



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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May 19, 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 5/15/16

Bible Class: 160  
AM Worship: 216  
PM Worship: 134  
EMBF: \$200.00

**WELCOME!**

## SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS

Some exciting plans have been made for Sunday Nights in June, July, and August. The plans are good. The only thing that will make it better is if you are present.

⇒ June Theme: *"Improving Your Serve."*

⇒ July Theme: *"Ten Questions."*

⇒ August Theme: *"Come Let Us All Unite to Sing."*

VBS  
June 20—23  
Be inviting!



## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Congratulations!** Congratulations to Banks, Kim, Kelsey, Miranda, Mollie Beth, and Turner on your High School Graduation! Traditionally, Eastern Meadows has had a cook-out to celebrate this time in our graduates' lives. *Everyone* is invited to come. It is not just a youth activity or an activity for the youth and their families. It is for everyone. It is one of my favorite fellowships of the year. So plan to be here! Saturday, May 21 at 12 noon. Bring a side dish. The rest will be provided.

**David is almost here!** June 5 will be David Hester's first Sunday at Eastern Meadows. Until he sells his house, he will be commuting. He will begin teaching the Auditorium Adult Class that Sunday with the subject being the book of Revelation.

**Make your plans!** The first Friday in June, June 3, the **Area-wide Singing** will be hosted by Eastern Meadows. Even if you do not usually attend the Area-wide Singing, be here at this one. Let us welcome our friends from area congregations and let them know how much they are welcome at Eastern Meadows. Plus, there will be good singing and an opportunity for fellowship.

**Summer Sunday Nights.** Summer Sunday Nights begins in only three weeks! Plan to be here at every Sunday Night service. We will begin in June with "Improving Your Serve." There will be an emphasis on improving our own personal service for our Lord and Master. For July, you will be helping plan the service by turning in questions you would like to see answered during the month. Even if you have not usually attended Sunday nights, begin now!

## FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

The Grad picnic is being planned for **this Saturday**, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ noon. We will be honoring our six grads and enjoying a picnic style lunch. We will provide burgers, dogs, and iced tea; we ask that you bring picnic sides.

Summer is almost upon us! If you signed up for ICYC AP week, we are leaving here on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (2 ½ weeks away) and returning on June 10<sup>th</sup>. I am looking for a trailer to tow to camp! We have precious little room in the van and a trailer would help tremendously. If you have a trailer we can use during camp week, please let me know. Thanks!

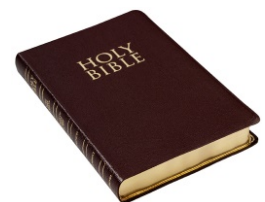
VBS will be the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teens: Please let me know if you can help.

The Sunday teen class will begin meeting in the new youth room this week. The college class will meet in the tea room.

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Zechariah prophesied: "It shall be in that day," says the Lord of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the \_\_\_\_\_ to depart from the land." A) unclean spirit (Zechariah 13:2)

**This week's question:** "But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor \_\_\_\_\_, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks." A) coarse jesting; B) false teaching; C) mean spiritness



# ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/19/16

May 15, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Stan Neuenschwander  
P.M.: Stan Neuenschwander

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz  
P.M.: Paul Clements

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Tim Stevens  
P.M.: Turner Johnston

**Singing:**

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

**SICK:** CHARLOTTE JACKSON is scheduled for surgery May 23 at Jackson Hospital. MARSHA SUTTON is scheduled for surgery June 7. It was good to have ELLA HANKINS back with us Sunday as she continues to recover from out-patient back procedures. Prayers have been requested for WALTER SIEVERS, family friend of Becky Blue, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Sick at home Sunday: BETH BASS, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, WILMA MILLICAN, and MARSHA SUTTON. 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, DOROTHY STUBBS, MARY RUTH COMBS, TOM COMBS, LUCILLE FAKES, and IMOGENE DOLD. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARC MCDANIEL, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MARK CHAMBLESS, RICKY MORROW, WALTER SIEVERS, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

**MAY 22 NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** VICKIE JOHNSTON & GRACIE JOHNSTON

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 5 (Mathews) will host the meal this Sunday, May 22, following the morning worship. There will not be a meal May 29 since it is a 5th Sunday.

**CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The Capital Prayer Breakfast, hosted by Amridge University, will be Friday, May 20 at the Capital City Club. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 and the cost will be \$10. We will honor Mike and Lydia Jones who live in Evergreen, Alabama. Mike has preached at the Evergreen congregation for 8 years and is one of the Wiregrass Christian Camp Directors each summer. We hope to see you there!

**GRADUATES COOK-OUT:** There will be a cook-out in honor of our high school graduates this Saturday at 12 noon. Burgers, hotdogs, and iced tea will be provided. Please bring picnic sides.

**LADYBUGS' GRADUATION TEA:** There will be a tea in honor of Mollie Beth Dill, Kelsey Evans, Miranda Porterfield, and Kim Wilson Sunday, May 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the home of Cecilia Porterfield. This Tea is for our Eastern Meadows ladies to honor and congratulate these young ladies that we have watched grow up all these years! If you need more information please see Cecilia or Terry Bagents.

**JUNE CALENDAR:** All events for the June Calendar must be turned in to Wilma Berry by Sunday, May 22.

**BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY – MAY 29, 2016**

**YPYF BISCUITS' 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 position: Assistant Football Coach - Athletics. This position is 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/>.

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

## *Sunday Bible Classes—May 22*

**Auditorium:** *The Problem of Translations*

**Young Ladies:** *Philippians 3*

## **2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00**

**5/15/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$16,899.00**

**BUDGET: + \$3,969.00**

**YTD: + \$19,689.25**

## **LADYBUGS**

- ◆ **May 19:** BLD Club Lunch, 11:30 AM, @ Peyton's Place
- ◆ **May 22:** Young Ladies' Graduation Tea, 2-3:30 PM, @ Cecilia Porterfield's Home
- ◆ **May 23:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **June 5:** Visitation Assignments



Brad & Kayla Knowles

Congratulations to BRAD KNOWLES on graduating from AUM with a bachelors in Justice & Public Safety. He is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force and is scheduled to leave in March for Laughlin AFB, Texas, to be trained as a pilot.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

- **May 21:** Graduates Cook-out, 12 Noon
- **June 5-10:** ICYC—AP Week
- **June 19-23:** VBS

## **DO YOU LIVE SOBERLY?**

“Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:12). Paul commanded Titus that he should live soberly. What does it mean to live soberly? Webster defines “soberly” as “without intemperance, without enthusiasm, without intemperate passion; coolly; calmly; moderately, gravely; seriously.”

While these definitions are good, Paul was actually painting a more colorful picture as to how we are to live. From the immediate context we can see that to live “soberly, righteously, and godly” is preferred to living ungodly with cares for worldly lusts. When we venture into the Greek, we can learn a little more information about what it means to live soberly. The Greek word translated “soberly” in the KJV is “sophronos.” Though this word is only found once in its adverb form, it can be found used in other parts of speech. One of those examples is found in Luke 8:26-36 (verse 35 in particular).

“And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee,



Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and **in his right mind**: and they were afraid. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed," (Luke 8:26-36).

Here we have a man who wandered around in the wilderness with no clothes. He dwelled in the caves and in the tombs, and he was considered wild by all of the townsmen. Any attempt to bind him proved useless. We learn that the source of this madness was the legion of demons that was within him that Jesus cast out. After the demons left the man, he returned to living soberly or "in his right mind."

The English phrase "in his right mind" is actually only one word in the Greek: "sophroneo." It

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is the same word translated soberly in our Titus passage, but it is just in a different part of speech: a verb.

This knowledge gives us some insight as to what Paul meant in Titus 2:12, and why he contrasted following worldly lusts to living soberly. Before we became Christians we were subject to the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, but when we became Christians, we put off those things and began to desire those things that are above. "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him" (Colossians 3:8-10). "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

In order to live soberly, we must deny ourselves and follow Christ. We must put to death the things of the flesh and allow Christ's desires to be our desires. The man who was possessed by demons was miserable in every way. It was only when those demons were cast out that he was able to live soberly. We too must rid ourselves of the demons of lust, covetousness, etc. in order to live soberly.

--Daniel Rogers, *Gospel Gazette Online*

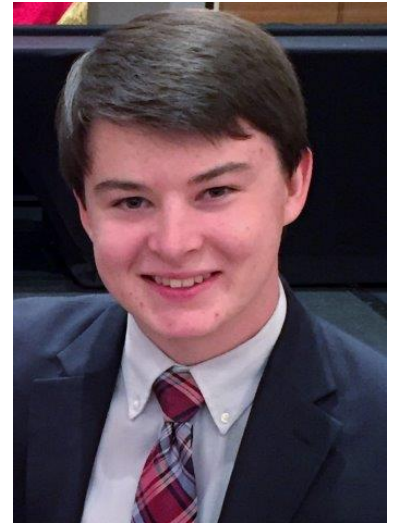
# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Mollie Beth Dill  
Montgomery Academy



Kelsey Evans  
Success Unlimited



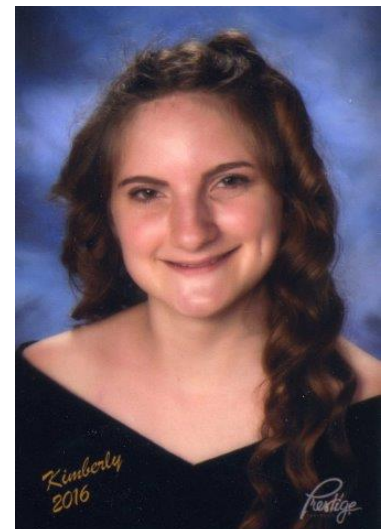
Turner Johnston  
Alabama Christian Academy



Miranda Porterfield  
Alabama Christian Academy



Banks Sewell  
Alabama Christian Academy



Kimberly Wilson  
Robert E. Lee H.S.

**HONOR OUR GRADUATES AT THE ANNUAL COOKOUT  
MAY 21, 2016 AT 12:00 Noon**