

Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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December 22, 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 12/18/16

Bible Class: 145
AM Worship: 211
PM Worship: 143
EMBF: \$138.00

WELCOME!



4 Hours!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Eastern Meadows Welcomes The Bensons! Sunday morning Eastern Meadows was “formally” introduced to Blaine, Patty, Carter, and Lucy Benson. They are not strangers to most at Eastern Meadows as they attended on Wednesdays for several years, when Blaine was preaching on Sundays. More recently they have been with us regularly, and now have made it “official.” Blaine was reared in Montgomery, the son of long-time preacher Byron Benson. Growing up, Blaine attended the Grady church, where his Dad preached. He is a graduate of Alabama Christian Academy, Faulkner University, and Jones School of Law. He is a self-employed attorney and has preached for five years. He is also an adjunct faculty member of Faulkner University teaching business law. Blaine’s wife, Patty is from Boaz, Alabama and attended Faulkner University where they met. Patty taught at Prattville Christian Academy before attending Troy Nursing School. She is currently employed as a nurse at the Cancer Center. Carter is in the eighth grade at the Pike Road school. He is already involved with Lads to Leaders at Eastern Meadows and enjoys video games and soccer. Lucy is in the 6th grade at the Pike Road School where she is in the choir. She enjoys drawing, gymnastics, reading, and cheering.



Pictured L to R: Patty, Lucy, Carter, & Blaine Benson

Keep Praying. Sunday morning ALICE HANDLANG asked for prayers for encouragement. Keep praying for Alice.

I Cannot Predict. Sunday’s weather left much to be desired when getting out of the house. I really thought that the attendance would be down in worship on Sunday. Ok, Sunday morning was less than the Sunday before but more than the week before that (figure that one out). It would have been above average for the year. Then Sunday night we had one of the best Sunday night crowds. I have often thought, “If it were Monday, instead of Sunday, and I would go to work, how dare I not go and worship the Lord on Sunday.” Well, I don’t know if you were at work on the cold Monday, but more than usual were at worship on Sunday!

Young Professionals/Young Families Marriage Class. Beginning Wednesday nights in January David Hester will be teaching the Young Professionals/Young Families Class. David teaches, among other classes, a Marriage and Family course at Faulkner University. He will be using *Magnificent Marriage* to facilitate the class. If you are in your 20’s to 40’s consider this class!

Prayer Request. Please pray for Sasha Rodanev, his wife, and daughter. They suffered a devastating house fire this week to their home in Krasnoarmeysk, Ukraine. Half of the house was lost along with

their money and salary for the next two months and clothes. Sasha was burned on his face and arms and was hospitalized. Sasha is a young man who preaches at the church in Krasnoarmeysk, Ukraine. He was in my class years ago at the Bear Valley School in Ukraine. His last post on Facebook were pictures of a recent baptism. Pray for his recovery.



FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Youth and college Holiday Party! December 30th at the building from 6 to 11 p.m. ALL 7th grade through college students are invited. It is requested that each person bring a wrapped gift, valued at approximately 5 dollars. The gift should be appropriate for the gender of the person who brings it. We will have food, games, Bean Boozled, and fun!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Who had 30 sons and 30 daughters and judged Israel 7 years? Ibzan (Judges 12:8-10)

This week's question: Besides Ruth, what was the name of the other Moabite woman who married into Naomi's family? A. Tamar; B. Dinah; C. Orpah



ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/15/16

December 25, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Bagents

P.M.: Mike Norman

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Tim Hatch

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

SICK: JIMMY ALLEN had surgery Monday. CINDY DENDY, GEORGE DAVIDSON, DAVID WARREN, and ELVERNICE DEES are recovering from surgery. LILLIE THOMPSON is recovering from a fall. WILMA MILLICAN is recovering from a fall. RUTH ROBERTS, Jay Roberts' mother, is in Baptist East. Prayers have been requested for JACKIE BABAREE, was seriously injured in a pedestrian/auto accident in Andalusia and air lifted to UAB. Prayers have been requested for MYRA OSBORNE, friend of Tim & Kristy Hatch, who is in rehab following heart surgery. Prayers have been requested for ALAN BROWN, husband of Sarah Norton's friend Trudy, who has been diagnosed with cancer and undergoing treatments. Sick at home Sunday: BETTY DAVIDSON, ANNEGENE DAVIS, BILL & VIRGINIA EVANS, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, JANA LUCAS, and LEIGH SANDLIN. 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): KAY PEARSON, BRIAN & ERIN WAITS, ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, RUTH ROBERTS, JOAN HOSKINSON, JEAN WILSON, and MYRA OSBORNE. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARK CHESSOR, WALTER SIEVERS, LINDA STEELE, JAN KELLEHER, LISA HANKINS, KYLE PURVICAL, ANUDLA CURD, and ALAN BROWN.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS—DEC. 25: JANE & MARY VANDER SEWELL

ATTENTION ALL LADIES: 2017 Opportunity for Involvement Cards are due Sunday, December 25. Completed cards can be put in Sunday Night Service basket at the front information desk, placed in the basket indicated in the LadyBUGS' Room, or given to Terry Bagents. If you need a card, blank cards are available on the front information desk or in the LadyBUGS' Room. Thank you.

JANUARY CALENDAR: All events for the January Calendar must be turned in by this Sunday, Dec. 25 to Wilma Berry.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Family, Thank you so much for all the sweet cards and phone calls during my recovery. It will take some time to be out and about, but look forward to seeing you soon. In Christian love, Cindy Dendy

FROM THE ATNIPS: Wishing you all the best of this season! We'd like to thank you all for everything you have done for us. It means so very much to us. Love, David & Gladys Atnip (Georgia Mission Work)

NEW ADDRESS: BLAINE & PATTY BENSON, 160 Stone Park Blvd. Apt. 2401, Pike Road, 36064, (334) 312-0626.

DECEMBER STANDBY TEAM: Team 5 (Mathews)

4 Hours!!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

Sunday Bible Classes—Dec. 25

- ⇒ Auditorium: *Gospel of John*
- ⇒ Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*
- ⇒ Experienced Ladies: *NT Women*

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Sunday's, 4 PM:** Cancelled until Jan. 8
- * **Wednesdays, 6:20 PM:** Song Leading
- * **Bible Class:** Know the Books

READ YOUR BIBLE IN A YEAR

Print-outs of different schedules to read your Bible in a year have been placed at the Front Welcome Center.



2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

12/18/16—CONTRIBUTION: \$12,746.10

BUDGET: - \$183.90 / AVG WEEKLY: \$13,381.36

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- ◆ **Jan. 8:** LadyBUGS Meeting

YPYF

- ◆ **Jan. 8:** 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship, PM
- ◆ **Jan. 29:** Family Devo, PM, @ Steve & Tish's

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Dec. 30:** Holiday Party, 7-11 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Dec. 30:** Holiday Party, 7-11 PM

2017 FELLOWSHIP TEAMS!

A big "thank you" goes to the 2016 Team Captains, Randy and Cecilia Porterfield, Billy and Melanie Bush, Tim and Sally Gotkiewicz, Jeff and Linda Simpson, and Jimmy and Janet Mathews.

January 8 will be the first meal for the new 2017 Fellowship Teams. The Team 1 captains are the Futral/Norman families; Team 2 captains are David and Brenda Hester; Team 3 captains are Dean and Sarah Norton; Team 4 Captains are Tim and Kristy Hatch; and Team 5 captains are Chris Kelly and Ann Milam. We appreciate the willingness of each of these who will be serving as captains in 2017.



You should have received a new listing of the 2017 teams along with a letter explaining how the teams work. Let us know if someone is not on the list.

Thank YOU for your participation in the 2016 Fellowship Teams and *please plan on participating in the 2017 Fellowship Team Meals!*



Christmas Caroling

Several went out caroling and delivering holiday gift bags on Friday, December 16th. One group visited Randy & Marsha Sutton, as pictured above.