

## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

**SCHEDULE:** The schedule for April is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

**SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Telford Hamm's brother. Virgie Waddle's sister, Rachel Bruton in Southern Magnolia Golden, MS. and her sister-in-law at the Meadows in Fulton, MS. Helen Sparks has ongoing health problems. Nancy Summerford's mother in last stages of Alzheimer's. Donna Criswell's aunt, Nell Barrett. Jerry Brewer in J. W. Summers rehabilitation of Shoals Hospital following a stroke. Jack Elliott was not feeling well Wednesday evening. Also, Zola Basham is having trouble with her hip again.

**TRAVELERS:** We are glad Richard and Beth Hammock are back home safely, even though Richard's kidney stones acted up when they got to Birmingham.

**TEACHING PROGRAMS:** Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, will be inserted in the **Red Bay News** the first week of April with our meeting announcement in it. For those who do not get the paper, there will be copies of the new issue on the table in the foyer. Remember our TV/Radio program on local Cable TV channels 12 and 97 at 6:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Sunday and various times through the week as well as the audio on radio stations 1430 AM and 97.9 FM. It is also on Facebook live at various times. There are also DVD copies of the TV program available. Jerry is also on the radio on 95.5 FM about 10 AM each Sunday. Please pray for these efforts that they will reach people who will be interested in reading and listening to God's word.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS:** Eastside (Red Bay) Apr 7 – 12 with Lowell Sallee (regular times Sunday) Mon – Fri 7 pm. West Hamilton Apr 7 – 9 with different speakers (time unknown). Somerville Apr 7 – 10 with Justin Roberson (time unknown). Helton Drive Apr 7 – 11 with Stacy Crim Mon – Thur 7 pm. Needmore (Haleyville) Apr 14 – 19 with David Maxson Mon - Fri 7 pm. East Florence Apr 14 – 19 with Mike Richardson (time unknown). Eastside (Russellville) Apr 14 – 19 with Bill Hall Mon – Fri 7 pm. If you know of other meetings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

## POINTS TO PONDER

- If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't buy.
- Honesty is one business policy that never needs to be changed to keep up with the times.

# THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

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**THE EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(meeting at the corner of Meadow Dr. and Hwy 24 East Red Bay, AL)  
**INVITES YOU TO A SERIES OF BIBLE LESSONS**

**APRIL 7 - 12**

**The times for these lessons are:**

**SUNDAY: 9:30 & 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:00 PM**

**The speaker will be Lowell Sallee  
From Rogersville, AL**

**For more information or transportation  
Call 662-542-3170**

Please consider this to be your personal invitation to this series of Bible lessons and please invite your neighbors and friends to attend with you.

**PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND**

## **GOSPEL MEETINGS: WORTH THE EFFORT!**

By Greg Gwin

A gospel meeting week is always a busy and tiring time. We have all the other normal activities that typically crowd our schedules, and then, on top of everything else, we are at church services each evening. By Friday night we are dog-tired and worn out. But, no doubt about it, it is well worth the effort.

On one occasion (Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9) there were thousands of people who followed Jesus to hear Him preach. They continued with him for three solid days. In fact, they were so intent on receiving His lessons that they didn't even take time to eat. Do you think they were tired? Hungry? Of course, they were. But the blessings they received far surpassed the trouble and effort they expended to be there.

This same thing will be true of you this week if you put forth the effort to attend the gospel meeting. You'll be tired and feeling the pressure of the added stress in your weekly schedule. But at the end of the week, you:

- will be built up by the good gospel sermons you have heard
- will be encouraged by having spent quality time with your brothers and sisters in Christ
- will have served as a positive example for others, including your own family
- will have supported the preaching the gospel
- will be blessed and feel spiritually stronger for having enthusiastically participated in this gospel meeting effort.

With all this in mind, can we count on seeing YOU at every service this week? If not, why not?

## **MORALS IN THE PULPIT AND IN THE PEW**

By Leslie Diestelkamp

Once, when I preached a sermon on morals, a mature man in the congregation asked to speak. For perhaps two or three minutes he exhorted the people, giving complete endorsement to what I had preached. I believe his endorsement may have impressed the people more than my

sermon had. It would be a good thing, everywhere, if elders and/or other mature, devout men would publicly concur in teaching of truth on moral matters. The more worldly ones would then come to realize that morality is a matter for all, not just for preachers. We need more morals in the pew as well as in the pulpit.

In the same city where I preached the above-mentioned sermon, an elderly lady attended the services. I visited her, and in the course of such I inquired how she happened to attend. She said that "her church" was far across the city and that her son had urged her to attend with us. Her son was foreman in a plant over the very man mentioned above who exhorted the people when I preached. Her son so admired the morals of his worker that he told his mother, "that church must be all right" because that man went there.

Of course, I do not mean that the morality of the people necessarily makes a church right. People may indeed be moral and still be very wrong doctrinally. On the other hand, regardless of the purity of doctrine that is preached, a church can't be right before God and fruitful among men unless the morals of the members are above reproach. In fact, correctness (scripturalness) in worship, work and organization is made attractive to the world by genuine morality and good works (Matthew 5:15-16).

When Christians teach the whole truth, many people will reject it and rebel against it. Yet some may be won to receptiveness and later to obedience through the godliness of Christians. Conversely, any scriptural position a church may take is made quite inconsequential to the world if the people do not live in holiness. A preacher's sermon on morals falls very flat if the congregation does not exemplify the highest ideals. Especially the leaders (elders, deacons, preachers, etc.) and their wives need to maintain untainted reputations that will portray the very same ideals as are proclaimed in the sermons.

Instead of always whining and complaining about the morals of the world about us, God's people would do better to just demonstrate, in the pulpit and the pew, the qualities that are desirable. Let us say and do, preach and live moral purity of the very highest possible degree. Let the thoughts of our minds, the words of our lips and the deeds of our bodies be holy, godly and righteous altogether. This would abound to the glory of God, to satisfaction in life and usefulness to the world.