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January 19, 2017

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 1/15/17

Bible Class: 145
AM Worship: 204
PM Worship: 146
EMBF: \$134.50

WELCOME!

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY

January 29th

Fifth Sunday's have been designated "Benevolence Sunday". On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution will be taken for the **EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND**. This is to be separate from the regular contribution. 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 in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

—Don Brannan, for the elders



TEACHER'S MEETING

January 29, 3:30 PM

This meeting is for **ALL** teachers, both those presently teaching or who would like to teach.



4 Hours!!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

2017 Theme & Challenge

4 HOURS

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

Hebrews 10:25
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together!

THE ASK?

- Commitment
- Priority
- Consider
- Fulfill
- 168 4 2.38%
- Responsibility
 - Personal
 - Fellowman

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

- True Scriptural Worship
- Sound Teaching from the Pulpit
- Excellent Classroom Teaching
- Open Door
- Excellent Facilities
- Opportunities for Growth
- Caring Fellowship
- Prayer

4 HOURS

2017 Name: Susie Member **4 Hours!!!**
 ETERNAL ASSURANCE

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S = Sick W = Working C = Caretaker T = Traveling

<http://www.emcofc.org/video/01.01.17.Challenge.mp4>

The Challenge. Ted, speaking for the elders, challenged Eastern Meadows’ members with committing to assemble with Eastern Meadows for four hours per week in Sunday Morning Bible Class, Sunday Morning Worship, Sunday Evening Worship, and Wednesday Evening Bible Class. Assembling in worship and Bible Study not only obeys the command to assemble (Hebrews 10:25), but also helps us to have the eternal assurance we all desire. The last slide above is a copy of the Attendance Card that the elders have provided each member. It is for personal use, but can aid us in “tracking” our attendance throughout the year. If you did not get one, more are available on the Welcome Desk. Each week the bulletin has printed slides from Ted’s presentation. If you did not hear his message go the http above and listen!

Meet Emma Allen. I am excited to tell you that Emma Allen placed membership with Eastern Meadows on Sunday morning. Emma was born in Tuskegee, Alabama but when she was five years old her family moved to Gary, Indiana where she lived most of her life. She moved back in 2002 to Tuskegee to take care of an elderly aunt and stayed. While in Gary she worked as a Psychiatric Supervisor in a Mental Health Hospital before going to a less stressful job as a lift truck operator at Allied Tube and Conduit. She retired from this job. Emma has



Emma Allen

four children. There is a daughter who works as a social worker in Madison, Wisconsin; a daughter who works as a Nurse Practitioner at Valparaiso, Indiana; a son who is a Supervisor at a plant in Madison, Wisconsin, and a daughter who moved to Tuskegee who works for the state as an accountant. Every summer Emma spends time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in Indiana and Wisconsin. She also has a brother and sister who still live there. Emma enjoys fishing, yard work and flowers, and traveling. She has traveled extensively in the U.S. and has taken many cruises that have taken her outside the U.S. Before coming to Eastern Meadows Emma had worshipped at the Tuskegee Church of Christ. Emma, we welcome you to Eastern Meadows!

Last Sunday's Involvement Sunday. Sunday afternoon the men and women met to discuss specific ways they could be involved in the work at Eastern Meadows. This is the first annual Involvement Sunday. Well, the ladies have been meeting each year, so the men are playing "catch-up." By the way, if you were not at the Sunday afternoon 3:30 p.m. meetings, *we signed you up for everything.* Just kidding! But seriously, if you were not here Sunday afternoon, if you are a man see Tim Bagents to see how you might involve yourself. If you are a woman see Terry Bagents to see how you might involve yourself. We all need to "step it up" with our involvement in the Lord's work and especially at Eastern Meadows. On a positive note, we had one of the largest Sunday night attendances in quite a while and I think this is due to the good number present in the afternoon for the Involvement Meetings.

Monday Night Motivations. This coming Monday starts the 2017 edition of Monday Night Motivations. This is open to all. We eat at 6:30 p.m. Then the men and women have separate classes. It is a great opportunity for a good study and good fellowship . . . and a good meal.

Thursday Class. The Thursday Class, off hiatus, is meeting again. Last Thursday we had a very good number as we studied Genesis 13 and 14. This Thursday we will begin at Genesis 15 . . . you may get this e-bulletin before class.

Why We Do Things

Read carefully these two verses. "With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. 19 And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will." (2 Corinthians 8:18-19 ESV)

For some nothing is seen in the verses, except "the brother who is famous" and the question is asked, "who is the famous brother?" By the way, this "famous" phrase is translated "whose praise is in the gospel" in the NKJV and is referring to someone who is a notable, a very well-known, brother among the churches. Paul does not identify this brother but many think it is Luke, but others think Mark, Silas, or Barnabas.

Some see these two verses and might see that this brother who is helping was chosen by the churches to "carry out this act of grace." By the way, this "carry out this act of grace" would refer to the contribution of the churches for the poor saints at Jerusalem. Paul was careful in money matters and this "famous" brother was chosen by the churches to help Paul in this matter (note: 1 Corinthians 16:3-4; 2 Corinthians 8:20). Having this man along was one way Paul could be sure no one could blame Paul of wrong doing and he would have a witness to his honesty! (2 Corinthians 8:20-22). By the way, when we handle other's money, we need to be careful and ideally have some way to verify our honesty in the matter! But this is not why I asked you to look at these two verses.

Now to the "why we do things." Notice the words, "for the glory of the Lord himself. . ." (2 Cor. 8:18). We do things for the glory of God. Albert Barnes says of this, "The design was to promote the glory of the Lord by showing the influence of religion in producing true benevolence." God is glorified by the good you do! (Matthew 5:16). This is in keeping with 1 Corinthians 10:31, ". . . whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." So we do things for the glory of God! Whether it was choosing this "famous" brother to help deliver the money or specifically the matter of the benevolence of the church toward the poor saints at Jerusalem, God was glorified.

Paul gave another reason why we do things! Paul says this work is being done "to show our good will" (2 Corinthians 8:19). I think the meaning is clear. This work was not only done for the glory of God, but for the good

will of others and to *promote good will between brothers*. **Never forget this! NEVER FORGET THIS!** Sometimes we should do things to promote good will, promote unity, and express our love for our brethren! It may be that things are done when the primary *need is to build relationships (promote good will)*! Ladies when you prepare a meal and take it, you not only provide a need, you also glorify God and *promote good will between brothers and sisters*. This meal has a message, the message, "I love you." Men, if you were to help in some way with a repair on a house or some yard work for a brother or sister who cannot do it themselves, you are not only providing a need, but you are also giving glory to God and *promoting good will between brothers and sisters*. The good deed has a message, the message, "I love you."

Sometimes you do things, not because there is necessarily a need. But you do it because you care and you want your brother or sister to know you care! Remember when you do good for others you do it for the "glory of God" and to promote "good will." As Paul said, "for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will."

–Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Lads to Leaders training, practice, and preparation – Sundays at 3:30 except on Sundays when we go to Area-Wide worship. Have your songs ready, your speech in work, and your Bible Bowl questions rehearsed.

The College Devo for February will be in conjunction with the Faulkner Chorus performance on February 5th after the evening worship assembly. The college group will dine on pizza and have a short college devo after the completion of the singing.

Capital City Prayer Breakfast – Jan 20th.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: According to Ruth 2:9, what commandment did Boaz tell Ruth that he had given the young men concerning her? A) Not to touch her (Ruth 2:9)

This week's question: Why did Boaz not immediately declare himself as kinsman redeemer to Ruth at the threshing floor? A) He had to consider the matter; B) He had to ask permission from the town elders; C) There was a closer relative than he to Ruth



January 22, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: David Hester

P.M.: Andrew Long

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Banks Sewell

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/19/17

SICK: RANDY SUTTON is recovering from surgery. MARSHA SUTTON is scheduled for surgery Feb. 7. RUTH ROBERTS, Jay's mother, is in ICU at Baptist East. Prayers have been requested for RANDY POST, member with Lightwood Church of Christ, who is battling lung cancer. Prayers have been requested for SHERRY WADSWORTH, who has stage 3 colon cancer. Those who were sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, SHERON CAMPBELL, VIRGINIA EVANS, MARCIA GRAVES, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, ARLETTE POSTMA, and MARSHA SUTTON. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: TAM LOWERY, PATSY LOWERY, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, LOURINE BLACK, JACKIE JOHNSTON, JEWEL BARNES, and RED & LANETTE TAYLOR. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of LINDA STEELE in her passing Wednesday, Jan. 11. The funeral is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21, 1 p.m. Linda's son, LaShawn Steele, has worshipped with us often over the last two

years and Linda has been on our prayer list as she battled cancer. You may send cards to LsShawn at 904 Felder Avenue Apt. 2, 36106 .

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Patrice McClain in the passing of her special friend (was like a mother to her), LINDA MATHEWS SCIONERS. The funeral is today at Second Street Church of Christ in Andalusia.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): KAY PEARSON, BRIAN & ERIN WAITS, ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, RUTH ROBERTS, JEAN WILSON, and MYRA OSBORNE. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, KYLE PURVICAL, ANUDLA CURD, and ALAN BROWN.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS - 10:30 AM

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: There will be a Capital Prayer Breakfast this Friday, Jan. 20, 8:30 AM at the Capital City Club. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Email Jimmy Benson if you plan to attend: jcbenson@knology.net

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Teams 3 (Norton) & 4 (Hatch) will host the meal this Sunday, Jan. 22, following the AM worship service. Team 3 is responsible for set-up and Team 4 is responsible for clean-up.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR: All events for the February Calendar must be turned in by this Sunday, Jan. 22 to Wilma Berry.

MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION: M-N-M is Jan. 23 with a chili supper at 6:30 PM and class at 7. Supper sign-up sheet is posted in the LadyBUGS Room.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at North Lowndes Church of Christ Feb. 4 with Clydetta Fulmer speaking with the theme, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Begins at 9 AM with Registration. Lunch will be provided.

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT DINNER: The Mount Dora Children's Home Montgomery Area Benefit Dinner will be Feb. 9, 6 PM, at Faulkner University (Rotunda Building). Tickets are required for the dinner but may be obtained for free by contacting Dianne or Ron Hoskinson.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE: Beginning the first Wednesday in March (March 1), everyone will meet in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. for the Devotional *before* going to class. We will dismiss from the devotional to go to class and dismiss from class to go home.

HELP NEEDED WITH FAMILY DEVOTIONALS: Help is needed hosting quarterly family devotionals after evening services on May 14, August 13, and November 12. The devotional time will be geared toward children ages birth to sixth grade. See Sarah Housley for more information.

JANUARY STANDBY TEAM: Team 5 (Milam/Kelley)

NEW ADDRESSES: TRENT & AUTUMN BAILEY, 107 Oak Forest Drive, 36109, (334) 462-0593 (Trent's cell), (334) 462-4546 (Autumn's cell); EMMA ALLEN, 3207 W. M.L.K. Hwy., Tuskegee, 36083, (219) 670-9303.



Marriage Enrichment Sunday

February 12 / 9 & 10 AM and 1 PM

David Hester speaking



2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

1/15/17—CONTRIBUTION: **\$14,833.00**

BUDGET: + **\$1,333.00** / YTD: - **\$537.47**

Sunday Bible Classes—Jan. 22

- ⇒ Auditorium: *Gospel of John*
- ⇒ Young Ladies: *Prayer*
- ⇒ Experienced Ladies: *NT Women*

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- ◆ **Jan. 23:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **Feb. 7:** Quilting, 10 AM – 3 PM. Bring lunch!
- ◆ **Feb. 27:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **Mar. 12:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ Eastern Meadows

4 Hours!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

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- ♦ **Jan. 29:** Family Devo, PM, @ Steve & Tish's
- ♦ **Feb. 11:** Help with Young at Heart Banquet

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Feb. 5:** Faulkner Chorus, 6 PM
- **Feb. 12:** Marriage Enrichment Sunday

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Sunday's, 4 PM:** Bible Bowl Prep
- * **Wednesdays, 6:20 PM:** Song Leading
- * **Bible Class:** Know the Books

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Jan. 22, & 29:** L2L/L Prep, 4 PM
- **Feb. 12:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM



The 4 and 5 year old class is taking good care of Baby Isaac. (They made them in class Sunday.)

Pictured LtoR: Grayson Gotkiewicz, Cecilia Porterfield, Lawson Futral, Dane Moore, Miranda Porterfield, and Ella Rose Clements

We have Bible classes for **ALL** ages. Are **YOU** in Bible class?

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.....

1. THIS YEAR I will lose the weight of sin. I will lay aside every weighty transgression, encumbrance and distraction, and run with perseverance the Christian race (Hebrews 12:1-2).
2. THIS YEAR I will exercise greater discernment between good and evil. I will repetitiously and habitually train my spiritual senses to discern good from evil (Hebrews 5:14)
3. THIS YEAR I will value the souls of my friends and family. Jesus is the only savior, so I will live like Him, love like Him and labor like Him in bringing my loved ones to the precious and redeeming blood (I Peter 1:19)
4. THIS YEAR I will improve my spiritual health. I will consume large quantities of spiritual meat (Hebrews 5:13-14). My hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matthew 5:6) will help me grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (I Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:8)
5. THIS YEAR I will better organize my thoughts, words and deeds. I will clean out all the evil from my heart, and mind and soul, replacing it with virtuous and praise worthy thoughts, words and deeds (Colossians 3:5-17; Philippians 4:8).
6. THIS YEAR I will enjoy my spiritual life more. I will rejoice in "newness of life" (Romans 6:4), repentance of sin (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), "joy of faith" (Philippians 1:25), "the Lord" (Philippians 4:4) and difficulties that strengthen my faith (James 1:2-4).
7. THIS YEAR I will quit making excuses and always abound in the Lord's work. I will conduct myself as an effective and faithful worker for the Lord (Ephesians 2:10). I will refuse the notion that my efforts for Him are empty and worthless (I Corinthians 15:58b). I will work, not to gain salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5), but to display it (James 2:18).

--Mark Posey