



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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May 5, 2016

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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 5/1/16

Bible Class: 363
AM Worship: 382
Singing: 176
PM Worship: 187
EMBF: \$194.00

WELCOME!

AREA WIDE YOUTH



DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, May 8, 5 PM

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FROM THE MINISTER:



Homecoming/Open House was, well, incredible. What a joy it was to see old friends and make new friends! What a joy it was to see several generations of families that shared Chisholm/Eastern Meadows roots, having grandparents, and in some cases, great-grandparents who worshipped at Chisholm/Eastern Meadows. It was a joy to hear the singing of almost 400 people in our new auditorium (and didn't Paul Clements do an *excellent* job leading, and, at the beginning, under difficult circumstances!). It was a joy to hear Charlie Boddy's and David Hester's lessons (if you missed them, go to emcofc.org and listen to them). And what a delicious meal by Ted and his crew! Many thanks to our youth for serving during the dinner hour! It was also wonderful to see the many song leaders during the 1:30 p.m. hour long singing, especially the young men of the congregation. We are very blessed with many young song leaders!



**Randy Porterfield
on lift**

Thanks. Last week I said thanks. This absolutely needs to be mentioned this week. It would be impossible to mention all of those who helped in some way prepare and ready the building for Homecoming/Open House. Several nights there were people cleaning, setting up, getting the kitchen organized and working on food preparation. Thank you to all who helped in various ways.

Visitor Letters. We are sending out visitor letters from the office. We want to send a letter thanking our guests for attending Homecoming/Open House. If you know of someone who attended, but possibly did not fill out a Welcome Card, please contact the office with the contact information for that person. We want *every* guest to receive a letter!

You Invited And They Came. Admittedly, sometimes we invite and they don't come. We can become discouraged and even quit making the effort to invite. Truly, Homecoming/Open House was a unique event – it is not often in the life of a congregation that the congregation has an "Open House." But we should be *encouraged*, in that so many came when they were invited. Let us continue to invite!! There will be some "invite 'em" cards on the Welcome Desk in the foyer. Take them and use them. Give them to anyone and everyone. *Some will come!*

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.*" During the month of June, on Sunday nights, Eastern Meadows will be considering various ways that we might become a better servant of God. We will begin June 5



with a general lesson, "Lord, Make Me A Servant." The remainder of the Sunday nights will discuss specific ways we need to be improving our service to God. Some of the areas of service to be considered will be more "men" specific, while the women, *separate from the men*, will consider some areas of service that are more specific to women. I hope our prayer and song for the month will be "Lord, make me a servant."

July Theme: "*Ten Questions*." There are five Sunday nights in July and each Sunday night during the sermon time, Eastern Meadows will be studying two different questions. For the next several weeks we are asking you the question: "If you could ask God one question, what would the question be?" From the questions you turn in 10 will be selected and each Sunday night two questions will be discussed. Various men from Eastern Meadows will be answering these questions you have asked.

August Theme: "*Come Let Us All Unite to Sing*." During each Sunday night in August, lessons will in some way emphasize the singing time we spend in our worship assemblies. Additionally, we will spend more time in song on these Sunday nights, as well as take a little time improve our singing.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER:

The Central Alabama Youth Group Area-Wide Devotional for May will be this 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 this Friday and Saturday, May 6-7 at the Harbor Lodge located on Lake Martin. The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 6 and will conclude by 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

The Grad 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.

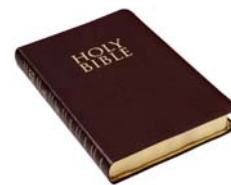
VBS will be the week of June 19th through June 23rd.

Many thanks to Banks, Deonte, MV, Dallas, Sydney, Jacque, Gracie, Ammaly, Grace, Kim, Cassidy, Austin, Eli, Landon, Norton, and Mark (Bedgood) for the hard work you put forth in serving and making the homecoming fellowship meal a huge success!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last 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." C) fellowship (1 John 1:7)

This week's question: Brother Charlie Boddy's lesson this past Sunday was entitled, "Three things necessary for building up the church." His lesson started with a look at the book of _____. A) 2 Kings; B) Ezra; C) Nehemiah



2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

5/1/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,903.25 / BUDGET: + \$2,973.25 / YTD: + \$16,748.54

ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/5/16

May 8, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey
P.M.: Youth

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Stevens
P.M.: Youth

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: James Berry
P.M.: Youth

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements
P.M.: Youth

SICK: ELLA HANKINS and MARSHA SUTTON are home recovering from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES. 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, and IMOGENE DOLD. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARC MCDANIEL, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MARK CHAMBLESS, RICKY MORROW, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE: DOROTHY STUBBS, Louise Stevens' sister, continues to recover from injuries suffered in a fall. Louise visited with Dot last week and found her to be improving.

MAY 8 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: LORI HAGAN & JACQUE HAGAN

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: There will not be a meal this Sunday, May 8, due to the Mother's Day Holiday. 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

AREA WIDE SINGING: The Area Wide Singing is this Friday, 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 this month's Second Sunday Night. Instead, please plan to stay and help with serving food at the Area Wide Youth Devotional after evening services.

AREA WIDE LADIES' DEVO: Panama Street Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Ladies' Devo Monday, May 8, 7 PM.

GRADUATES COOK-OUT: There will be a Cook-out in honor of our high school graduates Saturday, May 21, 12 noon. Our graduates are: MOLLIE BETH DILL, KELSEY EVANS, TURNER JOHNSTON, MIRANDA PORTERFIELD, BANKS SEWELL, and KIM WILSON.

KIM WILSON GRADUATION INVITATION: The Senior Class of Robert E. Lee High School announces its Commencement Exercises Sunday evening, May twenty-second Two Thousand Sixteen six o'clock Alabama State University Acadome Montgomery, Alabama

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—Financial Aid Officer - Main/Montgomery Campus. 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.



Louise Stevens & Dorothy Stubbs



THANK YOU!

Thanks to BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER for supplying the vases and flowers for the tables in the fellowship hall Sunday. They were a beautiful touch!

LADYBUGS

- ◆ **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
- **May 21:** Graduates Cook-out, 12 Noon

Sunday Bible Classes—May 8

Auditorium: *The Occult—Demons & Horoscope*

Young Ladies: *Philippians 1*

Happy Mother's Day—May 8

"Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and her praises her" (Proverbs 31:25-28).



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