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July 11, 2019

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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Steve Housley
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Randy Porterfield
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MINISTERS:

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

SCHEDULE:

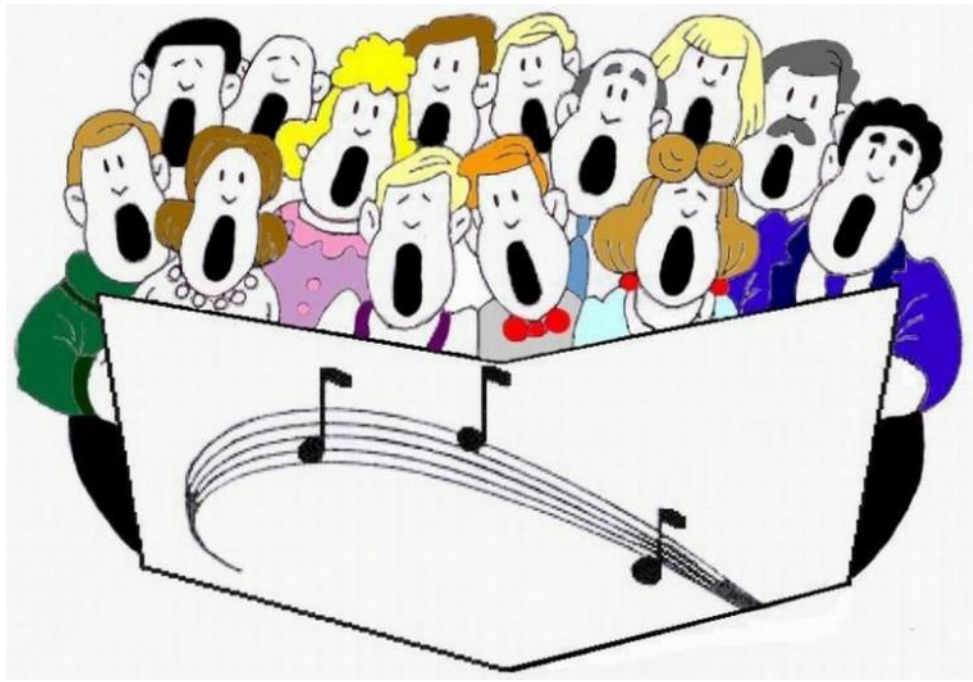
Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!



SINGING SCHOOL

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

July 15, 16, 18, & 19

from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

SONG LEADER CLINIC

Saturday, ***July 20*** from 9 a.m. - Noon

Teacher: Allen Clements

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FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Singing School. This is a unique opportunity that we have in the *very* near future – next week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.. If you struggle with Singing, this *Singing School* is for you. If you don't know what a "time signature" is or what is the difference between the soprano line or the bass line, *Singing School* is for you. If you like to sing, this *Singing School* is for you. If you don't like to sing, this *Singing School* is for you. If you are determined to support Eastern Meadows' good works (are you an Eastern Meadows member?), this *Singing School* is for you. I hope you will plan to be here!

Song Leader's Clinic. This is Saturday week, July 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. This is for all who want to know more about song leading. This is for current song leaders or those who have not yet tried their hand at song leading. Thanks to Allen Clements for his work in the Singing School and the Song Leader's Clinic.

Doubting or Believing Thomas? Last Sunday we sang *The Thomas Song* before the lesson. I really like that song and even though it is a newer song, the congregation sings it well. It does a great job telling the story about Thomas and his doubting and believing. This week I found another song about Thomas. It is called *These Things Did Thomas Count As Real*. The first verse is: These things did Thomas count as real; the warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the heft of stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone. Verse two: The vision of his skeptic mind Was keen enough to make him blind To any unexpected act Too large for his small world of fact. Verse three: His reasoned certainties denied That the one could live when one had died, Until his fingers read like Braille The markings of the spear and nail. Verse four: May we, O God, by grace believe And thus the risen Christ receive, Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out And beckoned Thomas from his doubt. I still like *The Thomas Song* better.

Sunday Nights Better

- * **July 14**, *What the Holy Spirit is Not Doing*, #2
- * **July 21**, *Back to the Bible*, 2A
- * **July 28**, *Back to the Bible* 2B

CAN JESUS BE SEEN IN YOU?

At a house on Harrison Road there is a sign in the yard. It is the size of the typical political sign; however, it is not a political sign, at least I don't think it is. I suspect it is a "business" sign, but I don't know. *I cannot read what is on the sign!* It has a multicolored background, possibly a picture, and there are words over the picture. The words are too small and blend into the background. Even though I have often passed by the sign and, in the car, have been as close as 10 feet from the sign, I simply cannot read the sign. Whoever had the sign printed, and the printer, forget the first rule of signs. The sign must be clear enough to be seen and read! If the sign cannot be read, save your money and your time, and don't use a sign!

Can Jesus be seen in you? In 2 Corinthians 4:10-11 Paul says, ". . . so that the life of Jesus may be seen in our bodies. 11 For, while living, we are still being given up to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be seen in our flesh, . ." According to Paul, Jesus should be seen in us! Can Jesus be seen in us? Or is the way we live so different that what Jesus would want us to live that the onlooker cannot see Jesus in us? Or do our words and conversation speak of anything but Jesus, and the onlooker cannot see Jesus in us? Seriously, what about our life looks like Jesus?

--Steve Housley

July 14, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:

A.M.: Jimmy Mathews

Main Prayer:

A.M.: Andrew Long

P.M.: Paul Clements

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Adam Bass

P.M.: John Cole

Singing:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Alan Kaye

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Danny Moore / Sunday PM & 7/17: Jon Timbes

Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Blaine Benson

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/11/19

SICK: ALICE HANDLANG is scheduled for surgery on Aug. 7. SHIRLEY HANCOCK and MELANIE BUSH continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, MARVIN DANIEL, RAELYN EVANS, ALICE HANDLANG, and CHARLOTTE PATTERSON. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, VIRGINIA EVANS, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, and MARGARET DAVIS. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, and DON BRANNAN.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): CARSON DAVIS, WAYNE JOHNSTON, DEXTER HART III, JUSTIN SANKEY, and ANNIE BELLE DUKE. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, DENNIS TURNER, TERESA LYNN NICHOLS, JR BRINT, CHANDRA JOHNSON, PATRICIA HARROD-WYROSDICK, MARY ALICE WILHELM, CINDY SCHAEFER, DONALD FUTRAL, JESSE BARRY, DAVID PEEL, DEREK MAY, GENE SULLIVAN, and WILL HICKS. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of VERONICA CONLEY, who passed away Tuesday, July 2. Veronica worked in the Lads To Leaders office.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Elvernice Dees and family in the passing of her aunt, RUTHIE WEATHERLY. Ruthie's husband was Lacy Weatherly, who passed away just twelve days previous. Lacy and Ruthie had been married 65 years.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS – 7/14: AM—KRISTY HATCH & VICKIE JOHNSTON; PM—HALEY STEELMAN & TERRY BAGENTS

AREA WIDE SINGING: Alexander City Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing on Friday, July 12, 7 PM.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING: The Grounds Committee will meet this Sunday, July 14, immediately following the AM worship service in the Teen Classroom. See TIM HATCH for more information.

ELDER LED WORSHIP: The Eastern Meadows Elders will lead the Sunday, July 21 AM worship.

JULY 21ST FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 1 (DEES) will have a fellowship meal on Sunday, July 21, following the AM worship service.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: There will be a Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, July 27, 9 AM. If you plan to attend, please sign the lists posted at the front and midway foyers.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES: If you are one of the families who qualified to have your picture taken for the directory, please be sure to go by the front welcome center and sign-up for an appointment. LifeTouch will take pictures Wednesday, July 31, from 2 to 9 PM.

BIBLE HISTORY CENTER TRIP: A trip is being planned for Aug. 15 (Thursday) for all in the congregation interested to the Bible History Center in La Grange, GA. The cost is \$20 for the tour of the archaeological replicas and artifact gallery (1 1/2 hours). The cost is \$20 for the noon meal - an old Jerusalem meal of 15 items with a host (1 1/2 hour). The van will depart the church building at 7 am sharp and the tour starts at 10:30 with the meal at 12 noon. We will be back to the building around 3pm. The tickets must be pre-paid by August 4th since reservations for the meal must be made. You may take one or both events; with tax, both events it will be \$45. Please pay David Hester or Michael Crow; on or before August 4th. For more information, go to <https://biblicalhistorycenter.com>

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT FROM GEORGE DAVIDSON: A good week with World Bible School. We received 400 new students; received more than 200 lessons to be graded, then returned with the next lesson for them to read, answer, and return. There were also two preachers requesting material to help with their work.

JULY STANDBY TEAM – 2 (BASS)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for July is **ALAN KAYE**. Contact information: (334) 386-7117; nantahalan@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, 7/7: Bible Class—171; AM Worship—228; PM Worship—109; EMBF—\$172

LadyBUGS:

July 28: A Time To Pray, 4:30 PM

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: To provide service for the temple, the priests were divided into 24 divisions. Each division did duty in the Temple in rotation twice a year, each period of duty lasting one week. Luke writes that Zacharias, John the Immerser's father, was in the division of Abijah. Which week did Zacharias' division serve? Answer: 8th (1 Chronicles 24:10)

This week's question: Luke writes in chapter 1, verse 31 that Mary, "shall call His name Jesus." Why is the Christ to be named Jesus?



A) Because He is the Son of God; B) Because He is the Son of the Highest; C) Because He will save His people from their sins.

Upcoming Events:

2019

- **July 15, 16, 18, & 19:** Singing School, 6:30-8:15 PM
- **July 20:** Song Leader Clinic, 9 AM-12 noon
- **July 31:** LifeTouch Update
- **October 17-19:** Choosing That Good Part Ladies' Retreat
- **October 26:** Fall Festival & Trunk-Or-Treat, 3-7 PM
- **November 25:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM

- **December 14:** Annual Christmas Dinner, 2 PM
- **December 23:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM

2020:

- **February 15-16:** Marriage & Family Seminar (Dan & Grace Wheeler)
- **April 1:** Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael Whitworth
- **May 3:** Homecoming/Goal Day

TRUE LIBERATION

We hear a great deal today about being liberated from various things such as moral standards, authorities and various relationships. People are desirous of freedom, for better or worse. Wars have been fought to free people from tyranny, slavery and oppression. Movements are begun to seek release from anything and everything that might restrain people too much. Even among religious circles, there are organizations and individuals that seek to rid themselves of any absolute and objective authority such as the Bible. We are also aware of movements among the worldly minded people to reject any and all set rules of moral and ethical standards. Thus, you have the philosophies as 'Situation Ethics', 'Existentialism' and 'The New Morality' to illustrate the point.

But, we speak presently of true liberation and the true 'Liberator', Jesus Christ, who came to liberate (to set free, release) men and women from that terrible 'master' (Satan) and bondage (sin). The world has never known freedom, happiness and peace of mind as can be had and enjoyed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Mankind has sought freedom in earthly pleasures, doctrines of men and worldly wisdom; however, their seeking has been in vain. The Master Teacher and Freedom Fighter exclaimed to a group of Jews on one occasion that, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31, 32). Thus, the agency of release from the fetters of sin, sorrow, doubt, captivity and death is the truth, the word of God. Jesus also stated "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Paul wrote in Romans 6:17, 18: "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness." That form the Romans obeyed was the likeness of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, which are the basis of the gospel of our Lord (I Corinthians 15:1-3). They had died to sin in true repentance, buried with the Lord in baptism and had been raised to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:1-6). This is the same manner in which people today can be set free from sin. The apostle Paul also wrote of being made free from the law of sin and death through Jesus Christ (Romans 8:1, 2). Furthermore, in Galatians 5:1, Paul said "For freedom did Christ set us free..." (KJV). Whether we speak of being free from the Law of Moses or from sin, the principle is the same. The truly liberated persons in this world are those individuals who have willingly surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ and have become servants of righteousness.

—Raymond Elliott