



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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December 29, 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 12/25/16

Bible Class: 106  
AM Worship: 191  
PM Worship: 89  
EMBF: \$90.00

**WELCOME!**

*Make this NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION #1 on your list!*

***“I resolve to attend every service of the Eastern Meadows church in 2017”***

***Think Priorities and Commitment***

## For the new year...

- H**old fast to your faith (Heb. 4:14)
- A**ssemble with the saints (Heb. 10:25)
- P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thes. 5:17,18)
- P**ray for great blessings (Mal. 3:10)
- Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thes. 5:22)
- N**eglect not your talents or opportunities (Gal. 6:10)
- E**xamine yourself daily (2 Cor. 13:5)
- W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58)
- Y**ield your members to righteousness (Rom. 6:11,16)
- E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Tim. 4:7)
- A**im at sinless perfection (Heb. 6:1)
- R**edeem the time (Eph. 5:15,16)

—Gus Nichols

## FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

**Sunday!** Sunday we had many out of town and out of pocket. We missed you and we hope to see all of you this Sunday! And I hope you had a wonderful Christmas! Now we are heading for the New Year. There is *no better place to be on the Lord's Day than in worship*, especially since New Year's Day is on Sunday! Ted will begin the preaching time this Sunday with the presentation of the Theme/Challenge for 2017. Be here to hear Ted preach! My lesson will be a continuation of the Theme/Challenge that Ted, for the elders, presents to us.

**Spiritual Resolutions.** While we set all sorts of New Years' Resolutions (some say their only resolution is to have no resolutions!), we too often don't set spiritual resolutions. The resolutions most often chosen have to do with more exercise and less food (lose weight). No doubt, at least for a time, this helps. By the way, there are more advertisements for weight loss and exercise equipment at the first of the year than any other time of the year. The advertisers know what they are doing! But why not set some Spiritual Resolutions? That is, have specific Bible Reading goals or prayer goals or evangelism goals. To help with the Bible reading there is some Bible reading schedules on the Welcome Desk in the front foyer. Take what you can use. Set some goals concerning your prayer life. Set a goal to invite someone each week to worship with Eastern Meadows. This could be a different person each week or sometimes the same person you have previously invited. After all, persistence can be the difference. What will be your spiritual goals?

**Upcoming Events at Eastern Meadows!** Note the section of the many upcoming emphases, events, fellowships at Eastern Meadows over the next two months. Be a part of all!

## Bible Class News

**Young Professional/Young Family Class:** Wednesday, January 4, the YPYF CLASS begins the study, *Magnificent Marriage*. David Hester will be teaching the class. David teaches this class as at Faulkner University so he comes to the class with plenty of experience. If you have not been attending on Wednesdays or are in this age range and have not been in this class, why not start January 4.

**Wednesday Night Youth Class.** The Wednesday Night Youth class begins the study of *It's Time for Change: The Life and Money Plan for Teens*. Tim Hatch will be teaching the class and has previously taught similar material to adults several times in the past. This material is adapted specifically for teens. This ten week class will be a very practical and life skills study.

**Thursday Class.** The Thursday Class begins to meet again January 12 with the continued study of Genesis.

## FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Youth and College Holiday Party! THIS FRIDAY, December 30th at the building from 6 to 10 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! If you can, please bring snacks or Drinks to share.

January 8<sup>th</sup> - Central Alabama Area-Wide at the Mt. Hebron Church of Christ. Our Good, Bad, and Ugly character this month is David! Van will depart the building at 4:00 p.m. and we'll drive directly to Eclectic.

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Besides Ruth, what was the name of the other Moabite woman who married into Naomi's family? Orpah (Ruth 1:4)

**This week's question:** After Naomi's two sons took wives in Moab, how long did they live there before they died? A) 2 Years; B) 5 Years; C) 10 Years



# ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/29/16

January 1, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Tim Hatch

P.M.: Billy Bush

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Lamon Dees

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

**Singing:**

A.M.: David Hester

P.M.: David Hester

**SICK:** CINDY DENDY, DAVID WARREN, and ELVERNICE DEES are recovering from surgery. RUTH ROBERTS, Jay Roberts' mother, was in Baptist East but has been moved to HealthSouth Rehab in Dothan. Sick at home Sunday: DIXIE BRANNAN, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, WILMA MILLICAN, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. 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.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Congratulations to BILLY & JUDY CREEL in the birth of great-granddaughter, LILLY KATE CREEL, born Dec. 21, to BAKER & KARA CREEL.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Congratulations to OPAL SULLIVAN in the birth of her second great-great-grandbaby, born Dec. 1, in Loudon, PA.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Barbara Norman and family in the passing of her uncle, HENRY SANDERSON, on Wednesday in Charleston, SC.

**AREA WIDE SINGING:** Elmore Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Jan. 6, 7 PM.

**THANK YOU:** Dear Members, We cannot express sufficiently how much we have appreciated your prayers, thoughts, and cards concerning Mark's health. We have been remiss in expressing our thanks to you. Without all the prayers and expressions of care we are not sure where we would be. We are so very thankful for all your sweet members, and we are so thankful for Arlette and Joel Postma. All those prayers on Mark's behalf God has heard. God has blessed us so and the specialists are telling Mark he is doing very well and it may be ten years before he has to begin treatment if his blood continues to progress as it is currently. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. In Christian Love, Mark and Shela Chessor (*Mark is the father-in-law of Dominique Chessor - Arlette Postma's daughter, and has been on our Prayer List as he battles cancer*)

**NEW ADDRESS:** DAVID & BRENDA HESTER, 7585 Forest Edge Lane, 36117

**JANUARY STANDBY TEAM:** Team 5 (Milam/Kelley)



*Thank You!*

*We are very appreciative for being remembered in such a kind way. Thanks for the "Holiday Bonus."*

*Steve, Tim, David, Jimmy, and Wilma*

**4 Hours!!!!**

**ETERNAL ASSURANCE**

*Sunday Bible Classes—Jan. 1*

⇒ Auditorium: *Gospel of John*

⇒ Young Ladies: *Prayer*

⇒ Experienced Ladies: *NT Women*

## La dybugs

- ♦ **Jan. 15:** LadyBUGS Meeting, 3:30 PM

## 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

## ELEMENTARY L2L/L

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

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Dec. 30:** Holiday Party, 7-11 PM
- **Jan. 8:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

**2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00—12/25/16—CONTRIBUTION: \$15,665.38 / BUDGET: +\$2,735.38**

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2017

- **JAN. 1:** 2017 THEME & CHALLENGE
- **JAN. 8:** 2017 BUDGET SUNDAY
- **JAN. 8:** YPYF 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP, PM
- **JAN. 12:** THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS, 10:30 AM
- **JAN. 15:** INVOLVEMENT SUNDAY – MEETING FOR ALL MEN & LADIES, 3:30 PM
- **JAN. 23:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- **JAN. 29:** BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY
- **JAN. 29:** YPYF FAMILY DEVO, PM, @ STEVE & TISH'S
- **FEB. 5:** FAULKNER UNIVERSITY CHORUS, 6 PM
- **FEB. 12:** MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SUNDAY, WITH DAVID HESTER



Generation Change – Be .....Do.....Go..... will be taught to our Teens beginning in January 2017 on Wednesday nights during our Bible study time.

What is Generation Change? Generation Change is an all-new suite of Bible studies designed to lead teens to a better understanding of God, themselves and their money – and how it all works together. In the three different teaching series, students are equipped with Biblical principles to BE who God created them to be, DO more with their money, and GO out into the world ready to write their story. Lesson videos, along with engaging hands-on activities, will bring Biblical and financial truths to this generation, making them a generation of change.

The time for change is now! Today, our kids are hit from all sides with mixed messages about what's important and what gives them value. It's time to show this generation a new reality – one that's founded on Biblical principles, not the latest fad or pop sensation. It's time to tear down the fake gloss of what society calls "success" and give our teens a true understanding of their value in Christ. It's time for *Generation Change*.

The class teacher will be Tim Hatch. Tim has facilitated Financial Peace University and has been working with this system since 2002. More information about this potentially (financial) life changing series can be found on the Dave Ramsey website located at <http://www.daveramsey.com/gc>

We ask that you pray for a successful class and teens are encouraged to be at each class to gain a fuller understanding of their finances as they grow into young adults and avoid many of the money pitfalls that plague our young people today.