



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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October 20, 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 10/16/16

Bible Class: 128
AM Worship: 178
PM Worship: 119
EMBF: \$124.00

WELCOME!

EASTERN MEADOWS FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF

Our 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. Everyone that attends the festival are encouraged to participate in

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 an-

nounced 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/>

All who signed up to help with the Fall Festival will meet briefly after worship services on Sunday morning in the Teen Room.



FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Invite! A great opportunity to invite others to an event at Eastern Meadows is the Fall Festival, October 29. Invite families, invite children. There will be several activities for the children. Good food with Chili and etc.! So be here and bring someone. A second better-than-usual time to invite is the congregational Sunday fellowship in November...November 13. If they come to the Fall Festival on Saturday, maybe they will be more likely to come on a Sunday. With a fellowship November 13, there is a bit more to invite to...worship and a meal! Invite!

Thanks. I was just a dishwasher, but I was able to see how much the “Choosing That Good Part” Retreat meant to the Ladies who attended. I saw two women fight back tears as they told what it meant to them. There was excellent planning on the part of Denise Martin, excellent presentations by the speakers, and, the part I really know about, great food! Ted did an excellent job with the food. Thanks to all.

BIBLE CLASS NEWS!

The Sunday Morning Class on Revelation is finished. It is “in the books” or should I say it is on Youtube! Yes, you can go back and see any lesson you may have missed by going to Youtube. I know that at least one person watched this series this way. This past Sunday Maisha Wester was with us – all the way from Germany – as she had traveled to Atlanta to see her Mom. She drove over to worship with us Sunday and said that her husband, Mike, had watched the Revelation Study on Youtube. Great job, David. Wednesday nights’ Hebrews class is also available for viewing on Youtube. Another great job, David.

New Study on Sunday Mornings in the Auditorium Class: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN! Teacher: David Hester

Wednesday Auditorium Interim Class: THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT! Teacher: David Hester

Wednesdays Auditorium Class, beginning November 9: MORALITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY!
Teacher: Jerry Martin

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.

Sunday evening November 13th – Area-Wide @ Wetumpka. The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly series continues with a lesson about Manasseh.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last Question: Methuselah lived longer than anyone else recorded in the Bible. Who came in second? Jared, Methuselah’s grandfather (*Genesis 5:20*)

This week’s question: Why did Adam call his wife Eve?



ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/20/16

Oct. 23, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey	A.M.: Tim Bagents	A.M.: Roy Mulkey	A.M.: William Dill
P.M.: Lindsey Mulkey	P.M.: Tim Stevens	P.M.: Austin Brown	P.M.: William Dill

SICK: JEWEL BRANES is in HealthSouth Rehab. WILMA MILLICAN is to return home from rehab. MARCIA GRAVES is scheduled for neck surgery Oct. 27 at Jackson Hospital. Prayers have been requested for BRIAN & ERIN WAITS, who are expecting a baby boy that has a heart problem that will require surgery at birth. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, ADAM & BETH BASS, DON & DIXIE BRANNAN, LILLIE GALLOWAY, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, JERRY & CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, LEIGH SANDLIN, and MARSHA SUTTON. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: TAM LOWERY, PATSY LOWERY, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, JEWEL BARNES, and RED & LANETTE TAYLOR. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): FRED SMITH, KAY PEARSON, CHRIS GORDON, ANDULA CURD, and BRIAN & ERIN WAITS. (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 sympathy is extended to Louise Stevens and family in the passing of her sister, DOROTHY STUBBS. The funeral is today, Oct. 20, 2 PM, at Leak Memory Funeral Home with visitation from 1-2 PM. Dorothy was also Tim Stevens aunt.

THANK YOU: When prayers go up, blessings come down. I'm blessed to have my health restored through prayer. I've learned that no matter how steep the hill or mountain I have to climb, God was there with me through this very difficult time, and he heard your prayers. Bless this church, and each one of you. Thank you for climbing the hill and mountain with me through prayers. Many blessings, Geneva Johnson (Geneva is a friend of Angie Moore who has visited with us on many occasions and was recently in the hospital with blood clots)

OCTOBER 23 NURSERY ATTENDANT: LINDA SIMPSON & SARAH NORTON

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Teams 5 (Mathews) and 1 (Porterfield) will host the Fellowship Meal this Sunday following the AM worship service. Team 5 is responsible for set-up and Team 1 is responsible for clean-up.



THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursdays, 10:30 AM

MEN'S DAY: There will be a Men's Day at Panama Street Church of Christ Saturday, Oct. 22, beginning at 8 AM. The theme is, "Strength Through Adversity," with Jason Chessor, Melvin Otey, and David Bass speaking. For more information, call (334) 549-9226.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR: All events for the November calendar must be turned in by Wednesday, Oct. 26, to Wilma Berry.

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. They are registered at Walmart and Storkland. A sign-up list is posted in the LadyBUGS Room.

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY—OCTOBER 30

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. 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.

Don Brannan, for the elders

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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. 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **Nov. 6:** Visitation Assignments
- ◆ **Nov. 6:** Beth Bass Baby Shower, 6 PM

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Sunday's, 4 PM:** Bible Bowl—10/23—Ruth 3 & 4
- * **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: \$12,278.00

BUDGET: - \$652.00

YTD: + \$27,246.37

Sunday Bible Classes—Oct. 23

Auditorium: Gospel of John—David Hester

Young Ladies: Parables of Jesus

Experienced Ladies: OT Women, Lesson 31



FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER 23: Teams 5 (Mathews) and 1 (Porterfield) will host the Fellowship Meal this Sunday following the AM worship service. 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.

WHERE'S MY PIE?

Carol decided that she wanted to do something nice for her neighbor Mrs. Smith, so she baked a pie and she carried it next door, and when Mrs. Smith opened the door she was surprised to see Carol holding a pie. She replied, "Is that for me? Thank you so much! I want you to know how much I appreciate that you are thoughtful for doing this!" "Thank you!"

Because Mrs. Smith liked the pie so much, Carol decided that next week she would make her another pie. When she took it over Mrs. Smith opened the door and said, "Thank you Carol! You are so kind!"

Carol took another pie the following week and Mrs. Smith said, "Thanks."

Carol took a pie the following week, and Mrs. Smith said, "You're a day late with my pie!"

The following week Carol baked another pie! This time her neighbor said, "You should try using a little more sugar, and don't bake it quite as long, and the crust has been a little hard lately, and next time I really prefer cherry pie instead of apple."



Well, the next week Carol was very busy and she was running late, so she didn't have time to make a pie for Mrs. Smith, and so she leaves her house, and she's walking down the road to go to her appointment and Mrs. Smith sees her walking down the road, and she doesn't have a pie in her hand, and Mrs. Smith sticks her head out the window and shouts, "Hey! Where's my pie?!?"

Mrs. Smith was acting like an Israelite. Do we ever act like the Israelites?

Moses tells us of when the Israelites complained, even though God was taking care of them.

They complained about the manna, they complained about the lack of meat, and now they had complained about the land of Canaan that God had given to them.

God, in Numbers 14:27 says in response to their complaining, "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me."

God calls those who complain "evil."

Don't be like the Israelites.

— Adapted

"Choosing That Good Part" Ladies Fall Retreat



Fifty-eight ladies from eight states (Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana) truly chose "that good part" (Luke 10:42) when they gathered at Indian Creek Youth Camp in northwest Alabama last weekend for the second annual Choosing That Good Part Retreat! Ladies from ages 17 to 88 enjoyed an encouraging, in-depth study of the book of Ephesians. Two ladies travelled 13 hours from South Florida to attend. The teachers (Tish Housley, DiAnne Callahan, Melanie Bush, Rhonda Thompson, and April Meacham) put much time and effort into preparing their lessons and the devotionals, prayers, and singing were so uplifting! The food was outstanding and we appreciate Ted Norton, Steve Housley, Tim Gotkiewicz, and Jerry L. Martin for cooking, serving, and cleaning up! It was so nice to be pampered!!! Also, thanks to Burt Fuller for having some of the setup work done before we arrived at the camp. It made things easier! We hope you will make plans to join us next October for our study of Philippians and Philemon, two more of Paul's prison epistles.

Quotes from some who attended:

"So thankful I was able to be a part of this great time together. Thank you to everyone that made this retreat possible. Can't wait until next year!!" Beth Tucker.

"I enjoyed the retreat so much. I plan to be there again next year!" Ashley Callahan.

"Thank you for all the hard work put into the retreat. It was such a great weekend and I can't wait for next year!!" Erica Grieves.

"I'm so thankful for all those who put in the work to make this such a great retreat! The company was great and the food was excellent!!!" Crystal Johnson.

"To ALL those ladies who prepared and presented AMAZING lessons, THANK You! The singing, the prayers, the food, the fellowship filled my cup to overflowing!!! I can't wait until next October 2017. Thank you to every sweet lady who attending, you blessed me by your presence! Love you all." Cindy Hahn.

