



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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October 15, 2015

ELDERS:

- Tim Bagents
- Don Brannan
- Ted Norton

DEACONS:

- Billy Bush
- Roger Dill
- Tim Gotkiewicz
- Steve Housley
- Wayne Johnston
- Jimmy Mathews
- Roy Mulkey
- Randy Porterfield
- Jeff Simpson

MINISTERS:

- Steve Housley, Pulpit
- Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth & College

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

RADIO PROGRAM

WMGY 800 AM & 96.5 FM

Sunday's 7:30-8 a.m.

With ROGER DILL

STATISTICS 10/11/15

- Bible Class: 123
- AM Worship: 179
- PM Worship: 109
- EMBF: \$81.00

WELCOME!

GUESS WHO'S COMING



TO DINNER



This Saturday, October 17, 6 PM

OCTOBER

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY'S



October 21:

Leon Estep, "Lessons From Haggai"

October 28:

Paul Meachum, "Marriage In America: A Postmortem"



FROM THE MINISTER:

Lots of Great News!!

Welcome Dorothy Hooks to Eastern Meadows! On Sunday, October 4, DOROTHY HOOKS, placed membership with Eastern Meadows. Dorothy had been visiting churches in Montgomery and we are glad she decided to stay with us! Dorothy, living in Hardaway, has the distinction of living the furthest east from our building! She is retired from the Macon County School System having served as a teacher, Vice-Principal, Principal over both elementary and middle schools, and in the Central Office as Director of Human Resources, Director of Professional Development, Curriculum Coordinator, Assessment (testing) Coordinator, and Director of Technology Development. She now works as a Education



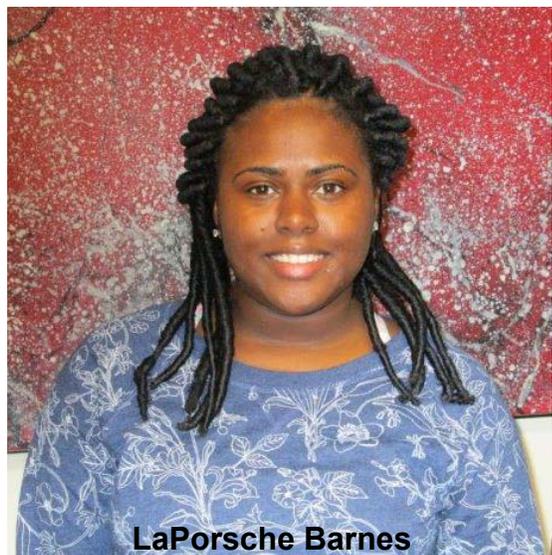
Consultant. Sister Hooks comes from the Tuskegee Church of Christ. By the way, many years ago her daughter Gigi Khonyongwa worshipped with Eastern Meadows before she moved away as a travelling Occupational Therapist. Due to Gigi, our paths crossed a few times back then! So glad Dorothy is now with us at Eastern Meadows!



Welcome Kiana Long to Eastern Meadows! Kiana was baptized after morning worship, October 4. Kiana had visited with us extensively last spring. We had some Bible Studies at that time. Later Gwen Mann had some Bible studies with Kiana. Kiana is a very busy young lady. She attends Troy State University in Troy as a full-time student majoring in Human Services and minoring in Case Management. She will graduate December 2015. Kiana also works a full-time job at night with Dynamic Security. Due to her very full schedule of work and school she will likely be with us only on Sunday mornings. Meet Kiana and make her feel welcome!

Welcome LaPorsche Barnes to Eastern Meadows! On Sunday, October 11, LaPorsche placed membership with Eastern Meadows. LaPorsche grew up attending The Vineyard Church of Christ with her grandmother and was baptized there. She began attending Eastern Meadows last Spring and was also in the Bible Studies with Kiana. LaPorsche is a full time student at Troy State University in Troy majoring in Human Services with a minor in Case Management. She will be graduating in May 2016. LaPorsche also works a full-time job at night at M-tek. She stays very busy.

Welcome Nathan Futrell to Eastern Meadows! Nathan was baptized Sunday, October 11, in the early afternoon by Charley Boddy. Nathan has been attending Eastern Meadows with his family for some time and we are thrilled that we can now call him our brother. Nathan is self-employed with Southland Builders. He is the owner and stays very

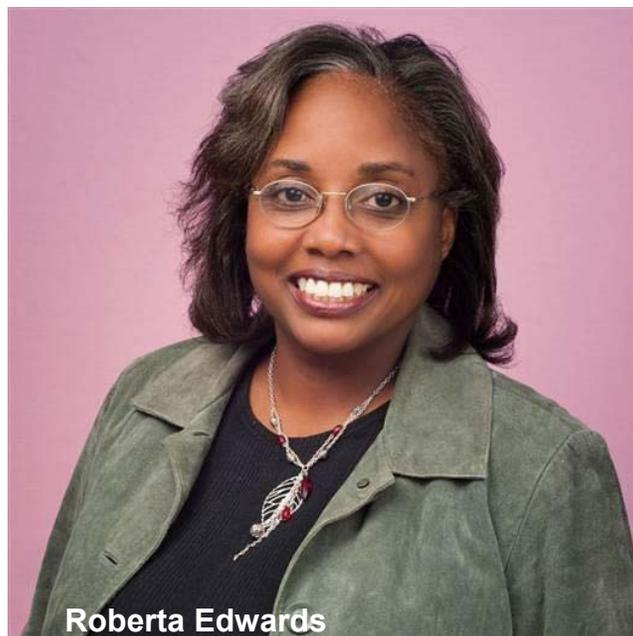


busy in the Wetumpka/Montgomery/Birmingham areas. Kallie is a full-time mother to their four children. Aiden is 8 and is in Wetumpka Elementary. Nolan is almost 6 and is in Kindergarten at Wetumpka Elementary. Lawson is 3. All of the boys enjoy hunting and fishing with their Dad. Baby girl Leena is almost 10 months old.

Don't Poison Me! On a walk last week to the sink hole on the Dold (my in-law's) farm, we saw a good crop of polk. Polk or poke is a weed and a nuisance, not a real crop. OK, I had heard of "polk salad" all my life (maybe you remember the song "Polk Salad Annie" by Tony Joe White . . .if you are old enough), but did not really know anything about it. Marrying into the Dold family I learned about it. In fact, there were times when Tish, coming home from visiting with her parents, brought home polk, which she mixed with turnip greens. By the way, I don't like polk. Its texture and taste are too much like cooked spinach and spinach is one green that I do not typically like. But listen to this! "It is considered a major pest species by farmers, and that and the danger of human poisoning – its significant toxicity and its risks to human and animal health are consistently reported, with the whole of the plant toxic and increasing in toxicity through the year, with children at particular risk of its very poisonous purple-red ripe fruit . . ." (Polk in Wikipedia.org). Want some? OK, if it is picked early and you boil it three times (lot of trouble when there are easier things to prepare) it can be eaten. *But knowing of its toxicity do you really want some?* I could not help but think about sin when I saw the polk. Sin has devastating effects, but how we will sometimes flirt with sin, get so close to sin! Doesn't make good sense, does it. Don't pass me the polk.

Very Sad News. I did not know Roberta Edwards. I did know several people who knew her and worked with her. She was from North Carolina and her work in Haiti was overseen by the Estes Church of Christ outside of Henderson, Tennessee. She was the director of the SonLight Children's Home in the capital and had made her home there for many years. She was caring for 20 children in her home and also running a nutrition center that fed 160 children twice a day. On Saturday night Edwards was driving in the city, Port-au-Prince, when another vehicle blocked her path. Armed gunmen emerged from the vehicle and fired into Roberta's car, causing her death. It was said of Sister Edwards, "She knew that she worked in a dangerous setting, but had committed herself to care for children in Haiti despite these risks." This is not what we expect to happen to missionaries, but it can happen. Pray for all who serve God in various places around the world.

Nathan, Kallie, Aiden, Nolan, Lawson, and Leena Futral



Roberta Edwards



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Our next Youth and Family Devotional: Sunday evening, October 18th, after the evening worship service. All youth group members and their family members are invited to pray, sing, eat, and hear a devotional message with us.

Thanks to all who have picked up Panama Missions boxes for Operation Christmas Joy. The deadline for returning the boxes was yesterday, Wednesday, October 14th. If you have not yet turned in your box, please do so as soon as humanly possible. Thanks!

I spoke last Sunday evening about appreciating our blessings. I think this Polish folk tale speaks to that point very well.

It Could Be Worse

A long time ago, there was a family that lived happily in a small, quiet house in Poland. One day they learned that the grandparents were coming to live with them. The child was very excited about this, and so were the parents. But the parents worried because their house was very small. They knew that when the grandparents arrived, the house would become crowded and much noisier.

The farmer went to ask the rabbi what to do. The rabbi says, "Let them come."

So the grandparents move in. They have a lot of furniture, which goes in the living room, where they sleep, and in some other rooms, too. It is crowded and noisy in the house so the farmer goes back to the rabbi: "I did what you said, Rabbi. Now my in-laws are here. And it is really crowded in the house."

The rabbi thinks for moment. Then he asks, "Do you have chickens?"

"Of course I have chickens," says the farmer.

"Bring them into the house," says the rabbi.

The farmer is confused, but he knows the rabbi is very wise. So he goes home, and brings all the chickens to live inside the house with the family. But, it is no less crowded and noisy. In fact, it is worse, with the clucking, and pecking, and flapping of wings.

The farmer goes back to the rabbi. "I did what you said, Rabbi. Now with my in-laws and the chickens, too, it is really crowded in the house."

The rabbi thinks for moment. Then he asks, "Do you have any goats?"

"Of course I have goats," says the farmer.

"Bring them into the house," says the rabbi.

The farmer is confused, but he knows the rabbi is very wise. He brings all the goats from the barn to live inside the house. It is no less crowded and noisy. In fact, it is much worse, with the chickens clucking and flapping their wings, and the goats baa-ing and butting their heads against the walls and one another.

The next day, the farmer goes back to the rabbi. "I did what you said, Rabbi. Now my in-laws have no place to sleep because the chickens have taken their bed. The goats are sticking their heads into everything and making a lot of noise." The rabbi thinks. He looks very puzzled. Then he says, "Aha! You must have some sheep."

"Of course I have sheep," says the farmer.

"Bring them into the house," says the rabbi.

The farmer knows the rabbi is very wise. So he brings the sheep inside. It is no less crowded and noisy. In fact, it is much, much worse. The chickens are clucking and flapping their wings, the goats are baaing and butting their heads. The sheep are baa-ing, too, and one sat on the farmer's eyeglasses and broke them. The house is loud and crazy and it is starting to smell like a barn.

Completely exasperated, the farmer goes back to the rabbi. "Rabbi," he says, "I have followed your advice. I have done everything you said. Now my in-laws have no place to sleep because the chickens are laying eggs in their bed. The goats are baa-ing and butting their heads, and the sheep are breaking things. The house smells like a barn."

The rabbi frowned. He closed his eyes and thought for a long time. Finally he said, "This is what you do. Take the sheep back to the barn. Take the goats back to the barn. Take the chickens back to their coop."

The farmer ran home and did exactly as the rabbi had told him. As he took the animals out of the house, his child and wife and in-laws began to tidy up the rooms. By the time the last chicken was settled in her coop, the house looked quite nice. And, it was quiet. All the family agreed their home was the most spacious, peaceful, and comfortable home anywhere.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:



Last week's question: After Josiah's death, how many kings of Judah were carried off into captivity? B) 3 of the last 4 (**Jehoahaz-Egypt, Jehoiakim-Died in Jerusalem and his body was dumped outside the city walls, Jehoiachin-Babylon, Zedekiah-Babylon**)

This week's question: Which of the post-exile prophets told of John the Baptist coming to prepare the way for Jesus? A) Haggai; B) Zechariah; C) Malachi

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/15/15

Oct. 18, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Don Brannan

P.M.: William Dill

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: James Berry

P.M.: Josh Cochran

Singing:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Alan Kaye

SICK: JOHNNY BLUE remains in ICU at UAB Hospital. DOROTHY HOOKS had surgery Tuesday, Oct. 13. BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER continues to recover from surgery. PHYLLIS ALLEN continues to recover from surgery as a second surgery is scheduled for Oct. 29. ANGIE HICKS, James Berry's niece, is recovering at home following knee-replacement surgery. Prayers have been requested for TELSIE DAVIS, friend of Dianne Hoskinson, who is battling cancer. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, PHYLLIS ALLEN, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN. Deployed: JON TIMBES, Kuwait.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues) CHARLES BUSH, PHYLLIS BLACKWELL, ANGIE HICKS, and QUIN MERRY-

MAN. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, KATHY DAVIS, NEAL ROBERTS, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, RYAN AKERS, WAYNE EDWARDS, MELISSA MOTE, PHYLLIS DELL, JAMIE FINLAYSON, JEAN PERCIVAL, OLEN HOUSLEY, and TELSIE DAVIS.

BIBLE CLASS LESSON: Life of Christ, Part 1, Luke 1-4

OCTOBER 18 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: CECILIA & MIRANDA PORTERFIELD

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Team 2 (Martin) will host the fellowship meal this Sunday following the morning worship service. Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) will host Oct. 25.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 a.m.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Trunk-Or-Treat is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 25, following the evening worship service. Kids can change into costumes after services. Plan to be a part of the fun, decorate your trunk, and hand out candy. Park in the front lot if you are participating.

NEW ADDRESSES & NUMBERS:

- ◆ DOROTHY HOOKS, 210 Colbert Drive, Hardaway, AL, 36039, (334) 727-0901.
- ◆ KIANA LONG, 4602 South Court Street, 36105, (334) 498-4923.
- ◆ LAPORSCH BARNES, 4602 South Court Street, 36105, (334) 498-4921.
- ◆ NATHAN FUTRAL, 304 Ross Road, Wetumpka, 36092, (334) 313-3869.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows, Thanks for all the cards you have sent. Each one has been such a source of encouragement. In Christian love, Sonny Solomon

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Graphic Designer – Marketing. This position is being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcement can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

16 Periods of the Bible Cycle 3

Oct. 18, Life of Christ, Part 1, Luke 1-4

- Early years
- Early Judean ministry

Oct. 25, Life of Christ, Part 2, Luke 4-19

- Galilean ministry
- Set for Jerusalem

Nov. 1, Life of Christ, Part 3, Luke 19-24

- The last week
- Death and resurrection

LADYBUGS

(Ladies Building Unity in God's Service)

2015 Theme: VICTORY

- **Oct. 26:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **Nov. 1:** A Time To Pray, 4:15 PM
- **Nov. 4:** BLD Club Lunch, 11:30 AM, Fire-birds
- **Nov. 9:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ University
- **Nov. 16:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Oct. 18:** Youth & Family Devo, PM
- **Dec. 27–30:** EXPOSURE—"III" Father. Son. Spirit.

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

10/11/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$9,995.00

BUDGET: - \$2,125.00 / YTD: + \$24,073.59