



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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October 13, 2016

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:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth
& College
David Hester, Educa-
tion & Involvement
Steve Housley, Pulpit

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 10/9/16

Bible Class: 154
AM Worship: 205
PM Worship: 132
EMBF: \$184.00

WELCOME!

“Choosing That Good Part”

Fall Ladies Retreat

—Encouragement from Ephesians—

October 13—15

SPEAKERS

Tish Housley: Introduction & Ephesians 1

Dianne Callahan: Ephesians 2

Denise Martin: Ephesians 3

Melanie Bush: Ephesians 4

Rhonda Thompson: Ephesians 5 & 6

Indian Creek Youth Camp—Oakman, Alabama

Overseen by the elders of Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:



Oct. 23: Teams 5 (Mathews) and 1 (Porterfield). Both teams are to bring enough food, bread, dessert, and drinks to feed their family plus two-three more. Team 5 is responsible for set-up and Team 1 is responsible for clean-up.

October Standby Team—Team 2 (Bush): The Standby Team is the first responder for the food needs of the congregation (not just their team!) in cases of sickness and death.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

A Best Part of our Trip. Many of you know that we recently returned from a vacation to Oahu, Hawaii. We were able to bundle some airline points and get there for a reasonable price so “up, up and away!” We saw some amazing sights, from beautiful blue water to sandy beaches to cliffs and water crashing on the rocks to amazing views from the heights, to the green mountains, to a rain forest hike to an 80 foot waterfall. For us, it was a trip of a lifetime. What was the best part of the trip? The Kailua Church of Christ. What a joy it is to be with God’s people wherever you go! Christians should NEVER vacation away from the Lord, but seek out the church wherever they go. There is the joy of worship, the joy of continuing to study the Bible with God’s people, and the joy of fellowship with a new group of God’s people. This is what we experienced at the Kailua church. The church in Kailua is about 55 strong. The members are friendly. They are varied, both being born on Oahu to recent new comers to the Island. There were children present with several teens as well as older members. It was a joy to meet these members of the Lord’s church and spend a little time with them. There are several congregations on the Island of Oahu, but I know I can definitely recommend this congregation to you.

The preacher of the Kailua church is Ben Guillermo. Ben presented outstanding lessons in Bible classes from 1 Timothy and 1 John. His Sunday morning sermon was about Jesus as the Light and the evening sermon began a three part series on Sin. Ben filled his lessons with scripture, was very prepared, and is faithfully teaching the Kailua church. By the way, Ben has been faithfully teaching this same congregation since he started this church in 1954. He is now 87 years old. Ben has served God in this one location for 62 years. I would not be surprised if he has served this one church longer than any preacher in several generations has served a single congregation. It was a joy to meet this soldier of the cross!

When you go out of town, always seek out the Lord’s church! By the way, I enjoy hearing of your visits with God’s people when you are out of town. Often Stan Neuenschwander brings me bulletins and worship sheets from the congregations he and Becky visits. It was especially interesting to hear of the visits Tim, Kristy, and Mason Hatch had with several congregations during their July trip to Wellington New Zealand, Porirua New Zealand and Denpasar (Bali) Indonesia. When you are in various congregations you are blessed, and the congregation is blessed by your presence as you worship God together. Always include God in your vacation and travels!

A great opportunity to invite! October 29. Eastern Meadows Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off is October 29. It will be a great opportunity for fellowship for all and there will be great activities for children. Bring a friend. Bring an extra child or two. You never know if, when they attend this fellowship opportunity on Saturday, they may come to Sunday worship the next day! Invite someone.

Another great opportunity to invite! November 13. November 13 there will be a congregational fellowship meal. All teams will be participating that day. Invite someone to worship and then to stay and enjoy the meal. Invite someone.

Congratulations to George and Vera Dekle. George and Vera are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary today, October 13! Is this a record for Eastern Meadows?

FROM THE COLLEGE & YOUTH MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Sunday, October 23rd – Youth Group Skill Shaping Sunday. Stay and eat – L2L prep and projects. Song leaders – We will be choosing and practicing which songs we will lead at convention and we will work on topics for the speech event. We will also practice answering Bible Bowl questions from Esther and Ruth.

Sunday evening, November 6th – College Devo at the Porterfields’ home after the evening worship service.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last Question: Who was the first polygamist? Answer: Lamech (Genesis 4:19)

This week's question: Methuselah lived longer than anyone else recorded in the Bible. Who came in second?



ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/13/16

Oct. 16, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Jon Timbes

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Mike Norman

P.M.: Austin Brown

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: JEWEL BRANES and WILMA MILLICAN have moved to HealthSouth Rehab. PAUL CLEMENTS and BILLIE POUNCEY (here Sunday night) continue to recover from surgery. Prayers have been requested for ANDALA CURD, Maisha Wester's mother, who has been diagnosed with stage 3 Multiple Myeloma. (The Wester's worshipped with EM while stationed at Maxwell AFB.) Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, FRANCIS NELSON. Shut-ins: TAM LOWERY, PATSY LOWERY, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, JEWEL BARNES, RED & LANETTE TAYLOR. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): DOROTHY STUBBS, KYLE & CAROLE THOMASSON, FRED SMITH, KAY PEARSON, RICHARD KAEHR, CHRIS GORDON, and GENEVA JOHNSON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MICHELLE MITCHELL, WALTER SIEVERS, LINDA STEELE, JAN KELLEHER, MARC MCDANIEL, LISA HANKINS, KYLE PURVICAL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

SYMPATHY: Our condolences to Veotha Smith and family in the passing of her 96 year-old mother, SARAH DAVIS. The funeral will be in Lubbock, TX at the Sunset Church of Christ.

OCTOBER 16 NURSERY ATTENDANT: HALEY STEELMAN & KAREN OSBORNE

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursdays, 10:30 AM

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Redland Road Church of Christ on Saturday, Oct. 15, beginning at 9 AM. The theme is, "What's Cooking? Ingredients for Enriched Spiritual Relationships" with Gladys Deese speaking. Lunch will be served. RSVP at (334) 514-3656 or redlandroadladiesday@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL SUNDAY: Dalraida Church of Christ Special Sunday is this Sunday, Oct. 16. Justin Rogers will present lessons on "Pleasing God in Our Worship" at 9 & 10 AM and 1 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

BABY SHOWER: There will be a Baby Shower in honor of BETH BASS on Sunday, Nov. 6, following the PM worship service. Colors are pink and green. A sign-up list is posted in the LadyBUGS Room.

THANK YOU: Eastern Meadows Church of Christ, Red and I wish to thank you for the many kindnesses shown to us since we placed membership at Eastern Meadows. The Sunshine Basket, many cards, and every other act of kindness are appreciated very much. We look forward to continue worshipping with you as we are able. Sincerely, Lanett Taylor

THANK YOU: Dear Brethren, Thank you so much for you love and concern during my surgery and the weeks to follow. I am especially thankful for your prayers. I really appreciate the cards and calls, too. In Christian love, Paul Clements



HELP WANTED: If you are interested in helping with the control booth (PowerPoint, Audio or Video) for 2017 please let someone in the control booth know. Thank you.



BIBLE CLASSES

Pictured are the Cradle Roll through 6th Grade classes. We have Bible Classes for ALL ages.

Are YOU in Bible Class?



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- ◆ **LADYBUGS 2017:** Please put your ideas, suggestions, and comments for LadyBUGS 2017 in the basket indicated in the LadyBUGS Room or give to Terry Bagents.
- ◆ **Oct. 18:** Quilting, 1-3 PM
- ◆ **Oct. 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **Nov. 6:** Visitation Assignments
- ◆ **Nov. 6:** Beth Bass Baby Shower, 6 PM



BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY: OCTOBER 30TH

Sunday, October 30, is "Benevolence Sunday." On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution is taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. This is to be separate and apart from the regular contribution. The special contribution will be used exclusively for benevolence work. Don Brannan, for the elders

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Oct. 16:** Bible Bowl, 4 PM, Ruth 1 & 2
- * **Wednesdays, 6:20 PM:** Song Leading
- * **Bible Class:** Know the Books

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Oct. 23:** SSS, Lunch until...

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Nov. 6:** Devo, PM, at the Porterfield's

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

10/9/16—CONTRIBUTION: \$11,436.00

BUDGET: - \$1,494.00

YTD: + \$27,898.37

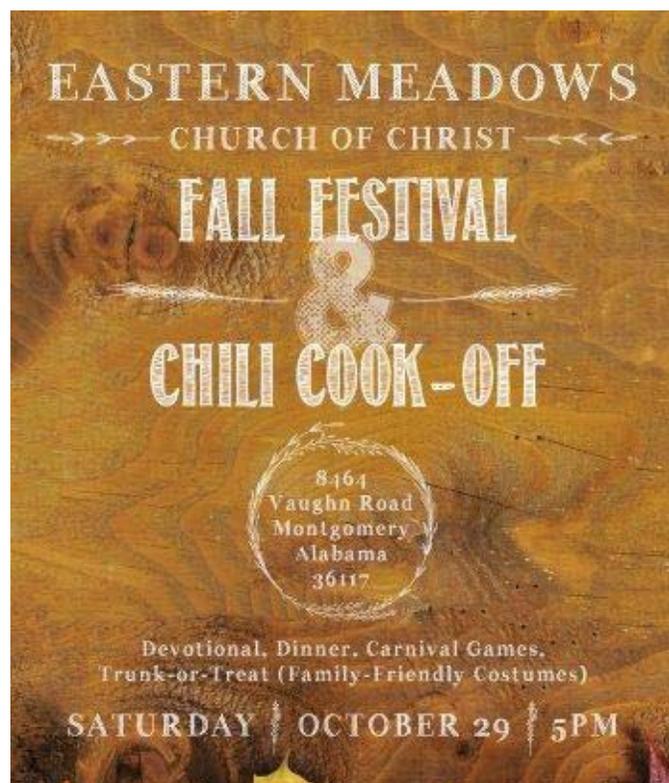
Sunday Bible Classes—Oct. 16

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women, Lesson 30*

Eastern Meadows Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off



Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off will be Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:30 at the church building. We'll begin the evening with a devotional and dinner, enjoy carnival games, and end the night with trunk-or-treat. Bring your famous chili recipe to be sampled by a panel of judges. Recognition will be given for the following categories: "Best All-Around Chili," "Most Unique Chili," "Hottest Chili," and "Best Presentation." The winners will be announced at the end of dinner. Sign-up lists for the Chili Cook-Off, to bring other food items, be in charge of carnival games, or to help set-up or clean-up are posted at the welcome desk in the main foyer. See Kristy Hatch or Sarah Housley for more information. All ages are welcome and encouraged to come!

Go to our Facebook Fall Festival Event Page to share on your timeline, invite others, and/or click on if you are going or interested:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1620077451618035/>

I WILL...

- Like Paul, forget those things which are behind, and press onward (Phil. 3:13)
- Like David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence comes my help (Psa. 121:1).

- Like Abraham, trust implicitly in my God (Jms. 2:23).
- Like Enoch, walk daily in fellowship with my heavenly Father (Gen. 5:22).
- Like Jehoshaphat, prepare my heart to seek God (2 Chron. 19:2-3).
- Like Moses, choose rather to suffer, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (Heb. 11:24-25).
- Like Daniel, commune with God at all times (Dan. 6:10).
- Like Job, be patient under all circumstances (Job 13:15-16; Jms. 5:11).
- Like Caleb and Joshua, refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers, (Num. 13:30; 14:6-9).
- Like Gideon, advance even though my friends be few (Jud. 7:7).
- Like Aaron and Hur, uphold the hands of the leaders of the church with prayer and support (Ex. 17:12).
- Like Andrew, strive to lead my brother to Christ (Jn. 1:40-42).
- Like Stephen, manifest a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt (Acts 7:60).

--Author Unknown

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WHAT HOWARD LEARNED IN HEARTBREAK

Howard Rutledge, A United States Air Force pilot, was shot down over North Vietnam during the early stages of war. He spent several miserable years in the hands of his captors before being released at the war's conclusion. In his book *In the Presence of Mine Enemies*, he reflects upon the resources from which he drew in those arduous days when life seemed do intolerable:

“During those longer periods of enforced reflection, it became so much easier to separate the important from the trivial, the worthwhile from the waste. For example, in the past, I usually worked or played hard on Sundays and had no time for church. For years Phyllis [his wife] had encouraged me to join the family at church. She never nagged or scolded, she just kept hoping. But I was too busy, too preoccupied, to spend one or two short hours a week thinking about the really important things. Now the sights and sounds and smells of death were all around me. My hunger for spiritual food soon outdid my hunger for a steak. Now I wanted to talk about God and Christ and the church. But in Heartbreak's [the name the POWs gave their prison camp] solitary confinement, there was no preacher, no Sunday School teacher, no Bible, no hymnbook, no community of believers to guide and sustain me. I had completely neglected the spiritual dimension of my life. It took prison to show me how empty life is without God.”

It took the presence of a POW camp to show Rutledge that there was a center to his private world that he had been neglecting all of his life.

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--Gordon MacDonald, *bulletindigets.net*