



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Don Brannan
Paul Clements
Alan Kaye
Roy Mulkey
Mike Norman
Ted Norton

DEACONS:

Billy Bush
Allen Clements
Lamon Dees
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!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

Teams 5 (Milam/Kelley) & 1 (Futral/Norman) will host the Fellowship Meal this Sunday, Mar. 26. 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.



2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

3/19/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$13,650.25

BUDGET: + \$150.25 / YTD: - \$2,050.56

Keep it up—5 weeks in a row over budget. THANK YOU!

4 Hours!!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

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

Think Priorities and Commitment

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

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.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Spring Break. Never a time to break from God! But if you do get some time off work or school, enjoy your time!

Weather. It is nice to see the spring weather arrive, but do not ever be a “fair-weather” Christian.

Planning Summer Vacation? Good, but never vacation from God.

Looking Ahead: April Wonderful Wednesdays. David Hester will be presenting lessons on Wednesdays in April on the A.D. 70 Doctrine. He will define it and refute it. This, of course, was the subject of his debate last summer and will be the subject of his upcoming debate at Eastern Meadows this summer. Of course, any additional arguments from last summer that he may introduce in this summer’s debate will be reserved for the upcoming debate. *While this series should inform EM of this doctrine and the reasons it is false, it will not be a preview of the upcoming debate.* However, just to be sure, the lessons will not be online until after the debate. *So, you need to be here to listen to these lessons.!*

Looking Ahead: May 7, Homecoming and Goal Day! Classes will be as usual. We will try to fill every space in our classrooms with guests! David Hester will be the speaker at the 10 a.m. worship. Afterwards, we will have a “catered” meal (you don’t need to bring anything) followed by 12:30 p.m. worship. (Note the time: 12:30 p.m.) Our goal for May 7 is **300**. We need to begin now inviting people to attend May 7. You will be asked to help send personal invitations later in April. This was one of the more effective advertisements that we have used in the past. Nothing, however, beats your personal invitation. Be inviting your Friends, Relatives, and Neighbors. Years ago we called it this big day Goal Day and later F.R.A.N. (Friends, Relatives, And Neighbors) Day. Actually, my concern is less what we call it than that we are inviting! **MAY 7!**

Budget! We have, thankfully, had five Sundays in a row meeting budget. I thank God and thank you. Our elders have a realistic budget. No fluff. The \$13,500 is what we need to give because that is what we plan on spending . . . and we are actually “obligated” for much of that. Thank you for all you do in helping us reach this budget. I know of no other congregation, personally, with our attendance that has this budget. It is because of God’s blessings and your faithful giving.

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.



Youth group in prayer during our Youth Group Prayer Breakfast for Dinner this past Monday night.

STATISTICS 3/19/17

Bible Class: 124 / AM Worship: 198 / PM Worship: 137 / EMBF: \$141.50

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: In Job 12:14, what does Job say happens if the Lord breaks a thing down? It cannot be rebuilt

This week's question: In Job 13:3, Job states that he would speak to the Almighty and that he desired to do what with God? A. Reason; B. Fellowship; C. Wonder



ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/23/28

SICK: BRENDA HESTER is recovering from last week's surgery and is scheduled for a surgical procedure to remove a kidney stone this Friday, Mar. 24. JIMMY MATHEWS is home recovering from knee surgery. JOY DAVIS is scheduled for back surgery Apr. 4. FRED SMITH, Veotha Smith's husband, is scheduled for knee surgery Apr. 4 at UAB. SUSAN BROOKS is scheduled for hip-replacement surgery Apr. 5 in Pensacola, FL. Ann Kaye, Alan Kaye's mother, had surgery following a fall and will soon be moved to rehab. Prayers have been requested for JENNY PATTERSON, Monica Dill's mother, to qualify for clinical trials for heart treatment. NORBERT SCHAEFER, Linda Schaefer's husband, is in L.V. Stabler Hospital in Greenville. SUE EDWARDS, David Warren's mother, is in serious condition. Prayers have been requested for GINGER GRIESING, friend of Randy and Marsha Sutton, who had to undergo an emergency surgery for a ruptured appendix which will require an extended stay in the hospital. 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.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: RAELEIGH MADISON was born to KELSEY EVANS Sunday, Mar. 19. Raelynn weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18 in. long. Her grandparents are MARK & TAMMY EVANS and LANDON EVANS is her uncle. Congratulations to all!

SYMPATHY TO FORMER MEMBERS: Eastern Meadows extends sympathy to the LUTHER BOOZER Family at his passing on Saturday, March 18, 2017. He is survived by his wife Cathy, and four children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. The memorial service was Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, JEAN WILSON, JACKIE BARBAREE, DONNA KLINE, SYBIL DAVIS, SUE EDWARDS, INGRID HATCH, DONNY ANGLIN, ORAN BARRY, FRED SMITH, DAVID & JOSHLYN BESS, and JENNY PATTERSON. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, ANDULA CURD, ALAN BROWN, SHERRY WADSWORTH, RANDY POST, DEBIE GUTHRIE, A.J. CARPENTER, LARRY KIMBREL, and JUDY ALLARD.



Raelynn Madison

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Family, Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, the beautiful flowers, and delicious food for my family and friends. My mother spent a lifetime quietly serving others. Thanks again, Ted & Becky Norton

THANK YOU: Dear Brothers and Sisters, Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, and food before and after my last surgery. I'm doing so much better since this surgery and I know your prayers helped in a big way. Love, Marsha Sutton

APRIL CALENDAR: All events for the April Calendar must be turned in by next Sunday, Mar. 26, to Wilma Berry.

LADYBUGS SUNSHINE BAGS: We have several of our members that are recovering from surgery, injuries, or serious illness. We will be sending gift bags filled with treats to brighten their day and remind them that we miss them. In addition to the items listed below, please take a minute to write each of these people a note that can be included in each bag. A list of names is available in the LadyBUGS' Room where you will also find index cards available that can be used to write these notes if you wish. Please leave all items in the designated area in the

LadyBUGS' Room no later than Sunday, April 9th. We will prepare 12 to 15 bags. **NO PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE!** Suggested Items: Puzzle Books, Pens, Note Pads/Cards, Reading Materials (books, magazines), Hard Candy (individually wrapped), Chewing Gum, Salty Snacks (individually wrapped), Socks, Hand Lotion, Tissues, Lip Balm (chap stick), Stamps, and reusable Gift Bags. All items must be turned in by Apr. 30.

L2L/L REMINDER: Several have yet to pay the L2L registration fee. See Tim Gotkiewicz.

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY: Pictures for our new church directory will be taken April 19-23. There are only a few sessions available, so sign-up as soon as possible 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 12:30 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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING: We will have congregational singing next Wednesday night, Mar. 29. No classes.

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

LadyBUGS Visitation Team

Brunch at the home of Tish Housley on Monday, Mar. 20.

Pictured left to right: JAN HILYER, BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER, JUDY CREEL, BECKY NORTON, SHIRLEY KAYE, BETTY DAVIDSON, BECKY BLUE, PHYLLIS ALLEN, BILLIE POUNCEY, and LUCY SUMMER-



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- ◆ **Mar. 26:** April Visitation Assignments
- ◆ **Mar. 27:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **Mar. Baptismal Garments:** Janet Mathews
- ◆ **Mar. Communion Prep:** Theresa Mulkey
- ◆ **Apr. 4:** Quilting, 10 AM—2 PM

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. 26:** L2L/L Prep
- **Apr. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Apr. 13-16:** L2L/L Convention
- **May 5-6:** Prom Alternative

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Sunday's, 3:30 PM:** Bible Bowl Prep
- * **Bible Class:** Know the Books
- * **Apr. 13-16:** L2L/L Convention

March 26, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Josh Cochran
P.M.: Josh Cochran

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Blaine Benson
P.M.: Trent Bailey

Closing Prayer:

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

Singing:

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