



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 7, 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 7/3/16

Bible Class: 168
AM Worship: 229
PM Worship: 166
EMBF: \$272.00

WELCOME!



HESTER / PRESTON 70 AD Debate July 14–15, 2016

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. The link is below...and it is free.

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

FROM THE MINISTER:

Lots of Visitors. Visitors last Sunday were from Japan, Colorado, Florida, Texas, South Carolina, Georgia, and Arkansas, as well as Pike Road, Montgomery, Wetumpka, and Ramer. It is always great to have visitors at Eastern Meadows. I wish we had that many visitors every Sunday!

Great Crowd Sunday. It was good to see above average crowds at both Sunday morning and Sunday evening. And while there were many visitors Sunday morning, the Sunday evening crowd was primarily "us" but more of "us" than usual.

Thank You Tim. Tim Gotkiewicz gave an excellent answer to the question about "In times of trouble what is God telling us?" on Sunday night. If you did not hear it, please listen on line or ask for a copy of the CD.

July 10 SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

1. Will we still have a free will when we reach heaven? What will the Christian's heavenly agenda be when we are all welcomed home? "In grade school the Sunday School teacher said the sky was the end of space. I have spent many a year wondering, 'Where is heaven?'" (Paul Clements will answer this question).
2. Acts 17:30 says, "And the time of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Godly, good, religious people that were never taught the whole truth, and died as a believer will spend eternity in heaven or hell. The question spans centuries and generations of most Christian's ancestors or genealogies." Why do people disrespect and fail to acknowledge the necessity and importance of Acts 2:38? (Steve Housley will answer this question).



TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: Esther was the daughter of Abihail (Esther 9:29)

This week's question: Who was Ruth's first husband? A) Mahlon; B) Chilion; C) Boaz



FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER:

Jerry Martin's week of camp at ICYC is Sunday, July 24th to Friday, July 29th. If you plan to attend, but haven't registered or contacted me about it, see me immediately!!!

Teens - Join the Eastern Meadows WWF! Our Wednesday Work Force will be serving by mowing and edging on Wednesday morning. Please plan to help out; I'll provide the details to those interested in helping.

July 10, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Brooks Housley

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: David Hester

P.M.: Allen Clements

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Roy Mulkey

P.M.: Banks Sewell

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/7/16

SICK: TAM LOWERY is scheduled for out-patient surgery today, July 7. CHARLOTTE PATTERSON will undergo a heart catheterization today, July 7. MARCIA GRAVES and RANDY PORTERFIELD are recovering from surgery. It was good to see MARSHA SUTTON at church Sunday as she continues to recover from surgery. Prayers have been requested for JAMI GOLDEN, an ACA graduate (daughter of veterinarian, Dr. Golden), who is in ICU in critical condition in north Georgia. TREY HOLIDAY, ACA Chorus Director, has greatly improved. Sick at home Sunday: DIXIE BRANNAN, BILL EVANS, MARGARET GRAVES, FRANCES NELSON, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, and LOUISE STEVENS. 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: TIM, KRISTY, & MASON HATCH will have extended travels in July with Tim's work taking him to Australia, New Zealand, and Indonesia (Bali). They request prayers for their safety while they are away.

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 10 NURSERY ATTENDANT: COURTNEY COCHRAN & MIRANDA PORTERFIELD

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: This Sunday, July 10, Team 1 (Porterfield) & Team 2 (Bush) will host the meal following morning worship service. Team 1 is responsible for set-up and Team 2 is responsible for clean-up.

SECOND SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: The Young Professionals/Young Families class will meet after evening services this Sunday, July 10, at The Shrimp Basket for dinner. See Brooks or Sarah Housley for more information.

TUESDAY-NIGHTS-TOGETHER: T-N-T continues on July 12, 19, & 26. FOR ALL. 6:30 p.m. eat. 7 p.m. class.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Alexander City church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, July 15, 7 PM.

LADYBUGS B-L-D CLUB BREAKFAST: The LadyBUGS Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner Club will meet for breakfast on Saturday, July 16, 9 AM at Chappy's Deli at Peppertree on Vaughn Road. Please sign the list in the LadyBUGS room if you would like to go. **ALL ladies are invited to attend even if your name is not on the list. Please join us if you can for good food and good fellowship!**

WOMEN'S DAY: There will be a Women's Day at Legrand church of Christ Saturday, July 16, 9 AM—12 noon. Antoinette Murray will be speaking on the theme, "Fill My Cup Lord." Located at 5911 Butler Mill Road, Montgomery, AL. For more information contact Janice Stevenson, 334.313.8855, or Gert Myricks, 334.819.0288.

AUGUST SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS: July Summer Sunday Nights is *Ten Questions* and the questions you have turned in will be answered in July. 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.

WE'RE ON YOUTUBE: Check us out on YouTube at: <http://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.



⇒ July Theme: "*Ten Questions.*"

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

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.

We have classes for ALL ages. Are you in Bible Class?

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LADYBUGS

- ◆ **July 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. Sign-up list in LadyBUGS Room.
- ◆ **July 23:** 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 by July 17 if you plan to attend. Turn in **\$8.00** to Tonna Johnson, for the cost of the catered meal.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **July 24-29: ICYC—Jerry Martin Week.** If you plan to attend, let Tim G. know immediately.

Sunday Bible Classes—July 10

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women of the Bible, Lesson 16*

2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

7/3/16 CONTRIBUTION: **\$13,778.57** / BUDGET: **+\$848.57** / YTD: **+\$31,810.92**

I Am Well Pleased

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt 3:16-17 (NKJV)

Jesus began His public ministry at age 30. Up until that time we have little information about His life. This acknowledgement tells us how He lived. It was in a manner that pleased the Father. He lived righteously without sin. Even though tempted in all points as we, He remained holy.

Some day we all hope to hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant enter now into the joy of the Lord (Matt. 25:24 edited). In order for that to happen, we must live righteously, repent of our sins and follow the holy way of Jesus. We must be pleasing to the Father.

--Charlie Gamble, *BulletinGold*

The Handprint

Mark 10:13-16. People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Recently a friend wrote the following statement relative to her five year old little boy: "*Cleaning today getting ready for family to come for the holidays I saw a dirty little handprint next to the light switch. I almost wiped it away, but something stopped me quickly. I realized how precious that little handprint is, it shows that my little boy is alive and healthy in this home. I thought how badly I'd miss that little hand if it were suddenly taken from me. Guess what? For this season there's a little handprint stain on my wall. I love it there. My house may not be spic and span but that's because a family lives here and we may be too busy hugging, laughing or sometimes arguing, to always sweep or mop. But on my death bed, I bet I don't say, "man, I should've cleaned more".*"

Wow, what a statement of love, and concern, for little children!

We live in an age where we see a lot of unruly children. Sadly, many of them have grown into

their teen years and are even more unruly. What's more, many of them will grow into adulthood with an even more, unruly lifestyle. But, you know what? It doesn't have to be that way if we give them the proper love and understanding they need when they are young. Proverbs 22:6 tells us that we should train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

If we truly love and nurture our children; if we teach them the ways of the Lord; if we show patience and yet instill discipline, when they are still small, they will, likely, grow up to be individuals that we can be proud of and that will please God.

Anyway, the manner with which my friend handled the "hand smudge" problem, prompted me to take pen in hand and write the following poem:

THE HANDPRINT

Today I found a hand print,
That I started to wipe away,
But something said "don't do it"
You'll be happy you didn't some day.

That dirty little hand print,
Looks so bad there on the wall,
But what if there were no little child,
To put it there, at all!

Children are so precious,
We love them all so much,
So why get upset,
When we see a smudgy touch?

So innocently was it put there,
As they went about their play,
Able to run, and jump and yell,
And all the other stuff they can do today.

Tomorrow holds no promise,
For what a child can do,
Or even if he'll be here,
This is a fact that's true.

So cherish the child each day,
Hold them close and hug,
Tell them that you love them,
And cherish that hand print smudge.



By Roy A. Crutcher, via *BulletinGold*

If I Had a Million Dollars

A Texas farmer, who was a Christian, said one day that if he had a million dollars, he would give it to the church. A few months later oil was found on his property and almost overnight, he became a millionaire. The church of which he was a member suddenly fell on hard times financially and approached this brother about some financial aid. He then said, "You know when I didn't have that money, I wanted to give it all away to the church. Now that I have it, I no longer have that desire." Many a man has had the desire to obey God at one time in his life but put it off long enough to lose that desire. Hearts do get hard. Paul said in Hebrews 3:13, "Exhort one another day by day, while it is called today, lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."



—John Stacy, *Gospel Gazette Online*