



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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February 2, 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 1/29/17

Bible Class: 140
AM Worship: 187
PM Worship: 163
EMBF: \$2,356.00

WELCOME!

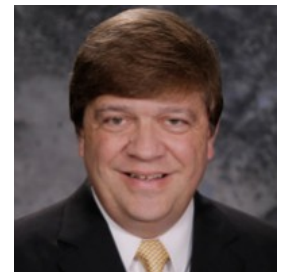
Marriage Enrichment



Sunday, February 12

David Hester speaking

- ◆ 9 AM: "Six Keys To Have A Fantastic Marriage!"
- ◆ 10 AM: "What Have They Seen In Thine House?"
- ◆ 1 PM: "Does Your Home Abide In The Doctrine Of Christ?"



Lunch provided after 10 AM service.

2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

1/29/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$11,509.00

BUDGET: - \$1,991.00 / YTD: - \$4,325.47

Avg. Cont. YTD: \$12,634.31



MIKE WILLIAMS, president of Faulkner University, will be speaking Sunday, Feb. 5, at the PM worship service. After services are dismissed, the Faulkner University Chorus, directed by our own **ALLEN CLEMENTS**, will perform.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Sunday Attendance! Sunday morning the attendance was down a bit, 187. Sunday night it was up a bit, 163, for the best Sunday Morning/Sunday Evening ratio in a long time. *We had 87% back on Sunday night, which is excellent.* Of course, my expectations for Sunday morning are much greater than 187!

Sunday Preaching. Once again we had several to go out preaching. In addition to the regulars, Jerry Martin (Lightwood), Paul Clements (Selmont), Charlie Boddy (Tallassee), and Austin Brown (The Cottages), **ANDREW LONG** preached Sunday at Westgate in Camden, Alabama. There were about 70 in attendance, an excellent number for a church in a small town. Always glad to hear of the good work of our Eastern Meadows' brethren!

Sunday's YPYF Devotional. Sunday night was the first Young Professional/Young Family Devotional. The devotional time was aimed at the children with the parents present. It was followed by a hamburger/hotdog supper. I got to go! I am not young by anyone's standard, but when you bring the hamburgers and hotdogs they let you stay! These will be planned on a quarterly basis.



Great Opportunity This Sunday! This Sunday evening the Faulkner University Chorus will be singing following worship. With the Faulkner chorus being here, there will likely be several visitors on Sunday evening. Make sure you look for visitors to speak to!! Make them feel like EM is the friendliest church they have ever been to!

Another Coming Opportunity! Sunday February 15 will be *Marriage Enrichment Sunday* at Eastern Meadows. David Hester will be teaching combined Bible Classes and will be preaching at the 10 a.m. service and the 1 p.m. service. **NOTE THE FEB. 15 SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE IS 1 P.M.** Lunch is following the morning worship. **INVITE. INVITE. INVITE!!** And let all visitors know that you are glad they came!

2017 Theme/Challenge! Are you filling out your personal attendance cards? I have seen several of you do it! Let us do our best to be present at all services, Sunday Morning Bible Classes, Sunday Morning Worship, Sunday Evening Worship, and Wednesday Bible Class.

2017 FAULKNER UNIVERSITY PREACHERS' CHALLENGE

I will once again be participating in the Faulkner University Preachers' Challenge. I have agreed to give or raise \$1,000 in support of the V.P. Black School of Biblical Studies (the Bible Department at FU). I have participated in this challenge since 2005. I think I could conservatively say that you have helped me give at least \$16,000 (it is likely over \$20,000) to the Bible Department in that time.

Brother V.P. Black started the Preacher's Challenge with 27 men participating in 1992. Since that time the Preacher's Challenge has been responsible for raising over two million dollars for the Bible Department. This helps the school not only teach its Bible majors and train preachers and Bible teachers, but it helps fund the Bible teaching to approximately 3,200 students each year. In addition to my gift, you have helped me reach the goal each year. In this way you are helping teach the Bible to these 3,000+ Faulkner Students.

If you can help, make out a check to the FU Bible Department and in the "For" at the bottom of the check, put "Housley Preacher's Challenge." You can give the check to me and I will turn it in. If you give by cash, please give in an envelope with your name and address as all contributions will be acknowledged by me and the FU Bible Department. Of course, all contributions are tax deductible.

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

--Steve Housley

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Ruth's son was named: Obed (Ruth 4:17)

This week's question: According to Job 2:3, to what did the Lord say that Job still held fast? A. His health; B. His fear; C. His blamelessness; D. His integrity



FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Lads to Leaders training, practice, and preparation – **Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.** 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 **THIS SUNDAY**, 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.

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.

February 5, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

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Opening Prayer:

A.M.: David Hester

P.M.: Josh Cochran

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: David Barley

P.M.: Austin Brown

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/2/17

SICK: MASON MIMS, Austin & Lindsay Chandler's son, is home after being in the hospital with pneumonia. JEROME THOMPSON is recovering at home from surgery. MARSHA SUTTON is scheduled for surgery Feb. 7. Sick at home Sunday: WESLEY BERRY, AUSTIN CHANDLER, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ZOLA JOHNSON, DONNA PILGRIM, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, BURT TURNER, ALLIE WARD, and THELMA WOOLFOLK. 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, BRIAN & ERIN WAITS, ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, RUTH ROBERTS, JEAN WILSON, DONNA KLINE, and SYBIL DAVIS. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, KYLE PURVICAL, ANUDLA CURD, ALAN BROWN, SHERRY WADSWORTH, and RANDY POST.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Jay & Kerry Roberts and family in the passing of his mother, RUTH ROBERTS. Ruth was also the grandmother of Courtney Ward and Sydney Roberts. The funeral will be Friday, Feb. 3, 11 AM, at Hamilton Crossroads Church of Christ in Pike County. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 AM.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS - 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY BUILDING SECURITY: James Hilyer is responsible for security for the month of February. Mark Evans is the substitute.



AREA WIDE SINGING: Panama Street Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing this Friday, Feb. 3, 7 PM.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at North Lowndes Church of Christ Feb. 4 with Clydetta Fulmer speaking on 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.

YOUNG AT HEART BANQUET: On February 11, a Young at Heart Banquet will be held in honor of Eastern Meadows members who are age 65+ and their spouses. Dinner will begin at 5:00 PM with entertainment to follow. Please RSVP to Sarah Housley (housleyesc@gmail.com or 334-549-8298) if you have not already. If you plan to attend, you are encouraged to submit a few clearly labeled photos (pictures from wedding, travel, church directory, etc.) to Sarah Housley as soon as possible. Photos will be returned following the banquet.

MEN'S EAT & MEET: The Men of the Congregation Business Meeting scheduled for Feb. 12 has been postponed until further notice.

GOING-AWAY FINGERFOODS FELLOWSHIP: There will be a Going-Away Fingerfoods Fellowship in honor of DON & CAMILLA WATES Sunday, Feb. 19, following the PM worship service. Everyone is invited to bring fingerfoods and drinks and wish the Wates' well.

E.M. MCKINNEY FUND APPLICATIONS: The E.M. McKinney Fund Applications are now available for the ACA 2017-18 school year. Families must apply for this fund each school year. In order to receive full credit, the deadline for receipt of the application by the ACA office is Mar. 1st. These forms are available at the church building at the Front Welcome Center.

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/>.

SAVE THE DATE—MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE: Save the date—March 31! Movie and Snacks Fellowship for our new group "Members In The Middle." This is an opportunity for those who are in between the Young Professionals and the Senior Saints to get to know one another better.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Admissions Clerk - Main Campus/Montgomery. This position is being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcement can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.

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

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to LANDON EVANS, who was one of the ACA band students selected for District Honor Band.

A CHANGE OF HEART

In a child's mind anything is possible. And they forgive and forget so easily. Most days when I return home from work my four-year-old son wants to know if I arrested a bad guy. On the days that I do arrest a bad guy my son's next question without fail is, "And then he turned good?" He never asks about the punishment or what the offense was. He only wants to know that the bad guy has somehow miraculously reformed and become a good guy.

I Samuel 10:6 tells how God instantly changed Saul into a different person. Samuel explained, "And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man." I Samuel 10:9 also talked about how "God gave him another heart."

God is always ready to change a person's heart and turn them in the right direction. A change of heart may not happen as quickly as it did in Saul's case, but it does happen. The only thing about being changed by God is that the person has to be willing to be changed in order to become a servant of God.

One of the greatest and most well-known stories of the Bible is the story of a different Saul, which is Saul of Tarsus. He changed into a person that became what everyone of us desire to be, a truly devoted servant of God. I believe that one of the most important things worth pointing out in Saul of Tarsus' story was how he reacted when he was basically told that he was a bad guy. In Acts 9:6, "he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He accepted the fact that he was wrong and embraced the chance to change.

I understand that everyone that is called will not respond, but I look forward to the day when I can tell my son that a bad guy that I encountered actually turned good. I look forward to telling him that it's possible that because of his infectious hope and innocence, that my heart changed which in turn changed a bad guy.



--Danny Moore

4 Hours!!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

Sunday Bible Classes—Feb. 5

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

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- ◆ **Feb. 7:** Quilting, 10 AM – 2 PM. Bring lunch!
- ◆ **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. 13:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ EM

MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE

- ◆ **Mar. 31:** Snacks & Movie

YPYF

- ◆ **Feb. 11:** Help with Young at Heart Banquet
- ◆ **Feb. 12:** NO 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship

COLLEGE EVENTS:

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Feb. 5, 19, & 26:** L2L/L Convention Prep, 3:30 PM
- **Feb. 12:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

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

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

February 12: Food is provided. Teams 2 (Hester) & 3 (Norton) are responsible for set-up. Teams 4 (Hatch) & 5 (Milam/Kelley) are responsible for clean-up.

Team 1 (Norman/Futral) - February 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.



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



Teen's Wednesday Night Bible Class

"Be Who God Created"

Pictured: Tim Hatch (teacher), Jacque Hagan, Ammaly Khandisouriya, Mary Vander Sewell, Deonta Kelly, Norton Sewell, Dallas Brown, and Landon Evans.