



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 28, 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 4/24/16

Bible Class:
AM Worship:
PM Worship:
EMBF: \$

WELCOME!

Open House & Homecoming 2016

Eastern Meadows church of Christ

May 1, 2016



9:30 – 10:30 AM Worship – Steve Housley - Auditorium

10:45 – 11:30 AM Bible Class – Charlie Boddy – Auditorium

Children's Classes as Usual

11:45 – 1:30 PM Dinner & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

1:30- 2:30 PM Congregational Gospel Singing – Auditorium

2:30—3:30 PM Worship – David Hester - Auditorium

Note: Worship times are 9:30 AM & 2:30 PM

FROM THE MINISTER:

Great Day Sunday! Sunday morning we introduced ALBERT AND LINDA BELL to the congregation. Albert and Linda are life-long residents of Montgomery. Linda works for the city of Montgomery. Albert is retired from Hager Hinge and now works the night shift at the Chantilly Walmart. Their son is Albert, Jr. and they call him A.J. A.J. is about to start at Trenholm or A.U.M. Their daughter Adrienne works at Gander Mountain. Over the years Albert and Linda have been foster parents for many children. They both attend the 6:30 a.m. service at Western Boulevard Church of Christ on Sundays before coming to Eastern Meadows worship. When Linda has a chance she likes to sew and paint. Linda is a sister to Eastern Meadows member, Lillie Galloway. Their favorite vacation spot is Disney World and Universal Studios. We are glad that Albert and Linda now call Eastern Meadows home. Albert and Linda, welcome to Eastern Meadows.



Albert & Linda Bell

WILMA MILLICAN also placed membership with Eastern Meadows Sunday. Wilma grew up in the metropolis of Guin, Alabama, a city girl, having been reared in this town of 2,500 people. She lived a block from the church building and walked to church on Sundays. As a teen she was in a girls quartet that traveled as far as Jasper, Alabama! Wilma has lived in Montgomery since 1955. She was married 61 years before her husband, Joe, passed away. They had one daughter who is deceased and two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. Reading and visiting with friends are things she enjoys. Over the many years she lived in Montgomery, she has worshipped at Capitol Heights, Dalraida, and Landmark. Over the past 20 years Wilma and Joe were occasional visitors at Eastern Meadows. We are glad that she can now call Eastern Meadows home. Wilma, welcome to Eastern Meadows.



Wilma Millican

Thank you! Several helped ready materials for advertising Homecoming/Open House. Last Thursday several helped fold, address, stamp, etc. materials to help advertise Homecoming/Open House. Wilma has had extra duties helping with this task. Sunday night, many of you took cards to mail out invitations to people of your choice, and also took "invite 'em" cards to hand out invitations to people of your choice. Several have helped set up the fellowship hall and helped in other ways get ready for May 1. Thanks to all for everything!

Building Update! The irrigation and landscaping continue this week. It would have been finished but was delayed due to rain and equipment failure. It should be finished this week. Painting is winding down. The hard tile in the new building has been sealed this week, as well as the hard tile in the old building being cleaned and sealed. Next week the VCT (hallway tile) in the old building will be stripped and buffed. Randy Porterfield will be cleaning the steeple of the old building - the first really good cleaning in 8 years. Mark Evans is bringing the Wifi from the offices to both buildings. Lots still going on, but all of it is winding down and finishing up. Thanks to all of you for what you have done in various ways.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

The Central Alabama Youth Group Area-Wide Devotional for May will be Sunday, the 8th at Eastern Meadows! The topic will follow our 2015-2016 theme of AIM (Attitude, Image, Mind) and will focus on Matthew 7:21-29, a well-known teaching by Jesus about people who will be surprised at the judgement. We will need volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you can help, let me know. Thanks!



“Greater than Prom” will be May 6-7 at the Harbor Lodge located on Lake Martin.

Those who have decided to go will enjoy a formal banquet with a meal and entertainment, a t-shirt, food for the weekend, and a one night stay in a Harbor Lodge cabin (linens will be provided). The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 6 and will conclude by 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

All youth and college are encouraged to attend the Picnic this Saturday, April 30th, at Ida Bell Park. We will be helping the little ones learn how to fly kites! Plan to stay and have a great time.

The Graduates picnic is being planned for May 21st @ noon. We will be honoring six grads and enjoying a picnic style lunch.

Summer is almost upon us! If you signed up for ICYC AP week, we are leaving here on Sunday, June 5th (6 ½ weeks away) and returning on June 10th.

VBS will be the week of June 19th through June 23rd.

We discussed Hebrews, chapter 5, last week in our Thursday class. The writer of Hebrews says that we should grow in our knowledge of the word and become skilled in applying God’s teachings in our lives through use; we have to take what we learn in God’s word and use it! We have to take the written word and learn how it affects us and others through experience. We MUST do this or we’ll never grow. One example of using our knowledge is when we decide to take a stand on an issue and decide to teach the Biblical truth to others.

Charlie Boddy taught an outstanding lesson Sunday morning on fellowship. If we are to have proper fellowship with God and others, we have to be able to tell truth from error and truth from half-truth. But how? For example, how do we handle controversy, particularly within the Church?

Some are under the illusion that you cannot get involved in controversial issues while promoting peace and unity. They forget that Christians are to “contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints” (Jude 3) while at the same time being, “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3). These commands are not mutually exclusive; they actually complement each another.

When you decide whether to study or whether to put your knowledge of God’s word to use, remember that peace and unity exist *because of* truth. Genuine unity can only exist when there is both unity of truth and unity of spirit. By contending for the truth, we are contending for unity. **Peace and unity cannot exist without truth.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/28/16

April 24, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Josh Cochran

P.M.: Josh Cochran

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Don Brannan

P.M.: Tim Bagents

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Ted Norton

P.M.: Turner Johnston

Singing:

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Paul Clements

SICK: ELLA HANKINS suffered a cracked vertebra in a fall Sunday morning and is recovering at home after being in the hospital to undergo a surgical procedure to repair the break. MARSHA SUTTON is home recovering from sacroiliac surgery. IMOGENE DOLD, Tish Housley's mother, suffered a mild heart attack last week. CIAN SLAUSON, Tim & Debbie Slauson's grandson, is home recovering from tonsillectomy surgery. LESHAWN STEELE will have out-patient surgery Friday at Jackson Hospital. Sick at home Sunday: RUSS & DAWN CHANDLER, VI ENGLISH, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ALICE HANDLANG, ARLETTE POSTMA, and TROY & HALEY STEELMAN. 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.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Darla Sutton, (Randy & Marsha Sutton's daughter-in-law), in the passing of her mother, MARY LYNN TURNER, Sunday morning. The funeral was in Flint, MI.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): QUENTIN CROWE, DOROTHY STUBBS, MARY RUTH COMBS, TOM COMBS, and JAMES NICHOLAS. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARC MCDANIEL, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MARK CHAMBLESS, RICKY MORROW, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS: Prayers have been requested for MARK CHAMBLESS and RICKY MORROW, friends of Russ & Dawn Chandler, who are battling cancer.

MAY 1ST NURSERY ATTENDANTS: CECILIA PORTERFIELD & KELSEY EVANS

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Lunch will be provided this Sunday, May 1st, at Homecoming & Open House. There will not be a meal May 8, due to Mother's Day. Team 4 (Simpson) will host the meal May 15. Team 5 (Mathews) will host May 22. There will not be a meal May 29 since it is a 5th Sunday.

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

SPRING PICNIC: The YPYF Group is hosting a spring picnic this Saturday, April 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ida Belle Young Park pavilion on Vaughn Road. Bring a picnic lunch for your family, lawn chairs, blankets, and outside equipment (football, frisbee, kites, etc.). The pavilion is reserved for Eastern Meadows, and picnic tables will be available. All ages are welcome to attend.

TIME CHANGE! Note the time change for Sunday Services on May 1 ONLY. On May 1 Worship will be first at 9:30 AM followed by Bible Classes at 10:45 AM. Evening worship will be at 2:30 PM. Make your plans so you will not miss any of these services!

AREA WIDE SINGING: The Area Wide Singing is May 6, 7 PM, at Redland Road church of Christ.

MAY YPYF SECOND SUNDAY NIGHT: The Young Professionals and Young Families group will not meet for dinner on May 8. Instead, please plan to stay and help with serving food at the Area Wide Youth Devotional after evening services.

YPYF BISCUITIS' GAME: On Sunday, May 29, the YPYF Group will meet downtown at the Biscuits' game immediately after evening services. See Brooks or Sarah Housley for more information.



JOB OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open positions: Admissions Recruiter - Huntsville Extension Center; Contact Representative - Executive and Professional Enrollment. 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/>.

NEW MEMBERS' ADDRESS & PHONE: ALBERT & LINDA BELL, 225 Jeffrey Drive, 36108, 669-0332; WILMA MILLICAN, 8463 Wexford Way, 36117, 272-4263.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: "Whoever transgresses (goes contrary to) and does not abide in the _____ of Christ does not have God." Doctrine (2 John 1:9)

This week's question: "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have _____ with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." A) peace; B) harmony; C) fellowship



LADYBUGS

- ♦ **May 1:** Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **May 3:** Quilting, 10 AM until (bring your lunch)
- ♦ **May 9:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ Panama Street
- ♦ **May 17:** Quilting, 1-3 PM
- ♦ **May 19:** BLD Club Lunch, 11:30 AM, @ Peyton's Place
- ♦ **May 23:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **May 6-7:** Prom Alternative
- **May 8:** Area Wide Youth Devo, 5 PM, at Eastern Meadows

Sunday Bible Classes—May 1

Classes, Middle School and Up will meet in the Auditorium.



David Hester will debate Don Preston on the AD 70 doctrine, July 14-15 2016, in Ardmore, OK. Please keep David in your prayers.

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

4/24/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$13,296.75 BUDGET: + \$366.75

YTD: + \$13,775.29



NURSERY PICTURES

Our thanks to MARGARET GRAVES for the precious pictures she cross-stitched and donated to our new nursery. Go by and check-out the room, located on the west side of the foyer.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!!

WHAT MY PRESENCE DID

- * It caused people to have confidence in me.
- * It made people know that I regarded my spiritual welfare as a matter of great importance.
- * It had a good effect on the services.
- * It encouraged the brethren and helped the kingdom of Christ.
- * It caused others to look to Christ for salvation.
- * It made my life stronger for another week.
- * It removed stumbling blocks from the sinner's path.
- * It pleased God and I was happy.
- * It caused others to say, "He practiced what he preached."

WHAT MY ABSENCE DID

- * It made some question the reality of religion.
- * It made some think that I was a pretender.
- * It made some think that I regarded my spiritual welfare as a matter of small concern.
- * It weakened the effect on the worship service.
- * It made it harder for the preacher to preach.
- * It discouraged the brethren, and thereby, robbed them of a blessing.
- * It caused others to stay away from the church.
- * It gave the devil more power over lost souls.
- * It encouraged the habit of non-church going.
- * It made it harder to meet the temptations of the devil.

May Bible Reading

- 1 2 Kings 8, 9
- 2 2 Kings 10-12
- 3 2 Kings 13, 14
- 4 2 Kings 15, 16
- 5 2 Kings 17, 18
- 6 2 Kings 19-21
- 7 2 Kings 22-25
- 8 1 Chronicles 1
- 9 1 Chronicles 2-4
- 10 1 Chronicles 5, 6
- 11 1 Chronicles 7-9
- 12 1 Chronicles 10-12
- 13 1 Chronicles 13-16
- 14 1 Chronicles 17-19
- 15 1 Chronicles 20-23
- 16 1 Chronicles 24-26
- 17 1 Chronicles 27-29
- 18 2 Chronicles 1-4
- 19 2 Chronicles 5-7
- 20 2 Chronicles 8-10
- 21 2 Chronicles 11-14
- 22 2 Chronicles 15-18
- 23 2 Chronicles 19-22
- 24 2 Chronicles 23-25
- 25 2 Chronicles 26-28
- 26 2 Chronicles 29, 30
- 27 2 Chronicles 31-33
- 28 2 Chronicles 34, 35
- 29 Chron.36; Ezra1,2
- 30 Ezra 3-5
- 31 Ezra 6-8

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