



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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February 16, 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

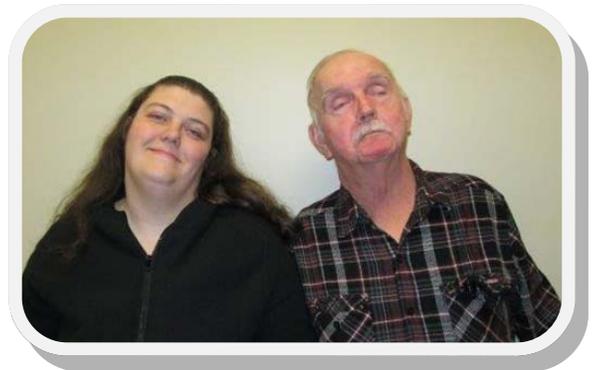
STATISTICS 2/12/17

Bible Class: 200
AM Worship: 253
PM Worship: 148
EMBF: \$287.50

WELCOME!

GOING-AWAY FINGERFOODS FELLOWSHIP

There will be a Going-Away Fingerfoods Fellowship in honor of **DON & CAMILLA WATES** this Sunday, Feb. 19, after the PM worship service. They will be moving to the Vandiver, AL area where Don has begun a new job. Monetary donations may be given to Wilma Berry, Tim Gotkiewicz, or Steve Housley. Bring fingerfoods and drinks and enjoy the fellowship.



Don & Camilla

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

MARCH 1st—6:00 PM

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 class to go home.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Saturday and Sunday! Saturday and Sunday both were big days. The Saturday “Young At Heart Banquet” for those over 65 years old was a great opportunity for fellowship. Many thanks to the many who made this event a success. Sunday’s crowd was the largest in quite some time. We had excellent lessons by David Hester. If you did not hear them, go here, <http://www.emcofc.org/sermons2017.html>, and you can either listen to an mp3, download the mp3, or use the link and watch on YouTube. By the way, if you go to <http://www.emcofc.org/sermons-marriage.html>, you can listen to many of the past Marriage Enrichment Sundays and Marriage Seminars at Eastern Meadows. Thanks to Ted and crew for the meal. Ted makes feeding the whole church look easy. (By the way, it is easy, when you are *not in* the kitchen...but probably not so easy when you are *in* the kitchen!).

Next Really Big Sunday. The next time everyone eats together will be Sunday, May 7, Homecoming and Goal Day. We will be setting an Attendance Goal and working very hard to reach it. It will take everyone working to make it happen! So put May 7 on your calendar. This is the weekend NOT to take a vacation or be sick. If you often work on Sunday, this is the Sunday to ask off! Plan to be here and bring others May 7.

Faulkner University Lectures. The lectures are in just a few weeks. This year the subject is *The Holy Spirit*. I think it may prove to be one of the best lectureships in many years at Faulkner. These lectures are not just for preachers or Faulkner students or alumni. They are for everyone. *Anyone* can go and choose a lecture to hear. The best way is to get a schedule. Hopefully you can find one on the welcome desk. See what you would like to hear. The best place to park is the parking lot between the University Church and the Bible Building, which is the Harris-Parker Building where the V.P. Black School of Biblical Studies is housed. When looking at the lecture schedule the room is usually HP (which is this building, the Harris-Parker building). The LC, stands for Lester Chapel which is also in the Harris Parker building. The nightly lectures are at the UCC, the University Church of Christ. It would be great if the FU lectures this year are the best ever attended.

Saying Goodbye. This Sunday evening we will be saying goodbye to Don and Camilla Wates. Don and Camilla are moving a few miles north of here, Vandiver, Alabama (too far to come back every Sunday – though we certainly don’t discourage them from doing that!). Bring finger foods and enjoy the fellowship.

2017 Faulkner University Preachers’ Challenge. I am once again participating in the Preachers’ Challenge, helping raise at least \$1,000 for the V. P. Black School of Biblical Studies (Bible Department). It is a way we can all be a part of over 2,300 students studying Bible at Faulkner University. If you can help please give me a check made out to the Bible Department. In the “For” at the bottom of the page, write “Housley Preacher’s Challenge.” Give me the check and I will get it to the Bible Department. If you give cash, please put it in an envelope with your name and address on the envelope so proper acknowledgements can be made. Thanks for your help in this!

Thank you for your help with the Faulkner University’s Bible Department.

The Interstate of the Christian Life

You probably know that we refer to our Interstate Road System as Eisenhower’s Interstate Road System as it was President Dwight Eisenhower that signed the law, June 29, 1956, that created the American Interstate Highway System. We are blessed to have I-65 and I-85 right here in Montgomery. If you have travelled to other countries, you well know that our Interstate Road System is well advanced over most countries. However, it was not always that way.

At 28-years-old Eisenhower was lieutenant colonel stationed at Maryland’s Camp Meade. It was just following the end of WWI that Eisenhower volunteered to be a part of a coast to coast and 81 vehicle convoy that was part a Victory Tour and a Publicity Stunt. At that time such a thing, and 81 vehicle convoy going coast to coast had not been done. In fact, a cross country trip today is easily completed in a week, and less if very long hours are spent driving and few hours are spent sleeping. City to City, Frederick, Maryland to San Francisco today is 2,767 miles and when traveled at 69 mph, this distance can be covered in a mere 40 hours of driving. Not so in 1919.

The convoy started July 7, 1919 and traveled only 46 miles in seven hours—a snail’s pace of barely over six miles per hour. Due to road conditions, break downs, detours, etc. this cross country trek was not a mere 40 hours. It took 62 days, averaging only 52 miles per day. But they made it!

Along the way they encountered mechanical breakdowns, sand as slippery as ice, bridges without adequate clearance for some of the trucks requiring a detour, ruts and potholes, and even quicksand (remember there were precious few paved roads in that day!). The worst day was the quick sand day when the convoy took seven hours to cross only 200 yards! Yet the convoy kept going and they made it!

Isn’t this story a bit like the Christian life?

First, the Christian life is not, and should not be lived alone. (Ok, if you find yourself the only Christian, be the only Christian, until you baptize someone. But that would rarely be the case). The Christian life should be somewhat like a convoy. We are all in this together. The Lord has, after all, put us in the church, the collective body of Christ. We are among many members (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 20). This means a lot! Just like Eisenhower’s convoy encountered mechanical breakdowns, or even quicksand, there was help as they were not alone! So it is with us and the Christian life!



Second, the Christian life is more of a long road trip than a quick trip to the store. We are, after all, to be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10). It is not a matter of being baptized, and that’s it. Christianity is not a quick “do this and that’s it!” It is a life to be lived – continue to be lived.

Third, learn along the way. No doubt this trip by Eisenhower helped him learn the need for better roads across America. When the Christian lives as God wants us to live we learn to make better decisions along the way (Hebrew 5:14).

Fourth, help others. The world really ought to be a better place with you in it . . . at least your world. Eisenhower is responsible for our interstate system, one of the best road systems in the world. He made the world we live in (the U.S.) a better place.

And by the way, when driving on the interstate, observe and obey the traffic laws. Similarly, living the Christian life, observe and obey God’s laws.

-Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

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

Reminder: Registration payments are due for each person attending the convention. Contact me if you have any questions; thanks!

The Bible Bowl written test will be given Sunday, Feb 26th. We will stay after worship, eat, review, and test. If you are unable to be there, let me know and we will make arrangements to fit your needs.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: According to Job 2:3, to what did the Lord say that Job still held fast? He would have been at rest

This week's question: In Job 6:1-3, how did Job describe his grief at his calamity?
A. Greater than the number of stars in the heavens; B. Deeper than the oceans; C. Heavier than the sand of the sea; D. Higher than the mountains



Young at Heart Banquet



Not So Newlywed Game



February 19, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:
A.M.: Tim Stevens
P.M.: Tim Stevens

Opening Prayer:
A.M.: Ted Norton
P.M.: Tim Hatch

Closing Prayer:
A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz
P.M.: Austin Brown

Singing:
A.M.: David Hester
P.M.: David Hester

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/16/17

SICK: JEROME THOMPSON and MARSHA SUTTON continue to recover from surgery. Please keep BURT TURNER in prayer as the specialist in Birmingham evaluate and treat him for the five spots discovered on his lungs. WILMA MILLICAN is scheduled for a heart procedure today, Feb. 16, at Baptist South. Prayers have been requested for LARRY KIMBREL, Michele Brown's cousin, who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and undergoing treatments. Prayers have been requested for ANGIE WHITAKER, Louise Steven's daughter, who was diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatments. Prayers have been requested for 10-year-old TYLER CHANEY, granddaughter of Teresa Chaney (a friend of Thelma Woolfolk), who has been in Children's Hospital at UAB recovering from surgery. Prayers have been requested for JUDY ALLARD, mother-in-law of Todd Sutton (Randy & Marsha's son), whose cancer has returned for the third time. Prayers have been requested for INGRID HATCH, Tim Hatch's mother, who will have hip-replacement surgery, Feb. 23. Sick at home Sunday: BECKY BLUE, CARTER GOTKIEWICZ, GRAYSON GOTKIEWICZ, JULIE GOTKIEWICZ, TIM GOTKIEWICZ, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ALICE HANDLANG, ZOLA JOHNSON, CHUCK NORTON, LEIGH SANDLIN, MARIAN SIKES, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. 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.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): KAY PEARSON, MILO WAITS, ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, JEAN WILSON, JACKIE BARBAREE, DONNA KLINE, SYBIL DAVIS, and TYLER CHANEY. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, KYLE PURVICAL, ANDULA CURD, ALAN BROWN, SHERRY WADSWORTH, RANDY POST, DEBBIE GUTHRIE, A.J. CARPENTER, LARRY KIMBREL, JUDY ALLARD, and ANGIE WHITAKER.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR SUNDAY: Team 5 is responsible for the set-up and Team 1 is responsible for the clean-up for the going-away fellowship this Sunday, Feb. 19, following the PM worship service. *Teams will be assigned on a rotating basis as needed for "extra" fellowships.*

LADYBUGS CARD BRIGADE: The LadyBUGS Card Brigade is reminded to drop off cards in the designated boxes in the LadyBUGS Room. See Sara Clements for more information.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a Gospel Meeting at County Line Church of Christ (Deatsville) Feb. 20-24, with Hunter Bulger speaking. Services at 7 PM.

FAULKNER LECTURES: The 2017 Faulkner Lectures are scheduled for Mar. 5-9 with the theme, "The Holy Spirit." Our own Steve Housley and David Hester will be speaking at the lectures. Steve Housley—Tuesday, 2:30 PM, "Your Body Is a Temple of the Holy Spirit." David Hester—Tuesday, Mar. 7, 11:00 AM, "The Holy Spirit and Conversion." David will moderate a panel discussion Wednesday, Mar. 8, 3:30 PM, "Indwelling of the Spirit." You may pick up a lecture program at the Front Welcome Center or go to <https://www.faulkner.edu/undergrad/academics/college-of-biblical-studies/faulkner-lectures/>.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS - 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY STANDBY TEAM - Team 1

Sunday Bible Classes—Feb. 19

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

4 Hours!!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

2/12/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$13,445.55 / BUDGET: -\$54.45 / YTD: -\$4,693.92

Avg. Cont. YTD: \$12,829.44

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- ♦ **Feb. 16:** Visitation Team Lunch, 12 noon, at Taylor Road Zaxby's. Then make visits.
- ♦ **Feb. 27:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ♦ **Mar. 7:** Quilting, 10 AM-2 PM. Bring your lunch.
- ♦ **Mar. 13:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ EM

MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE

- ♦ **Mar. 31:** Snacks & Movie

YPYF

- ♦ **Mar. 12:** 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Mar. 5:** Devo, PM, at the home of Barney & Shirley Bell

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Feb. 19 & 26:** L2L Convention Prep, 3:30 PM
- **Mar. 12:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Sunday's, 3:30 PM:** Bible Bowl Prep
- * **Wednesdays, 6:20 PM:** Song Leading
- * **Bible Class:** Know the Books

Pictures for our new church directory will be taken April 19, 20, 21, and 22. More information coming soon!

Life Touch[®]
CHURCH DIRECTORY

Have You Quit

Gus Nichols once visited a man who had not attended a service of the Lord's church in four years. When the preacher asked this man why he had quit the church, he told brother Nichols that he had never thought of quitting the church. Brother Nichols told him that (1) he had withdrawn his presence from the services; (2) he had refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation; and (3) he had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord's work. And then brother Nichols asked the wayward member: "What else would you have to do in order to quit the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary for you to quit the church?" As his true status dawned upon him, his expression was one of quiet soberness. Then he replied, "Why, brother Nichols, I've already quit, haven't I? Well, I surely didn't mean to! And I don't know when I did it...but I've quit the Lord and his church! I'll tell you right now...I'm coming back." And he did. At the next service he was restored, and three years later he was still faithful.

--Doug Smith

4 Hours!!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

"I resolve to attend every service of the Eastern Meadows church in 2017"

Think Priorities and Commitment