



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 21, 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 7/17/16

Bible Class: 144
AM Worship: 208
PM Worship: 125
EMBF: \$113.00

WELCOME!



HESTER / PRESTON DEBATE VIDEOS

The David Hester / Don Preston 70 AD Debate was held July 14 & 15 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. You can watch the videos at:

<http://www.tikilive.com/video/803105>

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY **Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund** **JULY 31ST**

Sunday, July 31, is "Benevolence Sunday." On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution is taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. This is to be separate from the regular contribution. The special contribution will be used exclusively for benevolence work. Checks for this effort should be made out to: EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. Envelopes marked "EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND" will be provided for those who wish to contribute to this effort in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

—Don Brannan, for the elders

FROM THE MINISTER:

Ten Questions. Thanks to Tim Gotkiewicz and Paul Clements for helping answer the questions you have turned in for July's Summer Sunday Nights. Paul Clements and David Hester will be answering this Sunday's questions and David Hester will answer the final two questions at the end of the month. Thanks brothers!

August Summer Sunday Nights. Thanks to many of you for turning in song requests for the month of August. Though several have been turned in, we have four Sunday nights and can take plenty of requests! Just turn in the white sheet to me or put it in the Sunday Night Service Box.

Pray For Our Country. For all the troubles that our country is experiencing the only true answer to our problems is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Be sure you live worthy of the Lord (Col. 1:10) and be sure to share your faith as you have/make opportunity (Philemon 6).

Remember the Little Song. "Gloom, Despair, and Agony On Me." You can find a video of this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAAKPJEq1Ew>. In spite of troubles in the world and personal troubles someone might have *there is no reason to sing this song*. Remember, our joy is in the Lord! And if you did not grow up watching "Hee Haw," you might want to educate yourself on this piece of Americana.

Gone. I have been at the Rose Hill church July 6 and the Liberty church July 13 speaking at Wednesday Night Speaker Series. I will be at Indian Creek Youth Camp Wednesday, July 27.

July's Summer Sunday Nights: Ten Questions, July 24

1. John 3:16 says God loved the world. 1 John 2:15 tells us not to love the world. Why does God love the world and we are not to love the world? The earth is a planet. How does the word "world" fit in? We live in this world, we live on the planet. *These questions and statements will be considered by Paul Clements.*
2. Why isn't abuse a reason to divorce and remarry? *This question will be considered by David Hester.*



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Eastern Meadows Twitter page is again active. We are tweeting out a verse about prayer in the morning for now, with other verses to come later. We are re-tweeting many articles from church of Christ organizations (House to House, Focus Press, Gospel Advocate etc.) and individuals (Neal Pollard, Michael Whitworth, and Phil Sanders). Also we are sending out notifications when new videos are available on YouTube from Eastern Meadows. We hope to expand on what we can do with Twitter as well as Facebook. If you have a Twitter account, we would like for you to follow us. If you do not have a Twitter account, why not sign up for a new account and follow Eastern Meadows church of Christ.



FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to camp this Sunday. We look forward to our daily Bible lessons, our worship of God, the friendships we'll make along with the ones we'll rekindle, the sports, the food, and the week of no electronics!

ICYC: Jerry Martin Week - July 24—29

Attending:

Tim Gotkiewicz

Grace Mount

Genesis Kelly

A.J. Nichols

Sally Gotkiewicz

Luke Ferrell

Jamya Kelley



TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: Paul told the Christians at Philippi: "Let your _____ be known to all men. The Lord is at hand." C) gentleness (Philippians 4:5)

This week's question: What did many people do after Mordecai made the decree that let the Jews protect themselves? A) Left the kingdom; B) Became Jews; C) Joined the Army



ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/21/16

July 24, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: David Hester

P.M.: Dean Norton

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Bagents

P.M.: Banks Sewell

Singing:

A.M.: Mike Norman

P.M.: Mike Norman

SICK: FRANCIS NELSON suffered a broken foot in a fall Sunday morning. AARON FERRELL is scheduled for oral surgery July 27. DIXIE BRANNAN is recovering at home following surgery and requests no visitors at this time. MARCIA GRAVES, RANDY PORTERFIELD, and MARSHA SUTTON continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: ANNEGENE DAVIS, VI ENGLISH, MARGARET GRAVES, and DAVID HESTER. 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, JEWEL BARNES, RED & LANETTE TAYLOR. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): QUENTIN CROWE, DOROTHY STUBBS, KAREN KAEHR, LAURA MAE NICHOLS, SEAN LAWTON, JAMI GOLDEN, KYLE & CAROLE THOMASSON, FRED SMITH, and BEN MEDINA (Sr.). (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARC MCDANIEL, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MICHELLE MITCHELL, LINDA STEELE, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Cecil May, Jr. and family in the passing of his wife, WINNIE, Sunday morning. A memorial service was held Tuesday at University church of Christ and the funeral was Thursday in Fulton, MS.

JULY 24 NURSERY ATTENDANT: LORI HAGAN & JACQUE HAGAN

ADD BIRTHDAY: BRENDA HESTER'S birthday is Friday, July 22nd. Happy Birthday, Brenda!



FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Teams 3 & 4 will host the Fellowship Meal this Sunday, July 24, following the AM worship service. There will not be a meal July 31.

TUESDAY-NIGHTS-TOGETHER: T-N-T's last session is July 26, 6:30 p.m. eat & 7 p.m. class.

AUGUST CALENDAR: All events for the August Calendar must be turned in by July 24 to Wilma Berry.

VBS: Redland Road Church of Christ will have VBS Wednesday–Sunday, July 27–31, with the theme, "The Voyage." Wednesday–Saturday, 7-8:30 PM; Sunday, 9 AM (last VBS class).

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY AT REDLAND ROAD: Redland Road Church of Christ invites you to "Friends & Family Day" July 31. Bible Class, (last VBS class), 9 AM; Morning Worship, 10 AM with Dinner on the Grounds immediately following; VBS Awards; Evening Worship, 1 PM.

AUGUST SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS: 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.

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE: Mount Dora Children's Home is having their annual Food & Supply Drive. The truck will pick-up in our area the week of September 12-16. Place items in the box in the hallway behind the auditorium. Please give money and/or gift cards to Wilma Berry. See the attachment for a list of items needed.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

July 24—Teams 3 (Gotkiewicz) & 4 (Simpson). 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 (Mathews). The Standby Team is the first responder for the food needs of the congregation (not just their team!) in cases of sickness and death.

LADYBUGS

- ♦ **July 26:** T-N-T, 6:30/7 PM
- ♦ **Aug. 2:** Quilting, 10 AM until... Bring your lunch!
- ♦ **Aug. 7:** Visitation Assignments

Sunday Bible Classes—July 24

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women, Lesson 18*

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

7/17/16 CONTRIBUTION: \$12,722.50 / BUDGET: -\$207.50 / YTD: +\$31,207.42

'STAND YOUR GROUND'

This controversial law has been in the news of late. There are pros for and nays against this law probably because of the abuse of it in some instances. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia defines the

'Stand Your Ground' law as follows: "A **stand-your-ground law** is a type of *self-defense law* that gives individuals the right to use deadly force to defend themselves without any requirement to evade or retreat from a dangerous situation. It is law in certain jurisdictions within the United States. The basis may lie in either statutory law or *common law* precedents or both." "Forty-six states in the United States have adopted the castle doctrine, that a person has no duty to retreat whatsoever when their home is attacked. Twenty-two states go a step further, removing the duty of retreat from other locations outside the home. Such "stand your ground", "Line in the Sand" or "No Duty to Retreat" laws thus state that a person has no duty or other requirement to abandon a place in which he has a right to be, or to give up ground to an assailant. Under such laws, there is no duty to retreat from anywhere the defender may legally be."

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes".
(Ephesians 6:10-11)

Would you be surprised to learn that the Lord Jesus Christ requires every Christian to "Stand Your Ground" when threatened by a certain enemy and his devices? In fact, the expression, "stand your ground" is in the Bible. Please read this passage of Scripture found in the writings of the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:10-14: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can **take your stand** against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand your ground**, and after you have done everything, to **stand. Stand firm...**".

It is without controversy that the battle line in our country is becoming more and more evident between believers in God and His Holy Word regarding what is right and what is wrong; what is pure, holy and sacred and that which is carnal, worldly and sinful. There is a vast difference between the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. The Savior Jesus Christ is the Captain of our salvation who leads His army of defenders of truth and righteousness. Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of mankind is the ruler over the opposing army composed of those who would destroy man's faith in God and His Word.

The forces of evil propagate the doctrine that men can marry men and women can marry women. That it is fine for unmarried couples to live together in a sexual relationship. Also, the life of an unborn child can be 'legally' aborted. That it is acceptable to believe there are many ways to travel religiously even in the belief of a multiplicity of 'saviors and gods'. Or, there is no proof that God Almighty exist. The devil has influenced society to believe that there is no objective truth and one cannot be sure of anything except that which pleases self, etc.

Soldiers of Christ must remember that the armor of God provides no protection for one in retreating from the battle with the forces of evil. Therefore, we must **stand our ground**. The only offensive weapon that we have is "the sword of the Spirit" which is the "word of God". Christians remember the words of the apostle Paul as found in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ..."

May we take courage in the lyrics of an ancient hymn that was written by the Reformer, Martin Luther when he bravely fought against the evil and corruption of his day.

--Raymond Elliott

Choosing That Good Part

Fall Retreat



Encouragement from Ephesians

October 13-15, 2016

Indian Creek Youth Camp - Oakman, Alabama

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