



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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Tim Bagents
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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

STATISTICS 2/7/16

Bible Class: 132
AM Worship: 182
PM Worship: 119
EMBF: \$161.00

WELCOME!

Becoming One... And Staying That Way!

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Friday, February 26th

7:00 Recognizing Oneness
7:30 Resourceful Communication

Saturday, February 27th

9:00 Realistic Romance, Split
Session
10:00 Responsible Finance
11:00 Redeeming the Time, Split
Session

Sunday, February 28th

9:00 Individual Wholeness
10:00 Spiritual Genetics
5:00 Pillars of a Godly Home

Dr. Jerry L. Martin, PhD, LPC

Denise Martin

FROM THE MINISTER:

Preacher's Challenge! Since 2005 I have participated in the V.P. Black Preacher's Challenge. Years before brother Black challenged preachers across Alabama and across the South to give or raise \$1,000 for the Bible Department. The Preachers' Challenge has made a significant difference in the funding of the Bible Department over the years. You have been very kind and faithful to help me meet this commitment of \$1,000. Every year you have helped me exceed that goal, if not double that goal. I am asking once again for you to help me with this work. Please join with me in giving to the V.P Black Bible Department. Please make your check out to the Faulkner University Bible Department and in the "for" space at the bottom of the check write Housley Preachers' Challenge. You can give me the check and I will get it to Faulkner. If you give by cash, please write your name and address on an envelope, so proper credit can be given to you for the gift. Thank you!

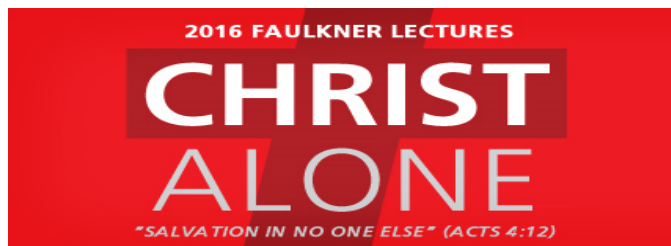
Your Giving – CORRECTED. Last week I had a paragraph to commend you on your giving. I was in error – not that you were to be commended, but the numbers I had were wrong. The numbers were *better!* Sunday, January 31, you gave in the regular contribution, \$13,979 which was \$1,049 higher than the budget and then you gave \$1,710 for the Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund for a total of \$15,689. God has certainly blessed you and you have been gracious to give. Thank you!

Freed-Hardeman Lectures. Tish and I left after Sunday morning services (1-7) to attend the Freed-Hardeman Lectures in Henderson, Tennessee. The lectures go from Sunday night through Thursday night. We are returning Thursday. The lectures center around the Book of Mark (wish I had heard this two years ago before we studied the book of Mark over the past year in the Thursday class!) There are three new/unique things at the lectures this year. Monday afternoon, after the break for dinner, everyone is invited to stay for a prayer time where the prayer centers on the persecuted church. Jeff Abrams has been influential in the planning of this new event and while some of those praying are present, some of the prayers are by video and by people who have experienced what it is for the church to be persecuted. Another unique thing is happening on Tuesday evening at the Dinner meal. Cecil May of Faulkner University and Montgomery, AL will be honored by the F-HU lectureship. He is also the honoree at the Faulkner Lectures this year. And another new aspect of the F-HU lectures is the Hebrews 11:4 lecture. After all the events/lectures of the day a past (deceased) preacher will be heard from. Hebrews 11:4 says, "he, being dead, yet speaketh." A recording of some past "great" preachers will be listened to. One of the first will be by Guy N. Woods, a fixture on the F-HU lectureship for *many* years.

Thursday Class. As I write this we have just had one session in the new study on Hebrews in the Thursday Class. Tim Gotkiewicz is the teacher and he comes to class well prepared. You will enjoy it. Join us, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Classes—Feb. 14

- **Auditorium Class:** Baalam & Balak, Num. 22
- **Young Ladies' Class:** Haggai & Zachariah
- **Experienced Ladies' Class:** Judith, Adah, & Potiphar's Wife



FAULKNER LECTURES:

The 72nd Annual Faulkner Lectures are scheduled for Feb. 28 - Mar. 3. The theme is "In Christ Alone." For a full schedule go to: <https://www.faulkner.edu/undergrad/academics/college-of-biblical-studies/faulkner-lectures/>.

BUILDING UPDATE

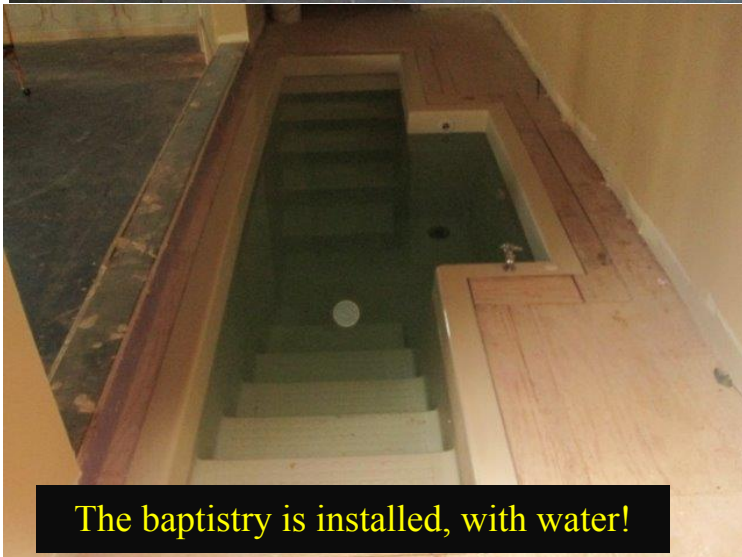


Notice the Crown molding is up, the chair rail is up and the base molding is installed.



The front speakers are installed at the ceiling.

The back monitor screen has been framed.



The baptistry is installed, with water!



If you gotta "go," don't come here yet!



The back hallway is getting close!



What the front of the baptistry looks like!



The appropriate last picture!

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Bible Bowl Test: THIS SUNDAY! February 14th, 2016. There is no meal this Sunday, but we will stay and eat. Sandwiches (build your own) will be provided. Bring sides, snacks, chips, etc. Water and tea will be provided. If you want soda, bring your own. We will review and test after we eat.

After the Bible bowl test, we will depart at 3:30 p.m. for the Area-Wide worship and fellowship at the Luverne Church of Christ. Following the theme of AIM (Attitude, Image, and Mind) focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, we will hear a lesson on Matthew 7: 1-6.

ALL MEMBERS – As some of you know, a few weeks ago when we had all of those days of rain, the city of Elba flooded. The church of Christ in Elba has been working with the community and the families that were displaced by the flooding. People are able to return to their homes now but they are finding that they are in need of a few items that were ruined by the flooding. If anyone would like to donate any items please **bring them this Sunday morning** and the youth group will carry them to the area-wide where the Elba congregation will collect them. Specifically mentioned items include **blankets and jackets**. Any help or donations are appreciated.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:



Last week's question: I escaped and fled to David when Doeg slew my father and 85 priests. B) Abiathar (1 Samuel 22:20)

This week's question: I threw stones at King David.

A) Shimeah; B) Shimeam; C) Shimei

“So he answered and said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

2/7/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,011.25 / BUDGET: -\$918.75 / YTD: + \$7,086.86

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/11/16

Feb. 14, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Paul Clements

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Bagents

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Luke Ferrell

P.M.: Josh Cochran

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

SICK: LOURINE BLACK is in Crowne Healthcare Rehab. INELLA BOWDEN is now under Hospice care at Angels for the Elderly. JERRY PATTERSON is home from recovering at home from surgery. DON BRANNAN underwent cata-

ract surgery last week and will have the other eye done next week. Sick at home Sunday: PHYLLIS ALLEN, RUSS CHANDLER, DAN EVANS, BRAD KNOWLES, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, MARSHA SUTTON, JERRY PATTERSON, MARCIA GRAVES, and MARGARET GRAVES . 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): JENNY PATTERSON, QUENTIN CROWE, MIKE JONES, and BRENDA BRASS. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, WAYNE EDWARDS, OLEN HOUSLEY, TELSIE DAVIS, MARILYN PIERCE, MARC MCDANIEL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

SYMPATHY: Eastern Meadows extends sympathy to Josh Cochran at the passing of his grandfather, GUS COCHRAN, of Elijay, GA. The funeral was Sunday afternoon in Elijay, GA.

MEN OF CONGREGATION BUSINESS MEETING: All the men of Eastern Meadows are invited to meet Sunday, February 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the offices. JIMMY MATHEWS is responsible for breakfast which will be served at 7.

SHEPHERD'S TALK: A Shepherd's Talk is scheduled for Sunday Morning at the close of Morning Services, Feb. 14.

FEB. 14 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: JANE & MARY VANDER SEWELL

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: There will not be a meal this Sunday, Feb. 14, due to the President's Day Holiday weekend. Team 5 (Mathews) will host the meal Feb. 21.

BABY SHOWER: There will be a Baby Shower in honor of DEIDRE COLE Sunday, Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m. She is registered at Target and Babies R Us. All ladies are invited to attend.



SECOND SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: The Young Professionals/Young Families (YFYP) class will meet after evening services on Sunday, Feb. 14, at Newks for dinner. See Brooks or Sarah Housley for more information.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The E.M. MCKINNEY Scholarship Fund Application forms for the ACA 2016-17 school year are available and may be picked up at the front Welcome Center Desk. Must be turned in to the ACA office by Mar. 1st.

BAPTISM: Sunday morning CAMILLA WATES was baptized into Christ. She and her husband, Don, have been worshipping with us for many weeks and Camilla has been studying. We rejoice in her decision and welcome her as our new sister in Christ.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday's, 3 PM:** "Kahoot!" Bible Bowl Practice
- **Feb. 14:** Bible Bowl Test
- **Feb. 14:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

LADYBUGS

- **Feb. 14:** There will be a Baby Shower in honor of DEIDRE COLE Sunday, Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m. She is registered at Target and Babies R Us. All ladies are invited to attend.
- **Feb. 17:** BLD Club Lunch, 11:30 AM @ Sommer's Place
- **Feb. 22:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM. Chapter 2, Jms. 2:1-13, Sally Gotkiewicz teaching. Dinner Menu will be posted at LadyBUGS Desk.
- **Mar. 1:** Quilter's Meet, 10 AM
- **Mar. 6:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM
- **Mar. 10:** Night-Out, 6 PM. Dinner and presentation by Michele Brown—"A Healthy Diet for Life"

Love's Four Sweet Companions!

One preacher labeled 1 Corinthians 13:7 as "Love's four sweet companions." Four things love is: strong, believing, hopeful and enduring. These four amazing qualities define, determine and designate Christian love. Consider the four Greek words for "love." "Eros" is passionate love, with sensual desire and longing. "Storge" means "affection" in modern Greek; it is natural affection, like that felt by parents for offspring. "Philia" means "friendship" in modern Greek, a dispassionate virtuous love, a concept developed by Aristotle. "Agape" means "love" in modern Greek, such as in the terms, "I love you."

Love Bears All Things (v. 7a)

The word "bears" means "to protect... to guard... to shield." Either way, Paul brings an important truth along with 1 Peter 4:8: "And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins." Love does what is necessary to help a person. True love is eager to protect a person from harm, ridicule and embarrassment (cf. Genesis 9 - Noah and his sons, Luke 15 - Prodigal's Father).

Love Believes All Things (v. 7b)

Love is not suspicious nor quick to misjudge others and is not always ready to believe the worst about another. Never believe a lie, but we never believe evil unless the facts demand it. We choose to believe the best of others. In believing all things, love makes a conscience choice to walk by faith rather than by what is seen. "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Love Hopes All things (v. 7c)

Hope sees the beauty in another person. It sees not only what a person is, but also what that person can become. Love has a confidence in the future, not a pessimism. When hurt, it does not say, "It will be this way forever, and even get worse." It hopes for the best and it hopes in God. Hope is the belief in things not yet seen or fully experienced.

Love Endures All things (v. 7d)

We can bear all things, believe all things, and hope all things, but only for a while! The greatness of "agape" love is that it keeps on bearing, believing and hoping; it doesn't give up. It destroys enemies by turning them into friends. Enduring love is to hold on year after year, to never give up or give in. Love is longsuffering under pressure; it does not weaken under stress or strain.

May we live and love in such a way to protect, trust, hope and preserve. In doing so, our lives will become pictures of determination to do what love does.

--Mark N. Posey