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July 6, 2017

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Paul Clements
Alan Kaye
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Mike Norman
Ted Norton

DEACONS:

Billy Bush
Allen Clements
Lamon Dees
Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
Steve Housley
Wayne Johnston
Andrew Long
Jimmy Mathews
Danny Moore
Dean Norton
Randy Porterfield
Steve Sewell
Jeff Simpson

MINISTERS:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth & College
David Hester, Education & Involvement
Steve Housley, Pulpit

SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

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YPYF



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LadyBUGS



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FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Request for prayer. Sunday morning, Roy Mulkey read a note from Betsy Yates, requesting prayers for herself; both spiritually and physically. Betsy will be having a heart cath on July 18th and surgery on the 19th.

Saying Goodbye. Keith and Neoshia Simmons and their two sons, R.J. and Drew have moved to Marietta, Georgia. Their move was for better jobs. We will miss Keith, Neosih, R.J., and Drew. By the way, I think more EM members have moved to the Atlanta area than any other one area in the past few years. All for better jobs! Keith and Neoshia, remember where home is!

A Correction From Sunday Night Sermon! My wife let me know that you do not let the dough for cinnamon rolls rise for four hours, it is just two hours. Just so you know.

If You Want To Read It. Sunday morning I mentioned the Nichols-Holder debate. Gus Nichols was the minister of the 5th Avenue (later 6th Avenue) church of Christ. J. D. Holder was a preacher in the Primitive Baptist church. You can read the debate at icotb.org/resources/Nichols-HolderDebate.pdf. This debate was in 1950, but six years previous, 1944, these two men met in a debate in Tallassee, Alabama. In the 1944 debate Rex Turner, Sr. was the moderator for Gus Nichols. And if you go to the “parent page” many books are available. <http://icotb.org/pagevw.php?pgid=e-books.htm>. Of course these books are old and are public domain, but there is much that help you to learn on this page.

More To Read. <http://www.therestorationmovement.com/books/books.htm> This website also has older public domain books. Interestingly, the first one on this page has to do with a Montgomery, Alabama church. It is *A History Of The Catoma Street Church of Christ* by Durden Stough. Most of the books on this site are “restoration history” related.

Some Very Good News From Our Ukrainian Friends. This week is the 15th year of Camp Amerikraïne. Many years ago Jeff Abrams started the camp with adults and children from, primarily the Kramatorsk/Slavyansk areas of eastern Ukraine. While what they do at this camp is much like what is done at an American Bible camp, it was not just for “youth.” It was much more family oriented and had all ages to attend. With the dispersion due to the war, and Ukrainian territory lost, the camp had to be moved to a new location and the area people attended from was expanded. This year Christians from all over Ukraine are attending. There are about 450 at the two side by side camp facilities with the camps so full some have brought tents to stay in. They will be singing, praying, studying. There will be worship assemblies for the entire group, Men’s classes, Ladies’ classes, and children’s classes. They will participate in games and sports. 450. Incredible. We can rejoice at this great event this week. At this point, Eastern Meadows supports Oksana Pazyi in her work with the ABC school at the church in Kramatorsk. In the late 1990s the Eastern Meadows began its work in Ukraine and made heavy financial commitments to support the work there at both the Kramatorsk church and the Bear Valley extension in Ukraine. I am so thankful to see the continued progress and growth.

That’s a long time. Do you remember Gunsmoke? If you do, it dates you, but the show was on for 20 years, which is eternity in TV time. Then there were some TV movies made. Matt Dillon, Gunsmoke’s main character was played by James Arness. With the weekly show and the TV movies James Arness played Matt Dillon for parts of FIVE DECADES. That’s a long time. We have someone at Eastern Meadows that has done better than this. Lucy Summerlin was a teacher and counselor in the Crenshaw County School System for 50 YEARS. She started in 1957 and retired in 2007. That is parts of SIX DECADES. That is a long time. Now, what about your CHRISTIAN VOCATION? I grew up with the King James Version which reads, “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,” (Ephesians 4:1 KJV). So how long should we *work at the Christian vocation*? Not just a few years, rather, all the rest of our lives after becoming a Christian. I must never quit; never retire. Someone might say, “That’s a long time.” Yes, but the reward (retirement)? Eternity in heaven and that is a *real long time!*

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Plans are being made to have an area-wide youth group class and devotional at Faulkner's campus on Wed, July 12th. Make plans to attend, more details to follow.

If you plan to attend ICYC during Jerry Martin's week, July 23 – 28, let me know. I am in the process of registering the youth group and can help you if you are not in the youth group but want to go. If you are going, be sure you register online if you are paying (not in the youth group) or that you fill out a registration form if the church is paying (youth group).

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: According to 1 Corinthians 1:2, those who were sanctified in Christ Jesus were called to be _____? Answer: Testimony

This week's question: According to 1 Corinthians 1:9, God is _____. A. So good; B. Faithful; C. Loving



ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/6/17

SICK: ANN EVANS underwent knee-replacement surgery Monday, July 3, in Birmingham. JAMES JOHNSON is scheduled for cataract surgery July 12. BETSY YATES is scheduled for a heart cath July 18 and open-heart surgery July 19. Prayers have been requested for HOUSTON ROY, Jean Berry's brother, who is suffering numerous health issues. Prayers have been requested for CAROL ANN WOODALL, friend of Barbara Norman, who is battling cancer. NICOLE TIMBES is scheduled for a stress test July 11. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, GEORGE DAVIDSON, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, WILMA MILLICAN, and BURT TURNER. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: CATHERINE LEINHEISER, JEWEL BARNES, and RED & LANETTE TAYLOR. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN and HOLLY THOMASSON.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: DREW EASTON MOORE was born Thursday, June 29, to DANNY & ANGIE MOORE. Drew weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 in. long. DANE is the proud big brother. Congratulations to all!

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, JEAN WILSON, JACKIE BARBAREE, DONNA KLINE, DONNY ANGLIN, FRED SMITH, JENNY PATTERSON, NORBERT SCHAEFER, EMILY ROBERTS, JERRY WARD, SR., SYBIL DAVIS, BOB MCCLURE, PAUL GARDNER, and HOUSTON ROY. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, ANDULA CURD, ALAN BROWN, SHERRY WADSWORTH, RANDY POST, A.J. CARPENTER, WAYNE EDWARDS, and CAROL ANN WOODALL.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Steve Sewell and family in the passing of his father, TOMMY SEWELL. There will be a remembrance service in the fall for the family.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Ginger Howell (former member) and family in the passing of her mother, RUTH ANN HOWELL. The visitation and funeral will be at the 9th Avenue Church of Christ in Haleyville, AL. Visitation is tonight, July 6, 6-8 PM, and the funeral will be Friday, July 7, 11 AM.

THANK YOU: Thanks for being someone we can depend on... We hope you know how important that is to us. To Steve and the Church Family, Thank you so much for the many prayers, phone calls, and cards during our family's time of need. The Emma Allen Family

THANK YOU: Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and the bag full of goodies y'all have given to us these past few months while Randy hasn't felt well and I had 2 hospital stays. We appreciate the love you have showed to us during our move, too." Love, in Christ, Marsha Sutton



Dane & Drew Moore

AREA WIDE SINGING: Alexander City Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, July 14—NOT July 7—7 PM. Menu: BBQ Sandwiches, chips, desserts, & drink. Please RSVP at (256) 234-6494.

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YPYF 2ND SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: The YPYF 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship is this Sunday, July 9, after the PM worship service at Jason's Deli.

JULY PROJECT NEEDS: The "Members in the Middle" group is working on a benevolence project between now and October. They are asking for help with the items. During July, bring lip balm and pair of socks from the dollar store. A collection basket is in the main foyer. Thanks for your help with the project needs!

LADYBUGS SUNSHINE BAGS: We have several of our members that are recovering from surgery, injuries, or serious illness. We will be sending gift bags filled with treats to brighten their day and remind them that we miss them. In addition to the items listed below, please take a minute to write each of these people a note that can be included in each bag. A list of names is available in the LadyBUGS' Room where you will also find index cards available that can be used to write these notes if you wish. Please leave all items in the designated area in the LadyBUGS' Room no later than **Sunday, July 16**. We will prepare 12 to 15 bags, Apr. 16, 4 PM. **NO PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE!** Suggested Items: Puzzle Books, Pens, Note Pads/Cards, Reading Materials (books, magazines), Hard Candy (individually wrapped), Chewing Gum, Salty Snacks (individually wrapped), Socks, Hand Lotion, Tissues, Lip Balm (chap stick), Stamps, and reusable Gift Bags.

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ADD TO JULY CALENDAR: The wedding anniversary of MARVIN & MARGARET DANIEL was inadvertently left off the July calendar. Please add to July 27th. Happy 62nd Anniversary, Marvin & Margaret!

JULY STANDY TEAM—1 (Futral/Norman)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month / On Call for the month of July is **ALAN KAYE**. Alan's contact information: 334-322-7363 (cell); nantahalan@gmail.com.

MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE

- ◆ **Benevolence Project Needs—July:** Lip balm and pair of socks from the dollar store. Collection basket in main foyer.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **June 21:** Area Wide Youth Devo
- **July 23-28:** ICYC Jerry Martin Week

**BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY
—JULY 30TH—**

LADYBUGS

- ◆ **July 9:** Bring items for Sunshine Bags
- ◆ **July 9:** Panama Mission - Christmas in July
- ◆ **July 11:** Quilting, 10 AM-2 PM
- ◆ **July 16:** Sunshine Bags items due & Assembled
- ◆ **July 16:** Sunshine Bags Assembled, 4 PM
- ◆ **July 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **July 30:** August Visitation Assignments

YPYF

- ◆ **July 9:** Second Sunday Night Fellowship, PM

July 9, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Brooks Housley
P.M.: Brooks Housley

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Josh Cochran
P.M.: Alan Kaye

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Steve Sewell
P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton
P.M.: Dean Norton

2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

7/2/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$13,346.00

BUDGET: - \$154.00 / YTD: + \$5,183.40

STATISTICS 7/2/17

Bible Class: 146

AM Worship: 208 / PM Worship: 139

EMBF: \$181.50

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

July 23: Teams 4 (Hatch) & 5 Milam/Kelley). Both teams are to bring enough food—a meal—to feed their family plus some. Tea is provided. Team 4 is responsible for set-up and Team 5 is responsible for clean-up.

4 Hours!!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

In Appreciation

There will be a Reception in honor of
Don & Dixie Brannan

on Sunday, July 30, 2-4 PM.

Everyone is invited to attend.

APPROPRIATE APPAREL

We all need to realize that our assemblies when we come together as a corporate body of believers to worship God are very sacred gatherings. While we live in the presence of Jehovah God at all times our periods of worship are the occasions when we come before God in reverence through prescribed avenues of worship coupled with hearts filled with sincerity, praise and love.

The apostle Paul in dealing with such assemblies gave some regulations regarding the leadership of men and even the dress of women (See I Timothy 2:8-15). It is the last point I want to discuss in this article. In I Timothy 2:9 Paul wrote, *"In like manner that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety..."* The word modest (kosmios) refers to that apparel which is orderly, well-arranged and decent. While the Holy Scriptures do not regulate fashion, the principle of modesty is considered by the inspired writer.

A real problem seemed to have been prevalent relative to dress, especially a woman's dress, when Paul wrote I Timothy. He specifically mentioned that women were not to emphasize the outward appearance in the extreme, that is, the wearing of gold or pearls or costly raiment when the most important aspect of a person's life should be godliness and good works (I Timothy 2:9, 10). In other words, the problem in Paul's day in the matter of apparel in the assemblies was that of 'over-dressing'.

Generally speaking the problem in our congregations today is the opposite; that is of 'under-dressing' by many of our ladies. Christian women should be very sensitive to this problem. It is recognized that there are some items of clothing that could be suitable for play and family outings and the like that would be out of place during an assembly designed for worship to God and the edification of the church. Attire that would be too revealing like low cut dresses and blouses, short skirts, shorts or tight apparel which emphasizes the erotic parts of the female anatomy should be shunned by Christian ladies. Mothers should set the proper example in this matter and properly train their daughters in the area of modest apparel and especially in regards to dressing for periods of worship.

Then there is the matter of influence. What do others think of me? What kind of impression am I making? Do people regard me as being spiritual or worldly because of my dress? Would I cause a person to think evil because of the brevity of my apparel? Might I not influence others to wear even less clothing by my example? Immodest dress infers that one is drawing too much attention to oneself. That would be the case whether one wore too much jewelry and expensive apparel as mentioned by Paul or too little clothing in a situation that would be considered immodest. This is often a problem that is prevalent among our congregations, especially in the summer months.

Our ladies should give prayerful consideration regarding this particular area of Christian influence.

--Raymond Elliott

THE WRONG WAY

It is amazing to me how we as people act sometimes. Even when the evidence is looking us right in the face and every bit of knowledge and reason points us in the right direction, we still choose to go the wrong way. This problem is not something new to this generation, but it is something with which we must deal here in the present.

In Jonah 1, Jonah was given the task by Almighty God to go to Nineveh and to speak out against the wickedness of that great people. Upon receiving this command, Jonah attempted to flee from the presence of the Lord and go by boat to the city of Tarshish. A storm came upon the water and ultimately Jonah was cast overboard and swallowed by the great fish. Jonah spent three days in the belly of this fish before being spat out on dry ground.

Now, if you were to continue the story of Jonah, you would see how after being spat out that he went to Nineveh, preached to the people, the people of Nineveh repented and God spared them. Yet, here is the odd thing that I want to point out. In Jonah 4, we read how Jonah recognized the graciousness of God and had not wanted to come to Nineveh because he knew that God would forgive the people if they repented. This same man that could clearly see some of the characteristics of God forgot something truly important. He overlooked that he was a servant of Almighty God. The same God was in control of that storm, prepared the great fish, kept Jonah alive and has the ability to forgive sin. That was the God that Jonah served, and that is the God that we serve today.

Sometimes, we as Christians are just like Jonah. We try to run from what we have been called to do. We make excuses, waste our time and in some ways try to hide from God. Like Jonah, we forget who we are serving, what He has done for us and what all He continues to do. The God who we serve is everywhere. He is all-knowing. He is all-powerful. This same God is the one who sent His only Son to die for our sins because He loves us so much and desires us to be with Him.

As we live our lives, let us all live in service to Almighty God. Let us keep His ways at the forefront of our minds and let Him direct our paths from day to day.

—Derek Broome, *Gospel Gazette Online*

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as you see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).