



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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February 4, 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:

Steve Housley, Pulpit  
Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth  
& College

#### 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 1/31/16

Bible Class: 135  
AM Worship: 181  
PM Worship: 132  
EMBF: \$1,710.00

**WELCOME!**

## Becoming One... And Staying That Way!

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#### Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 Recognizing Oneness  
7:30 Resourceful Communication

#### Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 Realistic Romance, Split  
Session  
10:00 Responsible Finance  
11:00 Redeeming the Time, Split  
Session

#### Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 Individual Wholeness  
10:00 Spiritual Genetics  
5:00 Pillars of a Godly Home

**Dr. Jerry L. Martin, PhD, LPC**

**Denise Martin**

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Marriage Seminar at Eastern Meadows.** Please be planning to attend the Marriage Seminar, February 26-28. Over the years we have had excellent participation from the Eastern Meadows members. So . . . you know how good and helpful each seminar has been. Jerry and Denise are experienced and qualified to be our presenters at this seminar. Jerry conducts several Gospel Meetings each year and Denise is a popular speaker at Ladies' Days. Together they have conducted several Marriage Seminars. Make your plans to be there and tell others about the seminar!

**Your Giving.** This past Sunday you gave in the regular contribution, \$12,879 which was just \$51 shy of the budget and then you gave \$1,710 for the for Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund for a total of \$14,589. God has certainly blessed you and you have been gracious to give.

## THURSDAY CLASS BEGINS NEW STUDY!



Beginning Thursday, February 4, the THURSDAY CLASS begins a study of the book of Hebrews with Tim Gotkiewicz as its teacher. Tim is studying hard in preparation. You can be assured that it will be an informative and challenging class. Of the many years of attending and teaching many classes, the THURSDAY CLASS has been one of my favorites. *If you have not been attending the class, now is a good time to start.* Thursday's at 10:30 in the offices (due to the construction on our building in the daytime).

## UPDATE ON THE NEW AUDITORIUM

Construction Continues. Trim continues to be painted and installed. Much (not all) of the crown molding has been put up in the lobby and the auditorium. The electricians are continuing to install light fixtures. Some of the cabinet work may be installed in the building. Some colored/decorative concrete was poured on the outside last week.

In the kitchen the duct work from the vent hood and dishwasher vent are being constructed. The floors have been patched and the sheetrock on the walls have been patched. The serving and dirty dish openings have been cut.



With the picture on the left, the question could be, "What do you *not* see?" The answer is truckloads and truckloads, and truckloads of DIRT. After building Phase 1 we had a large berm of dirt. Before construction on Phase 2, some of it was taken away only to have the berm become even larger with the dirt from the site work for Phase 2. Most of it is now gone. The last of the berm will soon be gone, though it could be that some dirt will be moved later if the grade needs to be lower. It is good to see the progress on the building, and good *not* to see some things!

## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Youth Group Movie Night! This Friday, Feb. 5th, 7 p.m. at Tim and Sally's. We will watch "War Room."

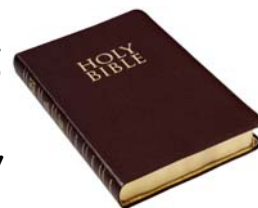
Our next Youth Group Area-Wide worship and fellowship is February 14th, and will be at the Luverne Church of Christ. Following the theme of AIM (Attitude, Image, and Mind) focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, we will hear a lesson on Matthew 7: 1-6.

Bible Bowl Test Date: February 14th, 2016. If you can't test on the 14th, get with me for an alternate date. We will play "Kahoot!" on Sunday afternoons until the L2L convention unless pre-empted by other events. Plan to start at 3 p.m. and go until Sunday evening worship.

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

*Last week's question:* We had 3 children with odd names, and after a short separation, rejoined at an auction block. C) Hosea and Gomer (Hosea)

*This week's question:* I escaped and fled to David when Doeg slew my father and 85 priests. A) Abdon; B) Abiathar; C) Abihud



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/4/16

Feb. 7, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Troy Steelman

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: S. Neuenschwander

P.M.: James Berry

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Josh Cochran

**Singing:**

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

**SICK:** LOURINE BLACK was in Baptist E. Hospital, but has now been moved to Crowne Healthcare Rehab. INELLA BOWDEN is now under Hospice care at Angels for the Elderly. JERRY PATTERSON is in Baptist East Medical Center recovering from surgery. DON BRANNAN underwent cataract surgery Wednesday on one eye and the other eye will be done in two weeks. ANNEGENE DAVIS underwent a PET Scan last week and received an excellent report. They will watch the place on her lungs, but expect no further complications! SYBIL SCOFIELD remains at Southern Springs Healthcare. Josh Cochran's grandfather is now under Hospice care in Elijay, GA. JENNY PATTERSON, Monica Dill's mother, is now at home after being in the hospital. BRENDA BRASS of Santa Rosa Beach, FL had surgery this week. Brenda is Francis Nelson's daughter and Linda Schaefer's sister. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, DAN EVANS, MARSHA SUTTON, WILMA BERRY, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES and ANGIE MOORE. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: SYBIL SCOFIELD, TAM LOWERY, INELLA BOWDEN, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, and JEWEL BARNES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN. Deployed: JON TIMBES, Kuwait.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** Health Issues: JENNY JOHNSON, QUENTIN CROWE, and MIKE JONES. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, WAYNE EDWARDS, OLEN HOUSLEY, TELSIE DAVIS, MARILYN PIERCE, MARC MCDANIEL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

**AREA-WIDE SINGING:** The area-wide singing is scheduled for February 5th at 7 p.m. at the Panama Street Church of Christ; 444 South Panama Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Refreshments will follow the singing.

**FEB. 7 NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** LINDA SIMPSON & DAWN CHANDLER

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 4 (Simpson) will host the meal this Sunday, Feb. 7, following the morning worship service. There will not be a meal Feb. 14, due to the President's Day Holiday weekend.

**MEN OF CONGREGATION BUSINESS MEETING:** All the men of Eastern Meadows are invited to meet Sunday, February 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the offices. JIMMY MATHEWS is responsible for breakfast which will be served at 7.

**SHEPHERD'S TALK:** A Shepherd's Talk is scheduled for Sunday Morning at the close of Morning Services, February 14.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** 10:30 AM. Tim Gotkiewicz will begin a new study of Hebrews, February 4.

**SECOND SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** The Young Professionals/Young Families class will meet after evening services on Sunday, Feb. 14, at Newks for dinner. See Brooks or Sarah Housley for more information.

**NEW ADDRESS:** VI ENGLISH, Eastdale Estates Room 208, 5801 Eastdale Drive, 36117, (334) 399-9824.

**BABY SHOWER:** There will be a Baby Shower in honor of DEIDRE COLE Sunday, Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m. She is registered at Target and Babies R Us. All ladies are invited to attend.



**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Faulkner University would like to announce the following open positions: Assistant Professor – Physical Education/Sports Mgmt; Assistant Professor - Criminal Justice/Legal Studies; Safety Officer - Campus Safety; Admissions Counselor - Mobile Extension Center. These positions are 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/>.

**LADIES' DAY:** There will be a Ladies' Day at Walnut Street Church of Christ Saturday, Feb. 20, with Celine Sparks speaking on the theme "Heart Exam." Registration begins at 8 a.m. Lunch provided. RSVP by Feb. 10th 334-382-3001.

**LADIES' DAY:** There will be a Ladies' Day at Wetumpka Church of Christ Saturday, Feb. 27, with Cindy Madaris speaking on the theme "Sure & Steadfast—A Study of Hope." Registration begins at 9 a.m. There will be two sessions and lunch will be provided at 12 noon. RSVP by Feb. 22 to Rebecca Richardson at [happyhomemaker05@gmail.com](mailto:happyhomemaker05@gmail.com) or (334) 221-1209.

**MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** The E.M. MCKINNEY Scholarship Fund Application forms for the ACA 2016-17 school year may be picked up at the front Welcome Center Desk. Turn in to ACA office by Mar. 1st.

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| <p>2016 FAULKNER LECTURES</p> <h1>CHRIST<br/>ALONE</h1> <p><i>"SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE" (ACTS 4:12)</i></p> | <p><b>FAULKNER LECTURES:</b><br/>The 72nd Annual Faulkner Lectures are scheduled for Feb. 28 – Mar. 3. The theme is "In Christ Alone." For a full schedule go to: <a href="https://www.faulkner.edu/undergrad/academics/college-of-biblical-studies/faulkner-lectures/">https://www.faulkner.edu/undergrad/academics/college-of-biblical-studies/faulkner-lectures/</a>.</p> |
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*Sunday Bible Classes*

- Auditorium Class:** 2 Chron. 26 – King Uzziah
- Young Ladies' Class:** Obadiah & Joel
- Experienced Ladies' Class:** Rachel, Bilhah

**2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00**

**1/31/16 CONTRIBUTION:  
\$12,879.00**

**BUDGET: - \$51.00**

**YTD: + \$7,880.61**



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday's, 3 PM:** "Kahoot!" Bible Bowl Practice
- **Feb. 3–16:** Bible Bowl Test Dates
- **Feb. 14:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

## LADYBUGS

- **Feb. 14:** There will be a Baby Shower in honor of DEIDRE COLE Sunday, Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m. She is registered at Target and Babies R Us. All ladies are invited to attend.
- **Feb. 17:** BLD Club Lunch, 11:30 AM @ Sommer's Place
- **Feb. 22:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM. Chapter 2, Jms. 2:1-13, Sally Gotkiewicz teaching. Dinner Menu will be posted at LadyBUGS Desk.



## TEXT MESSAGE FROM GOD

Brett Petrillo

Ever wish you could get a message straight from God? Well, you can. In fact, He sends out text messages all the time. You can probably get them on your phone. You can most likely get them on your computer. And you can with absolute certainty get them in your Bible. No, God isn't going to send you a personal message, but He does communicate through Scripture, His sacred text messages.

If you need some comfort from God, look for His text message in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.

If you want a reminder that God is in control, look for His text message in 1 John 4:4.

If you want reassurance that God loves you, look for His text message in Romans 5:8.

If you want God's advice about our friends, see His text message in 1 Corinthians 15:33.

If you wonder if you should participate in something, see God's text in Philippians 4:8.

If you have been unmotivated in your job, look for God's text in Colossians 3:22.

If you want parental advice, look for God's text in Proverbs 22:6.

If you want to be a better husband, see God's text message in Ephesians 5:22-24.

If you want to be a better wife, see God's text in Ephesians 5:25-33.

If you are looking for patience, see God's text message in 1 Thessalonians 5:14.

If you are looking for hope, see God's text message in 1 Peter 1:3-5.

If you are looking to be more humble, look for God's text message in James 4:6.

If you are trying to control your language, look for God's text in Ephesians 4:32.

If you are trying to control your anger, look at God's text in Ephesians 4:26-27.

If you have been worried lately, look at God's text message in Philippians 4:6-7.

If you need a reminder of God's mercy, look at His text in 1 Peter 1:3-4.

If you are looking for motivation to keep pressing on, see God's text in Hebrews 12:1-2.

If you are looking to be saved, see God's text message in Acts 2:38.

All of God's text messages can be accessed at any time. The more time we spend "texting" with God, the stronger our faith and relationship with Him will become. Some people may be accused of texting too much, but in this case, there is nothing better than "texting" with God.

# ATTITUDES OF THE RESTORATION

**David W. Hester**

In 1829 Thomas Campbell proposed: "Nothing should be admitted into our churches (congregations) either as to doctrine, or practice, or manner of teaching, or terms of communion, or ministerial qualifications, or government, but what we find taught, enjoined, and practiced in the primitive churches. Now this is the very thing we plead for, neither more nor less!" Such was the attitude common among those dedicated to restoring the ancient order. It was an attitude of fidelity to the Truth.

Unfortunately, over time there arose another attitude, as personified by L. L. Pinkerton. Pinkerton introduced instrumental music into the worship at Midway, Kentucky in 1860. He stated that as far as he was aware the church at Midway where he preached was the only one of his knowledge where the instrument had been successfully introduced.

Replying in 1881, J. W. McGarvey expressed the mindset of those committed to primitive Christianity: "It is manifest that we cannot adopt the practice without abandoning the obvious and only ground on which a restoration of Primitive Christianity can be accomplished, or on which the plea for it can be maintained. Such is my profound conviction, and consequently, the question with me is not one concerning the choice or rejection of an expedient, but the maintenance or abandonment of a fundamental and necessary principle."

Benjamin Franklin, editor of the American Christian Review, went even further. Commenting on the current state of affairs in 1860, he wrote: "Instrumental music is permissible for a church under the following conditions: 1. When a church never had or has lost the Spirit of Christ. 2. If a church has a preacher who never had or has lost the Spirit of Christ, who has become a dry, prosing and lifeless preacher. 3. If a church only intends being a fashionable society, a mere place of amusements and secular entertainment and abandoning the idea of religion and worship. 4. If a church has within it a large number of dishonest and corrupt men. 5. If a church has given up all idea of trying to convert the world."

Men such as McGarvey and Franklin were simply exemplifying the attitude of the early restoration leaders. The associates of Barton Stone and of Alexander Campbell came together at the Hill Street Church, Lexington, Kentucky on January 1, 1832, to bind themselves in a more perfect union. The representatives agreed with "Raccoon" John Smith in his keynote address when he said: "God has but one people on this earth. He has given them but one book. Let us come to the Bible alone, which is able to give us all of the light we need." Or, as Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:3: "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." The attitude of steadfastness to God's Word is what we need today.