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August 11, 2016

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Don Brannan
Ted Norton

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 8/7/16

Bible Class: 145
AM Worship: 200
PM Worship: 160
EMBF: \$148.00

WELCOME!



FROM THE MINISTER:

Good Crowd! I appreciate the good crowd Sunday Night which helped boost the first August Summer Sunday Nights! Certainly, a bigger crowd helps the singing. Thanks to Alan Kaye for helping with the Singing Emphasis that night. More to come this Sunday night! I hope you will be here! Note: Several of the songs you turned in were not in Paperless Hymnal (the PowerPoint songs), which would have prevented us from singing them. Thanks to Alan Kaye working with Taylor Paperless Hymnal, we now have four more songs we can sing. Now, most every song that was requested will be sung. Thank you Alan, and thank you EM for your cooperation.

Invitations! Tim Gotkiewicz has supplied Faulkner University with several hundred "Invite 'Em" cards which will be given to incoming students. These cards are, of course, available for you to use as well. There are usually some in the back on the Welcome Desk. Use them. And when you see someone you don't know in worship, introduce yourself to them and welcome them to EM. Ask them to fill out a "Welcome Card" that is located on the back of the pew, and, if we are eating that Sunday, invite them to stay and eat!

Two Great Study Opportunities. Polishing the Pulpit. The Gotkiewicz's, the Martins, and the Housley's (Tish and I) will be attending Polishing the Pulpit. This is *not* a Preacher's thing. It is for everyone. There are more than 1,000 Children and Youth who attend (due to the time of the year, most of those are homeschooled)! And there will likely be more than 4,000 who attend. There will be sometimes 15 concurrent sessions, so there is something for everyone. If you would like to consider attending talk to one of us or go to polishingthepulpit.com and you can read more about it. PTP is Aug. 19-25, but it is not necessary for a person to stay the entire week. There is a weekend rate (Aug. 19-21) for those who only want to go for the weekend. **Choosing the Better Part Ladies Retreat** is a work of Eastern Meadows scheduled for Oct. 13-15 at the Indian Creek Youth Camp. The comments from last year's retreat were amazing. **LADIES, MAKE YOUR PLANS.**

August's Summer Sunday Nights: "Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing"

Songs You Requested That Will Be Sung Sunday Night, August 14:

Come Thou Almighty King	In The Sweet By and By
O Lord, Our Lord	Never Grow Old
Ivory Palaces	When They Ring The Golden Bells
He'll Pilot Me	When We All Get To Heaven
I Know Who Holds Tomorrow	There is No Disappointment in Heaven
This World Is Not My Home	Amazing Grace

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

Popcorn and a Movie - EMYG and College 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12th at the Eastern Meadows Fellowship Hall.

THIS SUNDAY, Aug. 14th is the kick-off of the Central Alabama Area-wide 2016-2017 series. Dalraida Church of Christ will host. Worship will be at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a fellowship meal.

The theme this year is: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. All throughout the Bible we find characters who faced challenges on whether to follow God or not. We as Christians face similar challenges in our life today. For the 2016-17 Area Wides, we will be looking at life lessons from these Old and New Testament characters and how we can learn from their decisions. The August lesson is on Jonah. Eastern Meadows will host on Apr. the 9th.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Conscience is a thermometer, not a thermostat.
(Steve Housley sermon quote)

This week's question: What is the name of the commander of the garrison who had Paul arrested in Acts 21:30 - 40?



ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/11/16

August 14, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Tim Bagents

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Hatch

P.M.: Tim Hatch

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

SICK: DOROTHY HICKS is in UAB Hospital recovering from surgery for a brain aneurysm. BARBARA NORMAN had a lung biopsy Tuesday, Aug. 9. MELANIE BUSH was in an auto accident last week and suffered injuries to fingers on her right hand that required surgery. VIOLET ENGLISH was moved to East Alabama Medical Center Room 4223 in Opelika. FRANCES NELSON is in Capitol Hill Rehab room 134 as she recovers from a broken foot suffered in a fall. BURT TURNER is home after being hospitalized last week with heart problems. FRED SMITH, Veotha Smith's husband, is in rehab as he continues to recover from surgery. ALICE HANDLANG is scheduled for a heart catheterization August 15 at Baptist South. PAUL CLEMENTS will have a heart catheterization August 25. DIXIE BRANNAN, MARCIA GRAVES, and MARSHA SUTTON continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: NAOMI BOWERS, MARGARET GRAVES, WILMA MILLICAN, CHUCK NORTON, and MARIAN SIKES. 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, TERESA ANDERSON, and LENDA JOHNSON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MICHELLE MITCHELL, WALTER SIEVERS, LINDA STEELE, JAN KELLEHER, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE: DEREK MAY, Lori Hagan's cousin, is in remission. Please pray for his continued progress.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: ABIGAIL GRACE BUSH was born August 7 to ANDREW & MEMORY BUSH. Abigail weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 in. long. BILLY & MELANIE BUSH are the proud grandparents. Congratulations to all!



THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Family, Thank you for the care and concern shown following my recent surgeries. I appreciate all the cards and calls. And, thank you to the LadyBUGS for the lap quilt. In Christian love, Randy Porterfield

THANK YOU: Eastern Meadows Family, I want to thank you for the calls, cards, and prayers offered on Barbara's

behalf. She is very sick and we need your prayers. We thank you for the love you have shown us. It is such a blessing to have a Christian family in times like this. Pray, if it is God's will, she may be blessed with good health once again. Mike Norman

AUGUST 14 NURSERY ATTENDANT: KAREN OSBORNE & HALEY STEELMAN

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 5 (Mathews) and Team 1 (Porterfield) will host the Fellowship Meal this Sunday following the AM worship service.

LADYBUGS B-L-D CLUB LUNCH: The LadyBUGS will meet for lunch Thursday, Aug. 18, 11:30 AM, at Firebirds. Please sign-up on the list posted in the LadyBUGS Room if you plan to attend.

MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION: M-N-M is back beginning Aug. 22. Meal at 6:30 PM with Bible Study at 7.

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE: Place items in the box in the midway foyer by Sept. 11th. Money and/or gift cards for Mount Dora may be turned in 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. Registration is now open. If you have any questions, contact Denise Martin at kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com or Tish Housley at tishhousley@gmail.com.

"EXPLORATIONS IN ANTIQUITY CENTER" TRIP - An Interactive Museum of Bible Times: The museum trip as been postponed until further notice.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a Gospel Meeting at Georgia Road Church of Christ Aug. 14–19, with Alan Watkins speaking. Sunday times: 9 & 10 AM and 1 PM (Noon Meal); Monday-Friday: 7 PM.

MIDWAY FOYER: The new foyer that joins the new and old parts of the church building is the "Midway Foyer."



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SARAH SUZANNE MULKEY'S first time in Cradle Roll Class.

Are YOU in Bible class?

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:



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 28: Teams 2 (Bush) & 3 (Gotkiewicz). Both teams are to bring food, drinks, bread, and desserts. Team 2 is responsible for set-up and Team 3 is responsible for clean-up.

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

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

8/7/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$13,862.50 / BUDGET: + \$932.50 / YTD: + \$32,882.42

Average Weekly Contribution YTD: \$13,957.58 (32 weeks)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Aug. 12:** Movie Night, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **Aug. 14:** Area Wide Devo, PM

Sunday Bible Classes—August 14

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women, Lesson 21*

LADYBUGS

- ♦ **Aug. 18:** B-L-D Club Lunch, 11:30 AM, Fire-birds
- ♦ **Aug. 22:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ♦ **Sept. 4:** Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **Sept. 6:** Quilting – 10 am until...
- ♦ **Sept. 8:** B-L-D Club Dinner – 6 pm – Newk's
- ♦ **Sept. 12:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ Dalraida

TODDLER—6TH GRADE CHILDREN'S CLASS

PROJECT: We are asking the children to bring food and supplies for Mount Dora Children's Home to the classroom each Sunday morning through September 11. Then, during class time, we will carry them to the Mount Dora box. A list of food and supplies needed is posted next to the Mount Dora box in the Midway Foyer. Some of the things needed are: dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, toilet paper, trash bags, Kleenex, microwaveable paper plates, hand soap, etc.

Don't forget to bring canned foods and paper supplies for Mount Dora!



We Shall Assemble on the Mountain!

We worship God because He is worthy (Revelation 4:11; 5:12). Man is not worthy of worship nor are the things man invents deserving of worship. Yet, man invents many things that occupy his time and energy in praise, love and affection. Man must worship the right object. What are the types of worship, either right or wrong, revealed in the New Testament?

Vain Worship

When we follow the commandments of men instead of God's instructions, our worship becomes vain. Vain worship is empty, hollow and useless; it will do us no good. If it is vain, it would be as though we had not worshipped God at all, and we will be lost. When we worship in the way "we want," then God is dishonored and insulted (Matthew 15:7-9; Mark 7:7). The word "vain" is an adverb from *maten*, meaning, "fruitlessly." **Vain worship is unacceptable.**

Ignorant Worship

When the apostle Paul was in Athens, he encountered people who were worshipping all kinds of false gods, as well as One whom they called "the Unknown God." He took the opportunity to tell

them about “the One whom you worship without knowing” (Acts 17:16-31). While preaching to them, he let them know that “these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent” (v. 30). **Ignorant worship is unacceptable.**

Creature Worship

The Creator is self-existent, unconditioned and unlimited in power and knowledge. The creature owes its very existence to the Creator. To substitute the worship of the creature for that of the Creator is the height of perverseness and folly, meriting the retribution of the wrath of God, thus resulting in the “lie.” Paul used the definite article in Romans 1:25; it is not a lie, but the lie. The lie is essentially idolatry, which puts us in the place of God; it is the lie you will be like God (Genesis 3:5). **Creature worship is unacceptable.**

Self-Imposed Worship

To the Colossians, Paul talked about doctrines and commandments, which though appearing wise and godly, nevertheless originated with men. He referred to this as “self-imposed worship,” or as in the KJV, “will worship” (Colossians 2:20-23). Thus, God is not pleased with those that “will worship” or self-impose upon themselves that which is not allowed. **Self-imposed worship is unacceptable.**

True Worship

True worship is God-centered! True worshipers worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). This means worship is from the heart and in the way God has designed, and which is reserved only for God. Only He is worthy, and not any of His servants are worthy of being worshipped (Revelation 19:10). We are not to worship saints, prophets, statues, angels, any false gods or Mary the mother of Jesus. Worship is to glorify and exalt God – to show our loyalty, respect, appreciation and admiration to our Father. **True worship is the only worship that God will accept and approve.**

The highest form worship is obedience to God and His Word. We must obey Him instead of man.

--Mark N. Posey, *Gospel Gazette Online*

Is God Really Going to Punish The Wicked?

Hell, it seems, has lost a lot of its fire over the last few decades, and perhaps even through recent centuries. The reason for this lies in the fact that mankind has forgotten one simple precept: God hates sin, and He will punish those who refuse to repent and turn to Him. When you deny the existence of hell, you deny the Bible. When you overemphasize attributes like love and mercy, and neglect attributes like wrath and justice, you deny God. While God most certainly is a God of love and mercy, He is also a God of vengeance (Deuteronomy 7:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9). It does not take long to find proof of this; simply read Genesis, and you will find two major events in the first 19 chapters. Genesis 19 records the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as the neighboring cities in the valley, on account of their great wickedness. Prior to this is the greatest catastrophe this planet has ever seen – the great flood. Genesis 6-7 details the account of the flood that destroyed “all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land...” (Genesis 7:22 NKJV), man and animal, because of sin. Since the Bible unequivocally declares that the wicked will be punished, it behooves us as Christians to make sure that we warn as many as we can, and show them the way to safety. “Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Corinthians 5:11).

– Thomas Baxley, *Gospel Gazette Online*