



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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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 1/24/16

Bible Class: 143
AM Worship: 202
PM Worship: 134
EMBF: \$73.00

WELCOME!



BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY

Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund

JANUARY 31ST



This Sunday, January 31, is "Benevolence Sunday." On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution is taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. This is to be separate from the regular contribution. The special contribution will be used exclusively for benevolence work. Checks for this effort should be made out to: EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. Envelopes marked "EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND" will be provided for those who wish to contribute to this effort in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Sunday. What would happen if we had church and everyone came? (By the way “had church” in this context simply implies held the assembly as we always do on the first day of the week.) Well, Sunday that almost happened. We had the shortest absentee list in quite some time, and some who were on the absentee list Sunday morning we in the assembly on Sunday night. What a joy to see almost everyone in the assembly Sunday morning. How blessed we were!

Sunday Fellowships. A personal joy for me is the Sunday fellowships at Eastern Meadows. You have responded in amazing way, filling up our small fellowship area every Sunday, bringing plenty of food, and have invited Visitors. Thank you. This past Sunday there were over 60 to stay and eat. This included most of the teens as they stayed and worked on the L/L scrapbook all afternoon. And some visitors stayed. Thank you for making Eastern Meadows a “Visitor’s Friendly Zone!” I really believe that if I came to Eastern Meadows, I would want to come back, because you treated me so kindly.



Kitchen. I asked Ted Norton for an update on the Kitchen Contributions. Below is the update on Kitchen Contributions and Construction.

KITCHEN UPDATE!

Work is proceeding each week on the new kitchen. It will be a kitchen that will serve any need or purpose we have in the future. It will be a kitchen that later we will not say “I wish we had such and such in the kitchen;” we will have it. And it comes at a cost. It comes at a cost that you have been willing to bear above your regular contribution.

The total cost of the kitchen is \$54,065. You have given \$43,166 and another \$1000 has been promised. We are only \$9,899 away from having the complete cost of the kitchen. If you can make a contribution/additional contribution to the Kitchen Fund, see Ted Norton.

BUILDING UPDATE

We are nearing the completion. No there is not a “guaranteed” move-in date, but we are getting closer each day. Especially over the past 9 months many skilled laborers have been on site working. There have been the masons and roofers on the outside of the building and the electricians, plumbers, HVAC men, sheet-rock men, and painters on the inside. As it



stands now the site work has been completed; over 100 deep drilled piers were poured for the foundation to sit on; the foundation was poured; the exterior block wall was laid; the brick and stone work was completed; the roof work is at 99% completion; the EIFS (Dryvit or stucco) is completed; the framing is completed; the sheetrock is completed and has two coats of paint on it; the power is on; the HVAC is installed and running; the hard tile is laid in the bathrooms; the ceiling grid is in; and the baptistery is installed, etc. This is not an exhaustive list of what is completed. A lot of work has been done.

And what has Eastern Meadows been doing while the new auditorium is under construction? We have kept doing what we are supposed to do. As a church and individually, we are to worship and serve God acceptably. This is to be done if we are under a tree or in what will become a fellowship hall or in the new auditorium. Additionally, in the time it has taken to build the new auditorium, we have been able to begin to pay for the out-of-contract needs for the building. Finishing above budget in 2015 due to your generous giving and your generous giving toward the kitchen has been very needful to pay for the out-of-contract costs. Thank you.

What is happening now at the new building? As this is being written the interior wood trim (and there is a lot of it!) is being primed, painted, cut, and put up. Some of the plumbing fixtures are being set in place. The downspouts and gutters will soon be put in. And the kitchen work continues.

Be watching for more updates in the bulletin from week to week.

This is a report on the building progress; may we be equally concerned about the progress of the Lord's Kingdom in our community. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Our next Youth Group Area-Wide worship and fellowship is February 14th, and will be at the Luverne Church of Christ. Following the theme of AIM (Attitude, Image, and Mind) focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, we will hear a lesson on Matthew 7: 1-6.



Bible Bowl Test Dates: February 3-16, 2016. We will play "Kahoot!" on Sunday afternoons unless pre-empted by other events. Plan to start at 3 p.m. and go until Sunday evening worship.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: During which ages were the Levites permitted to work in the Tabernacle? C) 25 to 50 years old (Numbers 8:24-25)

This week's question: We had 3 children with odd names, and after a short separation, rejoined at an auction block. A) Abraham and Sarah; B) Solomon and Naamah the Ammonite; C) Hosea and Gomer



Panama Missions Shoebox Report



Eastern Meadows Youth
Wrapping Panama Shoe Boxes

I am thankful for the servant attitude of Eastern Meadows members! Many gave selflessly to the children in Panama through the Panama Missions organization. Our shoeboxes contributed to a total of around 6,500 gifts including about 4,500 shoe boxes plus gift bags of various kinds, diaper bags, school backpacks, and hospital care bags for the mothers. In addition there were hundreds and hundreds of stuffed animals along with hundreds and hundreds of home sewn dresses and sets of new "store bought" and "gently worn" clothing for both boys and girls.

— Tim Gotkiewicz



Recipients of the Panama Shoe Boxes

LADYBUGS

Communion Preparation: If you would like to help prepare communion this year, please sign the list available on the LadyBUGS Desk

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday's, 3 PM:** "Kahoot!" Bible Bowl Practice
- **Feb. 3—16:** Bible Bowl Test Dates
- **Feb. 14:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/28/16

FEBRUARY BIBLE READING

- 1 Leviticus 1-4
- 2 Leviticus 5-7
- 3 Leviticus 8-9
- 4 Leviticus 10-12
- 5 Leviticus 13
- 6 Leviticus 14, 15
- 7 Leviticus 16-18
- 8 Leviticus 19-21
- 9 Leviticus 22, 23
- 10 Leviticus 24, 25
- 11 Leviticus 26, 27
- 12 Numbers 1, 2
- 13 Numbers 3, 4
- 14 Numbers 5, 6
- 15 Numbers 7
- 16 Numbers 8-10
- 17 Numbers 11-13
- 18 Numbers 14, 15
- 19 Numbers 16-18
- 20 Numbers 19-21
- 21 Numbers 22-24
- 22 Numbers 25, 26
- 23 Numbers 27-29
- 24 Numbers 30, 31
- 25 Numbers 32, 33
- 26 Numbers 34-36
- 27 Deuteronomy 1, 2
- 28 Deuteronomy 3, 4

SICK: ANNEGENE DAVIS is scheduled for a PET Scan this week. RANDY PORTER-FIELD underwent a heart catheterization Jan. 25 with good results. SYBIL SCOFIELD remains at Southern Springs Healthcare. JENNY PATTERSON, Monica Dill's mother, is in ICU at Grandview Hospital in Birmingham. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, ALICE HANDLANG, JERRY PATTERSON, WAYNE JOHNSTON, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and HALEY EDWARDS. 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): JENNY JOHNSON, QUENTON CROWE, and MIKE JONES. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, WAYNE EDWARDS, OLEN HOUSLEY, TELSIE DAVIS, MARILYN PIERCE, MARC MCDANIEL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST: QUENTON CROWE, Liberty Church of Christ member and grandfather of Travis Yarbrough, is in ICU at Jackson Hospital. MIKE JONES, minister of the Evergreen Church of Christ is seriously ill.

JAN. 31 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: COURTNEY COCHRAN & HALEY STEELMAN

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: There will not be a meal this Sunday, Jan. 31, since it is a 5th Sunday. Team 4 (Simpson) will host the meal Feb. 7.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

MOUNT DORA MONTGOMERY BENEFIT DINNER: The Mount Dora Children's Home Montgomery Area Benefit Dinner will be Thursday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m., at Faulkner University Rotunda. For tickets see Paul Clements or Charlie Boddy by this Sunday, Jan. 31.

MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The E.M. McKinney Fund Application Forms for the ACA 2016-17 school year may be picked up at the Front Welcome Center. Deadline for receipt by the ACA office is Mar. 1st.

Sunday Bible Classes

January 31

- **Auditorium Class:** Joshua Chapter 7
- **Young Ladies' Class:** Zephaniah
- **Experienced Ladies' Class:** Bible Women of the O.T.: Leah, Zilpah, Dinah, & Tamar

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

1/24/16 CONTRIBUTION:

\$22,104.17

BUDGET: + \$9,174.17

YTD: +\$6,882.61

Jan. 31, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Josh Cochran

P.M.: Don Brannan

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: James Hilyer

P.M.: Austin Brown

Singing:

A.M.: Mike Norman

P.M.: Mike Norman

Worrywart

We all worry from time to time. An everyday personal event may trouble us. We can worry about something over which we have no control. Worry is defined in part as, "A state of anxiety and uncertainty over actual or potential problems." A worrywart is defined as, "A person who worries too much or who worries about things that are not important." Further definition includes, "One who worries excessively and needlessly." The word worrywart first appeared in 1936, "Based on an old saying that if you worry too much you will grow warts" (*Wikipedia*).



Christians, who are guided by the Word of God – the Bible, generally will not be worrywarts. We do not excessively and needlessly worry about things over which we have no power. However, there are concerns we cannot handle such as government mismanagement, civil violence, foreign hostiles and general chaos. This type of worry is understood rationally and according to our normal ethical understanding that evil and the like will cause sorrowful anguish because of sinful mankind.

Peace in Christ is the solution to worry and anxiety. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity" (Psalm 37:1 KJV). "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11). "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7). "When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul" (*It Is Well with My Soul*).

--Donald R. Fox, via *Gospel Gazette Online*

Marriage Enrichment Seminar

**Becoming One...
And Staying That Way!**

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February 26—28, 2016

Jerry & Denise Martin