



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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August 25, 2016

### ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Don Brannan  
Ted Norton

### DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
Steve Housley  
Wayne Johnston  
Jimmy Mathews  
Roy Mulkey  
Randy Porterfield  
Jeff Simpson

### MINISTERS:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth & College  
David Hester, Education & Involvement  
Steve Housley, Pulpit

### 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 8/21/16

Bible Class: 155  
AM Worship: 188  
PM Worship: 126  
EMBF: \$128.00

**WELCOME!**

## 2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00

### 8/21/16—CONTRIBUTION: \$11,637.00

### BUDGET: - \$1,293.00

### YTD: + \$30,040.42

### Weekly Average Contribution: \$13,813.55

## FELLOWSHIP

### MEAL SCHEDULE:



**August 28:** Teams 2 (Bush) & 3 (Gotkiewicz). Both teams are to bring food, drinks, bread, and desserts. Team 2 is responsible for set-up and Team 3 is responsible for clean-up.

**Team 4 (Simpson) - August Standby Team:** The Standby Team is the first responder for the food needs of the congregation (not just their team!) in cases of sickness and death.

## Sunday Bible Classes—August 28

**Auditorium:** Revelation—David Hester; **Young Ladies:** Parables of Jesus; **Experienced Ladies:** OT Women, Lesson 23

## FROM THE MINISTER:

### Welcome David and Bonnie to Eastern Meadows.

Wednesday night, August 16, we announced DAVID and BONNIE WARREN placing membership at Eastern Meadows. David and Bonnie came to us from the University church, but live very close to the EM building. David was born in Detroit, MI but grew up in Owensboro, KY. Bonnie was born and reared in Miami, FL. David is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University, Harding Graduate School of Religion (now Harding School of Theology) and Harvard University (Th.D). Bonnie is an R.N. and they met in Memphis, Tennessee. Bonnie enjoys cooking and David enjoys lifting weights and language studies. You will enjoy getting to know David and Bonnie. Give them a big Eastern Meadows welcome!



David & Bonnie Warren

**Read all about Polishing the Pulpit.** <http://polishingthepulpit.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/PTP-2016-Schedule.pdf> If you go to this url, you can look at what we had opportunity to be a part of this week. Now part of the reason for giving you the url is to encourage you to attend next year. It is wonderful to be a part of the 4,100+ who attend. By the way, there were 3,100+ in the Sunday morning assembly. There were also hundreds who attended churches in Knoxville, Sevierville, and Gatlinburg.

**Tish taught the 5 year olds.** Several of you helped Tish get the materials ready for her class room. Ted Norton and Eastern Meadows helped provide the materials and snacks for the children. She had 69 five year olds registered with about 52 as the largest number in her class at any one time (so far). She has been busy!

**Beautiful Conversion Story.** One preacher told about how he and his wife were young and married and not Christians. In fact, he had little interest in becoming a Christian. At the time they were living in Pennsylvania and a



group of campaigners came in "knocking doors." His wife agreed to study the Bible and became a Christian. Eventually he became a Christian. This man is Keith Mosher who has taught at Memphis School of Preaching for many years, training hundreds of men to be preachers. And all of this came from someone knocking on his door.

**Some quotes from Saturday and Sunday:** Two disclaimers: 1) As you read these quotes, be aware that you are not reading them in context, you are only reading a snippet from a 40 minute lesson. 2) The quotes that *matter* are quotes from the Bible. That said, read some of the things we heard at PTP.

"If people need fixing, get them to Jesus the physician as soon as possible." (Eric Owen).

"The greatest threat to marriage is leaving God's design." (Eric Owen).

Phrase heard that is to be avoided, "Spiritual anorexia." (Mark Posey).

Apply to the Bible, "We cannot be influenced by what we do not know" (Mark Posey).

We need our "minds perpetually programmed with the data of God's word" (Mark Posey).

"Because this devoted wife, during the 'for worse' times, reached back to her promise without regret, reached deep down to her commitment without hesitation, reached out to her husband with compassion, she now can fill her void with the pleasant memories of 'for better' times" (Jerry Martin).

"There are some people who will always be Christians but will never be happy about it" (John DeBerry).

"If we don't preach it, who will preach it? If we don't teach it, who will teach it? If we don't stand, who will stand?" (John DeBerry)

"Don't be so concerned about giving your children what you did not have, that you will fail to give them what you did have" (James DeBerry).

"Where will you be when you get where you are going?" (Dan Winkler)

"A man says I have been through the Bible 52 times. But how many times has the Bible been through him" (Mike Vestal).

## August's Summer Sunday Nights: "Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing"

*Songs You Requested That Will Be Sung Sunday Night, August 28:*

Bless the Lord	Revive Us Again
Blessed Be Your Name	I Come To The Garden Alone
Days of Elijah	My God and I
A Shield About me	The End of the Way
Surround Us Lord	Find Us Faithful
Light the Fire	The Lord Bless You and Keep You

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/25/16

**August 28, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

**A.M.: Austin Brown**

**P.M.: Austin Brown**

**Opening Prayer:**

**A.M.: David Hester**

**P.M.: Ted Norton**

**Closing Prayer:**

**A.M.: Dean Norton**

**P.M.: Tim Hatch**

**Singing:**

**A.M.: Jon Timbes**

**P.M.: Jon Timbes**

**SICK:** BARBARA NORMAN is scheduled for more tests this week. VIOLET ENGLISH was to be released from the hospital this week, but will remain in Opelika. FRANCES NELSON is now home from rehab as she continues to recover from a broken foot. FRED SMITH, Veotha Smith's husband, is now home and continues therapy. ALICE HANDLANG had surgery to install a stent Wednesday, Aug. 24. PAUL CLEMENTS will have a heart catheterization today, August 25. JOY DAVIS is dealing with pain from bulging discs and scoliosis and will see a doctor in Bir-

mingham on Monday. NEOSHIA SIMMONS has been very sick at home. DOROTHY HICKS, MELANIE BUSH, DIXIE BRANNAN and MARCIA GRAVES continue to recover from surgery. ROSIE PRICE, James Berry's sister, is in Prattville Baptist Hospital. Sick at home Sunday: WESLEY BERRY, LAWRENCE DEES, LLOYD DEES, KALLIE FUTRAL, LAWSON FUTRAL, MARGARET GRAVES, LEIGH SANDLIN, and MARIAN SIKES. 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.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Jarrod Owens and the family of Dennis and Jamie T. Sanders at the sudden and unexpected death of KATELYN SANDERS OWENS on Saturday. She was only 24 and just gave birth to their daughter Addison Elizabeth two and a half weeks ago. Dennis Sanders preaches at Grady church of Christ. There will be a memorial service held this Saturday, Aug. 27, 2 PM, at Dalraida church of Christ.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues): DOROTHY STUBBS, KYLE & CAROLE THOMASSON, FRED SMITH, and LENDA JOHNSON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MICHELLE MITCHELL, WALTER SIEVERS, LINDA STEELE, JAN KELLEHER, MARC MCDANIEL, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

**AUGUST 28 NURSERY ATTENDANT:** THERESA MULKEY & HOLLY THOMASSON

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Thursday Bible Class begins next week, Sept. 1, 10:30 AM. The study will be "Genesis".

**LET'S SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE!** We have several of our number that are recovering from surgery, falls, injuries, or serious illness. We will be sending gift bags filled with treats to brighten their day and remind them that we miss them. In addition to the items listed below, please take a minute to write each of these people a note that can be included in each bag. A list of names is available in the LadyBUGS' Room where you will also find index cards available that can be used to write these notes if you wish. Please leave all items in the designated area in the LadyBUGS' Room no later than, Sunday, September 4. We will prepare 12 - 15 baskets. **NO PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE!** *Suggested Items:* Puzzle books, Pens, Note pads, Hard candy (individually wrapped), Chewing gum, Tissues, Salty snacks (individually wrapped), Sweet snacks (individually wrapped), Lip balm (chapstick), Note cards.



**MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE:** Place items in the box in the midway foyer by Sept. 11th. Money and/or gift cards for Mount Dora may be turned in to Wilma Berry.

**"CHOOSING THAT GOOD PART" LADIES' FALL RETREAT:** The retreat is scheduled for Oct. 13-15 at Indian Creek Youth Camp in Oakman, AL. The book of Ephesians will be studied this year. Registration is now open. If you have any questions, contact Denise Martin at [kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com](mailto:kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com) or Tish Housley at [tishhousley@gmail.com](mailto:tishhousley@gmail.com).

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Rainbow Omega is in need of house managers for the residential homes, aides for the Intermediate Care Facilities, and staff for the Carpenter Work Center. Inquiries can be made to Mike Carpenter at (256) 831-0919 or [carp@rainbowomega.org](mailto:carp@rainbowomega.org). Interested persons can find applications for employment at [www.rainbowomega.org](http://www.rainbowomega.org).

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Faulkner University is seeking individuals possessing a Commercial Driver's License with Passenger Rating to drive our 35-passenger bus to away games for several of our athletic teams. Most trips occur on the weekends and can include one or more overnight stays. This is a paid position and all travel expenses for the driver will be covered by the University. If you are interested in driving for Faulkner University, please contact Amanda Seesengood at (334) 386-7916.

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Sept. 4:** Devo, 7 PM

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sept. 10:** EMYG Lunch & Movie, 12-3 PM, Fellowship Hall
- **Sept. 11:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Sept. 18:** SSS (7-12th Graders)

## LADYBUGS

- ♦ **Sept. 4:** Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **Sept. 4:** Sunshine Basket Items Due
- ♦ **Sept. 6:** Quilting – 10 am until...
- ♦ **Sept. 8:** B-L-D Club Dinner – 6 pm – Newk's
- ♦ **Sept. 12:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ Dalraida
- ♦ **Sept. 13:** Quilting, 1-3 PM

### TODDLER—6TH GRADE CHILDREN'S CLASS PROJECT:

Don't forget to bring canned foods and paper supplies for Mount Dora to Bible Class on Sunday!



## An Ode to the Dislocated

I looked around our Bible class

Last Sunday, and 'tis true;

Familiar faces greeted me,

But I couldn't locate you.

And Sunday night – it was the same –

It made me feel so blue

Though heartened by the ones who came,

I couldn't locate you.

Then Wednesday evening brought us back,

The usual mid-week crew;

I searched and hoped and searched some more,

But I couldn't locate you.

It seems so often when we meet

And find our favorite pew,

That something's missing; something's wrong –

We just can't locate you.

You're missed, you know! We want you back!

You need to be here, too.

We'd hate to search through heaven,

Unable to locate you.

–Dalton Key

## THE TOLERANCE TRAP

Since Satan never rests, we must remain constantly vigilant (Ephesians 6:10-17; 1 Peter 5:8; John 8:44).

Satan has found great success of late and too many Christians are falling for his lies. Using his accomplices in the world and in the media, Satan is busy re-defining words and boundaries.

Mankind craves validation and camaraderie and naturally the Devil will use that against us. Utilizing our friends, family and celebrities, Satan has caught many Christians in the tolerance trap. The peer pressure is staggering.

Tolerance, in itself, is not completely evil. We all must get along and not allow opinions and preferences to divide us. We must show love and respect for others (1 John 4).

However, Satan's use of tolerance is spiritually lethal. The word means, "A fair, objective, and permissive attitude toward opinions and practices that differ from one's own." Yet, today that is taken to an extreme.



We build a tolerance by willful exposure to sin so that which we find offensive becomes commonplace. A drug user escalates his usage so he can keep getting high as his body grows tolerant of the drugs. So the more time we spend in sin, the less repugnant it becomes.

At Satan's request, Christians are called haters in almost every segment of society. Everywhere we turn, insults are hurled at us. We supposedly hate homosexuals, for example. No matter how many times we say that we hate the sin and love the sinner, we are ignored.

Satan has convinced everyone that we hate when we do not like something. If we go to a buffet, we select certain foods and ignore others. Do we go back to the buffet and yell, "I hate you!" at the foods we did not pick? When we choose a Coke Zero, do we hate all the other sodas? That is ridiculous!

We are told that we must "tolerate" people who live in lifestyles that we consider sinful. We do, to an extent, but not as Satan demands. He says that we must promote and rejoice in their sin.

Like God, we must be strong enough to call a sin a sin (Romans 1:26-27). We must not even think beyond what is written in Scripture (1 Corinthians 4:6). God's Word is our only standard (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 10:17). We must obey or be unrighteous (John 14:15; Hebrews 11:6).

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*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:10-17).*

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Christians are often more afraid of the world than they are of God. They compromise the Truth so they will be accepted into the broader religious world's meetings and organizations.

Yet, we do not have the authority to do that. We are to go to the lost with the Gospel, and we cannot change the truth in the process (Matthew 28:18-20).

Paul said, "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22). Anyone who believes that Paul was advocating sinful disobedience to save souls has zero understanding of God's Word (Galatians 1:6-9).

Paul also said that we should speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). However, he would never advocate speaking love without truth. They are both embodied in Christ and cannot be separated.

We must immerse ourselves in Bible study, prayer and fellowship so we can remain courageous in the face of insults, slander and persecution. God's people must never fall for Satan's lies because his path never leads to heaven (Matthew 7:13; Revelation 20:11-15).

Satan's tolerance is another word for surrender and we can never back down!

Richard Mansel, *Forthright Magazine*