



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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June 23, 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

David Hester, Educa-  
tion & Involvement

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 6/19/16

Bible Class: 179

AM Worship: 254

PM Worship: 120

EMBF: \$120.00

**WELCOME!**

## No God - No Hope; Know God - Know Hope

I actually am not real big on short slogans because they can be misleading in their brevity. Cutesy phrases often do not express the fullness needed to understand a subject; they merely sound good. However, this little phrase above is very powerful in its simplicity. There is no true hope outside of a relationship with the God Who created heaven and earth.

Occasionally, I will read where someone will write or quote a writer who tries to give meaning to life without God. It is amazing and amusing to see the doublespeak and convoluted attempts to explain the significance of life without God. Here is a quote, and I will let you explain to me what he is saying, if you can. The author Eckhart Tolle claims to be a "spiritual" teacher combining thoughts from various world religions, though he is very vague about a "god" of any kind. "There is only one perpetuation of evil on the planet: human unconsciousness. That realization is true forgiveness. With forgiveness, your true power emerges, the power of Presence. Instead of blaming the darkness, you bring on the light." HUH? Really?

How about this instead? "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Tolle is right that we do need to leave the darkness and go to the light. The light is only found in Jesus Christ, with the hope that only comes from God through the Gospel. Indeed: *No God, No Hope or Know God and Know Hope*

--Dean Kelly, *Gospel Gazette Online*



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

⇒ July Theme: "*Ten Questions.*"

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

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Great Week at VBS!** This has been a great week at VBS: good numbers, good participation from Eastern Meadows to teach and help, and good kiddos! Thanks to all who helped make this week a success!!

**Summer Sunday Nights Update.** Thank you to Tim Stevens and Don Brannan for teaching the men this past Sunday night. Thanks to Cecilia Porterfield and Melanie Bush for teaching the ladies this past Sunday night. No more split sessions. David Hester and I will be teaching this Sunday night concluding June's Summer Sunday Nights, *Make Me A Servant*. Remember, July Summer Sunday Nights is *Ten Questions* and the questions you have turned in will be answered in July, beginning, July 3. August Summer Sunday Nights is *Come Let Us All Unite to Sing*. To help us prepare for August you are invited to turn in a song you would like Eastern Meadows to learn, a song you would like for Eastern Meadows to sing, or a song that you would like to be considered in the Sunday Night Sermons. Turn in the blue sheet to Steve Housley or put in the Sunday Night Service Box.

**Farewell to Kayla!** Kayla Knowles has moved to Lebanon, Missouri. She moved early to accept a job. Later Brad will be moving. We will miss Kayla.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT "PRAYER" CLASS

Wednesday night, June 22, concluded the auditorium class on "Prayer." Many thanks to Paul Clements for teaching the *Prayers From The Bible* section of the class. The prayers he taught us are below. You may wish to reread and study more on these prayers. You will *do well* to reread these prayers. Again, thanks Paul!

David's "End of Life" Prayer – 1 Chronicles 29:10-19

Hannah's *Prayers of Petition, Promise, and Praise* – 1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

God said *Yes* and *No* to ...

Jehoshaphat – 2 Chronicles 20:6-13

Jeremiah – Jeremiah 14:7-9; 15:15-18

Solomon's *Prayer of Dedication* – 1 Kings 8:22-53

Paul's *Prayer of Supplication for the Ephesians* – Ephesians 3:14-21

Two Brief Prayers:

Elijah at Mt. Carmel – 1 Kings 18:36-37

Publican – Luke 18:13

We Don't Always Get What We Want, *David's Prayer of Response* – 2 Samuel 7:18-29

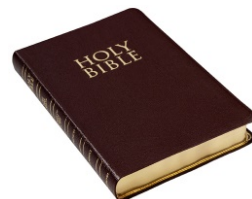
Abraham's Intercessory Prayer – Genesis 18:23-33

Apostles Prayer of Boldness – Acts 4:24-30

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last question:** How many people were hanged on the gallows in the book of Esther? **Answer:** 13—Haman, Haman's ten sons, and the two men who plotted against the king.

**This week's question:** Who told king Ahasuerus of the plot against him? A) Mordecai B) Esther C) Haman





# VBS



Storytime  
Crafts  
Games  
Fun  
Singing  
Snacks







## ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/23/16

June 26, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Tim Hatch

P.M.: Tim Hatch

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Brooks Housley

**Singing:**

A.M.: Jon Timbes

P.M.: Jon Timbes

**SICK:** BURT TURNER underwent a biopsy June 22 and will get the results this week.. MARSHA SUTTON is recovering at home following surgery. MARCIA GRAVES is scheduled for back surgery June 30. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, and JERRY & CHARLOTTE PATTERSON. EMILY MOUNT FRAZIER had surgery Tuesday and again Thursday. Keep Emily in prayer. 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, KAREN KAEHR, and SEAN LAWTON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARC MCDANIEL, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MARK



CHAMBLESS, RICKY MORROW, MICHELLE MITCHELL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** JANE SEWELL & MARY VANDER SEWELL

**FAULKNER ALUMNI REUNION:** Faulkner University will host the Alumni Summer Reunion June 24-25 on the Montgomery campus. All who attended ACC & Faulkner University during the 1970s, 1980s & 1990s are invited to attend. This includes faculty & staff. To see the schedule of events & to register, go to [www.faulkner.edu/comeback](http://www.faulkner.edu/comeback) or you can email [rbradford@faulkner.edu](mailto:rbradford@faulkner.edu) for more information.

**JULY CALENDAR:** All events for the July Calendar must be turned in this Sunday, June 26, to Wilma Berry.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** There will be a Gospel Meeting at Redland Road Church of Christ June 26-29 with Billy Lambert speaking. Sunday, 9 & 10 AM and 1 PM; Monday – Wednesday, 7 PM.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** There will be a Gospel Meeting at Lightwood Church of Christ June 26-29 with Ben Giselbach, Jerry Martin, and James Cullins speaking. Sunday, 9 AM, 10 AM and 1 PM; Monday–Wednesday, 7 PM.

**MUSEUM TRIP:** A group from our Children's Classes (ages 4 yrs.–6th grade) will be going to the Biblical History Museum in LaGrange, GA on June 30. Departure will be 7 AM and return at 3:30 PM. Cost is \$15 per child and \$5 per chaperone. See Tish Housley for more information.

**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.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Online Student Success Advisor (New Position) - Main Campus. This position is being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcement can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.

**NEW ADDRESS:** BECKY BLUE, 8309 Wexford Way, 36117.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for all of the prayers, cards, visits and food during and after my recent surgeries. Recovery from spine surgery is slow, but I have hope that I'll have less pain now. I'd appreciate your continued prayers. Love, Marsha Sutton

**THANK YOU:** Eastern Meadows Congregation, I would like to thank you all for your prayers and cards when our family was going through a difficult time with the loss of my mother. Thank you for caring. Darla Sutton and family

## LADYBUGS

- ♦ **June 26:** Secret LadyBUGS Reveal Dinner, 6 PM. After the PM worship service, the Secret LadyBUGS will meet for a Casserole Dinner to reveal our secret sisters. Please bring your \$15 (or less) revealing gift for the person you have been showering with attention, and be sure to put who it is from. Sign-up in the LadyBUGS Room for dinner items. If you are unable to attend, please leave your gift with Barbara Norman.
- ♦ **June 28:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM; Lesson 6, Kristy Hatch; "Salads for Supper" Meal - Sign-up list posted in LadyBUGS Room.
- ♦ **July 3:** Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **July 5, 12, 19, 26:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM
- ♦ **July 11:** Quilting, 10 AM until...

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- June 25: Movie Matinee, 12 Noon
- July 24-29: ICYC—Jerry Martin Week

### *Sunday Bible Classes—June 26*

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women of the Bible, Lesson 14*

## 2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

6/19/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$13,766.79

BUDGET: + \$836.79 / YTD: + \$33,102.35