

# THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER

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## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible Study) ..... 9:30 AM  
Sunday morning worship (Preaching) ..... 10:30 AM  
Sunday evening worship (Preaching) ..... 4:00 PM  
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study) ... 7:00 PM

## AN INTRODUCTION

This publication is provided for your consideration because of our interest in the salvation of each person. You will be receiving this publication as an insert in this newspaper on a quarterly basis. Please read and consider the things taught herein.

First please allow us to introduce to you the church of Christ which meets at the corner of Hwy 24 E and Meadow Dr. in Red Bay, AL. We know that many are unfamiliar with the beliefs and practices of the church of Christ, so we take this opportunity to acquaint you with our work and worship as a congregation of God's people.

We conduct Bible classes for all ages each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. These classes are held for about 45 minutes. Competent teachers direct students in a personal investigation of the Bible. All students are taught respect for God, for parents, and for the country in which we live. Freedom of expression is encouraged in the classes so that all Bible related questions can be discussed. Only the Bible and Bible centered materials are used in these classes.

The church conducts worship services each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. During these services Christians offer up prayers to God, praise Him in song, and listen to His word preached. Also, each Sunday, Christians partake of the Lord's supper and give back to God as they have prospered to support the work of the church.

A mid-week Bible study is conducted each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Regular attendance at these services will enable one to enlighten their mind, fortify their will, and encourage others to serve the Lord in full assurance of faith. Occasionally, special preaching services are conducted on consecutive week-nights, which are referred to as "gospel meetings."

People are saved and added to the Lord's church today in the same manner they were in New Testament times. Please note: Acts 2:1-42; 8:26-39. In these passages as well as others, it is clear that individuals were taught the word of God, they then believed in Jesus Christ, repented of their sins, confessed publicly their faith in Christ as the Son of God and were baptized for the remission of their sins. Upon completion of their obedience to these commands, Acts 2:47 says the Lord added them to the church.

## OUR WORSHIP

Since the New Testament says: "*Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son,*" 2John 9, churches of Christ believe that the worship of the church should consist of only

those activities found in the worship of the New Testament church. They are: **prayer** (Acts 2:42); **singing** (Col 3:16); **gospel preaching** (Acts 20:7); **partaking of the Lord's supper** (1Cor 11:23-30); and **contributing of our means** (1Cor 16:1,2). In John 4:24 Jesus said those who worship God must do so "in spirit and in truth". This means one must have the proper attitude when they worship and what they do in worship must be according to truth. John 17:17 says "thy (God's) word is truth". Therefore, whatever we do in worship must be in accord with God's word. ALL such actions of worship are privileges of the members of the Lord's church and in no way will be forced on anyone who chooses to visit our assembly.

In a brief introduction such as this publication, it is impossible to state every point of our identity in detail. We believe, of course, in living clean, upright, and godly lives and in accepting and following the New Testament. Therefore, we consider the New Testament as our ONLY guide. Where the scriptures speak, we speak; where the scriptures are silent, we are silent. The Word of God is all sufficient for **ALL** the spiritual needs of man, 2Tim 3:16,17

If this strict adherence to the New Testament appeals to you, we invite you to worship with us. If at any time you should have questions about anything taught or practiced by the Eastside church of Christ in Red Bay, AL we would be happy to discuss them with you.

Many people hesitate to visit a church service unless they know what to expect when they go. Perhaps we can help you know what to expect when you visit one of our services.

**Don't expect to be embarrassed.** You will visit us as a welcome and respected guest. No person will approach you in such a manner as to annoy. **Don't expect to be entertained.** We offer no bands or talent shows. No refreshments will be served. Our purpose is to worship God in the way He has directed. **Don't expect to be begged for your money.** The church depends **only** on the local members for financial support. **Don't expect any show of ostentation.** We are not interested in impressing anyone with our dress or our building nor are we seeking to impress with ritualism or sensationalism.

**Expect the worship to be simple and devout.** Since our purpose is to be governed in all acts of worship by the Bible alone, our worship consists of only those actions which were a part of the worship of the early church. We sing spiritual songs, pray often, partake of the Lord's Supper each Sunday, give as we have been prospered and teach God's Word. We seek to maintain the attitude Christ enjoined when He said: "*God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.*" Jhn 4:24. **Expect congregational singing.** Since the New Testament instructs Christians to sing in Worship (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16) we encourage everyone to sing. Visitors sometimes are amazed to find worshippers singing and praising God, unaided by musical instruments. **Expect to find Christians only.** We wear no distinctive name that would divide Bible believers. We submit to no religious authority other than the inspired scriptures. Thus, by following only the teachings of Christ and His Apostles, we are simply Christians, Acts 11:26, just as His disciples were in the first century. **Expect to find a friendly spirit and atmosphere.** We believe that friendliness is a natural attribute of God's people. Our visitors will receive a warm welcome and will be treated with courtesy and cordiality. We truly hope you will accept our invitation to Visit us soon. It will be our pleasure to have you in our assemblies. And we sincerely believe you will be benefited by coming.

## **METHODS OF STUDY**

We offer various methods of Bible study for those who are interested. A free Bible study course is available by mail or Bible studies can be presented in your home. We also have audio CD's of sermons as well as tracts on assorted topics. If you desire one of these study methods, you may call 256-333-0017 and leave your name and address (this phone number goes straight to voice mail so do not expect someone to talk with you). Also, you may send a written request to: Bible Studies; 1205 Hwy 24 East; Red Bay, AL 35582. We would be happy to assist you in whatever way we can in your study.

## **POINTS TO PONDER**

- Man's way leads to a hopeless end...God's way leads to an endless hope.
- Your strength is seen in what you stand for; your weakness in what you fall for.