



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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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

STATISTICS 12/20/15

Bible Class: 125
AM Worship: 181
PM Worship: 126
EMBF: \$89.00

WELCOME!



Purpose Cards: There has been 100% participation with the Elders, Deacons, and Ministers in purposing. We need 100% participation from the congregation! Purpose Cards are a means that helps us do as the Lord commands ("purpose" our giving, 2 Corinthians 9:7) and helps the elders as they prepare for the New Year's budget. As Ted announced last Sunday, this coming year should be characterized by "First Things First." "First Things First" means so much more than giving, but it certainly involves our purposing and giving. If you have not yet turned in a purpose card, please do so . . . soon. If it is more convenient, you may email Ted Norton with your proposing information at tnorton@kisales.com.

The Kitchen. As I write this on Monday, work has begun on the kitchen. As I write this, not all of the costs have been given or pledged. If you are able to help with the kitchen costs above your contribution, please let Ted Norton know, as soon as possible. Thank you for what has been given for the kitchen costs.

FROM THE MINISTER:

No Mistakes On Judgment Day! Did you see the Miss Universe news on Monday morning? You probably could not avoid seeing it! I am not a fan of "Beauty Pageants" and did not watch the Miss Universe pageant, but I saw the "mistake" on Monday morning. It had come down to the 1st Runner up and Miss Universe and the host Steve Harvey crowned the *wrong* person as Miss Universe. He announced Miss Columbia as Miss Universe and a few moments later apologized and said he had made a mistake. Miss Philippines was Miss Universe! Miss Columbia stood dumbfounded on stage, as the title she owned momentarily was taken from her and the crown on her head was taken and placed on Miss Philippines head! Amazing. But be confident, there will be no such mistakes on Judgment Day! "...The Lord knows those who are His..." (2 Timothy 2:19). No mistakes on Judgment Day!

Making Plans. No doubt you are already considering your personal plans for the coming year. Make sure you include God, and Eastern Meadows in those plans. When Eastern Meadows has special events putting First Things First puts you here! May 1st is Homecoming. Our speaker this year is Jason Hilburn, a former member of Eastern Meadows who left us to go to Memphis School of Preaching and is now preaching at the Nesbit church of Christ near Hernando, Mississippi. Please plan your vacations around this day!

Paul Clements. Paul Clements is engaged in a very good work on Sunday mornings. Paul has been filling in at the Selmont church of Christ, Selma, Alabama, on Sunday mornings. Brother Gordan Gibbs, the Selmont Minister, has been very ill and unable to preach. We miss Paul and Gladys on Sunday mornings, but appreciate the good work he is doing.

Jerry Martin. Brother Jerry Martin is now preaching and working with the Lightwood church of Christ on Sundays. Lightwood church has an interesting connection to Eastern Meadows/Chisholm church of Christ. Many years ago brothers Leonard Johnson, Rex Turner, and Joe Greer (former Chisholm church preachers/members and founders of Montgomery Bible College) preached in a tent meeting in the Lightwood community resulting in the Lightwood church being established. (You can read of the interesting history of the Lightwood church at http://www.lightwoodchurch.com/?page_id=13). We miss Jerry and Denise on Sundays but appreciate the good work Jerry is doing.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL AT EASTERN MEADOWS

Brother George Davidson, a dedicated servant of God, heads up a very important outreach ministry of the Eastern Meadows church. Brother Davidson sends World Bible School lessons to potential students hear and far. Recently students of the U.S.A. and Zimbabwe, Africa have received these lessons. Below is a report from Bro. Davidson regarding this work:

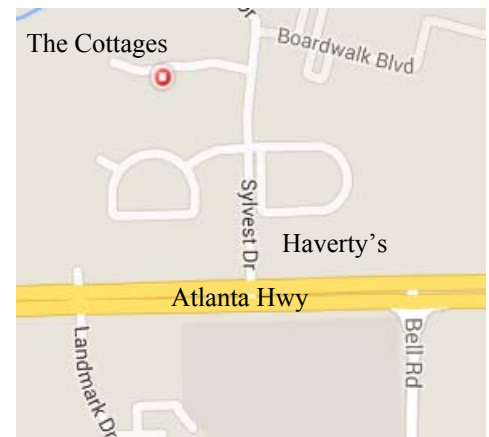


"More than 3,000 World Bible School lessons have been mailed. About 1500 have returned the 1st lesson. Many have returned the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th lessons! One hundred fifty-six (156) have finished all 7 lessons and have received a Certificate of Completion. Thanks to Ann and Dan Evans and Gladys Clements who have been a great help."

Please include this work in your prayers!

ANOTHER GOOD WORK: THE COTTAGES SUNDAY WORSHIP

Austin Brown is preaching each Lord's Day at the Cottages Assisted Living facility in Montgomery. We commend Austin in this good work. Thomas Anderson and others are there to support this effort most every Sunday. This good work was begun by Paul Clements when his mother was a resident in The Cottages Assisted Living and has continued after her passing. All who participate in this good work are to be commended. If you wish to encourage this work and hear a great sermon, meet with them for worship at 2 p.m. at The Cottages (235 Sylvest DR; Montgomery, AL – behind Haverty's Furniture).



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

The Cookie Bake at Tim and Sally's last Saturday was a great success! There were 14 of us measuring, mixing, decorating, packaging, and eating! I hope the recipients of the cookie boxes enjoy the fruits of our youths' labor! It was good to see them active in service.

We have 26 going to Exposure Youth Camp on Sunday! The van will depart as soon as possible after our Sunday worship assembly. Please pray for our safety, our edification, and our encouragement! We hope to see you all next Wednesday evening.

Registration for ICYC AP weeks 1 & 2 begin on Jan 1st. The theme for week 1 (June 5 - 10) is "The Church." I plan to register Eastern Meadows on Jan 1st for week 1, so check your calendars, schedules, etc. and decide if you want to attend. I will be passing out registration forms this week and next week. (NOTE: I currently have ONE completed application! If you want to go, I MUST know! If you don't get your registration info into me before Jan. 1st, you can simply register yourself online and submit a receipt for reimbursement.)

Registration for Lads to Leaders has begun! Everyone going must participate in Bible Bowl plus one other convention event. The event registration deadline is January 11, 2016. Bible Bowl Practice will commence on January 10th. Besides reading the book of Matthew and looking at the L2L Bible Bowl study questions, I encourage each participant to download the "Bible Bowl Prep" app for their tablet or phone. The app is free, and the Matthew questions are 99 cents. If you can't afford to buy the questions, let me know and I'll pay for them.



Our next Youth Group Area-Wide worship and fellowship is this Sunday, January 10th, and will be at the Houston Park Church of Christ in Selma. Following the theme of AIM (Attitude, Image, and Mind) focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, we will hear a lesson on Matthew 6:25-34. The van will be leaving at 3:30 p.m.

The youth and college groups are having an after-holiday party at Tim and Sally's on Friday, January 8th, starting at 6 p.m. An information flyer will be passed out to the families after our Exposure trip.



EXPOSURE 2015

“III” Father.Son.Spirit.

Dec. 27—30, Huntsville, AL

Attending:

Tim Gotkiewicz	Landon Evans
Sally Gotkiewicz	Dianne Hoskinson
Turner Johnston	Ron Hoskinson
Banks Sewell	Luke Ferrell
Norton Sewell	Aaron Ferrell
Eli Porter	Cecilia Porterfield
Randy Porterfield	Mollie Beth Dill
Deonta Kelly	Miranda Porterfield
Conner Gaither	Jinny Khantisouriya
Jacque Hagan	Gracie Johnston
Mary Vander Sewell	Ammaly Khantisouriya
Mark Evans	Grace Mount
Tammy Evans	Jacque Hagan
Kelsey Evans	

2016 Christmas Caroling



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Dec. 27—30:** EXPOSURE—“III”
- **Dec. 30:** ICYC Registration Forms Due
- **Jan. 8:** After Christmas Party, 6 PM
- **Jan. 10:** L2L Event Registration Due
- **Jan. 10:** Area Wide Youth Devo

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

12/13/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$13,073.95

BUDGET: + \$953.95

YTD: + \$52,763.54

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:



Last week's question: Where did God plant a garden in Eden in which he put Adam? B) Eastward (Gen. 2:8)

This week's question: Jemimah, Keziah, and Keren-Happuch were: A) Caleb's daughters; B) Job's daughters; C) Elkanah's daughters

ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/17/15

Dec. 20, 2015 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Brad Knowles

P.M.: Brad Knowles

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: James Berry

P.M.: Brooks Housley

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Stevens

P.M.: Troy Steelman

Singing:

A.M.: Mike Norman

P.M.: Mike Norman

SICK: SYBIL SCOFIELD fell and broke her C1 vertebra and is in Southern Springs Healthcare in Union Springs, AL. It was good to have COURTNEY WARD with us Sunday as she continues to recover from a c-section. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON. 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) KATHY DAVIS and JENNY JOHNSON. (Battling Cancer) KEVIN PENICK, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, GLENDA SMITH, WAYNE EDWARDS, MELISSA MOTE, PHYLLIS DELL, OLEN HOUSLEY, TELSIE DAVIS, MARK CHAMBLISS, DONNA HINES, MARILYN PIERCE, and MARC MCDANIEL.

PURPOSE CARDS: Be sure to turn in your Purpose Card to one of the elders – TIM BAGENTS, DON BRANNAN, or TED NORTON.

DEC. 20th NURSERY ATTENDANTS: THERESA MULKEY & HOLLY THOMASSON

WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 23RD & 30TH: We will have regular classes Wednesday, Dec. 23, and congregational singing, Dec. 30.

OFFICE CLOSED: The church offices will be closed Dec. 24th, 25th, and 31st.

FAULKNER EAGLES: Faulkner University would like to invite you to come watch the men's basketball team play Pikeville College on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 7 p.m. Pikeville is #1 in the country and this will be a great game. Admission is free and free pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m. The students are gone for the holidays and the team would really appreciate your support.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE: ACA is having an Elementary Open House Jan. 12, 2016 from 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. and 5—6:30 p.m. For more information call (334) 277-1985, ext. 227.

TEAM MEAL SCHEDULE UPDATE: When you receive your Team Meal Schedule you will find a meal was inadvertently scheduled on a 5th Sunday. Team 3 will not meet on Jan. 31.

Sunday Bible Classes—Dec. 27

- **Auditorium Class:** Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-19)
- **Young Ladies' Class:** Hosea
- **Experienced Ladies' Class:** Milcah; Sarai/Sarah (Gen. 11:29-21:12)

LADYBUGS

- **Opportunities for Involvement Card:** Fill-out and return your card in baskets posted at the Front & Rear Welcome Desks
- **Jan. 10:** 2016 LadyBUGS Meeting



Happy Holidays!

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Love, Steve, Tim, Jimmy,
& Wilma

2016 FELLOWSHIP TEAMS!

January 10 will be the first meal for the new 2016 Fellowship Teams. Our new team captains are Randy and Cecilia Porterfield, Billy and Melanie Bush, Tim and Sally Gotkiewicz, Jeff and Linda Simpson, and Jimmy and Janet Mathews. A big "thank you" goes to the 2015 Team Captains, Mike and Barbara Norman, Jerry and Denise Martin, Ryan and Julie Gotkiewicz, Paul and Gladys Clements, and Henly Khantouriya and Phyllis Allen.



You should be receiving a new listing of the 2016 teams along with a schedule of the meals *through March*. A new schedule will be sent to you after we are able to occupy and use the new Fellowship Hall.

Thank YOU for your participation in the 2015 Fellowship Teams and *please plan on participating in the 2016 Fellowship Team Meals!*

A Kitchen For The Fellowship Hall

Equipping the new kitchen for the fellowship hall is not in the building contract with Hagan Construction. A good kitchen is costly. So that Eastern Meadows can be equipped in the future with any food need that may arise, a commercial kitchen is being planned. Each of us is needed to provide the funds – above the regular contribution – for the kitchen equipment. Any contribution you can make will be greatly appreciated.

Below is a list of the various pieces of equipment and their cost:

Hood System:	\$10,998.23
Dishwasher Station:	7,702.00
Soiled Dish Assembly Station	4,744.67
Gas Range/Cooktop	3,743.93
Food Prep Station	3,451.46
Food Disposal System	3,265.85
Freezer	2,987.50
Oven	2,969.41
Ice Machine	2,950.00
Refrigerator	2,543.75
Dishwasher Hood System	2,329.23
Serving Counter – Hot	1,400.00
3 Compartment Sink	1,342.15
Serving Counter – Cold	1,050.00
Deep Fryer	1,061.25
Shelving	884.40
Microwave	400.00
Hand Sink	241.67

If you can and will provide for a specific piece of equipment, sign the list. If you wish to provide the funding for a partial amount of a piece of equipment, sign the list with the amount you will be contributing. You may sign the list Anonymous, or you can sign your name. Please give your contribution directly to Ted Norton.

Please make your plans and sign the list by December 31, 2015!

Again, thank you for your help!

Total Needed:

\$54,065.50

Received & Promised:

\$12,315.85 - 22.75%