



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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March 9, 2017

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, Education & 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!

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Service begins at **6:00** p.m. with Devotional first, followed by class, then dismiss from class to go home.

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

—March 12th—

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday. Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour at bedtime Saturday night.

2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

3/5/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$14,728.40

BUDGET: + \$1,228.40 / YTD: - \$2,253.81

Avg. Contribution YTD: \$13,274.62

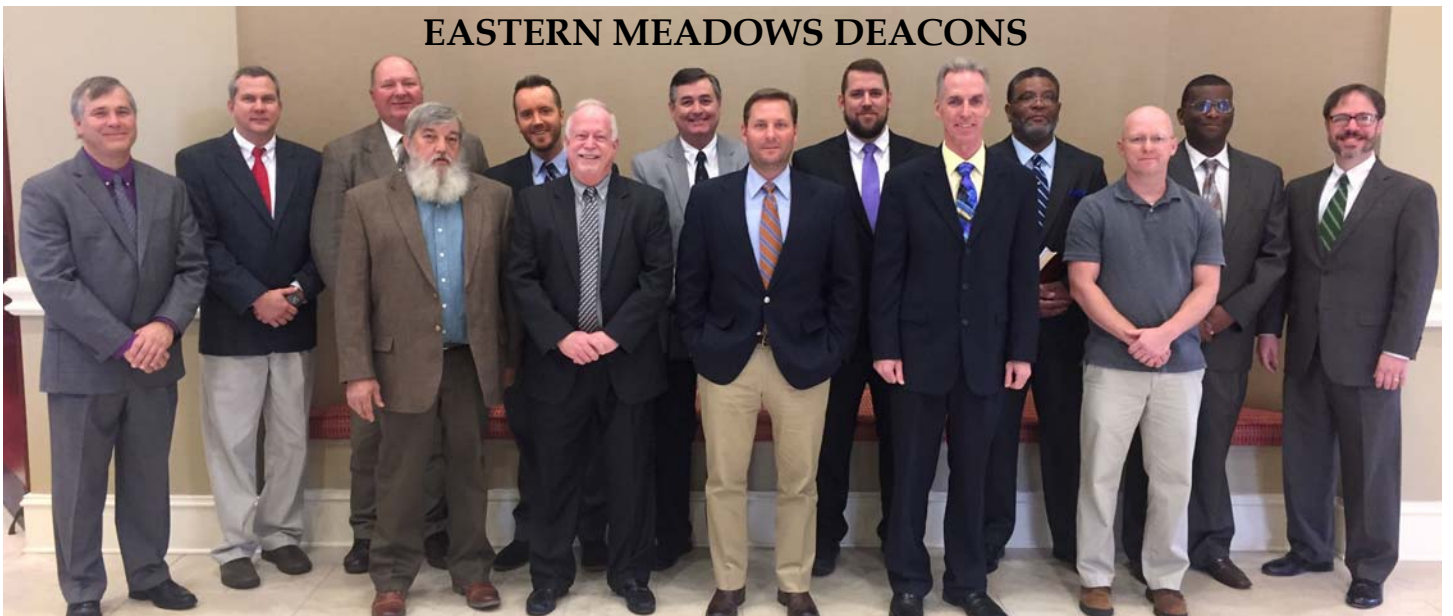
3 weeks in a row over budget!!!! Thanks!

EASTERN MEADOWS ELDERS



Pictured left to right: **TIM BAGENTS, ROY MULKEY, PAUL CLEMENTS, MIKE NORMAN, ALAN KAYE, TED NORTON, and DON BRANNAN**

EASTERN MEADOWS DEACONS



Pictured left to right front row: **RANDY PORTERFIELD, JIMMY MATHEWS, STEVE SEWELL, TIM GOTKIEWICZ, and DANNY MOORE.** *Pictured left to right back row:* **JEFF SIMPSON, TIM HATCH, BILLY BUSH, DEAN NORTON, STEVE HOUSLEY, RYAN GOTKIEWICZ, ANDREW LONG, LAMON DEES, and ALLEN CLEMENTS**

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Sunday was a day that goes down in history for the Eastern Meadows church! Four new elders were appointed, Paul Clements, Alan Kaye, Roy Mulkey, and Mike Norman. Eight new deacons were appointed, Allen Clements, Lamont Dees, Ryan Gotkiewicz, Tim Hatch, Andrew Long, Danny Moore, Dean Norton and Steve Sewell. This brings us to a total of seven Elders, and fifteen Deacons. We can all thank the elders for leading us in this forward move.

Prayers are needed. This was really only the beginning. Now the real work begins as each man learns how he can best lead and serve Eastern Meadows. It is with the hope that following God's plan, as each will sincerely and with diligence do his part as an Elder or Deacon, that the result will be the spread of the Kingdom of God.

You are to be commended. God blessed us with a good, above budget, contribution that helps erase some of the deficit we had built during January. The contribution along with the Benevolence Fund contribution was over \$15,000. That is very good for a congregation of this size. May we all continue to give as God prospers.

A pleasure to see. It is a pleasure to see various ones "roam" the auditorium before Bible class and between Bible Class and worship to greet others. It is a joy for me to wait in line to meet a visitor. This is what I have been seeing. Why not consider being a "Roamer" and greet as many as you can between Bible Class and worship.

Pictorial Directory. We have had good response in signing up for the Picture Taking appointments. But we have a ways to go to get to 100%, which is our goal. For a pictorial directory to be at its best, it needs pictures of all members included. It can be a struggle to get all the faces with names, but the pictorial directory will help. Additionally there will be a Mobile directory (yes, people can opt out of this) and it will be of even greater value than the print edition at helping us get to know everyone. So be sure to SIGN UP!

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Reminder: 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. We will focus on Song Leading and Speech this Sunday. Have your songs ready, your speech in work, and remember to study your Bible Bowl questions.

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. Your cost will be 30 dollars per student.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: According to Bildad in Job 8:13, whose hope shall perish?
The hypocrite

This week's question: According to Job 8:21, what can God do for Job? A. He can fill Job's mouth with laughing; B. He can restore Job's health and possessions; C. He can cause Job's lip to speak no more



ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/9/28

SICK: NICOLE TIMBES is suffering heart issues and undergoing tests. JIMMY MATHEWS' knee surgery is scheduled for Mar. 16. ORAN BARRY, Angie Moore's father, underwent shoulder surgery Wednesday, Mar. 8. Prayers have been requested for DONNY ANGLIN, the uncle of Jonathan Hester's (David & Brenda's son) girlfriend Bree, who was in an auto accident. Sick at home Sunday: TRENT BAILEY, SUSAN BROOKS, LYNDE CROWDER, MARCIA GRAVES, and MARGARET GRAVES. 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, 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.

MARCH 12TH FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Teams 3 (Norton) and 4 (Hatch) will host the Fellowship Meal this Sunday, Mar. 12, following the AM worship service. Both teams are to bring enough meats, vegetables, bread, and desserts to feed your family plus some. Sweet & unsweet tea provided. Team 3 is responsible for set-up and Team 4 is responsible for clean-up.

LADIES MEETING THIS SUNDAY: There will be a brief ladies' meeting Sunday immediately following morning worship in the Teen classroom (east end of the building). Please make your plans to attend this meeting regarding the upcoming Area Wide Ladies Devotional hosted by Eastern Meadows on Monday Night.

YPYF 2ND SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: The YPYF Group's 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship is this Sunday, May 12, following the PM worship service at Salsarita's on Vaughn Road.

AREA WIDE LADIES' DEVO: Eastern Meadows Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Ladies' Devo this Monday, Mar. 13, 7 PM. This year's theme is "Encouragement from the Heart." DENISE MARTIN will present the first lesson titled, "Wearry Heart." This year the schedule is changing. We will eat first at 7:00 and then have our devotional. ALL ladies are invited to attend and to bring a friend!

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.

INTRODUCING MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE: The "Members in the Middle" group has been formed for all members between the Young Professional Young Families Group and the Young at Heart Group. The goal is to get to know one another better and look for ways to glorify God by serving others and are open to ideas and suggestions. Our first fellowship is March 31. We will watch the movie "War Room" in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please bring snacks. A male volunteer is needed to lead a brief devotional on prayer following the movie. For more information and to sign up for e-mail notifications see Ron or Dianne Hoskinson. Information is also available at the Welcome Desk.

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 Goal Day along with Homecoming 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!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open positions: Professor of School Counseling - Behavioral Sciences; Assistant Coach, Offensive - Athletics/Football; Assistant Coach, Receivers - Athletics/Football. These positions are being advertised to internal and external candidates. The complete position announcements can be viewed on our website at <http://www.faulkner.edu/about-faulkner/human-resources/current-openings/>.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Family, Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls, visits, and food during Mom's illness and passing. Your outpouring of love and prayers helped us get through this very difficult time. May God bless you all. The Roberts Family

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Family, Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness extended during the past week following the death of Angelique Whitaker. The outpouring of your love and concern has been most comforting during a very painful time, and has been appreciated. Louise and Tim Stevens and Brady Whitaker

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- ♦ **Mar. 13:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 7 PM, @ EM
- ♦ **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

MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE

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

YPYF

- ♦ **Mar. 12:** 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship @ Sal-sarita's On Vaughn Road

COLLEGE EVENTS:

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Mar. 12, 19 & 26:** L2L/L Prep
- **May 5-6:** Prom Alternative

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

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

STATISTICS 3/5/17

Bible Class: 187 / AM Worship: 229 / PM Worship: 140 / EMBF: \$283.35

March 12, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Billy Bush

P.M.: Billy Bush

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Josh Cochran

P.M.: Brooks Housley

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Lamon Dees

P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: Allen Clements

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

March 12: Teams 3 (Norton) and 4 (Hatch). Both teams are to bring enough food to feed own family plus some. Sweet and unsweet tea provided. Team 3 is responsible for set-up and Team 4 is responsible for clean-up.



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.

4 Hours!!!!

ETERNAL ASSURANCE

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

Think Priorities and Commitment

“CHOICES”

The late country singer, George Jones, recorded the song, “Choices”, which sounds like a confession regarding the bad ones he made in his life and that he was “living and dying” with those choices. The Lord God made man to be a free moral agent, that is, he possesses the ability to make choices in life, either good or bad. That has been true since the time Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden.

Before his death, Moses, the great leader of the children of Israel, informed the people the following: “And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal” (Deuteronomy 11:29). God did lead them to the mountains: Mount Gerizim was the mountain of ‘blessing’ and Mount Ebal was the mountain of ‘curse’. Moses commanded six leaders from six tribes to stand on Mount Gerizim to pronounce the ‘blessings’ that would come upon the people ‘if’ they obeyed the commandments of God. He also commanded six leaders from six tribes to stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce the ‘curses’ that would come upon the people if they disobeyed the commandments of God (Deuteronomy 27:11- chapter 28).

In Deuteronomy 30:15, 19, Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.” “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose** life, that both you and your descendants may live” (Emphasis, re). The Lord God allowed the Israelites to choose between “life” or “death”.

Jesus Christ gave the people of His day a choice that is applicable for all of mankind as long as time shall stand, as recorded in Matthew 7:13, 14: “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (ESV). How said indeed it is, that “many” will choose the “easy” way “that leads to destruction”! And, only a “few” will choose the way that is “hard that leads to life.”

On the judgment day when Jesus Christ will sit on the “throne of His glory”, your eternal choice will not be yours, it will be His! You will either hear, “inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”; or, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:34, 41). The decision you make presently will determine the direction you will follow in this life, and eventually, your eternal destiny. Please remember, you are “living and dying” with the choices you make in this life. Prayerfully, you will choose ‘life’ in Jesus Christ. If you do, you will “die in the Lord” and will be blessed in the eternal care of our Heavenly Father (Revelation 14:13).



– Raymond Elliott

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