



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
Steve Housley
Wayne Johnston
Andrew Long
Jimmy Mathews
Danny Moore
Dean Norton
Randy Porterfield
Steve Sewell
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:

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!

2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

3/12/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$13,504.00

BUDGET: + \$4.00 / YTD: - \$2,200.81

4 weeks in a row over budget. THANK YOU!



FOUR & FIVE YEAR OLDS CLASS

The 4 & 5 Year Olds studied about Noah and the Rainbow in Bible Class Sunday Morning. Pictured above, left to right: LAWSON, DANE, AUBREY ALICE, CLARE, and DALLAS.

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

SISTER LOURINE BLACK

1921 – 2017

Sister Lourine Black passed away early Thursday, March 9 at the age of 95. She was the widow of Brother V.P. Black, having been married for 65 years. Sister Black lived much of her life in Mobile, Alabama as brother Black preached at the Plateau (now Central) church. The Blacks moved to Montgomery later in life to be near their daughter, Becky Norton.



Sister Black was a gracious Christian lady who stood by her husband and contributed greatly to his effectiveness as a gospel preacher. She was very content never complaining. Brother Billy Lambert, who had known the Blacks since 1959 and who presented the eulogy at the funeral characterized Sister Black in this way: "She was modest, a meek and quiet spirit, faithful to her husband, hospitable, generous, encouraging to younger preachers' wives, unassuming, dignified, kind, humble, and beautiful inside and out." He further said, "If you want to know how God desires for a woman to love and respect her husband, to function in the home and the church, take a good look at the life lived by this godly woman . . ." Anyone who knew Sister Black would readily agree with Billy Lambert.

In the last few years, Sister Black suffered from dementia, but her personality never changed. She continued to be the beautiful and gracious woman she had always been.

We extend our sympathy to her family at Eastern Meadows, her daughter Becky Norton (Ted) Norton, grandchildren, Alan Norton, Jane Sewell (Steve), Dean Norton (Sarah), and great grandchildren, Banks, Mary Vanderbilt, and Norton Sewell, and Tennison Norton. We will all miss Lourine Black.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

4 Hours. Eternal Assurance. This is the theme and challenge for Eastern Meadows this year. Recently Charles Box, preacher at Walnut Street church in Greenville, AL said this, "Things My Daddy & Mama Taught Me -- #40." This one was from my Mama. Attend every service of the church. Never miss, unless there is a good reason, like you are dead or something. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25) This included gospel meetings and every other service." If you want to see other similar posts by Charles Box, become his friend on Facebook and look at his past posts.

Pictorial Directory! Please sign up for your photo session, *if you have not done so*. **PLEASE**. We are striving for 100% participation. See Tim and Kristy Hatch to sign up !

Dads, You Matter . . . A Lot!

A few weeks ago, in a sermon, *10 O'clock Worship*, and then this past Sunday, in a sermon, *5 O'clock Adoration*, I presented some data about the importance of a Dad's influence and now I want you to see it a last time. Please look this over, mull over it, and if you still have children in your home, *or not*, do your best to be the Dad that models the Christian life. Our children deserve nothing less than our best, even from us Dads.

Practice of parents	Practice of parents	Practice of children	Practice of children	Practice of children
Father	Mother	Regular	Irregular	Non-practicing
Regular	Regular	32.8	41.4	25.8
Regular	Irregular	37.7	37.6	24.7
Regular	Non-practising	44.2	22.4	33.4
Irregular	Regular	3.4	58.6	38.0
Irregular	Irregular	7.8	60.8	31.4
Irregular	Non-practising	25.4	22.8	51.8
Non-practising	Regular	1.5	37.4	61.1
Non-practising	Irregular	2.3	37.8	59.9
Non-practising	Non-practising	4.6	14.7	80.7

Notice the top line (line 1). When Father and Mother were both regular in their practice of religion, 32.8% of the children were regular in their practice of religion. Compare this with the last line where both parents are non-practicing and only 4.6% of the children are regular and a whopping 80.7% are non-practicing. Frankly, there is no surprise there.

However, very interesting is the contrast of when Father is regular and the Mother is non-practicing (line 3). *Due to the father's influence* 44.2% of the children are regular in their practice of religion. However, the results are markedly different when the mother is regular in her practice of religion but the Father is non-practicing (line 7). Only 1.5% of the children become regular in their practice of religion and 61.1% become non-practicing. These statistics are from Switzerland.

The following statistics are from the U.S.:

When both parents attend Sunday school, 72% of the children attend Sunday school when grown.

When only the father attends Sunday school, 55% of the children attend when grown.

When only the mother attends Sunday school, 15% of the children attend when grown.

When neither parent attends Sunday school, only 6% of the children attend when grown.

Again, note the tremendous influence of the FATHER! Many years ago I was sitting in my office at the Rocky Creek Church of Christ and I read an article that said something like this, "Many children will, with fondness remember their angelic Moms, but live like their devilish Dads."

It is no wonder that we find fathers singled out, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4 ESV). Dads, teach your

children Bible stories, teach your children Bible truths, teach the importance of following Biblical authority, teach them what is right and how to do right, take them faithfully to all services of the church . . . *Do everything you can do to model faithfulness before them!*

Last word. Dads, don't leave it to Moms or the church and shirk your duty. If you do, and live long enough, you will live to regret not doing *everything you can!*

--Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Reminder: Several have yet to pay the L2L registration fee.

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

Lads to Leaders training, practice, and preparation – Every Sunday at 3:30.

The 2017 Greater than Prom event for high school juniors and seniors will occur on May 5-6, 2017. The setting is the beautiful Harbor Lodge on Lake Martin. The event includes a formal banquet with dinner and entertainment. Then, the rest of the evening through the next afternoon offers a range of spiritual, recreational and fellowship opportunities. Contact Tim if your senior or junior wants to attend. Eastern Meadows Seniors cost is 30 dollars; cost for guests is 65 dollars. Sign-up deadline is April 23rd.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: According to Job 8:21, what can God do for Job? He can fill Job's mouth with laughing

This week's question: In Job 12:14, what does Job say happens if the Lord breaks a thing down? A. It cannot be rebuilt; B. It will be rebuilt; C. He shows his strength and might



ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/16/28

SICK: NORBERT SCHAEFER, Linda Schaefer's husband, is in Baptist East Medical Center. JIMMY MATHEWS is scheduled for knee surgery today, Mar. 16. SUE EDWARDS, David Warren's mother, is in serious condition. WILMA MILLICAN is now home and continues to grow stronger. JOY DAVIS is scheduled for back surgery Apr. 4. FRED SMITH, Veotha Smith's husband, is scheduled for knee surgery Apr. 4 at UAB. Sick at home Sunday: LAWRENCE DEES, LLOYD DEES, AIDEN FUTRAL, LEENA FUTRAL, NOLAN FUTRAL, CARTER GOTKIEWICZ, GRAYSON GOTKIEWICZ, RYAN GOTKIEWICZ, ALICE HANDLANG, WAYNE JOHNSTON, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, ARLETTE POSTMA, VEOTHA SMITH, NICOLE TIMBES, and DAVID & BONNIE WARREN. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: TAM LOWERY, PATSY LOWERY, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, JACKIE JOHNSTON, JEWEL BARNES, and RED & LANETTE TAYLOR. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN.

PRAYER REQUEST: Prayers have been requested for DAVID & JOSHLYN BESS friends of Nathan & Kallie Futral, in the passing of their 3-year-old son, WYATT BESS. Wyatt passed away after battling cancer for the last several months.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): KAY PEARSON, ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, JEAN WILSON, JACKIE BARBAREE, DONNA KLINE, SYBIL DAVIS, INGRID HATCH, DONNY ANGLIN, and ORAN BARRY. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, ANDULA CURD, ALAN BROWN, SHERRY WADSWORTH, RANDY POST, DEBBIE GUTHRIE, A.J. CARPENTER, LARRY KIMBREL, and JUDY ALLARD.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of LOURINE BLACK, who passed away Thursday, Mar. 9. Lourine was the mother of Becky Norton, the grandmother of Jane Sewell, Alan Norton, and Dean Norton, and the great-grandmother of Banks, Mary Vander, and Norton Sewell and Tennison Norton. The funeral was Monday at Leak Memory.

LADYBUGS VISITATION TEAM BRUNCH: The LadyBUGS Visitation Team will meet for a Brunch Monday, Mar. 20, 10:30 AM, at the home of Tish Housley. See Tish for more information.

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY: Pictures for our new church directory will be taken April 19, 20, 21, and 22. Sign-up for your session at the Welcome Desk in the Front Foyer. See Tim or Kristy Hatch for more information.

HOMECOMING & GOAL DAY: This year we will celebrate Homecoming along with Goal Day on Sunday, May 7th. Service times will be 9 & 10 AM and 1 PM. Lunch will be provided after the 10 AM service. We need your help in making this day a success by being here and inviting others!

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE: Devotional first at 6:00 PM followed by class.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS - 10:30 AM / MARCH STANDBY TEAM—Team 2

LADIES' & GIRLS DAY: Cedar Grove Church of Christ (Andalusia, AL) will have a Ladies and Girls Day Saturday, April 8, 9 AM—Lunch. The program will be presented by the Cedar Grove Leaderettes. Beverly Pace will be the guest speaker. For more information contact the church office at (334) 222-3651.

AREA WIDE LADIES' DEVO



Eastern Meadows hosted the Area Wide Ladies' Devo, Monday, Mar. 13. Denise Martin presented the lesson, "Weary Heart." The devotionals are held quarterly and the next devo will be May 8 at Panama Street Church of Christ.



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- ♦ **Mar. 20:** Visitation Team Brunch, 10:30 AM, @ Tish Housley's
- ♦ **Mar. 26:** April Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **Mar. 27:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ♦ **Mar. Baptismal Garments:** Janet Mathews
- ♦ **Mar. Communion Prep:** Theresa Mulkey

MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE

- ♦ **Mar. 31:** Snacks & Movie, 7 PM. Sign-up sheet posted at Front Welcome Center

YPYF

- ♦ **Apr. 9:** Help with Youth Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Apr. 2:** Devo, PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Mar. 19 & 26:** L2L/L Prep
- **Apr. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **May 5-6:** Prom Alternative

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Sunday's, 3:30 PM:** Bible Bowl Prep
- * **Bible Class:** Know the Books

STATISTICS 3/12/17

Bible Class: **151** / AM Worship: **196** / PM Worship: **167** / EMBF: **\$441.50**

March 19, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Andrew Long

P.M.: Jeff Simpson

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: David Barley

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

March 26: Teams 5 (Milam/Kelley) & 1 (Futral/Norman). Both teams are to bring enough food to feed own family plus some. Sweet and unsweet tea provided. Team 5 is responsible for set-up and Team 1 is responsible for clean-up.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

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