



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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ELDERS:

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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 6/26/16

Bible Class: 157
AM Worship: 204
PM Worship: 122
EMBF: \$160.00

WELCOME!



HESTER / PRESTON 70 AD Debate July 14–15, 7 PM

David Hester will debate Don Preston July 14-15 in Ardmore, OK at the Ardmore Convention Center. The propositions are:

Resolved: The Bible teaches that the Second (final) coming of Christ and the attendant resurrection of the just and the unjust, occurred at the time of the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70.

Affirm: Don K. Preston

Deny: David W. Hester

Resolved: The Bible teaches that the Second (final) coming of Christ and the attendant resurrection of the just and the unjust, is yet future, and will occur at the end of time.

Affirm: David W. Hester

Deny: Don K. Preston

Keep David in your prayers, first and foremost, that the Truth will prevail and hearts and minds will be changed.

You can register online to watch the debate live. Registration ends July 7. The link is below...and it is free.

<http://www.bibleprophecy.com/events-2/annual-ppw/watch-ppw-live/>

July 6th and 20th, David will be teaching the Eastern Meadows Auditorium Bible Class and discussing the debate.

FROM THE MINISTER:

Thanks again! Many thanks to all those who helped make last week's VBS as success. Many thanks to those who helped in various ways with June's Summer Sunday Nights emphasis on service.

Ten Questions. July's Summer Sunday Nights will begin this Sunday night. Each night two questions will be discussed. Those answering the questions during the month are Tim Gotkiewicz, Steve Housley, Paul Clements and David Hester. There will be no change to the order of the worship service, except for two men speaking about 15 minutes each to answer the question they have agreed to answer.

August's Summer Sunday Nights, "Come Let Us All Unite To Sing." You will have the opportunity to select songs you wish Eastern Meadows to learn, sing, or suggest a song that you would like to be studied as a part of the lesson on Sunday night. Just take the white sheet (some are on the Welcome Desk) and either give it to Steve Housley or put in the Sunday Night Service Box. Thanks for your help. All must be turned in by the end of July!

Website and YouTube!

Ron Hoskinson has set up an Eastern Meadows YouTube page! He already has David Hester's Revelation classes on the YouTube page. Thanks Ron for your work with the webpage and now YouTube.

Tuesday Night Together Begins This Week.

There is a meal at 6:30 p.m. and the classes, a ladies class and a men's class, begin at 7 p.m. The Tuesdays we will meet are June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26. After this the studies return to a once-a-month on a Monday night.

Preacher's Schedules. No I am not talking about myself, or Tim, or David. I am talking about Charlie Boddy, Paul Clements, and Jerry Martin. Charlie has recently started preaching on Sundays at the Tallassee church and will be there each Sunday morning and Sunday night. He has recently had several "Wednesday Summer Series" appointments at several churches. Paul continues on Sunday mornings at the Selmont church and Jerry continues on Sundays at the Lightwood church. We miss them all, but appreciate the good job they do and their commitment to the Lord and the preaching of the gospel!



WE ARE NOW ON 

• Check us out on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/EasternMeadows>

• Currently available videos are the Sunday Morning Bible studies with David Hester on the book of REVELATION

• Don't forget to subscribe to our channel

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: Who told king Ahasuerus of the plot against him? B) Esther

This week's question: Esther was the daughter of: A) Abimael; B) Abishua; C) Abihail



FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

VBS was a VERY busy, fun, and fulfilling week full of lessons and fun. Next year's VBS, we will be teaching about Jonah. I'm looking forward to it and I hope to see you there!

Jerry Martin's week of camp at ICYC is Sunday, July 24th to Friday, July 29th. Contact me by Wednesday, July 6th if you are interested in going; any registrations after then will be considered late and will have a 25 dollar fee added. Also note: if you attended AP week, you must pay 160 dollars to attend Jerry's week. DEADLINE: JULY 6th!!!

Pictured at right: Fun, Pizza, & Movie Matinee Time!



July Theme: "Ten Questions"

July 3rd Questions:

- 1) In times of trouble, what is God trying to tell me? **Tim Gotkiewicz**
- 2) I would ask God how are we supposed to act during church service (Like clapping during singing, standing and almost dancing). **Steve Housley**

ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/30/16

July 3, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:			
Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz	A.M.: Josh Cochran	A.M.: James Berry	A.M.: Allen Clements
P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz	P.M.: Austin Brown	P.M.: Banks Turner	P.M.: Allen Clements

SICK: MARCIA GRAVES is scheduled for back surgery today at Jackson Hospital. RANDY PORTERFIELD is recovering at home from surgery. MARSHA SUTTON is recovering at home following surgery. Prayers have been requested for LINDA STEELE, LeShawn Steele's mother and a friend of Gwen Mann, who is critically ill. Prayers have been requested for TREY HOLIDAY, ACA Chorus Director, who is very sick. Sick at home Sunday: LILLIE GALLOWAY, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, SHIRLEY HANCOCK, ALICE HANDLANG, JERRY PATTERSON. 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 (leukemia).

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): QUENTIN CROWE, DOROTHY STUBBS, KAREN KAEHR, TREY HOLIDAY, and SEAN LAWTON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARC MCDANIEL, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MARK CHAMBLESS, RICKY MORROW, MICHELLE MITCHELL, LINDA STEELE, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

JULY 3 NURSERY ATTENDANT: CECILIA PORTERFIELD & DAWN CHANDLER

AUGUST SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS: 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 white sheet to Steve Housley or put in the Sunday Night Service Box.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open positions: Faculty, Early Childhood - College of Education; Director for Graduate Programs - College of Education; Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball - Athletics; and Coordinator, Instructional Support Lab - Montgomery Campus. 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/>.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:



⇒ **July 10—Teams 1 & 2.** Both teams are to bring food, drinks, bread, and desserts. Team 1 is responsible for set-up and Team 2 is responsible for clean-up.

⇒ **July 24—Teams 3 & 4.** Both teams are to bring food, drinks, bread, and desserts. Team 3 is responsible for set-up and Team 4 is responsible for clean-up.

July Standby Team—Team 5: The Standby Team is the first responder for the food needs of the congregation (not just their team!) in cases of sickness and death.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **July 24-29:** ICYC—Jerry Martin Week

Congratulations to **WILL & LYDIA HODGE** who were recently married by Mark Posey. Will and Lydia have often visited with Eastern Meadows over the past year and were here this past Sunday!



Sunday Bible Classes—July 3

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women of the Bible, Lesson 15*

LADYBUGS

- ◆ **July 3:** Visitation Assignments
- ◆ **July 5, 12, 19, 26:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **July 11:** Quilting, 10 AM until...
- ◆ **July 16:** BLD Club Breakfast, 9 AM, Chappy's @ Peppertree
- ◆ **July 17:** Sign-up for "Night Out" Brunch—we must have a count!
- ◆ **July 23:** Night-Out Brunch, 10:30 AM–1 PM. Gwen Mann will speak on Mental Health and Breast Cancer. We will have the first presentation, a catered Salad/Sandwich lunch, then the second presentation. Please sign the list in the LadyBUGS' Room if you plan to attend. Turn in **\$8.00 to Tonna Johnson by Sunday, July 17th**, for the cost of the catered meal.

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

6/26/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$10,790.00 / BUDGET: - \$2,140.00 / YTD: \$30,962.86

26 Weeks Average YTD: \$14,120.86 - THANK YOU!

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is a period of time when we do not have to go to work. We can, rather, spend an enjoyable time doing what we like. Independence Day, of course, is our country's recognition of the founding fathers declaring their independence from Great Britain in 1776. It was a declaration by people in this "new-world," though not recognized by England. It was not until the end of the Revolutionary War in 1781 that Great Britain gave up the fight to retain her subject people on this continent.

Two hundred and forty years ago some well-educated (and not so well educated) men set in order a document that has stood the test of time. The Declaration of Independence (and the Constitution of the United States of America) stand as monuments to man's ability to establish a government by the people and for the people—all in liberty. Unfortunately, though, we live in a country now that seems to give little consideration to those two great monuments of man.



For a moment this holiday weekend give thoughtful consideration to what those people, who lived so many years ago, did to give you and me freedom today. They sacrificed their sacred honor to establish a government that now stands as a leader in this world of government's by man.

This form of liberty that we embrace pales, however, in comparison with a liberty that is greater than this world. Paul wrote to the Romans: "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself with the mind serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin" (7:24-25, EMTV). This is a sacred honor I stand up for, and am willing to die for. What about you?

--Ron Thomas, *BulletinGold Online*

My Feelings are Hurt – I Quit!

We've seen it time and time again. A Christian (or sometimes a non-Christian) who is usually found in attendance at worship or some church activity stops coming – no longer attends worship and won't be found at the clean-up day or potluck. Sometimes, it's sudden, but more often, the decline in attendance is gradual. A Wednesday night service is missed, then Sunday night, church outings, until the person no longer is seen anywhere with the Lord's people when they gather.

While there are numerous reasons for why this may occur, one commonly voiced reason is "hurt feelings" over one thing or another. For example: "I missed two Sundays in a row and nobody called to check on me." "I had surgery and nobody came to see me or even sent a card." "You know my loved one is ill and you didn't put his name on the prayer list." "The preacher doesn't care about

me; he only has time for 'important' members." "The Bible teacher disagreed with my remark." In this person's mind, the church is the offender and is filled with hypocrites who have hurt him and don't really care about him – or her. That's a questionable excuse we often hear.

I'm not defending hypocrisy. Of course, hypocrites must repent in order to be saved (Matthew 23:28; I Timothy 4:2; James 3:17). Jesus said that sinners will be appointed "...his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:51). To use hypocrites as an excuse for abandoning God is foolish. The presence of one or one hundred hypocrites has nothing to do with my relationship with God, unless I allow it! Let me ask: do we come to the assembly to judge our brethren (Matthew 7:1-2), or to worship our God (John 4:24)? Which is worse, to continue to worship and work faithfully with other imperfect saints, trying to get stronger, or to drop out and let the devil have our souls?

How do we win back those who quit over hurt feelings? If our initial approach is critical (We shake our finger and scream, "You're going to hell for quitting!"), we shouldn't be surprised if they get hostile. We might do better to gently remind them that it wasn't God who hurt their feelings. It makes no sense to take it out on Him when He has only blessed and helped us. Losing one's soul (the end result of quitting the church) is a high price to pay because we don't like a church member (Ephesians 4:32) – or because we think they don't like us. When tempted to give up over hurt feelings, we might ask ourselves four questions:

- Did anyone spit on me? They did on Jesus (Mt. 26:67).
- Did anyone beat me on the back? They did on Him (Mk. 15:15).
- Did anyone force a crown of thorns down upon my head? They did on Him (Mt. 27:29).
- Did anyone hang me on a cross? They did Jesus (Mk. 15:25).

They did all these things to Him and more. Yet He never lost focus on honoring His Father's will. May we never lose focus over something much more trivial.

-- R. W. McAlister, *BulletinGold Online*

Is God Really Going to Punish The Wicked?

Hell, it seems, has lost a lot of its fire over the last few decades, and perhaps even through recent centuries. The reason for this lies in the fact that mankind has forgotten one simple precept: God hates sin, and He will punish those who refuse to repent and turn to Him. When you deny the existence of hell, you deny the Bible. When you overemphasize attributes like love and mercy, and neglect attributes like wrath and justice, you deny God. While God most certainly is a God of love and mercy, He is also a God of vengeance (Deuteronomy 7:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9). It does not take long to find proof of this; simply read Genesis, and you will find two major events in the first 19 chapters. Genesis 19 records the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as the neighboring cities in the valley, on account of their great wickedness. Prior to this is the greatest catastrophe this planet has ever seen – the great flood. Genesis 6-7 details the account of the flood that destroyed "all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land..." (Genesis 7:22 NKJV), man and animal, because of sin. Since the Bible unequivocally declares that the wicked will be punished, it behooves us as Christians to make sure that we warn as many as we can, and show them the way to safety. "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (2 Corinthians 5:11).

– Thomas Baxley, *Gospel Gazette Online*