



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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September 22, 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 9/18/16

Bible Class: 152  
AM Worship: 195  
PM Worship: 125  
EMBF: \$ 119.00

**WELCOME!**

## A CHRISTIAN SHOULD...



## Don't Overlook the Obvious

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. In the middle of the night, Holmes woke Watson and said, "Watson, look up and tell me what you see." Watson said, "I see millions and millions of stars." Holmes asked, "And what does that tell you?" Watson replied, "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you Holmes?" Holmes answered simply, "Somebody stole our tent."



We may wonder why our lives are not going as well as we would like. Have we overlooked the obvious? Have we consulted God's book about how to live? Are we following His way? Are we seeking His blessing?

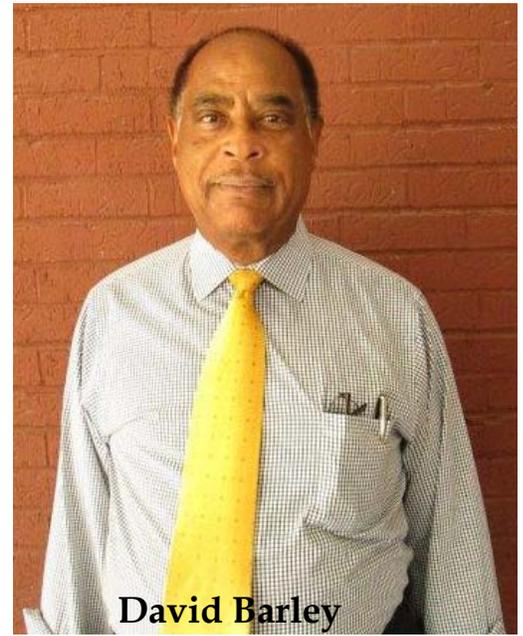
Let's study together.

*"I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word"* (Psalm 119:16).

—HTH/HTH

## FROM THE MINISTER:

**Great News!** Sunday morning it was my good pleasure to announce DAVID BARLEY placing membership at Eastern Meadows. Hopefully you have already met David as he has been attending Eastern Meadows since moving to Deer Creek. David was born and reared on a farm in Huntsville and is a graduate of Alabama A&M. Though he has been in Montgomery since 1979, he still considers Huntsville as home and follows closely (attends most games) of Alabama A&M football. David is a Real Estate Agent and Community Planning Consultant. His wife is Dorothy is an R.N. at Baptist Hospital. They have two children and five grandchildren. When not busy working he enjoys biking and traveling. David obeyed the gospel at Finley Avenue Church of Christ (now Narrow Lane Road church) and attended Southside church for many years. Already David has contributed to discussions in Bible Class. Welcome David!



**Reminder.** More than ever Eastern Meadows has an amazing online presence with both the website and also the Youtube videos of Sermons and the Auditorium Bible Classes. This is an excellent way for you to keep up when you are away. You can stay current on the study of Revelation and Hebrews even if you are out of town. Thanks to Ron Hoskinson for doing this!

**Big Day Coming!** Eastern Meadows will be having a FALL FESTIVAL, Saturday, October 29 at 5 p.m. There will be special activities for the children, but this is a fellowship for everyone. In fact, there is a *Chili Cook-Off*, so bring chili and enjoy the food. Remember Saturday, October 29. A month away, but make your plans NOW!

## FROM THE COLLEGE & YOUTH MINISTER:

Sunday evening, October 2nd - College Devo at Ted and Becky Norton'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 approx. 8:30 p.m.

## TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Question:** Where was Jesus when the crowd said, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"?

- A) Near the entrance to Bethlehem
- B) Near the temple in Jerusalem
- C) Near the descent of the Mount of Olives



# ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/22/16

Sept. 25, 2016 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Mike Norman

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**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: David Hester

P.M.: James Hilyer

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Tim Stevens

**Singing:**

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

**SICK:** WILMA MILLICAN is in the hospital. PAUL CLEMENTS is recovering from open heart surgery. BILLIE POUNCEY is recovering from hip-replacement surgery. Prayers have been requested for LAWRENCE SLEDGE, father-in-law of Mike Davidson—George & Betty's son, who is in the later stages of Lou Gehrig's Disease. GERMAINE HARDIN, Denise Martin's sister-in-law, is recovering from foot amputation surgery as she continues to battle cancer. Prayers have been requested for CHRIS GORDON, longtime co-worker of Billie Pouncey, who is serious condition. Prayers have been requested for RANDY HARP, (Richard & Dixie Harp's son), who got a piece of metal in his eye. Sick at home Sunday: TERRY BAGENTS, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. 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 (is back at home now, but is very frail and unable to have guests), KYLE & CAROLE THOMASSON, FRED SMITH, BEN MEDINA, Sr., KAY PEARSON, and LAWRENCE SLEDGE. (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 25 NURSERY ATTENDANT:** VICKIE JOHNSTON & GRACIE JOHNSTON

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

**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. You are encouraged to register online at [dalraida.org/teach](http://dalraida.org/teach), but there is a signup sheet available in the Teachers' Resource Room. Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, Sept. 28.

**FAULKNER UNIVERSITY BENEFIT DINNER:** Faulkner University's Benefit Dinner will be Oct. 6. 7 PM, at the Montgomery Renaissance Convention Center with Rudy Giuliani speaking. To order tickets, go to [faulkner.edu/giving/benefit-dinner/](http://faulkner.edu/giving/benefit-dinner/) or call (334) 386-7257.

**"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).

**PANAMA CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS:** This year we will be doing stockings for the kids in Panama. The stockings are located in the LadyBUGS Room. You may choose to fill the stockings for either a boy or a girl and also for the age of your choice. Please attach a card to the stocking which shows if it is for a boy or girl and for what age. Please include \$5 for postage. Each stocking should have a small bag of candy (nothing that will melt). Do not include anything that requires reading. They should be filled and returned to the LadyBUGS Room by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see Barbara Norman if you have questions.

**THANK YOU:** Ladies, Thanks for the sweet and loving notes and the bag of goodies. I appreciate your kind gestures. In Christian love, Paul Clements



**THANK YOU:** With Heartfelt Appreciation. "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Phil. 1:3) Your kindness is so special. That's why thought so you are filled with joy and gratitude. Thank You. I'm so glad to be with a Christian family that loves everyone. May God bless you all. The prayers and cards were special. In Christian love, Dorothy Hicks

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all the ladies for the cards and goodies. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. In Christian love, Naomi Bowers

**THANK YOU:** Dear Ones, We want to thank the church for your cards of encouragement and prayers offered on our behalf during our recent surgeries. In Christian love, Richard & Karen Kaehr (*Stan Neuenschwander's sister and brother-in-law*)

**NEW ADDRESS:** DAVID BARLEY, 8719 Morning Place, Montgomery, 36117; (334) 284-1973—home; (334) 220-7368—cell.

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- ♦ **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:** 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

- **Oct. 8:** Lunch, Movie, & Devo, 12-3 PM
- **Oct. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

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

### *Sunday Bible Classes—Sept. 25*

Auditorium: *Revelation—David Hester*

Young Ladies: *Parables of Jesus*

Experienced Ladies: *OT Women, Lesson 27*

**2016 BUDGET—\$12,930.00**

9/18/16—CONTRIBUTION: \$12,528.00 / BUDGET: - \$402.00 / YTD: + \$32,650.42

# *Choosing That Good Part*

## Ladies' Fall Retreat



## *Encouragement from Ephesians*

October 13-15, 2016

Indian Creek Youth Camp—Oakman, AL

*For more information:*

**Facebook:** *Choosing That Good Part Retreat*; **Email:** [kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com](mailto:kaydenisemartin@yahoo.com) or [tishhousley@gmail.com](mailto:tishhousley@gmail.com); **Call:** Denise Martin (334) 782-7020 or Tish Housley (334) 546-8033.

**All information must be turned in by October 1st.**

**Fall Festival:** Mark your calendars for the Eastern Meadows Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off. Friends and family of all ages are invited to join the fun at the church building on Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:30. We'll begin the evening with a devotional and dinner, enjoy carnival games, and end the night with trunk-or-treat. All ages are welcome and encouraged to come!

**Fall Festival Volunteers:** If you are willing to be in charge of a carnival game, bring food items, or help with set-up and clean-up, please sign up on the list in the main foyer at the welcome desk. See Kristy Hatch or Sarah Housley for more information.

**Chili Cook-Off:** Calling all cooks! The Fall Festival wouldn't be complete without a little competitive fun. Bring your famous chili recipe to be sampled by a panel of judges. Recognition will be given for the following categories: "Best All-Around Chili", "Most Unique Chili", "Hottest Chili", and "Best Presentation". The winners will be announced at the end of dinner. If you would like to submit an entry, please sign up on the list in the main foyer at the welcome desk. See Kristy Hatch or Sarah Housley for more information.



# God's Dynamite

In 1864, a nitroglycerine factory belonging to Dr. Alfred Nobel exploded, killing his brother Emil. In an attempt to make his factories safer, Dr. Nobel stumbled upon an invention that would allow nitroglycerine to be used for explosive purposes in a controlled setting. In searching for the word to describe this new discovery, he settled upon the Greek word *dunamis*, which when transliterated into English became known as dynamite.

In Romans 1:16 the Bible uses this same term to refer to the gospel of Jesus Christ. There it is said that the "gospel is God's power (*dunamis*) unto salvation." Truly, the gospel is very powerful. It is the means by which people come to know what Jesus did for them at Calvary. It is the source for learning about spiritual freedom (Jn. 8:32). By this powerful gospel, hearts that are hardened by sin can be touched and caused to repent (Acts 2:37-41). The explosive power of God's word will restore harmony to homes and bring peace to our communities (Rom. 1:15). It can transform lives and save souls (Jms. 1:21). God's dynamite gives wisdom, reproof, correction, and instruction if righteousness (2 Tim. 3:15-17). It will cause a sinner to leave his house in the dark of night to be baptized (Acts 16:25-33). Indeed, the powerful gospel will fill us with hope, courage, and conviction (Acts 20:32).



—John W. Moore, HTH/HTH

*"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save souls" (James 1:21).*

## GILMORE / ROSENBERG DEBATE

### "IS GOD A MORAL MONSTER?"

**September 27, 2016 6:30—9:30 EDT**

Freed-Hardeman University Professor of Bible and Philosophy Ralph Gilmore, and Dr. Alexander Rosenberg, the R. Taylor Cole Professor of Philosophy at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, will debate the existence of God Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30-9:30 p.m. EDT. The event, will be on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. The central question for the debate will be "Is God a Moral Monster?"



Both debaters have agreed to affirm and defend a precisely stated affirmative proposition. Rosenberg will affirm the following: "Since I know that there is vast human and animal suffering, I know that a benevolent, omnipotent God does not exist." Gilmore will deny. Following the discussion of Rosenberg's affirmative proposition, Gilmore will affirm and defend his proposition: "The use of suffering as moral criticism against God implies the absolute moral law of God; therefore, God exists." Rosenberg will deny

No admission will be charged to attend the debate. For those unable to attend, it will be livestreamed at [WarrenCenterLive.com](http://WarrenCenterLive.com). Additional information about the debate is available at [warrenapoleticscenter.com](http://warrenapoleticscenter.com).