



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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March 3, 2016

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DEACONS:

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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 2/28/16

Bible Class: 138
AM Worship: 174
PM Worship: 140
EMBF: \$119

WELCOME!

Sunday Morning Auditorium Class

Burning Issues of the Twenty-First Century

March 6-Where Are The Dead?

13- Bible Wines-No.1
20- Bible Wines-No.2
27-Miracles or Mirages

April 3- The Role Of Women In The Worship (Steve Housley)

10- Divorce and Remarriage
17- Instrumental Music In Wor
ship (Steve Housley)
24- Can We Worship With Those
in Religious Error?

May 1- Homecoming

8- The Occult-Demons and Horoscopes
15- The Rapture and Tribulation
22- The Problem of Translations
29- Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?



Charlie Boddy will be the
teacher for this series of classes

*This important series of lessons will be recorded and available as a CD and
available as a download on the Eastern Meadows website, emcofc.org.*

FROM THE MINISTER:

Thank You JERRY and DENISE MARTIN. Jerry and Denise did a great job in their presentations on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. I would encourage you to listen to these lessons if you were not here. Go the website, <http://www.emcofc.org/sermons-marriage.html>. From there you can download and save to your computer or listen. Or, if you prefer, ask the gentlemen at the control desk to make you a CD. It was so good that someone who visited inquired about having Jerry and Denise at the congregation where they attend. I hope it works out for them. By the way, the lessons from 7 different Marriage Seminars/Sundays are on the website. (Thanks to Ron Hoskinson for keeping up our website!)

Change of Plans. The first Sunday in May has traditionally been "Homecoming," a time when we invite old members, past visitors, and friends and have a guest speaker, along with a dinner together. This year we had plans for Jason Hilburn, a former member and currently the preacher for the Nesbit Church Christ (Mississippi), to be our speaker. Due to a conflict that he did not foresee when we invited him, he will be unable to attend. But a BIG DAY is coming. It may or may not be the first Sunday in May, but a BIG DAY is coming.

Another Very Good Contribution Sunday. Frankly, your giving encourages me and makes me want to do better in my giving. There was already a good contribution, but with additional contributions to the kitchen fund, the total was \$14,192.25 which is \$1,265 above the budget.



A Finished Ceiling in the Auditorium



Red Carpet and a Rear Screen for a Monitor!

Sunday Fellowship Groups. Thank you for your continued good participation. The offices are always full. There is always plenty of food for the group and the visitors that we invite. And we often have visitors to stay! If it is your group, bring food and plan to stay. Always invite visitors to stay! It won't be so very long now before we can use the new fellowship hall! Thank you for your good participation.

Kitchen Update: You were asked to make special contribution for the cost of the kitchen. The total asked for was \$54,065.00. To date you have given, \$48,176.00. This leaves us needing \$5,889.00 more for the kitchen. Thank you for your generous giving. Significant progress is being made on the kitchen. You can see it through the "cutout" from the hall to the kitchen (best to keep out though). Work goes on every day.

Building Update

The big news is that the carpet is going down in the auditorium. By the time you get this, it will probably be completely down. And then the pews. Lots of painting still to be done. Lots of tile still to be laid. By the way, with the carpet down and the tile being laid, it is best if we do not go in the building – it would be a shame if someone walked on newly laid tile and messed it up or unnecessarily tracking in dust, dirt, or mud on the new carpet. Sheet rock and insulation are being finished up. The video screens and equipment are being installed. Every day we are getting closer.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Last week's trivia corner scripture verse was Nehemiah 8:10, which says, "Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." Why had the people sorrowed? They had just completed the wall several days earlier; shouldn't they be rejoicing?

Picture the scene: all the people gathered in the square to hear Ezra read the law to them. He read from morning until mid-day with 13 men and the Levites who helped the people understand what Ezra was teaching and help give them the sense of what was being said. ALL the people wept when they heard the words of God! They knew they had fallen short, and they were greatly sorrowed. Nehemiah told them to not sorrow, for they had obviously experienced guilt and realized that they had failed. They were told, in a sense, to look forward and leave their past behind them as they did the will of God.

The apostle Paul gives a similar message in 2 Corinthians 7:10 where he says, "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death." When we recognize that we have fallen short, rather than languish in our failure, we should resolve to look forward and do God's will, and as the people did in Nehemiah's day. We should also rejoice greatly as they did because we too understand the words that have been declared to us!

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Preparation

All youth group members -Give me your favorite worship song title for our Banner and Scrapbook. I have to submit our songs for copyright licensing.

Sunday, March 6th - Bible Bowl practice will be held at 3 PM.

Sunday the 13th -We will finish the scrapbook and banner. Plan to eat and stay all afternoon.

Sunday the 20th - Final Bible Bowl study session before convention!

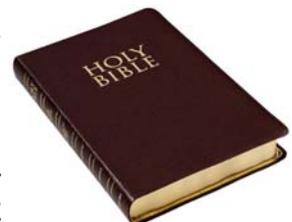
Finish all Art projects! Finalize your speeches! Practice your songs! Study your Matthew questions!

Thursday the 24th - Depart for convention!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Last week's question: I said, "Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." A) Nehemiah (Nehemiah 8:10)

This week's question: What is the Gospel of Matthew? A) The story of Jesus Christ B) The history of Jesus Christ C) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ



ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/3/16

Mar. 6, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Stevens

P.M.: Paul Clements

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Brooks Housley

Singing:

A.M.: Mike Norman

P.M.: Mike Norman

SICK: LORRAINE BLACK is in Baptist E. Hospital. WILMA BERRY continues to recover from back surgery. HOLLY THOMASSON underwent surgery Mar. 1. IRA WOODSON, Latasha Kelly's father, has been in ICU at Baptist E. Hospital. He is scheduled to have a heart cath at Baptist S. Hospital. CINDY ROBINSON, Luke Ferrell's teacher, will undergo double-knee-replacement surgery in March. CECIL MAY, JR is recovering from hip surgery. Sick at Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, NAOMI BOWERS, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, ANNEGENE DAVIS, MARSHA SUTTON, SALLY GOTKIEWICZ, and RYAN GOTKIEWICZ. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN. Deployed: JON TIMBES has left Kuwait and is back in the U.S. and will soon be back in Montgomery, Alabama.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): QUENTIN CROWE, MIKE JONES, KAY PIERCESON, and CINDY ROBINSON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, WAYNE EDWARDS, TELSIE DAVIS, MARILYN PIERCE, MARC MCDANIEL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

SYMPATHY: Eastern Meadows extends sympathy to the family of INELLA BOWDEN, a long time Eastern Meadows member. She passed away Thursday morning, March 3. Funeral arrangements are being made, but will likely be Saturday afternoon at Leak-Memory Funeral Home with burial at Greenwood. A calling post will be made when the arrangements are known. Of course, you may call Leak-Memory for more information.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of OLEN HOUSLEY, who passed away Sunday. Olen was a cousin of Charlotte Patterson, Sara Black, and Steve Housley. The funeral was Monday in Purvis, Mississippi.

MAR. 6 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: VICKIE & GRACIE JOHNSTON

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 2 (Bush) will host the meal this Sunday, Mar. 6, following the morning worship service. Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) will host the meal Mar. 13.

AREA-WIDE SINGING. The area-wide singing will be at the Grandview Pines (164 Deatsville HWY; Millbrook, AL) church on March 4 at 7 p.m.

JON TIMBES IS TO BE BACK FRIDAY! The 217th Military Police Co., a Prattville based Alabama Army National Guard Unit, is returning after being deployed for nine months overseas as part of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Timing is still up in the air, but plans are to have a welcome home ceremony at the Doster Memorial Community Center at 7 p.m., according to the Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce, which is coordinating the event. Eastern Meadows will be welcoming Jon back home at the Finger Food Fellowship on March 6. WELCOME BACK JON!

FINGER FOOD FELLOWSHIP MARCH 6: There will be a fellowship this Sunday, March 6, following the evening worship service to welcome home JON TIMBES. The fellowship will be in the offices.

YFYP 2ND SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: The YFYP will meet at Blackfinn next Sunday, Mar. 13, after the evening worship service.



Nicole, Hunter, and Jon Timbes

LADYBUGS



- ♦ **Mar. 6:** Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **Mar. 7:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo @ Eastern Meadows, 7 PM
- ♦ **Mar. 12:** Ladies' Day at Grandview Pines Church of Christ with Tish Housley speaking
- ♦ **Mar. 15:** Quilters, 1-3 PM
- ♦ **Mar. 17:** Night-Out, 6 PM. Dinner and presentation by Michele Brown—"A Healthy Diet for Life"
- ♦ **Mar. 20:** Bridal Shower in honor of Beth Housley, 6:00 PM. She is registered at Walmart, Belk, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond

Sunday Bible Classes—Mar. 6

Auditorium Class: "Where Are The Dead?" (Charlie Boddy)

Young Ladies class: *Introduction and Chapter One of Ephesians*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday's, 3 PM:** "Kahoot!" Bible Bowl Practice
- **Mar. 13:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Mar. 24-27:** L2L Convention

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

2/28/16 CONTRIBUTION: **\$14,192.25**

BUDGET: + **\$1,262.25**

YTD: + **\$9,983.49**

An Evening With Apologetics Press

A BENEFIT AND AWARENESS DINNER



Religious skepticism in our country is at an all-time high. Over the past few decades, the atheistic community has increased its effort in attacking Christianity. The apostle Peter commissioned Christians to be able to defend their faith. Come join us for a delicious meal and learn important information about how you can equip yourself and others to meet the challenges of unbelief.

If you plan to attend the benefit dinner, please RSVP. If you have any questions, please call (334) 272-8558.

Wetumpka, Alabama • March 8, 2016 • 6:30 p.m.

Wetumpka church of Christ • 408 W. Bridge Street, Wetumpka, AL 36092

JESUS KNOWS ME THIS I LOVE

Most believers in the Lord have sung or have heard the song “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so...” However, the expression ‘Jesus (God) knows me’ is equally as scriptural, and we all should love this great truth and the One who knows us. In 2 Timothy 2:19 we read, “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’” The church of our Lord has a sure foundation, and the gates of hades cannot successfully prevail against it (Matthew 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 3:11). In the New Jerusalem, the wall “had twelve foundations, and on these were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” (Revelation 21:14). The house of God (the church) has this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His...” In Nahum 1:7 the prophet wrote these comforting words, “The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.”

God is all knowing. The Psalmist declared this in Psalm 139:1-6, “O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.” Rather than being a frightening thing to me, as His child I should be so thankful that the Almighty God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, knows my heart’s in-

tentions, my weaknesses, my heartaches, my cares, my trials and tribulations, my desires, my needs and yes, even the number of hairs on my head. He knows my name. He knows more about me than my wife, my children, my friends, my brethren and even the federal government.

The mere thought is overwhelming. To know that He cares for me moves me emotionally, and I love it so. Among the teeming millions who live on this earth, He hears me when I pray to Him. How can this be? There is not a place I can go but that He is there (Psalm 139:7-12), and I love it so. He knew me when I was in my mother’s womb and He knows the way I shall go (Psalm 139:13-16). The Psalmist closes the chapter with these words, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:23-24).

--Raymond Elliott, Gospel Gazette Online

