



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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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
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 6/5/16

Bible Class: 140
AM Worship: 198
PM Worship: 107
EMBF: \$282.00

WELCOME!

ICYC: AP Week

June 5—10, 2016



Cassidy Brown

Miranda Porterfield

Landon Evans

Sydney Roberts

Turner Johnston

Banks Sewell

Gracie Johnston

Mary Vander Sewell

Deonta Kelly

Norton Sewell

Ammaly Khantisouriya

Tim Gotkiewicz

SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS

⇒ June Theme: *“Improving Your Serve.”*

⇒ July Theme: *“Ten Questions.”*

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

FROM THE MINISTER:

A Big Thank You To Those Who Helped With The Area-Wide Singing. The Area-Wide Singing is a joy, but it can be a lot of work. Tim Gotkiewicz and his crew worked hours... literally six hours or more on Friday. They also were working in the heat...the kitchen can be hot, and especially if you are cooking and they were cooking. Tim's crew was Youth and College. Thank you all! Thanks to Dean for working with the Singing. He has done this for several years, and always does a good job. Thanks Dean!



Tim Gotkiewicz and Turner Johnston working in the kitchen to prepare for the Area Wide Singing last Friday night.

June Sunday Summer Nights!

This June we are having an emphasis on Service. We want each to IMPROVE YOUR SERVE. Each of the next Sunday Nights we will be consider specific areas of service. For the next two Sunday evenings, a part of the time the women will go to the Fellowship Hall and consider specifically some areas of Ladies service, while the men consider some areas of Men's service. It will be a unique order of service, but worthwhile to consider these areas of service.

July Sunday Summer Nights! I am still taking questions to be considered during July's *Ten Questions*. You can give these questions to me directly or put them in the Sunday Night Service Box.

The Joy of Food and Fellowship! This was the first congregational fellowship meal in 10 years where we all brought food. And there was food aplenty! And good! And great to visit. Thanks to all who brought food, and set up, and cleaned up.

Invite! Please be inviting. And please be greeting, letting our visitors know how much we appreciate them being at Eastern Meadows.

Great Start! Sunday was a great start to David Hester's *Revelation* class and we all enjoyed his lesson during morning worship. *David will be speaking this Sunday morning as well.* I appreciate him speaking this coming Sunday with me being away all week due to Tish's Mom's passing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/9/16

SICK: MARSHA SUTTON is recovering at home following surgery on Tuesday. HELEN DILL is in Jackson Hospital, but hopes to go home Friday with home health care. LOURINE BLACK was in the hospital, but returned to John Knox on Wednesday. Prayers have been requested for SEAN LAWTON, who is suffering with back pain. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, RUSS CHANDLER, SARA CLEMENTS, LUKE FERRELL, AARON FERRELL, RYAN GOTKIEWICZ FAMILY, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, and RON & DIANNE HOSKINSON, and WILMA MILLICAN. 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, KAREN KAEHR, and SEAN LAWTON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARC MCDANIEL, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MARK CHAMBLESS, RICKY MORROW, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to George & Vera Dekle in the passing of Vera's sister, MYRTLE FLOWERS. Myrtle was also Debbie Slauson's great-aunt. The funeral was Tuesday at Evangel Church in Montgomery.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Steve & Tish Housley and family in the passing of Tish's mother, IMOGENE DOLD, Sunday morning. Imogene was also the grandmother of Beth Bass and Brooks Housley. The funeral is today in West Plains, Missouri.

JUNE 12 NURSERY ATTENDANTS: HALEY STEELMAN & KAREN OSBORNE

BUSINESS EAT & MEET: There will be a Business Meeting for all the Men of the Congregation June 12, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7.

SHEPHERD'S TALK: The Shepherd's will give a report of Eastern Meadows' business news and current events immediately following the AM worship service this Sunday, June 12.

SET-UP FELLOWSHIP HALL: Following this Sunday's AM worship service, help is needed in readying the fellowship hall to accommodate the ladies for Sunday night's service and the following weekend. All who can help are asked to meet in the fellowship hall after dismissal Sunday morning.

SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS! July Sunday Nights theme is *Ten Questions*. Turn in your question to Steve Housley or put in the Sunday Night Service Box.



MUSEUM TRIP: A trip is being planned for ages 4-12 year olds 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. Teachers will be at the building with children until pick-up. A count must be turned in, so all who plan to go—chaperones and children—must let Tish Housley know by this Sunday, June 12.

VBS: Dalraida Church of Christ VBS will be June 19—22 with the theme, "SOUL WARS: The Force of GOD." Sunday, 5—6:30 PM, and Monday—Wednesday, 6:30—8 PM. Classes for all ages.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Office Manager - Executive and Professional Enrollment. 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.



Allie Ward's 1st Sunday in Cradle Roll Bible Class.
Are you in Bible Class?

June 12, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:			
Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Steve Sewell	A.M.: Charlie Boddy	A.M.: Ted Norton	A.M.: Alan Kaye
P.M.: Steve Sewell	P.M.: Mike Norman	P.M.: Brooks Housley	P.M.: Alan Kaye

LADYBUGS

- ♦ **June 17:** BLD Club Dinner, 6 PM, Cuco's on Chantilly Pkwy. Please sign-up by June 15 on list in LadyBUGS Room. ALL ladies are invited, even if you have not signed the list.
- ♦ **June 26:** Secret LadyBUGS Reveal Dinner, 6 PM
- ♦ **June 28:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **June 19-23:** VBS

Sunday Bible Classes—June 12

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies:

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women of the Bible, Lesson 12*

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

6/5/16 CONTRIBUTION: **\$13,117.00**

BUDGET: **+\$187.00** / YTD: **+\$20,087.56**

THE RESTORATION PLEA

“The restoration was to consist in holding precisely and only what is taught in the word of God, and in founding our practices strictly thereon...To believe precisely what the Scriptures teach, to practice only what they enjoy, and to reject everything else.”

So said Moses E. Lard, one of the great preachers of the 19th century. All too often we use the terms “Restoration Movement” and “Restoration Plea” without explanation, assuming that everyone understands what the terms mean. However, that assumption can no longer be made. There have been many attempts in recent years to rewrite Restoration history (One such example: using the term “Stone-Campbell Movement” instead of “Restoration Movement” — a subtle attempt to cast churches of Christ in a denominational context, with Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell as the founders. Another is the trend to use the words “sectarian” and “sectarianism” to describe those who hold true to the New Testament. Until the late 20th century, those words referred to denominationalism).

What Lard expressed was simply a summation of 1 Peter 4:11: “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God.” How can one say what God has said, on any matter, without going back to the word of God? When one accepts any part of Scripture as an authoritative rule of faith and practice, he has accepted the Restoration Principle—returning to the Bible for all religious matters—regardless of how little he accepts.

In the long ago, the prophet Jeremiah wrote, “Thus saith the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord” (Jer. 17:5). This verse summarizes the desire of many of our day—to turn away from what the will of the Lord requires. The Restoration Plea calls for all people to return to the Lord’s way in everything religious: “Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls” (Jer. 6:16).

This is what the great pioneer preachers of yesteryear proclaimed. This is what *we* must proclaim, for it is what the New Testament declares. For true restoration to take place, we must go back—not to Rome, not to Constantinople, not to Mecca, but to Jerusalem! We *can*, and we *must*, be about the business of restoring pure New Testament Christianity in the 21st century!

--David Hester

VBS

June 20—23, 2016

9:30—11:30 AM

Ages 4yrs through 6th Grade

QUEEN ESTHER

Beauty and the Belief



VBS REGISTRATION

Be sure to go by the VBS Table and get registered for VBS! Feel free to take some registration forms to register the friends you will be bringing. Also, take some VBS invitation postcards to mail to your friends. Be inviting!

Pictured Below, LtoR: Sara Clements, Mason Hatch, Baker Pouncey, Brayden Brown, and Shirley Kaye.



BE THERE!!!

Much work and preparation for VBS is ongoing.

Mark your calendars and plan to be there! And bring others!

Pictured above: Sarah Housley decorating her classroom for VBS.

VBS

Lies

A lie can only be covered up with more lies.

Truthful lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment. Proverbs 12:19

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death. Proverbs 21:6

Deceit can only be concealed by more deceit.

Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put devious lips far from you. Proverbs 4:24

The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, but the folly of fools is deceit. Proverbs 14:8

Truth, on the other hand, needs no cover.

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. Ephesians 4:25

Truth is not the best policy, it's the only policy.

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs 3:3

Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding. Proverbs 23:23

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight. Proverbs 12:22

--Ron Adams, *BulletinGold Online*

Have I Waited Too Long?

Tuesday morning I went to get the oil changed in my car because it was long past due. So I finally woke up early one morning and drove to Wal-Mart to have them take care of it. As I sat and watched the men prepare to work I noticed one of them shaking his head from left to right. I began to wonder if he was shaking his head because I had waited so long to get my oil changed. To me, it was not that big of a deal, I was just a thousand miles over the suggested mileage for a change. But to him, I'm sure it was a big deal. My last guilty thought was, "I wonder if I have waited too long and done damage to my car."

Isn't that how some of us are tempted to be with the Lord? We have only gone a little over the limit with this sin or that. We have only missed a couple of worship services this month. We have only skipped two or three opportunities to help someone who was hurting. And you know, those things may not seem that bad to us in the moment. You may be saying to yourself, there is no need to make any drastic changes right now, I'm getting by. I have to ask the question, do you just want to "get by" as a Christian?

I can't help but think of Paul and what he said to the Thessalonian Christians in 1 Thessalonians 5:2. He said, "For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (ESV, emphasis added). The Christians were fully aware that Jesus could return at any moment to judge the world. I want to believe they were people who made changes as soon as they noticed a need. Look at your life. Are you simply getting by? Have you put off making changes that you know are needed? In view of eternity, put your obedient trust in God and he will love, forgive, and save you in the end. Do not live in fear of the question, "Have I waited too long?"

--Austin Johnson, *BulletinGold Online*