



## Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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September 15, 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, Educa-  
tion & 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 9/11/16

Bible Class: 164  
AM Worship: 211  
PM Worship: 103  
EMBF: \$ 111.00

**WELCOME!**

## Going-Away Finger-foods Fellowship in honor of

# BRAD & KAYLA KNOWLES

This Sunday, following the PM worship service



## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Messed-Up Marriage In The News.** Recently, in Oklahoma a mother and her daughter were arrested for incest. They had married. The mother said that she didn't think she was breaking any laws by marrying her daughter because her name is no longer listed on her daughter's birth certificate. This is really messed up. However, many might scream, "Love is love is love . . ." as they did seeking to legalize same-sex marriage. Frankly, as our country has accepted same-sex marriage and rejecting God's plan for marriage, there is really no basis to deny incestuous marriage. In my opinion, it will probably eventually be legal. *God's way is the only right way. One man; one woman; for life.* (<http://kfor.com/2016/09/07/oklahoma-mother-daughter-arrested-after-alleged-incestuous-marriage/>).

**More Messed-Up Marriage In The News.** Last week, Lawrence John Ripple, 70, told his wife following a fight on Friday that "he'd rather be in jail than at home." So he went to the bank and gave a note to the teller stating that he had a gun and wanted money. The teller gave him nearly \$3,000 and instead of a hasty getaway he took a seat in the lobby and admitted to a security guard that he was the one who robbed the bank. Sad, sad, sad. If God's plan for marriage is lived in the home, NO ONE would rather be in jail than at home. Home becomes the refuge, the place of peace and safety, a place where love is given and received. Home is the place you want to be and miss when you are not there. To be away from your spouse is a time of sadness; even grief, *not relief!* Let us practice God's plan for marriage in the home. (<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/offbeat/seeking-escape-from-home-kansas-man-robs-bank-goes-straight-to-jail/ar-AAiDbpP?li=BBnbfcL>).

**Going-Away Fellowship For The Knowles.** Brad and Kayla Knowles have moved themselves to Lebanon, Missouri several months ago. They will now be moving their things. Coming back to get their things, they will be in town this weekend so Eastern Meadows has scheduled a Going-Away Fellowship for them this Sunday night. We will miss them. Kayla had started a job, but Brad will soon continue with his military commitment.

**I Am Glad Eastern Meadows Supports The Paziys.** We are principle supporters for Oksana Paziy in her work with the school at the church in Kramatorsk. The school takes in children and adults and teaches Bible as they teach English. She is teaching the children. This is a recent post Oksana had in Facebook, which demonstrates why the word is vital and why she is doing such a good job in that work.



## FROM THE COLLEGE & YOUTH MINISTER:

THIS SUNDAY - September 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have our first L2L Skill Shaping Sunday for the youth group. All 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to stay, eat, and learn skills for providing for and keeping your families. We will also work on other Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes convention skills/projects/event preparation. NOTE: This is our kick-off for the 2017 Lads to Leaders Convention. If you plan to participate in the convention, you need to be at this event!

Sunday evening, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - College Devo at Tim and Sally's after the evening worship service.

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - Lunch, movie, and a devo for the youth group. 12 - 3 p.m. @ the fellowship room.

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group Area-Wide at Walnut Street. Van will depart at 3:30 p.m. and return approximately 8:30 p.m..

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Who put Jesus in the tomb? Answer: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus the Pharisee (John 19:38-40)

When Jesus healed the ten lepers, one returned to thank Him. Where was the thankful leper from who thanked Him? Answer: Samaria (Luke 17:16)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/15/16

**Sept. 18, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Steve Sewell

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Wayne Johnston

P.M.: Tim Bagents

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Jimmy Mathews

P.M.: Tim Stevens

**Singing:**

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

**SICK:** PAUL CLEMENTS underwent open heart surgery Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham. BILLIE POUNCEY is recovering from hip-replacement surgery. Sick at home Sunday: DIXIE BRANNAN, ALICE HANDLANG, FRANCIS NELSON. 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): DOROTHY STUBBS, KYLE & CAROLE THOMASSON, FRED SMITH, TERESA ANDERSON, BEN MEDINA, Sr., LENDA JOHNSON, and KAY PEARSON. (Battling Cancer) GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, MARK CHESSOR, GLEN BARRON, MICHELLE MITCHELL, WALTER SIEVERS, LINDA STEELE, JAN KELLEHER, MARC MCDANIEL, LISA HANKINS, and RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA.

**SEPTEMBER 18 NURSERY ATTENDANT:** TAMMY EVANS & KELSEY EVANS

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Thursdays, 10:30 AM, "Genesis". The class meets in the Tea Room.

**ELEMENTARY LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES KICK-OFF MEETING:** Parents, you are invited to attend an informational meeting as we kick-off the Eastern Meadows Elementary L2L/L Program this Sunday, Sept. 18, immediately following the morning worship service. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please see Randy or Cecilia Porterfield for information.



**GOSPEL MEETING:** There will be a Gospel Meeting at Liberty Church of Christ Sept. 18–21, with Mike Glenn speaking. Mike is from the Seven Hills Church of Christ in Lynchburg, VA. Schedule: Sunday, 9 & 10 AM and 7 PM. Monday–Wednesday, 7 PM.

**OCTOBER CALENDAR:** All events for the October Calendar must be turned in by Sunday, Sept. 25, to Wilma Berry.

**TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP:** You are invited to attend a free Teacher Training Workshop with April Meacham & Teah McWhorter, hosted by Dalraida Church of Christ. The workshop will be held Saturday, October 1, from 9 am until 3 pm. The focus is training ladies to teach children. Lunch will be provided. Register online at [dalraida.org/teach](http://dalraida.org/teach) or on the sign-up sheet available in the Teachers' Resource Room.

**“CHOOSING THAT GOOD PART” LADIES’ FALL RETREAT:** The retreat is scheduled for Oct. 13–15 and the book of Ephesians will be studied this year. Cost is \$75.00 per person. Registration is open and filling up fast. All information must be turned in by October 1. If you have any questions or need a registration form, contact Denise Martin at [kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com](mailto:kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com) or Tish Housley at [tishhousley@gmail.com](mailto:tishhousley@gmail.com).

### La dybugs

- ♦ **Sept. 26:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM. Lesson 10: I Peter 3:13-5:15. A supper sign-up list is posted in the LadyBUGS Room.
- ♦ **LADYBUGS 2017:** Plans are being made for 2017 with our goal in mind: to teach, encourage, and serve. Your ideas and suggestions concerning the programs in which we are involved in as well as new endeavors, are greatly appreciated. Please put your comments in the basket indicated in the LadyBUGS Room or give to Terry Bagents.
- ♦ **Oct. 2:** Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **Oct. 4:** Quilting, 10 AM until...

### FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:



**September 25:** Teams 1 (Porterfield) & 2 (Bush). 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.

**Team 3 (Gotkiewicz) - September 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.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Sept. 18:** SSS (7-12th Graders)

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Oct. 2:** Devo, 7 PM

### *Sunday Bible Classes—Sept. 18*

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women, Lesson 26*

*“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love” (1 John 4:7-8).*

**2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00**

9/11/16

CONTRIBUTION: \$10,525.80

BUDGET: - \$2,494.20

YTD: + \$33,052.42



**Happy 95th Birthday,  
Violet English!**

**Dane Moore helped Violet English celebrate her 95th birthday Sunday. He and Mrs. Vi were happy to see each other.**



## **STRADDLING THE FENCE**

I am doing just enough to get by nowadays. I am doing some good here and there. I attend worship service most of the time. I read and study my Bible a couple of times a month. I do not teach others about God since I am just so busy but He understands that, right? Wrong. There is nothing right about straddling the fence. We should always be working towards God. We should NEVER do just enough to get by.

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth” (Rev. 3:15-16). If we straddle the fence, then all our works aren’t hot or cold. We should want to always be doing our best for God. Our goal should be to attend every worship service. We should read and study our Bibles every day. We should teach others about God every time we have the opportunity. We should always be zealous for God. “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord” (Rom. 12:11).



One of the main reasons why some Christians are straddling the fence is because they still love worldly ways. When we put on Christ in baptism, we are supposed to be done with worldly ways and be all for God. “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust of thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 2:15-17).

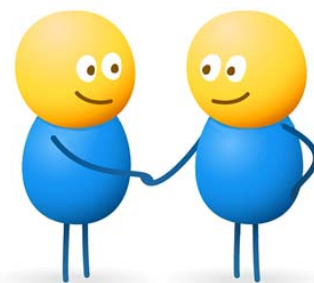
We should all be growing closer to God and doing everything to the best of our ability. Let us all remain zealous for God and not grow weary so we can be rewarded in eternity. “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” (Gal. 6:9).

—Josh Till

## Is This A Friendly Church?

While we would be tempted to ask this of ourselves, that’s really not a very honest reflection or indication of a true answer. But, thankfully, there are several whom we can ask. Don’t miss the importance of their candor. Their answers are really the only ones that matter.

- \* Ask the parents of the crying baby.
- \* Ask the visitor who is sitting alone.
- \* Ask the new family who moved here from another city.
- \* Ask the drop-in whose clothing, hygiene, and general manner of speaking and appearance seems of “lesser” quality.
- \* Ask the person whose race and color differs from the majority.
- \* Ask the out-of-town visitors whose vacation or work brought them to services.
- \* Ask the people you see and cannot decide whether they are visitors or members.
- \* Ask the Lord and His inspired writers (Js. 2:1ff; Acts 10:34-35; Prov. 14:31; 17:5; 19:17).



Even if we have the reputation of friendliness, let us never be satisfied that we are “friendly enough” and let us never rest on our laurels. Our goal should be to surround every unfamiliar face with love and attention. I would far rather risk scaring someone off than failing to extend them the love of Christ!

--Neal Pollard

## Making the Right Turn

If you were to think of one thing about Noah what would it be? Would it be that he built an ark for all the animals to embark? Would it be that he built a huge boat and that it took him a rather long time? What would it be? The Scriptures note twice that Noah did according to all that God commanded him (Genesis 6:22; 7:5). This is what made Noah pleasing in God’s eyes, and this is that which we should remember. Was Noah plagued with the same vices that all others struggle with? There is no reason to think that he did not have similar struggles as others. The difference, however, was to whom he turned. When we turn to alcohol, drugs, sexual perversions and deviations we turn the wrong direction. When we turn to recreation, serenity, sports, and occupation we turn the wrong direction. There is only one direction to turn. When you get to that point in the road where you have to turn (and you will get there), be sure you make the right turn.



—Ron Thomas, *Bulletin Gold*