



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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October 6, 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 10/2/16

Bible Class: 142
AM Worship: 185
PM Worship: 125
EMBE: \$151.00

WELCOME!



FROM THE COLLEGE & YOUTH MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

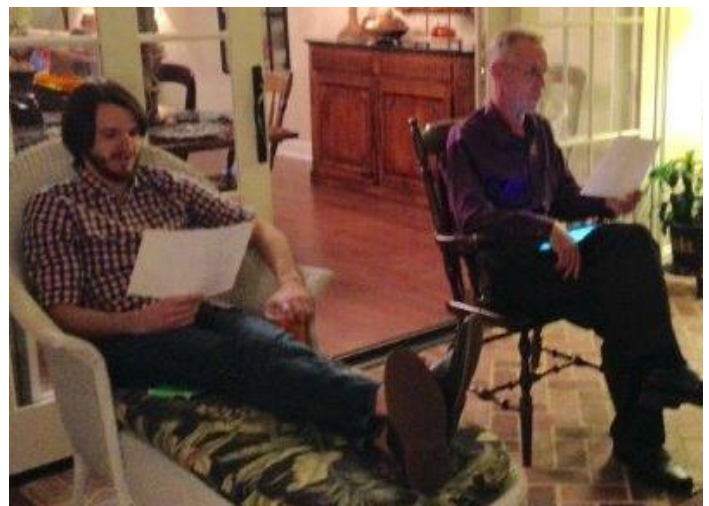
Saturday, October 8th - Lunch, movie, and a devo for the youth group. 12 – 3 PM @ the fellowship room.

Sunday, October 9th - Youth Group Area-Wide at Walnut Street. Van will depart at 3:30 PM and return approx. 8:30 PM.

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.

Thanks to Ted and Becky Norton for hosting the College Devo last Sunday night. The college devotionals are scheduled on the first Sunday night of each month. See me if you would like to host one. The Porterfield’s will be hosting the November devotional.

**COLLEGE DEVO
SUNDAY, OCT. 2**



ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/6/16

Oct. 9, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Dean Norton

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Billy Bush

P.M.: Tim Hatch

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Lamon Dees

P.M.: Austin Brown

Singing:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Alan Kaye

SICK: WILMA MILLICAN underwent surgery Tuesday at Baptist South to have a pacemaker installed. JEWEL BARNES is in the hospital. FRANCIS NELSON is home after being in the hospital this week. BILLIE POUNCEY and BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER are home recovering from surgery. It was good to have PAUL CLEMENTS back with us Sunday as he continues to recover from open-heart surgery. It was good to have DOROTHY HICKS back with us Sunday. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and LILLIE THOMPSON. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, 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 (is back at home now, but is very frail and unable to have guests), KYLE & CAROLE THOMASSON, FRED SMITH, BEN MEDINA SR., KAY PEARSON, RICHARD & KAREN KAEHR, CHRIS GORDON, and RANDY HARP. (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.

PRAYER REQUEST: Prayers have been requested for the family of Angie Wright, Tim Hatch's secretary, whose mother passed away Sunday morning after prolonged health issues.

MEN'S EAT & MEET: There will be Business Meeting for All the Men of the congregation this Sunday, October 9, at 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served by Steve Housley at 7.

OCTOBER 9 NURSERY ATTENDANT: THERESA MULKEY & CASSIDY BROWN

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Teams 3 (Gotkiewicz) and 4 (Simpson) will host the meal this Sunday, Oct. 9, following the AM worship service. Team 3 is responsible for set-up and Team 4 is responsible for clean-up.

ELEMENTARY L2L/L: The E L2L/L will NOT meet this Sunday, Oct. 9, for Bible Bowl.

YPYF 2ND SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: This Sunday, following the PM worship service, the YPYF will meet at Shane's Rib Shack on the Atlanta Hwy. for 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship. See Brooks or Sarah Housley for more information.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursdays, 10:30 AM

"CHOOSING THAT GOOD PART" LADIES' FALL RETREAT: The retreat is next week, Oct. 13–15. Cakes and cookies are needed for the retreat. If you are willing to make a cake or cookies, please sign-up on the list posted in the LadyBUGS Room. It is requested that cakes be one layer, because they are easier to transport, and that everything needs to be in disposable containers. Be sure to bring the goodies by next Wednesday, Oct. 12, and leave them in the kitchen. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

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.



MEN'S DAY: There will be a Men's Day at Panama Street Church of Christ Saturday, Oct. 23, beginning at 8 AM. The theme is, "Strength Through Adversity," with Jason Chesser, Melvin Otey, and David Bass speaking. For more information, call (334) 549-9226.

FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF: Mark your calendars for the Eastern Meadows Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off at the church building on Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:30. We'll begin the evening with a devotional and dinner, enjoy carnival games, and end the night with trunk-or-treat. The Fall Festival wouldn't be complete without a little competitive fun. 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. If you would like to submit an entry, please sign up on the list in the main foyer at the welcome desk. If you are willing to be in charge of a carnival game, bring food items, or help with set-up and clean-up, please sign up on the list in the main foyer at the welcome desk. 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/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Dean, College of Arts and Sciences - Montgomery Campus. This position is being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcements can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.

THANK YOU: Eastern Meadows Church Family, What a blessing to have a church family who really cares about you! Thank you for prayers mostly!, cards, calls, and food! I'm still trying to improve. Need to heal completely! God bless all of you and your families. Love, Billie Pouncey

THANK YOU: To our Eastern Meadows Family, Thank you so much for all the cards you sent and all the delicious food you brought to us following my recent surgery and recovery. We especially thank you for all your prayers. We love and appreciate each one of you. Don & Dixie Brannan

THANK YOU: Dear Ladies, Thanks so much for the "cheer bag" you sent to me. The cards and notes of caring and encouragement meant so much to me. Don and I both enjoyed the candy and crackers! I will think of you every time I use one of the lotions, tissues, and many other things you put in this bag. You are all very special to me and I love each of you. Dixie

THANK YOU: Dear Ladies, I would like to thank the LadyBUGS for their good works in God's service. In Christian love, Naomi Bowers

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

Oct. 9: Teams 3 (Gotkiewicz) and 4 (Simpson). Both teams are to bring enough food, bread, dessert, and drinks to feed their family plus two-three more. Team 3 is responsible for set-up and Team 4 is responsible for clean-up.

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.

Sunday Bible Classes—Oct. 9

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women, Lesson 29*

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

10/2/16—CONTRIBUTION: **\$13,299.00**

BUDGET: + **\$369.00** / YTD: + **\$29,392.37**

LADYBUGS

- ♦ **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. 11:** B-L-D Breakfast, 9 AM, @ Cracker Barrel
- ♦ **Oct. 18:** Quilting, 1-3 PM
- ♦ **Oct. 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

AUTUMN

Look at the different coloured leaves,
Swaying gently with the breeze,
Lovely reds, browns and greens,
All waiting to fall from the trees.
When they leave they twist and turn,
Ready to join the masses of fern,
Landing softly on the ground,
You can taste the smell of autumn, all around.

—Amy Boothby, 10 yrs. old

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Oct. 9:** **NO** Bible Bowl
- * **Oct. 16:** Bible Bowl, 4 PM, Ruth 1 & 2
- * **Wednesdays, 6:20 PM:** Song Leading
- * **Bible Class:** Know the Books

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Oct. 8:** Lunch, Movie, & Devo, 12-3 PM
- **Oct. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Oct. 23:** SSS, Lunch until...

COLLEGE EVENTS:

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



ONE REASON YOU ARE BORED WITH THE BIBLE

Can I be totally honest with you? There have been times in my adult life when I have found reading the Bible...boring. At times I've watched Netflix or scrolled mindlessly through social media because I found these things more enjoyable than Bible study. I probably would have never admitted out loud that I was bored with the Bible, but my actions spoke louder than my words. This is something about which I'm incredibly ashamed, because the problem was not with the Bible, it was with me.

Here is one thing I've discovered about why people are bored with the Bible and how to fix the problem.

Entertainment is "Junk Food"

First of all, you need to understand that entertainment is like junk food for your heart, soul, and mind. Social media, video games, Netflix, television, and even sports and hobbies are all enjoyable, but they do very little - if anything - to nourish you. In fact, they often spoil your appetite for spiritual things.

My mother used to warn me not to eat junk food before dinner because it would spoil my appetite. She was right. It wasn't just that it filled me up. It was that the more I ate junk food, the less I wanted nourishing food. I craved the junk food. After all, it's hard to eat a carrot after you've eaten a candy bar.

The same is true with entertainment. The more of it you "consume," the more it will consume you!

Scripture is a Nourishing Feast

Scripture, on the other hand, is like a nourishing feast. It is like meat and vegetables. It not only tastes good, but it is good for you. But unfortunately, you're not hungry for it because you've ruined your appetite. You've watched college basketball for hours on end, but now you have to force yourself to read the Bible for just a few minutes.

One of the most important things in the whole world is reading God's word, but it shouldn't feel like a chore. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul wrote to Timothy,

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Many of us are completely malnourished spiritually. We are not equipped for every good work, because we are too busy entertaining ourselves. We would like to find Scripture as exciting as we know it is, but we simply do not have an appetite left for the feast God has prepared for us.

How to Solve the Problem

The solution is simple, but it requires discipline and self-control. If you find entertainment more enjoyable than reading the "living and active" Word of God (Hebrews 4:12), then it is time to go on a fast or at least a strict diet. When you come to the realization that your diet is unhealthy, you have to cut out the junk food.

This means it is time to put away the smart phone, turn off Netflix, DVR the college basketball game, and maybe even go on a social media "fast." A little bit of entertainment – like a little bit of junk food – may be no big deal, but when it is affecting your appetite, it is a very big deal!

I can already hear people saying, "But I only watch things that are wholesome and I only use social media to connect with other like-minded Christians." Hey, me too! But that doesn't mean these things are not still negatively affecting your attention span and ruining your spiritual appetite. And remember, even reading a religious blog article does not take the place of actually reading the Bible.

Before long, you will once again see the Word of God in its proper light and say like the Psalmist in Psalm 119:103-104a, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding."

--Wes McAdams, *Radically Christian*

Think It Over!

It was said of a soldier who enlisted in the Civil War that he took along his kit of watchmaker's tools. While in camp, he had considerable business. One day the order came for battle, but the watchmaker said as he looked about his tent in dismay, "Why, I can't possibly go, for I have 12 watches to repair and I've promised them for Saturday."

This man had forgotten why he had enlisted, but many present day Christians are like that. They have obligated themselves to so many organizations and causes that they have precious little time to do battle for the Lord.

Are we too busy or too occupied to have or to take time for Bible study on Sunday morning, Sunday evening worship and Wednesday evening services? Have we forgotten why we enlisted in the army of the Lord? James said, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).

--John Stacy, *Gospel Gazette Online*