



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 13, 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, 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!

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY—APRIL 30TH

Fifth Sunday's have been designated "Benevolence Sunday". On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution will be taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. This is to be separate from the regular contribution. Checks for this effort should be made out to: Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund. Envelopes marked "Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund" will be provided for those who wish to contribute in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

—Don Brannan, for the elders



HOMECOMING

& GOAL DAY

Sunday, May 7



~ 300 ~



FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

May 7. This is the date for Homecoming/Goal Day, 2017. This year we have set an attendance goal of 300. This is a very challenging goal! Yet, I am convinced that if *all of us* do *all we can*, God will bless us to meet the goal. Invite everybody! Invite, friends, relatives, and neighbors. Invite people you know and people you don't know. Don't be shy. Let them know you hope they will help us reach 300 and do invite them to the meal and let them know that after the meal we will have a 12:30 p.m. worship.

Push, Pull, Drag. Perhaps you have heard the advertisement from the Car Lot that promises \$2,000 for every trade it, even if you have to Push, Pull, or Drag the car in. That is how I feel about May 7. Be here and have your friends, family, and neighbors here, even if you have to push, pull, or drag.

Thanks, Lucy! Lucy Summerlin is making a trip to Texas to see her family. Good for Lucy! *But I was so thankful* when she told me that she was sure she would be back by May 7; that she would not miss the Homecoming/Goal Day. I will admit that I am disheartened when sometimes our

own members will schedule vacation or other out of town activities during special occasions like May 7 (Homecoming/Goal Day) or Vacation Bible School, etc. We need to place the local church and her works as a priority and schedule other things around it! Too many times, it would seem, that school, sports, and recreation are allowed to have the priority and we just "fit in" church if we are able. Thank you Lucy for being a good example!

Your Help!!!! We need your help for inviting folks to Homecoming/Goal Day. The office will be preparing packets with notecards, names and addresses, and stamps for you to write a personal invitation inviting folks to Homecoming/Goal Day. They will be available next Sunday, April 16 and need to be returned to the building April 23. The office will coordinate the mailing of these cards with the mailing of other advertisements for Homecoming/Goal Day. Thank you in advance for your help.

More Help!!!! When you have company you "spruce up" the place! We need to "spruce up" 8464 Vaughn Road for our guests on Homecoming/Goal Day. And there are some neglected things that need doing. The more that help the quicker it gets done. Plan on being here, Saturday, Apr. 22, 8 AM - 12 noon. Thanks!



Eastern Meadows' Twins - Five Sets

Eastern Meadows has five sets of twins. They are Tim Bagents and Melanie Bush (adults), with Lloyd and Lawrence Dees to Tim's right, McCoy and McKenzie Franklin sitting in Tim and Melanie's laps, Clare and Dallas Pouncey at Melanie's left, and Joy Davis and Leigh Sandlin (not pictured and the only identical twins).

Thanks Dean and Sarah and other Young Professional/Young Families! This group worked very hard Sunday night to help with the set-up, feeding, and clean-up for the Area-Wide Youth Devotional. A great, hard, tiring job. Thanks to all!

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Many thanks to the YPYF group who set up, cooked, served, and cleaned up for our Area-Wide this past Sunday evening! Their hard work was certainly a blessing for the teens who came to Eastern Meadows for worship and for fellowship with our teens.

By the time you receive this bulletin, many of our youth will be at the Lads 2 Leaders convention in Atlanta. Please pray for our safety, our edification, and our development as we prepare ourselves for our Christian walk.

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.

Our Grad picnic for 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th at 4 PM. We will be honoring Ammaly Khantisouriya, Gracie Johnston, Cassidy Brown, and Luke Ferrell.

I recently put out an appeal requesting donations for Indian Creek Youth Camp on benevolence Sunday. I am happy to announce that God has blessed us and the needed funds for the new boy's cabin have been given! If you would still like to help out the camp, there are several other important projects that need our help; if you are interested in helping the camp, please let me know and I'll be glad to point you in the right direction.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Jesus will be revealed from Heaven with His mighty Angels.

This week's question: How many tribes of Israel were there?



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

April 19 & 26: **David Hester**, "Explanation and Refutation of the A.D. 70 Doctrine"

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/13/28

SICK: JOY DAVIS is home recovering from back surgery. SUSAN BROOKS is home recovering from hip-replacement surgery. DUSTY POUNCEY has been in the hospital. PETE HANKINS underwent a heart catheterization on Tuesday. HOLLY THOMASSON is undergoing tests with the doctors at UAB. MARGARET GRAVES has shingles. FRANCIS NELSON is in New Day Senior Care at Community Hospital in Tallassee. NORBERT SCHAEFER, Linda Schaefer's husband, is in rehab at Tyson Manor. Prayers have been requested for LANDIS COOK, son of Patrice McClain's friend, who is in Baptist South ICU In critical condition. TERESA LYNN NICHOLS, Ann Milam's

daughter, is in Baptist East with pneumonia. Prayers have been requested for 9-year-old BLAKE BATCHELOR, family friend of the Hoskinsons, who will undergo open heart surgery when school is out for the summer. Sick at home Sunday: ANNEGENE DAVIS, MARCIA GRAVES, and DAVID WARREN. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: VI ENGLISH, CATHERINE LEINHEISER, JACKIE JOHNSTON, JEWEL BARNES, and RED & LANETTE TAYLOR. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN and HOLLY THOMASSON.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): ELIZABETH ENGLEBERT, JEAN WILSON, JACKIE BARBAREE, DONNA KLINE, SUE EDWARDS, INGRID HATCH, DONNY ANGLIN, ORAN BARRY, FRED SMITH, JENNY PATTERSON, and ANN KAYE. (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, JUDY ALLARD, and WAYNE EDWARDS.

THANK YOU: Our brothers and sisters in the Lord; Thank you are words not adequate to convey how much your prayers and cards mean to us. This is a long journey we have found ourselves on, but you are making it much easier to travel. LadyBUGS, I love you and my quilt. That really touched me to the depths of my soul. It will always be cherished. It is easy to tell everyone about your talent, time, and love. We do thank you for all you have done. You are the best! Sam & Donna Kline



EASTERN MEADOWS WORKDAY: We will have a Workday on Saturday, Apr. 22, 8 AM—12 noon. Our primary focus is to spruce up the building and grounds in preparation for our Homecoming and Goal Day. We ask that all who can help, please come and share in our work. We will likely be in need of the following items; rakes, brooms, pressure washers, gloves, garden hoses, edgers, weed trimmers, blowers, tree trimming tools. Please bring any items you feel can be used to help in the effort.

HOMECOMING & GOAL DAY: This year we will celebrate Homecoming and 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. Our goal is **300!** We need your help in making this day a success by being here and inviting others! Here is a direct link to the Homecoming Event Page on Facebook. You can click share and invite friends from here. Of course you have to have a facebook account to get to it. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1125209494258092/>

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Faulkner University would like to announce the following open position: Admissions Counselor - Main/Montgomery Campus. This position is 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/>.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS – 10:30 AM / APRIL STANDBY TEAM – Team 3 (Norton)

April 16, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:			
Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Brooks Housley	A.M.: Roy Mulkey	A.M.: James Hilyer	A.M.: Paul Clements
P.M.: Brooks Housley	P.M.: Andrew Long	P.M.: Jeff Simpson	P.M.: Paul Clements

2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00
4/9/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$13,507.75 / BUDGET: + \$7.75 / YTD: - \$2,841.31

STATISTICS 4/9/17
Bible Class: 147 / AM Worship: 199 / PM Worship: 242 / EMBF: \$182.50

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

April 23: Teams 1 (Futral/Norman) & 2 (Hester). Both teams are to bring enough food to feed your own family plus some. Tea provided. Team 1 is responsible for set-up and Team 2 is responsible for clean-up.



Great news from the Paziys!

Eastern Meadows has had a long relationship with Vladimer and Oksana Paziy. Ted Norton and Don Brannan stayed in their home on their first visit to Kramatorsk, Ukraine and encouraged young Vladimer to attend the Bear Valley Bible Institute, then located in Kramatorsk. Eastern Meadows helped support them during this period and after both Vlad and Oksana finished the institute as they were working first with the Konstantinovka church and later with both the Konstantinovka church and the Kramatorsk church. Currently Eastern Meadows supports Oksana in her work with the ABC School which the Kramatorsk church operates, teaching 140 children Bible and English. A few years ago Vlad and Oksana adopted siblings, Rita and Dima. We have watched

them grow over the years and now it is exciting to see that the teaching Rita has heard, probably nearly every day since their adoption has borne fruit. Rita, age 13, was baptized by her father, Vladimer, in the family bathtub.

LADYBUGS

- ◆ **Apr. 17:** Visitation Team Salad Lunch, 11:30 AM, Tea Room. Sign-up List in LadyBUGS Room
- ◆ **Apr. 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **April Baptismal Garments:** Bonnie Warren
- ◆ **April Communion Prep:** Bonnie Warren

MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE

- ◆ **Benevolence Project Needs—April:** Travel Size Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soap. Collection baskets in main foyer.

ELEMENTARY L2L/L

- * **Apr. 13-16:** L2L/L Convention

YPYF

- ◆ **May 14:** Family Devo, PM, hosted by Porterfields and College Group

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Apr. 13-16:** L2L/L Convention
- **May 5-6:** Prom Alternative
- **May 13:** Graduate Cook-out, 4 PM

4 Hours!!!! ETERNAL ASSURANCE

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

Think Priorities and Commitment

HE AIN'T NO COWPOKE

Two cattlemen were talking and a man dressed in the usual cowpuncher garb walked up and asked for a job. One of the men told him to throw his gear into the bunkhouse, catch himself a horse, and saddle up for work. Half an hour went by and he had not returned. The cattlemen walked over to the barn, and one quick look was all it took to see that something was wrong. The man had succeeded in getting a bridle on his chosen horse, but was having a terrible time getting the saddle on him. Finally, he got it in place but soon discovered it was backwards. He jerked it off, turned it around, and mounted up without cinching the saddle. The first quick move by the horse dumped him upon the ground. One of the cattlemen yelled, "You ain't no cowpoke, you just got on cowboy clothes."

At the risk of bringing anathema of some brethren down upon my head, I wish to draw an analogy of these ideas to Elders (actual and aspiring) in the church.

The Bible requires that an Elder be of good report from without and within. If this is not true, he ain't no Elder, he's just wearing the name. Titus says an Elder must have faithful children. If he doesn't, he ain't no Elder, no matter what he says. Titus says an Elder shouldn't be given to wine, which really means he shouldn't drink alcoholic beverages. If he does drink, he ain't no Elder, he's just another deluded drunk.

Timothy says an Elder must be apt to teach. Now if a man is more apt not to teach, he ain't no Elder, he's just someone who loves the preeminence. Timothy says an Elder must be blameless (i.e. not guilty of willful sin) and it doesn't matter if 98% of the congregation put him in, if he's known to walk in forbidden paths, he ain't no Elder, he's just the blind leading the blind. Timothy also says and other passages teach that an Elder's wife must be in subjection to her husband and should be grave, sober, and faithful. If she's not, this man ain't no Elder, he's just a henpecked hypocrite who needs to be dealt with.

Thank God for qualified Elders. God have mercy on the rest. They ain't no Elders.

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Believe God and Believe IN Him

"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness, and he was called the friend of God" (James 2:23).

There is a big difference between believing in God and believing God. Abraham did both. God gave him the gift of righteousness, and they were friends. Imagine a human being a friend of the Almighty. Imagine no more, because Jesus has made it a reality for all of us. We have a friend in Jesus, and that connects us to His Father when we keep His commands. He told us that in John 15. Now, with Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we all can be called a friend of God. Believe in God and believe Him.

— BulletinGold