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August 18, 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 8/14/16

Bible Class: 155

AM Worship: 192

PM Worship: 120

EMBF: \$107.00

WELCOME!

Walking With God

In every part of your life,
In calm and peace or in strife,
Hold fast the hand of God
Throughout every day.
No prayer of yours will be in vain.
His grace will your heart sustain,
His power will relieve your pain,
While you walk in His way.
No matter what the world
May say or do,
Christ is your blessed hope;
He'll see you through.
May God the Lord bless you!
Go with Him to eternity
And be what He wants you to be.
Life will have no boundary.
While you're walking with God.
On Christ you can depend;
His word is true.
Life that will never end
He'll share with you.
Now may our God bless you!
Go with Him through eternity
And be forever free.
Be in heaven's company
By walking with our God.



—Gerald Cowan, via BulletinGold

FROM THE MINISTER:

An Interesting Observation! The word “doctrines” (note: PLURAL) is found five times in the N.T. in the King James Version and the New King James Version. Every time the word “doctrines” (note: PLURAL) is found it is *not* to be followed for it is the “doctrines” which are the “commandments of men” (Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7); the “doctrines of men” (Colossians 2:22); the “doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1); and “strange doctrines” (Hebrews 13:9).

In contrast to “doctrines” (note: PLURAL) there is “doctrine” (note: SINGULAR). The word “doctrine” can be used in a negative manner such as the “doctrine of the Pharisees” (Matthew 16:12) or “doctrine of Balaam” (Revelation 2:14) or “doctrine of the Nicolaitans” (Revelation 2:15). We are warned not to be “tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Ephesians 4:14). However usually the word “doctrine” (note: SINGULAR) is the doctrine that is from God (John 7:16,17), the “Apostles doctrine” (Acts 2:42); “sound doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:3; Titus 1:9; 2:1); “doctrine of God” (Titus 2:10); “doctrine of Christ” (2 John 9). *In the N.T. the word doctrines (note: PLURAL) is never use for the doctrine of God. In the N.T. when the doctrine of God is referenced it is always in the singular.*

Welcome to God’s Family! Saturday, August 13, Mary Vander Sewell was baptized into Christ by her dad, Steve Sewell. We welcome MV to God’s Family at Eastern Meadows. MV has been at EM all of her life and is a 5th generation member at EM. MV is in the 10th grade at Alabama Christian Academy and plays Volley Ball and is in Honor’s English and AP History (smart girl!). This was the first baptism in our new baptistery.



Jane, Mary Vander, Steve, and Norton Sewell

Polishing the Pulpit. The Martins, Gotkiewicz’s, and the Housley’s will be at PTP. Both of the Martins will be speaking (Denise to the ladies) and providing counseling. Tish will be the lead teacher of the 5 year olds (every morning for several hours) and will be teaching one Ladies class. The rest of us will be doing a lot of sitting, hearing good and helpful messages. PTP is from Friday, August 19 – Thursday, August 25, so there is a lot of sitting and listening.

Singing Sunday Night! I was amazed at how well EM sang “O Lord Our Lord.” I really did wonder if we would get through it. As I said, this is typically a difficult song that is not often sung in worship, but you did great! Thanks to Dean for leading the 12 songs Sunday night. Two more Sunday nights to conclude Summer Sunday Nights.

Songs This Sunday Night! Every song this Sunday night is about our Lord Jesus. Some are older traditional songs and several are more contemporary songs. At least one or two are new to most of us. *ALL OF THESE SONGS ARE INCREDIBLE.* David Hester will be speaking this Sunday night.

Consider The Words Of “How Deep The Father’s Love.” How deep the Father's love for us; How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One; Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call

out among the scoffers;

It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

Songs You Requested That Will Be Sung Sunday Night, August 21:

Jesus Is All The World To Me
How Deep The Father's Love
Follow Me
In Christ Alone
Worthy Is The Lamb
Lamb of God

Ten Thousand Angels (Sing all the verses first;
then chorus)
All Alone
He touched me
I'm the One
Come To Jesus

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

Faulkner University begins classes this week, so if you see any college aged visitors, please take a minute of your time and greet them. Many young Christians who are away from home for the first time are searching for a Christian family; I pray that we'll take every opportunity afforded to us by God to help others.

September 4th, following our Sunday evening worship, we will have our first college devo of the 2016-2017 school year.

Saturday, September 10th - Lunch, movie, and a devo for the youth group. 12 - 3 p.m. @ the fellowship room.

September 18th, we will have our first Skill Shaping Sunday for the youth group. All 7th - 12th graders are invited to stay, eat, and learn skills for providing for and keeping your families. We will also work on other Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes convention skills/projects.



**Welcome Week
at Faulkner University!**



TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: What is the name of the commander of the garrison who had Paul arrested in Acts 21:30 - 40? Lysias (Acts 24:7)

This week's question: There are four named rulers in Palestine when John the Immerser began his ministry: Pontius Pilate, Herod Antipas, Herod Philip, and who?



ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/18/16

August 21, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Alan Norton

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Josh Cochran

P.M.: Paul Clements

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Billy Bush

P.M.: Tim Hatch

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: DOROTHY HICKS is home recovering from surgery and pneumonia. BARBARA NORMAN has had some improvement, but remains very weak. MELANIE BUSH continues to recover from surgery on her fingers. VIOLET ENGLISH is in East Alabama Medical Center (Opelika, AL). FRANCES NELSON is room 134 at Capitol Hill Rehab, but is to be discharged August 21. FRED SMITH, Veotha Smith's husband, is in rehab as he continues to recover from surgery. ALICE HANDLANG will have surgery to install a stent Aug. 24. PAUL CLEMENTS will have a heart catheterization August 25. JOY DAVIS is dealing with pain from bulging discs and scoliosis. NEOSHIA SIMMONS has been very sick at home. DIXIE BRANNAN and MARCIA GRAVES continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: MARGARET GRAVES and LEIGH SANDLIN. 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, 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.

SPEAKING SUNDAY: In Steve Housley's absence, DAVID HESTER will be speaking this Sunday, Aug. 21, at both the AM and PM services.

AUGUST 21 NURSERY ATTENDANT: LINDA SIMPSON & CASSIDY BROWN

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR: All events for the September Calendar must be turned in by Wednesday, August 24 to Wilma Berry.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursday Bible Class begins Sept. 1, 10:30 AM. The study will be "Genesis".

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.

"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.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sept. 10:** EMYG Lunch & Movie, 12-3 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **Sept. 11:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Sept. 18:** SSS (7-12th Graders)

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Sept. 4:** Devo, 7 PM

Sunday Bible Classes—August 21

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women, Lesson 22*

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

8/14/16 CONTRIBUTION: **\$11,381.00**

BUDGET: - **\$1,549.00** / YTD: + **\$31,333.42**

LADYBUGS

- ◆ **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:

Don't forget to bring canned foods and paper supplies for Mount Dora to Bible Class on Sunday!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:



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.

Five Things That Are Wrong With The Church!

OK now that I have your attention, I have a question: Why are we drawn so strongly toward the negative? The internet is littered with negative titles: "Four Things Christian Parents Are Doing Wrong!" the title screams, "Six Things the Church Should Get Rid of Immediately" another yells.

These articles appear to be written by well-meaning people, believers in Christ, no doubt. But it seems so hard to avoid negativity. Is the church perfect? Are Christians sinless? You know the answer to that. Is the church so sacrosanct that it should never be examined and critiqued? Of course not, though it seems to me that this need (for the church to be critiqued) is pretty soundly fulfilled. The Pacific Ocean has plenty of drops of water, and the church has plenty of critics.

The optimist, someone has said, is one who counts his blessings; the pessimist is one who discounts his. So my question is this: Should Christians be optimists or pessimists? When it comes to

the church, is there good reason for optimism? Why is it that Christians seem to absorb the sunshine and radiate gloom?

Last time I checked, we have a Lord from whom neither “death nor life, nor angels nor rulers nor things present nor things to come, nor powers nor height nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God” (Romans 8:38,39, ESV). Last time I checked, our Lord promised to build a church so strong, so enduring that “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). The church is built on a rock.

I have a challenge: Please someone out there write an article entitled, “Seven Things that Are Right with the Church of Christ,” or a sermon entitled “Five Ways Christian Parents Have Got It Right.” Believe me, you will have to write a few articles before the positive equals the legion of negative. Christians believe in a mighty God, read an eternally true word, and serve among the best people on earth.

Can we improve? Of course we can. But, especially when we post things for the whole galaxy to see, we might be a little more reflective. And by being more thoughtful, we might avoid discouraging some good people.

Had you noticed that the apostle Paul unfailingly gave thanks to God for his brethren? (Romans 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Philippians 1:3; Colossians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:2).

In a word, our confidence in the church lies not in our talents or perfection, but in a gracious and good God who loves us. There’s a great deal right about that!

--Stan Mitchell, via *forthright.net*



Desensitized

A young Englishman was in Germany when the Nazis degraded the Jews in the streets. At first he was sick at the sight and rushed down a side street. The next time he felt he could look and stopped for a full minute. The third time he watched. The fourth time, as he stood with the jeering crowd, the sight seemed less revolting. He was becoming, he told himself, “objective.” And with this came the realization of his peril. This was not a part of life, a social phenomenon for study, it was the breath of hell (E.M. Blaiklock, Winter, 1983).

How can one reach such depths that he becomes desensitized? How sad that so many have become callused to the things that go on around us:

- * An unborn child is killed every 20 seconds. There were over 1,750,000 last year.
- * The mention of God and Jesus have become a matter of abhorrence. In their place, schools now promote condoms, safe sex, and godless humanism.
- * Our society glorifies murder, rape, adultery, homosexuality, nudity, profanity, and fornication through movies and televisions.
- * Churches have reached out to those in immoral relationships and accepted them.

Many have become desensitized to sin.

--Mark S. Aites, via *HTH/HTH*

“Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush” (Jeremiah 6:15).