



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 7, 2016

## *Open House & Homecoming 2016*

### *Eastern Meadows church of Christ*

*May 1, 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 4/3/16

Bible Class: 154  
AM Worship: 236  
PM Worship: 158  
EMBF: \$179.00

**WELCOME!**

***9:30 – 10:30 AM***

***Worship – Steve Housley - Auditorium***

***10:45 – 11:30 AM***

***Bible Class, Middle School & Up – Charlie Boddy – Auditorium***

***Children's Classes as Usual***

***11:45 – 1:30 PM***

***Dinner & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall and Tea Room (Food Provided)***

***1:30- 2:00 PM***

***\* Chorus – Auditorium***

***2:00 – 3:00 PM***

***Congregational Gospel Singing – Auditorium (Our Song Leaders)***

***3:00 - 3:30 PM***

***\* Chorus – Auditorium***

***3:30 – 4:30 PM***

***Worship – David Hester - Auditorium***

***4:30 – 6:00 PM***

***Supper (Leftovers) & Fellowship***

***\* \*\* To Be Announced***

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Great Day Sunday!** It is not every day we move into a new building for worship! But a great day it was. We had very good numbers present for both services. There were many visitors. Several visitors stayed and ate with us after Sunday morning worship. Truly a great day! Thank you to Hagan Construction and all of their "subs" for working so hard to get us in by April 3!

**Just Beautiful!** That is how I would describe the building, but especially the front of the building with the red carpet leading to the white paint of the step fronts to the hardwood floor to the pulpit furniture. Billy Bush and Randy Porterfield built and painted the Lord's Supper table, the pulpit, and the two plant stands (in the corner of the picture). I always knew the furniture looked good, but it especially looks good in the new auditorium, with matching pews and the colors, etc. A thanks again eight (8) years since the first thank you to Billy and Randy.



**My compliments to you!** God has blessed us. You have given. The entire \$54,065 that was the cost of the kitchen has been given and this giving was beyond your regular contribution. Thank you! The final touches are being finished this week, and the kitchen should be operational. Eastern Meadows has had a history of rising to challenges and you certainly did so again! Now, with a kitchen and Fellowship Hall, we can once again enjoy congregational fellowships.

### NEW KITCHEN GIVING

**Goal: \$54,065.00**

**Received: \$54,065.00.00**

**Needed: \$00,000.00**

## Building Update

While we are in the auditorium, the work continues. Outside the back patios and sidewalks were poured on Monday. There are still some small sidewalk sections to be poured as the forms for them are being readied. Curbing has also been repaired. Caulking and painting continues in the foyer and back hall. There is to be a "training" session for use of



the kitchen equipment on Thursday, the day we email the bulletin. I don't think this session will make any of us good cooks, but we may learn how to use the equipment. The irrigation and landscape work continue. With the new grass sod, trees and shrubs, and a well to irrigate the landscape, the area around the building will be beautiful.

**Sunday Morning Bible Class.** I want to remind you again that the lessons Charlie Boddy is present-

ing in Sunday Morning Bible Class are available on the Eastern Meadows website, emcof.org. The first two lessons were on Bible Wines and of course he ended with appropriate warnings of alcohol use.

Last week I saw what is listed below. The chart was said to come with a driver's license from the state of California.

Notice what it said! In case you cannot read the picture it says: "Get a DUI – Lose Your License! It is illegal with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .08% (.04% for commercial vehicle drivers and .01% if under 21). Other factors, such as fatigue, medications or food may affect your ability to legally operate a vehicle. The table below give an estimate of blood alcohol levels based on the number of drinks consumed, gender and body weight. REMEMBER: Even one drink is likely to affect your ability to drive safely!" Notice the last sentence again, **Remember: Even one drink is likely to affect your ability to drive safely!"**

Then notice the chart. The only safe driving limit in the chart below is for 0 number of drinks! It sounds like the State of California is encouraging its citizens to realize the dangers of alcohol! Certainly Christians should recognize the danger!



### Get a DUI – Lose Your License!

It is illegal to drive with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .08% or more (.04% for commercial vehicle drivers and .01% if under 21). Other factors, such as fatigue, medications or food may affect your ability to legally operate a vehicle. The table below gives an estimate of blood alcohol levels based on the number of drinks consumed, gender and body weight. **REMEMBER: Even one drink is likely to affect your ability to drive safely!**

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT (BAC) Table for Male (M) / Female (F)										
Number of Drinks		Body Weight in Pounds							Driving Condition	
		100	120	140	160	180	200	220		240
0	M	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	Only Safe Driving Limit
	F	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
1	M	.06	.05	.04	.04	.03	.03	.03	.02	Driving Skills Impaired
	F	.07	.06	.05	.04	.04	.03	.03	.03	
2	M	.12	.10	.09	.07	.07	.06	.05	.05	
	F	.13	.11	.09	.08	.07	.07	.06	.06	
3	M	.18	.15	.13	.11	.10	.09	.08	.07	
	F	.20	.17	.14	.12	.11	.10	.09	.08	
4	M	.24	.20	.17	.15	.13	.12	.11	.10	Legally Intoxicated
	F	.26	.22	.19	.17	.15	.13	.12	.11	
5	M	.30	.25	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	.12	
	F	.33	.28	.24	.21	.18	.17	.15	.14	

Subtract .01% for each 40 minutes of drinking.  
1 drink = 1.5 oz. 80 proof liquor, 12 oz. 5% beer, or 5 oz. 12% wine.  
Fewer than 5 persons out of 100 will exceed these values.

### FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

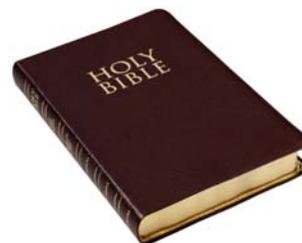
The Central Alabama Youth Group Area-Wide Devotional for April will be this Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Faulkner Rotunda. We are to bring enough cookies and chips to feed our own youth group, so if you plan to bring something, please let me know so I'll know how much I need to buy. The topic will follow our 2015-2016 theme of AIM (Attitude, Image, Mind) and will focus on Matthew 7:15-20, a well-known teaching by Jesus about wolves in sheep's clothing.

Next month – Area-Wide at Eastern Meadows!!! May the 8<sup>th</sup> is the day!

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** When did Peter, James, and John fall on their faces in fear? C) When God spoke to them.

**This week's question:** This week's question: Who said that the word of God was in his heart like a fire shut up in his bones? A) Isaiah B) Jeremiah C) Ezekiel



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/7/16

**Apr. 10, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Greg Edwards

P.M.: Greg Edwards

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Don Brannan

P.M.: Josh Cochran

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Steve Sewell

P.M.: Banks Sewell

**Singing:**

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Alan Kaye

**SICK:** LR FUTRAL, Nathan Futral's father is recovering at home after being in the hospital. PATSY LOWERY has the shingles. WILMA BERRY and HOLLY THOMASSON continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: RYAN GOTKIEWICZ FAMILY, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, and OPAL SULLIVAN. 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, MARC MCDANIEL, MARK CHESSOR, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Jay Roberts and family in the passing of his brother, NEAL ROBERTS, Tuesday night, Apr. 5.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Vickie Johnston and family in the passing of her mother, MARILYN PIERCE, Apr. 5, in Redding, California. A memorial service will be planned for June in Montgomery, AL.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the family of QUINTON MERRYMAN, 22 month-old son of Paul & Tara Merryman, who passed away Apr. 3. Quin's mother, Tara Galloway Merryman, worshipped with Eastern Meadows when a student at Faulkner University. A Celebration of Life Ceremony was held for Quin Apr. 7 at Riverchase Church of Christ in Birmingham.

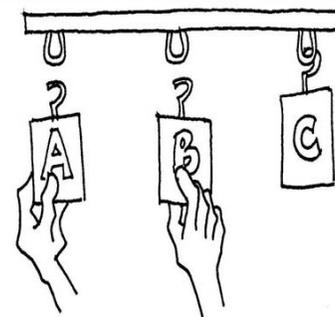
**THANK YOU:** Dear Eastern Meadows Members, Thank you for the cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and encouragement. In Christian Love, C.A. "Red" Taylor

**THANK YOU:** Thank you so much for the many prayers and cards during my cancer treatments. Each card made my day! Your support is greatly appreciated. Love, Telsie Davis

**APR. 10 NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** THERESA MULKEY & CASSIDY BROWN

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 1 (Porterfield) will host this Sunday, Apr. 10, following the morning worship service. Team 2 (Bush) will host Apr. 17.

**Put first things first**



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

**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.

**LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET:** There will be business meeting for all the Elders and Deacons this Sunday, Apr. 10, at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7 by Roy Mulkey & Randy Porterfield.

**SHEPHERD'S TALK:** The Elders will give a report on current and upcoming events immediately following the morning worship service this Sunday morning.

**YPYF 2ND SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** The YPYF 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship will be this Sunday, Apr. 10, following Evening worship at Zaxby's on Taylor.

**CALLING ALL MEN:** There will be an important meeting for all the men of the congregation following the morning service on April 17.

**LADYBUGS CRAFT PROJECT CANCELLED:** The LadyBUGS Craft Project scheduled for April 17 has been cancelled. A new date will be announced soon.

**SPRING PICNIC:** The YPYF Group is hosting a spring picnic on 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.

**ADDRESS INFORMATION:** VEOTHA SMITH, 2925 N. Colonial Drive, 36111, 281-9103.

## LADYBUGS

- ◆ **Apr. 12:** BLD Club B'fast, 9 AM, Cracker Barrel
- ◆ **Apr. 24:** Cindy Mulkey's Baby Shower, 6 PM
- ◆ **Apr. 12:** Quilting, 1-3 PM
- ◆ **Apr. 25:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Apr. 10:** Area Wide Devo
- **Apr. 30:** Spring Picnic, 11 AM—1 PM

## *Sunday Bible Classes—April 3*

Auditorium Class: *Divorce & Remarriage*  
Young Ladies class: *Ephesians Chapter 5*

**2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00**

**4/3/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$18,641.30**

**BUDGET: + \$5,711.30**

**YTD: + \$15,879.59**

*Sunday we studied about the Role of Women in Worship. The article below by Steve Higginbotham adds some interesting considerations.*

## **GENDER JUSTISE**

We've probably all heard it before. The argument goes something like this... "Galatians 3:28 teaches that in Christ, there is neither male nor female, for we are all 'one in Christ.' Since that's the case, any attempt to restrict the role of women in the church on the basis of her gender is unscriptural."

I have found that many who make this argument are unaware that this is not the first time this line of argument is made in Scripture. Maybe by examining the other place in Scripture where this reasoning was used, we can see its shortcomings.

In Numbers 16, Korah, Dathan, Abriam, and On rose up against Moses. Consider the situation:

- **Their complaint?** "You take too much upon yourselves" (Numbers 16:3). In other words, they said, "It's not fair that you get to do the things you do and we don't."
- **Their reasoning?** "For all the congregation is holy, every one of them" (Numbers 16:3). Or in other words, "Since we're all holy and the Lord is with us all, we all ought to be able to do what you're doing."
- Moses' response was two-fold...
- **He exposed their inconsistency.** Korah, being a Levite had the privilege to serve God in ways that others were not allowed (Numbers 16:9-10). In other words, while they didn't want Moses to have special responsibilities which excluded them, they were fine with having special responsibilities as priests that excluded others.
- **He called upon God to settle the argument** (Numbers 16:28-33). As you recall, God demonstrated his defense of Moses by having the earth "swallow up" these rebellious men.

But what does this have to do with "Gender Justice" (as it is called) in the church today? Everything! Don't you see? It's the same argument. The very same argument that Korah used in his complaint against Moses is what is being used by those who are calling for "Gender Justice" in the church today.

In Moses' day, Korah argued that he and all Israel had the right to do what Moses did because he and all Israel were holy and the Lord was among them. Today, we hear people complaining against gender-based role distinctions in the church, and their argument is the same. They are arguing that since we are all "one in Christ," or since we are all holy children of God and heirs of Abraham (Galatians 3:28), we should all be allowed to do the same thing. Don't you see it? It's the same invalid argument used by Korah in his rebellion!

Friends, Korah was right in stating that all of God's people were holy, but it did not follow that all of God's people could therefore then perform the same roles. Likewise, it is true that women share equal worth and value as men in the eyes of God, but it does not therefore follow that they may perform the same role as men in the church.

Don't be deceived by this old, worn out argument made by Korah, and now being made by some of our brethren today. It was flawed in the days of Moses, and it is still flawed today.

— Steve Higginbotham