



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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March 24, 2016

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 3/20/16

Bible Class: 140
AM Worship: 203
PM Worship: 141
EMBF: \$98.00

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	Gracie Johnston	Dean Norton
Sally Gotkiewicz	Will Johnston	Sarah Norton
Jane Sewell	Mark Evans	Tennison Norton
Banks Sewell	Tammy Evans	Luke Ferrell
Norton Sewell	Kelsey Evans	Grace Mount
Mary Vander Sewell	Landon Evans	Kim Wilson
Randy Johnston	Randy Porterfield	Mollie Beth Dill
Vickie Johnston	Cecilia Porterfield	Ammaly Khantisouriya
Turner Johnston	Miranda Porterfield	



**May 3,
2016
First Worship
In New
Building**

**Homecoming and Open House
May 1, 2016
Make Your Plans!**

FROM THE MINISTER:

Great News Sunday. Sunday morning after worship LILLIE THOMPSON met with our Elders, having the desire to work and worship with Eastern Meadows. It was my pleasure to announce Sunday night that Lillie placed membership with Eastern Meadows. We welcome Sister Lillie Thompson to Eastern Meadows! Lillie retired from Civil Service in 2008 and now does volunteer work at Baptist Hospice and Jackson Hospital at the Patient Information desk. When she lived in Florida, she taught 2nd and 3rd grade and was also the principal at the Agape Christian Academy in Niceville, Florida. While living in Niceville, she worshipped in Crestview where Roger Dill preached (mid-90s). She also has a Ph.D. in Business Administration. Lillie and her husband, Jerome, have five children and four grandchildren – none are in Montgomery (they are spread out over the U.S.). Lillie's husband is now recovering from hip replacement surgery.



Lillie Thompson

More Great News Sunday. Sunday evening before worship TIM AND CHRISTY HATCH met with the Eastern Meadows elders and placed membership at Eastern Meadows. They have been worshipping with us several weeks and we are so glad they are staying! Both Tim (born in Germany to a military Dad) and Christy grew up in the Montgomery area. Tim works for the State of Alabama Department of Public Health, and Kristy works as an Educational Specialist (Science K-12) for Instructional Support Services for the Montgomery Schools. Mason is in third grade at Wilson Elementary. Tim and Mason enjoy hunting and being outdoors. Mason enjoys riding the four-wheeler. Christy enjoys reading. We welcome Tim, Christy, and Mason to Eastern Meadows!



Tim, Christy, and Mason Hatch

Even More Great News Sunday. Sunday morning Ted announced that the first worship assembly in the new Eastern Meadows auditorium will be April 3. Additionally, May 1 will be Homecoming and "Open House." There will be no guest speaker for Homecoming, but several of our own Eastern Meadows members will be speaking and leading singing on May 1. Additionally, some activities will be planned for Sunday afternoon. Please make no other plans for May 1 other than participation in all of the Eastern Meadows worship times and activities of the day! Success of this day begins with EASTERN MEADOWS MEMBERS! There will be more announcements about April 3's first service in the new building and May 1 Homecoming soon!

Encouraging Comments. JINNY KHANTISOURYIA wrote, "I get the opportunity to visit the sweet ladies at the Country Cottages on Sunday afternoons to hear my friend, Austin, preach and his pal, Eli, lead songs. It truly is wonderful and encouraging to have friends who have such a great zeal and love for the Lord. What amazes me is that these ladies aren't able to go to church, so the Church

goes to them. Just one of the things I love about being a member of the Lord's Church. This is an example of how we should be." I appreciate the good way AUSTIN BROWN and ELI PORTER are conducting this service at Country Cottages. Thanks to Paul Clements for starting this work and thanks to Austin and Eli for carrying on this good work when Paul is away preaching (Paul has been preaching on Sundays at the Selmont church of Christ for several months). And thanks to Jiny for these encouraging comments!

Pray For Our Youth. After a year of work on Bible Bowl, scrapbook, many individual skills and events such as song leading and speaking, our youth along with parents and chaperons will be traveling to Atlanta for the Lads to Leaders convention. If you ever go once, you cannot help but be impressed with the encouragement this event gives to our youth for personal development that translates into BEING better servants of the Master and life skills that help as they mature into adults. One of my favorite memories from attending years ago was the "judging" of the Bible Reading Event of some of the Lads to Leaders' youngest participants. At that age, they were not "competing" against others; they were primarily being evaluated. After each participant read, the judge met with the child to give suggestions for improvement, but mostly to encourage them for the effort they had made. I wanted to think that something I said made them want to try even harder as they worked on skills such as Public Bible Reading, and as they moved on to other events as they grew older. Our Youth will be leaving Thursday and returning Sunday. Pray for their safe travels!

Building Update

The welcome center will be your view when you enter the building from the center front doors. Of course behind the welcome center is the center entrance to the auditorium. The welcome center will provide a place for greeting visitors, opportunities to sign up for activities, and a place for recent copies of the *Gospel Advocate*, *Reason and Revelation*, the Sunday Announcements, and etc. This is one of the newest installs in the new building. The welcome center is an attractive addition to the foyer.



Hole for the Grease Trap for the Kitchen!



Welcome Center in the New Foyer!

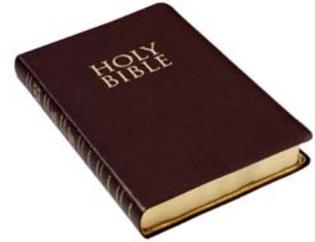
On Monday the digging began for the grease trap for the kitchen. The kitchen itself, on the inside, is nearing completion, however, it was not functional until the grease trap is installed. This fulfills city code and makes us "legal" to have a commercial kitchen. We have been blessed with great weather for digging.

We are getting close. Plans are to have our first worship in the new building on APRIL 3. Only two more weeks from last Sunday!

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

While we are at the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes convention, please know that we so appreciate all of your help and encouragement! All we now ask is that you pray for our safety and that we all be edified greatly.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:



Last 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

This week's question: True or False: Every time you read the word "wine" in the Bible, it means an alcoholic drink.

THE CHURCH IS NOT THE BUILDING

*The church is not the building,
The church is not the steeple,
The church is very simply,
God's very own chosen people.*

In the world today, there is as much confusion over the subject of the church as any subject. By the way the word "church" is often used, one would think the church is merely the building. Others might think that a period of worship is the church. However, the Bible is clear: the church is God's people. In Acts 8:1 it is recorded that "there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem." But in Acts 9:1, the persecution of Saul was against the "disciples of the Lord." This persecution was not directed toward a building; rather, it was "men and women" who were of "this way" that were persecuted. Consequently, the men and women who are "disciples of the Lord" are the church. It is for this reason that Luke calls the church "they" (a pronoun for a people) instead of an "it" (Acts 8:1). Simply put, God's people, Christians (Acts 11:26), are the church.

In the New Testament, the church is referred to in a variety of ways. We read of the kingdom (Matt. 16:18,19; Col. 1:13); the church of God (I Cor. 1:2); churches of Christ (Rom. 16:16); and just simply "body." Each of these terms, as well as others, denote God's people, the church. That "the body" is the church is clearly seen in Eph. 1:22-23, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." But the body is clearly the "sanctified in Christ Jesus" (I Cor. 1:2) — or Christians, God's people. Paul said, "Now ye are the body of Christ" (I Cor. 12:27) and "So we, being many, are one body in Christ" (Rom. 12:5). Yes, the church, the body, are a people — the people of God.

From this perspective, it becomes important to be a part of, a member of, the church, doesn't it? If the church is God's people, and it is, I WANT TO BE A PART OF THE CHURCH! You see, I want to be a part of God's people. I want to belong to Him; to be His; to be of His possession.

No, you do not join a church of your choice! Rather, the Lord adds you to His church. In Acts 2, Peter had preached the gospel to a large gathering on the Day of Pentecost. His message was summarized in verse 36, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." When they asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:37,38). Verse 41 tells us that about 3,000 were baptized that day and "added unto them." Then in verse 47 we read, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

What a wonderful thing! When I repent of my sins and am baptized for the remission of my sins the Lord adds me to the church; the Lord makes me a part of His people.

Are you ready to obey the Lord?

-Steve Housley

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/24/16

Mar. 27, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:
A.M.: Paul Clements
P.M.: Paul Clements

Opening Prayer:
A.M.: Wayne Johnston
P.M.: Allen Clements

Closing Prayer:
A.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz
P.M.: Brooks Housley

Singing:
A.M.: William Dill
P.M.: William Dill

SICK: WILMA BERRY and HOLLY THOMASSON continue to recover from surgery. C.A. "RED" TAYLOR, Dianne Hoskinson's father, has been moved to HealthSouth Rehab—NO visitors please—and is expected to make a full recovery from the stroke. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, JIMMY ALLEN, WESLEY BERRY, DEIDRE COLE (recovering from childbirth), DIANNE HOSKINSON, MARSHA SUTTON, and LILLIE GALLO-WAY. 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, CINDY ROBINSON, and C.A. "RED" TAYLOR. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, TELSIE DAVIS, MARILYN PIERCE, MARC MCDANIEL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

MAR. 27 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: CECILIA PORTERFIELD & DAWN CHANDLER

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: There will not be a meal this Sunday, Mar. 27, due to the Easter holiday. Team 5 (Mathews) will host Apr. 3.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursday's at 10:30 AM—A Study of Hebrews

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

AREA-WIDE SINGING: The Area-wide Congregational Singing will be held at the Tallassee Church of Christ; 209 Gilmer, Ave; Tallassee, Alabama, Friday Night, April 1 from 7-8:30 p.m.

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.

THANK YOU: My Dear Church Family, Thanks for all the cards, calls, and food you have showered me with since my surgery. I am most grateful for the prayers said on my behalf and ask that you keep me in prayer as I continue to recover from my back surgery. Your love and thoughtfulness means more than words could ever express. In Christian love, Wilma Berry

NEW ADDRESSES: VEOTHA SMITH, 2925 N. Colonial Drive, 36111, 281-9103; TIM & KRISTY HATCH and MASON, 733 Towne Lake Drive, 36117, 213-7909; LILLIE THOMPSON, 8830 Wellston Place, 36117, 260-0139.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GROW DAY CAMP: Alabama Christian Academy will be busy this summer with a Day Camp, ages 5—8th grade featuring Athletics, Academics, and Arts. Additionally there will be extended care in both the am and pm. May 23—July 22, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.—3: 00 p.m. at the ACA campus, 4700 Wares Ferry Road; Montgomery, AL. Email summecamp@Alabamachristian.com for more information.

WORKSHOP: Adamsville church of Christ (4207 Veterans Memorial DR; Adamsville, AL) will host the 5th Annual Southeastern Soul Saving Seminar June 24-26, 2016. For more information, phone: 205-674-5659 or email: acofc@adamsvillechurch.org.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows, Adam and I can't begin to express how touched and honored we both felt by the display of kindness and generosity at our shower. It was so thoughtful of you all to remember us during this special time in our lives. We thank you all are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Love Beth Housley and Adam Bass



LADYBUGS

- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Apr. 3:** Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **Apr. 5:** Quilting, 10 AM. Bring your lunch.
- ♦ **Apr. 12:** BLD Club Breakfast, 9 AM, Cracker Barrel
- ♦ **Apr. 12:** Quilting, 1-3 PM
- ♦ **Apr. 17:** Craft Project, 2:30 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Mar. 24-27:** L2L Convention
- **Apr. 10:** Area Wide Devo



NEW KITCHEN GIVING

Goal: \$54,065.00

Received: \$49,001.00

Needed: \$5,064.00

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

3/20/16 CONTRIBUTION: **\$13,340.50**

BUDGET: **+\$410.50**

YTD: **+\$9,255.99**

Sunday Bible Classes—Mar. 27

Auditorium Class: *Bible Wines No. 2*

Young Ladies class: *Ephesians Chapter 4*

Bible Class Update: Sunday Morning Auditorium Class

Burning Issues of The Twenty-First Century

March 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.