



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 28, 2016

#### ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
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#### DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
Steve Housley  
Wayne Johnston  
Jimmy Mathews  
Roy Mulkey  
Randy Porterfield  
Jeff Simpson

#### MINISTERS:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth  
& College  
David Hester, Educa-  
tion & Involvement  
Steve Housley, Pulpit

#### 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 7/24/16

Bible Class: 148  
AM Worship: 198  
PM Worship: 107  
EMBF: \$128.00

**WELCOME!**

## **BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY**

**Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund**

**JULY 31ST**

**Sunday, July 31, is “Benevolence Sunday.” On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution is taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. This is to be separate from the regular contribution. The special contribution will be used exclusively for benevolence work. Checks for this effort should be made out to: EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. Envelopes marked “EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND” will be provided for those who wish to contribute to this effort in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.**

**—Don Brannan, for the elders**

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Thanks to Tim, Paul, and David.** These men have done an excellent job answering the questions during July Summer Sunday Nights.

**August Summer Sunday Nights.** Be turning in your songs on the white slips to me or put them in the Sunday Night Service Box. Remember we have four Sunday nights in August, so you can choose many songs. If you just have a song request, want us to learn a new song, or would like a song to be considered during a sermon, turn in the song/s and be specific. Each week in the bulletin prior to the Sunday the songs we will be singing that Sunday night will be listed in the bulletin. Thanks for your help with this.

**ICYC.** As you read this we have only one more night at ICYC. I am so thankful for Christian Youth Camps. I have personally been to Mid-South Youth Camp, Gulf Coast Bible Camp, Palmetto Bible Camp, and Indian Creek Youth Camp. Tish has been to some of these and additionally to Backwoods Bible Camp and Boothill Youth Camp. All of these places have one thing in common, children and youth are brought closer to God and close friendships are formed.

**Camp Americraine.** One camp I have not been to, but read about every year is Camp Americraine in Ukraine. Jeff Abrams started this camp when he was with the Azalea City church and those who attended were primarily from the Kramatorsk/Slavyansk areas. Several Americans helped put on the camp and many Ukrainians attended. One primary difference in this camp and the American Bible Camp is Camp Americraine had more families and older people present, as well as youth. After the trouble started 2-3 years ago, the camp was moved to the Dnipropetrovsk area. (Just try to pronounce that one). As a result of the mingling and spreading of people from the Donetsk Region where the trouble (war) was people began to come from other areas in Ukraine. This year there were nearly 300 at the camp ... again, all ages, not just youth. Next year is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the camp and they are hoping to rent two side by side camps and have 500 hundred to attend. What a wonderful goal and likely to happen! Every year there are baptisms at the camp and this year there were about 10. Pray for this good work.

## July's Summer Sunday Nights: Ten Questions, July 24

1. How did the world get so many people when only Adam and Even were created by God? How can we as Christians be assured that the Bible is the truth and that it is real? Answered by David Hester
2. Feminism – is being a feminist good as a Christian? Should it exist in the church? Answered by David Hester



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/28/16

**July 31, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

**A.M.:** Jeff Simpson

**P.M.:** Jeff Simpson

**Opening Prayer:**

**A.M.:** Tim Stevens

**P.M.:** Brooks Housley

**Closing Prayer:**

**A.M.:** Alan Norton

**P.M.:** Banks Sewell

**Singing:**

**A.M.:** Jon Timbes

**P.M.:** Jon Timbes

**SICK:** AARON FERRELL had oral surgery Wednesday, July 27. FRANCIS NELSON is in HealthSouth Rehab after suffering a broken foot in a fall. VIOLET ENGLISH was in the hospital last week after suffering a fall. WILMA MIL-

LICAN is recovering at home after falling. DIXIE BRANNAN, MARCIA GRAVES, and MARSHA SUTTON continue to recover from surgery. Prayers have been requested for LENDA JOHNSON, a co-worker of Beth Bass, who will undergo major heart surgery in August. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, PATSY LOWERY, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, JEWEL BARNES, RED & LANETTE TAYLOR. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues): DOROTHY STUBBS, JAMI GOLDEN, KYLE & CAROLE THOMASSON, FRED SMITH, and BEN MEDINA (Sr.). (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARC MCDANIEL, GLEN BARRON, MICHELLE MITCHELL, LINDA STEELE, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

**JULY 31 NURSERY ATTENDANT:** JANE SEWELL & MARY VANDER SEWELL

**AREA WIDE SINGING:** Prattville Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing on Friday, Aug. 5, 7 PM.

**VBS:** Redland Road Church of Christ continues VBS through Sunday, July 31, with the theme, "The Voyage." Tonight—Saturday, 7-8:30 PM; Sunday, 9 AM (last VBS class).

**FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY AT REDLAND ROAD:** Redland Road Church of Christ invites you to "Friends & Family Day" July 31. Bible Class, (last VBS class), 9 AM; Morning Worship, 10 AM with Dinner on the Grounds immediately following; VBS Awards; Evening Worship, 1 PM.



**PTP:** The 2016 Polishing The Pulpit (PTP) is scheduled for August 19—25 in Sevierville, TN. Several of Eastern Meadows' members will be attending, some will be speaking and/or teaching. Go to [polishingthepulpit.com](http://polishingthepulpit.com) for more information.

**MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE:** Mount Dora Children's Home is having their annual Food & Supply Drive. The truck will pick-up in our area the week of September 12-16. Place items in the box in the midway foyer by Sept. 11th. Please give money and/or gift cards for Mount Dora to Wilma Berry. A list of items and supplies needed are posted in the midway foyer.

**"CHOOSING THAT GOOD PART" LADIES' FALL RETREAT:** The retreat is scheduled for Oct. 13—15 at Indian Creek Youth Camp in Oakman, AL. The book of Ephesians will be studied this year with Dianne Callahan, Melanie Bush, Rhonda Thompson, Tish Housley, and Denise Martin teaching the classes. Registration is now open. If you have any questions, contact Denise Martin at [kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com](mailto:kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com) or Tish Housley at [tishhousley@gmail.com](mailto:tishhousley@gmail.com).

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **July 24-29:** ICYC—Jerry Martin Week
- **Aug. 12:** Movie Night at Tim & Sally's

### LADYBUGS

- ♦ **Aug. 2:** Quilting, 10 AM until... Bring your lunch!
- ♦ **Aug. 7:** Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **Aug. 16:** Quilting, 1-3 PM

### Sunday Bible Classes—July 24

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women, Lesson 19*

## 2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

7/24/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$11,766.50 / BUDGET: -\$1,163.50 / YTD: + \$29,043.92

# A MESSAGE IN SONG TITLES

Because **This Is My Father's World**, I will **Praise Him, Praise Him** for all He has done for me. **Love Lifted Me** from the depths of sin there **At The Cross**. Because of this, I can go **Anywhere With Jesus**, for I know He will be there because I'm in the **Glory Land Way!** Life is so much **Sweeter As The Years Go By**, for I know that in **Paradise Valley, There's A Land That Is Fairer Than Day**, a place **Where The Soul Never Dies**, moreover, I know that **This World Is Not My Home**, so **When I Kneel At The Cross** in prayer I can truly say, my God, **How Great Thou Art!**

When I think of His **Amazing Grace**, and what He has done for me, I know that **Our God, He Is Alive!** For all these reasons, someday **My God And I** will live together with all those who have gone on before me, in the beautiful **Ivory Palaces** that God has prepared for me. Yes, it was **On A Hill Far Away** that our blessed Lord, the **Rock of Ages**, gave His life that I might have **Victory In Jesus**. Because of these **Precious Memories** of His life and His death on the cross, **I'm Living By Faith** and I will always give **Glory To His Name** as I sing that wonderful old song, **Whispering Hope**.

What a song of praise will be outpoured **When He Comes In Glory By And By**. Yes, someday **I'll Fly Away** to my home on high; just **Beyond The Rolling River** of death. **I Will Meet You At The River** of life with the redeemed of all ages. But while here on earth, **I Will Sing Of My Redeemer** until I reach the land, where **In Heaven They're Singing** a wonderful song, a theme that shall **Never Grow Old**. Because of His loving grace I now can sing **It Is Well With My Soul**; and I can also sing, all will be well **Just Over In The Gloryland**. So, **Meet Me There**.

The grandest of all great days will be **When All Of God's Singers Get Home**, and they'll dwell in the **Summerland Of Bliss** with our Lord for an endless eternity, and there experience **No Tears In Heaven**, yes, **No Disappointments In Heaven**. **How Beautiful Heaven Must Be!** There **He Keeps Me Singing**.

Friends, because **Swiftly We're Turning** life's daily pages, **Prepare To Meet Thy God, Trust And Obey, Sing And Be Happy, Pray All The Time, Sing To Me Of Heaven, and Ring Out The Message**. Proclaim **O, What A Savior!** And ponder two important questions: **Do You Know My Jesus?** and, **What Will You Do With Jesus?**

Live that others too will say **O, I Want To See Him**, and look upon His face; There to sing forever of His saving grace; On the streets of glory let me lift my voice; Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.

--Copied (Submitted by Opal Sullivan)

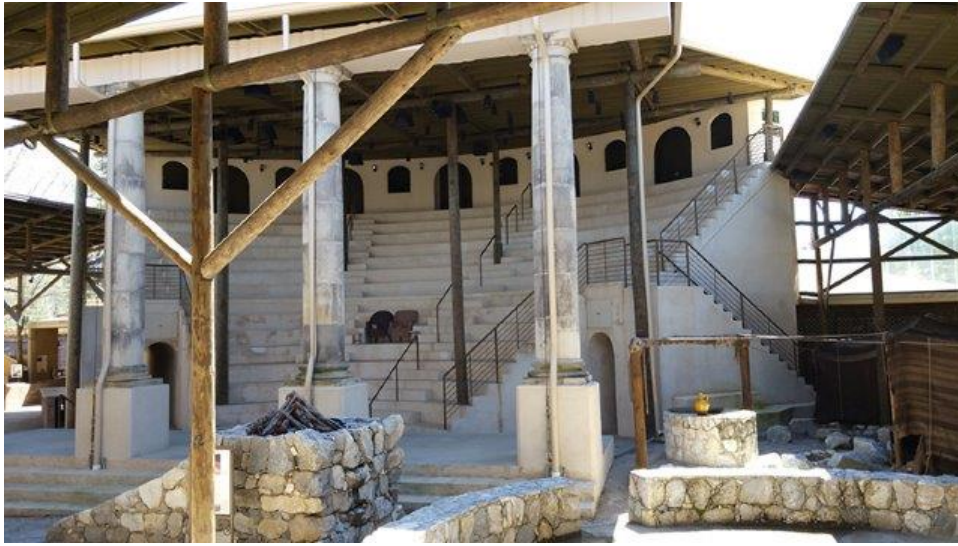


**SUMMER  
SUNDAY  
NIGHTS**

August Theme:

***“Come, Let Us  
All Unite  
to Sing.”***





## **EXPLORATIONS IN ANTIQUITY CENTER**

*An Interactive Museum of Bible Times*

### **Trip to Museum August 20**

A trip has been planned to visit the Explorations In Antiquity Center in LaGrange, GA, on Saturday, August 20. There will be a 15-dish last supper meal served at 12 noon. The meal will feature the recipes and customs of the first century in a room decorated as in the Roman period. Customs and food items will be discussed. After the meal, the group will tour the center's collection of artifacts. The entire event is expected to take four hours. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$22 for children. Reservations must be made by August 13th and payments are due by August 17th. A sign-up list will be posted in the middle foyer and new front welcome center. Learn more about EIAC at [www.explorationsinantiquity.com](http://www.explorationsinantiquity.com). See Barbara Norman to make payments. Directions and departure times will be provided to those who sign-up.



### **FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:**

**July Standby Team—Team 5 (Mathews):** The Standby Team is the first responder for the food needs of the congregation (not just their team!) in cases of sickness and death.



**August 14:** Teams 5 (Mathews) & 1 (Porterfield). Both teams are to bring food, drinks, bread, and desserts. Team 5 is responsible for set-up and Team 1 is responsible for clean-up.

**August Standby Team—Team 4 (Simpson):** The Standby Team is the first responder for the food needs of the congregation (not just their team!) in cases of sickness and death.

# DO I HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH?

Through the years, I have often had people ask me the question, "Do I have to go to all of the services of the church? I mean, what if I don't go on Sunday night?" Well, allow me to answer that question with a few questions of my own.

Do you have to hug and kiss your little children?

Do you have to remember your wife's birthday?

Do you have to call home when you're late coming home from work?

Do you have to buy Christmas presents for your family?

Do you have to attend ball games and band functions in which your children are involved?

Do you have to attend the funeral of a close friend or loved one?

Do you have to say, "I love you" when you love someone?

I think you see the point. Sometimes we are guilty of asking the wrong questions. There are some things in life that we don't "have" to do, but we "get" to do. In fact, even asking the question, "Do I have to?" is terribly inappropriate.

When my relationship with God is based on what I have to do and what I don't have to do, then I had better take a long hard look at that relationship.

--Steve Higginbotham

*"If ye love me, keep my commandments" John 14:15*

## COMPARING

If you compare yourself with someone who is smarter, more talented, or more physically attractive, you look inferior. If you compare yourself with someone who is less intelligent, less talented and less attractive, you feel superior.

If you compare yourself with yourself, you feel good. Yet you are the same person in all of the comparisons. If you want to have a true measure of yourself, measure yourself by the true standard: the Word of God.

"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by any human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord" 1 Corinthians 4:1-4.

"For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding" 2 Corinthians 10:12.

-Ron Adams, via *BulletinGold*