



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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December 30, 2015

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Don Brannan
Ted Norton

DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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

STATISTICS 12/27/15

Bible Class: 128
AM Worship: 188
PM Worship: 111
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.



2016 BUDGET SUNDAY JAN. 10

The Elders will present the 2016 Budget on Sunday, January 10th.

FROM THE MINISTER:

In Everything Give Thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18). I am thankful.

I am thankful to my God for his grace and love – perhaps I should say *amazing* grace and love. While Paul speaks of comprehending the love of Christ, I think a full comprehension is beyond the grasp of humankind (Ephesians 3:17-19). I am blessed with forgiveness. I am thankful for every blessing he has granted me.

I am thankful for my family. How blessed I have been to have Tish as my wife for 35 years (Wow! Time flies when you are having fun!) I have been blessed with two children that have brought great joy and love into our lives, Beth and Brooks. I have been blessed with an amazing daughter-in-law, Sarah, who we love as our own. I was blessed with Christian parents whom I miss every day. I am blessed with two amazing sisters who are both very kind and generous. I am blessed to have married into the Dold family, having had a father-in-law and still a mother-in-law who were first of all Christians and reared their children successfully to be the same.

I am thankful to have been at Eastern Meadows for 28 years. I am thankful to work under Godly elders. I am thankful to be with a congregation that values both truth and love. I am thankful for every kindness shown me and my family. I am thankful to have wonderful coworkers, Tim Gotkiewicz, Jimmy Mathews, and Wilma Berry. I am thankful to be at a church where so many ladies are active in such a variety of activities. I am thankful to be at a church where the Lord's Supper bread is homemade (Thank you Terry). I am thankful to be at a church where so many raise their hands for assignments in Sunday-Night-Service that sometimes those in the back do not get a card.

I am thankful to have adequate material blessings so that I can say, "I shall not want." I am thankful to be in a country, which despite its problems, still affords great safety, rule of law, and freedoms than the majority of places in the world. I am thankful

OK, I know Thanksgiving has come and gone, but as we end 2015 and begin 2016, it is easy to reflect on the many blessings for which we have to be thankful. What are some things you are thankful for?

ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/30/15

Jan. 3, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Stan Neuenschwander	A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz	A.M.: Jeff Simpson	A.M.: Allen Clements
P.M.: Stan Neuenschwander	P.M.: Randy Porterfield	P.M.: Austin Brown	P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: SYBIL SCOFIELD is in Southern Springs Healthcare in Union Springs as she continues to recover from a fall and broken vertebra. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, RUSS CHANDLER, GRAYSON GOTKIEWICZ, CARTER GOTKIEWICZ, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, and ALICE HANDLANG. 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.

OFFICE CLOSED: The church offices will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

JAN. 3 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: TAMMY & KELSEY EVANS

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Class will resume Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m.

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.

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT DINNER: The annual Montgomery area benefit dinner for the Mount Dora Children's Home will be held on Thursday night, February 4, at 6:00 P.M. This year it will be held in the Rotunda at Faulkner University. Each person will need a ticket for admission. The dinner is free, but you will be given an opportunity to make a contribution the Children's Home, if you so desire. If you would like to attend the dinner, please see Paul Clements or Charlie Boddy for tickets. The Home will have to pay for a meal for every ticket stub turned in. If you turn one in and then discover that you will not be able to attend, please let Paul or Charlie know as soon as possible, so the number turned in can be adjusted. Thanks for your interest in homeless children and your participation in this event.

ADDRESS CHANGE: BROOKS & SARAH HOUSLEY, 347 Chrystan Court, 36109



EXPOSURE 2015

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Dec. 30: ICYC Registration Forms Due **Jan. 10:** L2L Event Registration Due
Jan. 8: After Christmas Party, 6 PM **Jan. 10:** Area Wide Youth Devo

2015 BUDGET—\$12,120.00

12/27/15 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,054.00

BUDGET: -\$74.00 / YTD: + \$52,689.54

Daily Bible Reading

January, 2016

- 1 Genesis 1-3
- 2 Genesis 4-7
- 3 Genesis 8-11
- 4 Genesis 12-15
- 5 Genesis 16-18
- 6 Genesis 19, 20
- 7 Genesis 21-23
- 8 Genesis 24, 25
- 9 Genesis 26-28
- 10 Genesis 29, 30
- 11 Genesis 31, 32
- 12 Genesis 33-35
- 13 Genesis 36-38
- 14 Genesis 39-41
- 15 Genesis 42-44
- 16 Genesis 45-47
- 17 Genesis 48-50
- 18 Exodus 1-3
- 19 Exodus 4-6
- 20 Exodus 7-9
- 21 Exodus 10-12
- 22 Exodus 13-15
- 23 Exodus 16-18
- 24 Exodus 19-21
- 25 Exodus 22-24
- 26 Exodus 25-27
- 27 Exodus 28-29
- 28 Exodus 30-32
- 29 Exodus 33-35
- 30 Exodus 36-38
- 31 Exodus 39-40

Thank You!

We are very appreciative for being remembered in such a kind way.

Thanks for the "Holiday Bonus."

Steve, Tim, Jimmy, & Wilma

Sunday Bible Classes—Jan. 3

- **Auditorium Class:** Hosea (chapter 1 & 3)
- **Young Ladies' Class:** Micah
- **Experienced Ladies' Class:** Sarah, Hagar, & Keturah (Gen. 16; 23-25)

LADYBUGS

Jan. 10: 2016 LadyBUGS Meeting

BIBLE READING IN A YEAR

There are few greater ambitions than to be a daily Bible reader. It takes discipline and planning to accomplish this. Additionally, it is helpful if there is a schedule to follow and a goal for the year, such as, reading the Bible through in a year.

There are many different Daily Bible Reading schedules. One will be in the bulletin at the end of the month for the following month. In addition to the schedule you will see in the bulletin, three different Daily Bible Reading schedules will be placed on the Welcome Desk in the foyer.



The schedule, however, is not as important as the willingness and determination. Remember, the Bible is from God! There is no greater book to read. There is no greater law to follow. So, read the Bible.

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!

GOAL FOR KITCHEN CONSTRUCTION!

Total Needed: \$54,065.50

\$38,565.85 given and promised

We are 71% there!

Help as you can. See Ted Norton.

