



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Don Brannan
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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 3/13/16

Bible Class: 127
AM Worship: 200
PM Worship: 124
EMBF: \$1,973.00

WELCOME!

LADS TO LEADERS / LEADERETTES 2016 CONVENTION

Our group will be attending the Lads To Leaders / Leaderettes Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, March 24-27. Pray for them to have a safe and productive trip. Those attending:

Tim Gotkiewicz
Sally Gotkiewicz
Jane Sewell
Banks Sewell
Norton Sewell
Mary Vander Sewell
Randy Johnston
Vickie Johnston
Turner Johnston
Gracie Johnston
Will Johnston
Mark Evans
Tammy Evans
Kelsey Evans

Landon Evans
Randy Porterfield
Cecilia Porterfield
Miranda Porterfield
Dean Norton
Sarah Norton
Tennison Norton
Luke Ferrell
Grace Mount
Kim Wilson
Mollie Beth Dill
Ammaly Khantisouriya
Jimmy Mathews
Janet Mathews



2015 Lads to Leaders Convention

FROM THE MINISTER:

Welcome to VEOTHA SMITH. Sunday, March 13, Veotha Smith placed membership with Eastern Meadows. Sister Veotha has most recently attended the Northpointe church (for 10 years). Sister Smith grew up in Texas and was baptized at the age of 10. She moved to Montgomery in 1987 from Columbus, Ohio. Veotha and her husband, Fred W. Smith, Jr, of 33 years, have four children (but none of the children live in Montgomery) and seven grandchildren. Veotha is the primary caregiver to her elderly mother. We welcome Veotha to Eastern Meadows!

Preacher's Challenge Update: For many years I have accepted the Faulkner University V. P. Black Preachers' Challenge to raise or give \$1,000 to the Bible Department. Along with my personal contribution, you have helped me meet that goal each year. This year, even on the heels of our Benevolent Sunday and special giving to fund the new Kitchen, 13 families have given \$1,280 to help reach the goal. Thank you very much. If you still wish to help with the Preachers' Challenge, you can be assured that the FU Bible Department will still take the money! Just make out your check to the FU Bible Department and give it to me. I will get it to the FU Bible Department.

Brand New Eastern Meadows Baby! Congratulations to JOHN AND DEIDRE COLE on Baby Cole. COOPER JOHN MICHAEL COLE was born Tuesday, March 15. He was 7 lbs, 4 oz, and 19 inches long. Cooper was named named after his Mama's sweet Memaw, Louise Cooper Utley as well as both grandfathers. Momma and baby are doing well.

Sunday Morning Auditorium Class. We have missed one Sunday of "Burning Issues of the Twenty-First Century" class Charlie Boddy is teaching. Take note of the new schedule of classes on page 3.



Veotha Smith



Cooper Cole



New Classroom

Building Update

The auditorium carpet is in and the pews are in and bolted down. Painting continues this week in the auditorium. Most of the tile work is finished in the foyer and the tile work in the back hall continues. The tile work will likely be finished by the end of the week. The "stage" area (where the pulpit stands) is nearly finished. The security system and fire system continues to be installed this week. Things continue to progress as it nears completion.



A Wall in the Auditorium Showing the Trim Detail



The Back Hallway

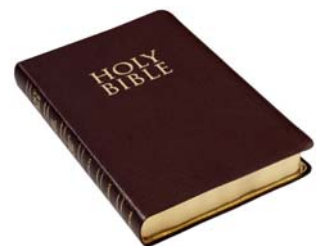


The Pews are bolted down! The small pew in the front will eventually be behind the pulpit.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: The first chapter of Hebrews proves that Christ is superior to: C) Angels (Hebrews 1:4-14)

This week's question: This week's question: When Elisha struck the Syrian army with blindness, this man said, "My father, shall I kill them?" A) The king of Israel B) The servant of the man of God C) The captain of the guard



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

Sunday the 20th - Final Bible Bowl study session before convention! Plan to eat and stay all afternoon. Finish all Art projects! Finalize your speeches! Practice your songs! Study your Matthew questions! **Thursday the 24th** - Depart for convention!

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/17/16

Mar. 20, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Banks Sewell

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Pete Hankins

P.M.: James Berry

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: Brooks Housley

Singing:

A.M.: Mike Norman

P.M.: Mike Norman

SICK: CHARLIE BODDY continues to recover from a heart attack and stent placement surgery. WILMA BERRY continues to recover from back surgery. HOLLY THOMASSON is home recovering from surgery. Prayers have been requested for C.A. "RED" TAYLOR, Dianne Hoskinson's father, who is in Jackson Hospital as he battles an infection and suffered a stroke. He was scheduled to be moved to HealthSouth Rehab Hospital on Thursday. LAURIE NORTON is Baptist E. Hospital. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, MARSHA SUTTON, MARGARET DANIEL, JAY ROBERTS, MARGARET AND MARSHA GRAVES. ANNEGENE DAVIS was in the hospital two days last week. 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, and JEWEL BARNES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): QUENTIN CROWE, KAY PEARSON, and CINDY ROBINSON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, WAYNE EDWARDS, TELSIE DAVIS, MARILYN PIERCE, MARC MCDANIEL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE: Great News! WAYNE EDWARDS (Wayne is GREG EDWARDS father) found out last week that he is in remission. Of course they continue to solicit prayers for his strength and that he will continue in remission. They have also expressed appreciation for the cards they have received during his illness and cancer treatments.

MAR. 20 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: TAMMY & KELSEY EVANS

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 4 (Simpson) will host the meal this Sunday, Mar. 20, following the morning worship service. There will not be a meal Mar. 27 due to the Easter holiday.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursdays at 10:30 AM—A Study of Hebrews

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Capital Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by Amridge University, will be Friday, Mar. 18, 8:30 AM, at the Capital City Club on the 22nd floor of the RSA building located on the corner of Lawrence and Monroe Streets. Cost is \$10.00 per person. To use the free parking located across the street, enter at the Capital City Club entrance. If you plan to attend, please contact Curtis Sampley at curtis-sampley@amridgeuniversity.edu or 334.387.7504, or Diann Lazenby at diannlazenby@amridgeuniversity.edu or 334.387.7502, or Jimmy Benson at jcbenson@knology.net.

APRIL CALENDAR: All events for the April calendar must be turned in by Sunday, Mar. 27, to STEVE HOUSLEY.

CANS FOR BARBARA: Barbara Norman is needing soup cans. If you can help her get these, thanks!

HOUSLEY/BASS WEDDING: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Housley request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter JEAN ELIZABETH to ADAM SHERRILL BASS son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanley Bass Saturday, the ninth of April two thousand sixteen at two o'clock Eastern Meadows Church of Christ Montgomery, Alabama. RSVP by Apr. 1 at 334-270-8613 or housleybass.rsvpify.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open positions: Professor of Marketing - College of Business; Benefits Coordinator - Human Resources. 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/>.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Alabama Christian Academy would like to announce the following open faculty positions: Mathematics 6-12; Social Studies 6-12; Science 6 - 12; Bible 6-12; Physical Education 6-12. Those who are interested can go to the ACA website www.alabamachristian.com for full description of the positions.

LADYBUGS

- ♦ **Mar. 20:** Bridal Shower in honor of Beth Housley, 6:00 PM. She is registered at Walmart, Belk, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond. Shower sign-up list is posted at LadyBUGS Desk.
- ♦ **Mar. 24:** BLD Club Dinner, Red Robin, 6 PM
- ♦ **Mar. 27:** Secret LadyBUGS Draw Names, 6 PM
- ♦ **Mar. 28:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM, Lesson 3, Angie Moore teaching

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Mar. 20:** Final Bible Bowl Study Session. Plan to stay after church and eat and Kahoot Bible Bowl all afternoon.
- **Mar. 24-27:** L2L Convention

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

3/13/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,081.00

BUDGET: - \$849.00

YTD: + \$8,845.49

NEW KITCHEN GIVING

Goal: \$54,065.00

Received: \$48,801.00

Needed: \$5,264.00

Sunday Bible Classes—Mar. 20

Auditorium Class: *Bible Wines No. 1*

Young Ladies class: *Ephesians Chapter 3*

Bible Class Update: Sunday Morning Auditorium Class

Burning Issues of The Twenty-First Century

March 20- Bible Wines-No.1

27- Bible Wines-No.2

April 3- The Role Of Women In The Worship
(Steve Housley)

10- Divorce and Remarriage

17- Instrumental Music In Worship (Steve Housley)

24- Can We Worship With Those in Religious Error?

May 1- Miracles or Mirages

8- The Occult-Demons and Horoscopes

15- The Rapture and Tribulation

22- The Problem of Translations

29- Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?



Charlie Boddy, Teacher

This important series of lessons will be recorded and available as a CD and available as a download on the Eastern Meadows website, emcofc.org.

Only in the past year did I hear the term “precision obedience.” I don’t know who first used this term, and as the term is not used in the Bible, it may or may not be the best way to describe the concept of obedience in the Bible. The concept of obeying God, and obeying God precisely as he commands, however, is certainly a Biblical teaching. This is a good article and well worth reading. –Steve Housley

Teacher answers question: Is ‘precision obedience’ a valid theology?

EDMOND, Okla. (BNC) by Phil Sanders — I was recently questioned about precision obedience and whether it is a valid theology. I would recommend to all who wish to know the answer to this question to study the book of Deuteronomy. Throughout the book are specific instructions as to how we are to respond to the commandments and precepts that come from God.

I spent many hours reading and re-reading the book in several versions.

I purchased a copy of the Tanakh (an English translation of the Jewish scriptures) in order to see how they understood the passages. I found that God expects us to obey Him lovingly (12x), fearfully (15x), completely (31x), carefully (27x in NASB), and accurately. We were to do “just as the Lord commanded” (69x in the Pentateuch) and act “according to the commandment” (43x). We were to go neither to the right or left (5x), to walk in His ways, to not turn from the way. We were neither to add to nor take away from His commandments (Dt. 4:2; 12:32).

Any serious student would immediately see the importance of these repetitious instructions.

What cinched it for me was how many times Jesus used words like “keep” and “observe,” words which reflect careful obedience. I noticed too how Jesus would not act on his own initiative, how He did “just as” the Father commanded ([Jn. 14:31](#)). I did not make up the idea of “precision obedience.” I found it in the text, where it was all the time. I find these quotations from the Tanakh quite revealing:

When they have announced to you the verdict in the case, you shall carry out the verdict that is announced to you from that place that the Lord chose, observing scrupulously all their instructions to you. You shall act in accordance with the instructions given you and the ruling handed down to you; you must not deviate from the verdict that they announce to you either to the right or to the left. ([Deut. 17:9c-11](#))

Be careful, then, to do as the Lord your God has commanded you. Do not turn aside to the right or to the left: follow only the path that the Lord your God has enjoined upon you, so that you may thrive and that it may go well with you, and that you may long endure in the land you are to possess. (5:29,30 JPS)

Handling aright the word of truth, paying close attention, not acting on our own initiative, and keeping the commandments mean we too should have a loving, careful, fearful, complete, and accurate obedience.

Precisely obeying means we use bread and fruit of the vine, not roast lamb on the Lord’s table. It means we sing from our hearts rather than play or entertain ourselves. It means we have a plurality of elders rather than a single pastor, an archbishop, or a pope. It means we immerse penitent believers instead of sprinkling infants.

In short, it means we do not go beyond the Scriptures for our faith or practice, instead we show our love for God by listening and doing what He says in Scripture rather than pursue our own thoughts.

This is not that hard to understand, and it is thoroughly biblical!

Phil is speaker for the television program “[In Search of the Lord’s Way](#).” He posted this reply on his Facebook wall.