does not know who is coming, and the guests do not know whose house they are going to or who else will be there. Please sign up and be a part of this new fellowship opportunity. If you have questions, contact the Martins or the Housleys.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open positions: Police Sergeant (Birmingham Center) – Campus Safety and Police Sergeant (Huntsville Center) – Campus Safety. These positions are being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcements can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.

9/20/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,001.25 / BUDGET: -\$118.75 / YTD: + \$27,254.69

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Quilting:** Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
- **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)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Oct. 9:** Popcorn & Movie Night, 6:30 PM
- **Oct. 11:** Area Wide Devo @ Walnut Street, PM
- **Oct. 18:** Youth & Family Devo, PM

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

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

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

Oct. 4, Return From Captivity, Ezra—Esther

- 1st Return: Temple Rebuilt
- Esther saves Israel
- 2nd Return: Ezra's Reforms
- 3rd Return: Nehemiah's Reforms
- A Corrupt Nation
- The Coming Messiah