



## Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 6, 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!**



# 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.

**Pray.** Over the past year Eastern Meadows has had more members to have surgery than probably any 12 month period. One week we had four members to have surgery. This week, there are three from Eastern Meadows that are having surgery or a spouse to have surgery. Additionally, we have some members whose parents are facing major health problems, and almost everyone has a friend who is facing a health crisis. And, each Sunday an updated Prayer List is handed out with the names of dozens of people who need your prayers. So, pray!

**Wonderful Wednesdays.** Thanks to DAVID WARREN for the good lesson on Wednesday to kick off April Wonderful Wednesdays. The remaining Wednesdays in April DAVID HESTER will be presenting lessons on *An Explanation and Refutation of the A.D. 70 Doctrine*. The A.D. 70 Doctrine is what he debated last summer and what he will be debating this summer. By the way, the debate this summer is again with participants David Hester and Don Preston, June 15 and 16, at the Eastern Meadows building.

**Thursday Class.** Last Thursday was a big day for the Thursday Class with 31 in class. This was the largest class we have had with all the chairs taken and more brought in to accommodate the class. This is what I call an "Old Fashioned Bible Class" where the class discusses the text and makes observation.



Though there are some class members who remain quiet, many share their thoughts with others. We are studying Genesis and I can speak for myself that I am enjoying, once again, studying these stories that I first heard as a child. If you are not in Thursday Class and are free to come, join us. You will enjoy the people, the coffee if you are a coffee drinker, and hopefully the class.

## **FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:**

I'm giving a great big shout out to the families who hosted our college devotionals this school year! The warm hospitality, great food, and serious environment made for very encouraging devotionals, which will remain in our hearts and minds when we look back over the year.

Our final Lads to Leaders training, practice, and preparation will be Sunday at 3:30pm.

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 ban-

quet 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

April 30<sup>th</sup>, the fifth Sunday in April has been designated as benevolence Sunday. We will have a special collection for Indian Creek Youth Camp, which will benefit our youth and college kids who attend each year. The camp is requesting our help this year with the ongoing construction of a new cabin on the boy's side. This cabin enables 28 additional people to attend camp each session, which equates to a potential for 224 additional souls attending camp over eight weeks each summer. Specifically, two Eastern Meadows members are able to attend this year because of the extra bed space.

Please consider this good work on April 30<sup>th</sup> as the camp is asking us to raise 2,000 dollars for the construction costs.

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** According to Job 32:1, why did Job's three friends cease answering him? Because Job was righteous in his own eyes

**This week's question:** Jesus will be revealed from \_\_\_\_\_ with His mighty \_\_\_\_\_.



## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

April 12, 19, & 26: **David Hester**, "Explanation and Refutation of the A.D. 70 Doctrine"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/6/28

**SICK:** JOY DAVIS is in Jackson Hospital recovering from back surgery. FRED SMITH, Veotha Smith's husband, was scheduled for knee surgery Tuesday, but it has been postponed. SUSAN BROOKS is recovering from hip-replacement surgery. FRANCIS NELSON is in New Day Senior Care at Community Hospital in Tallassee while meds are being regulated. HOLLY THOMASSON has been diagnosed with cancer and will be treated by UAB doctors. KELSEY EVANS is home after being in the hospital last week. Prayers have been requested for WAYNE EDWARDS, Greg Edwards' father, whose cancer has returned. GINGER GRIESING, friend of the Sutton', is out of the hospital and doing well. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, TERRY BAGENTS, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ALICE HANDLANG, WILMA MILLICAN, ARLETTE POSTMA, and THELMA WOOLFOLK. 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:** Dear Eastern Meadows Family, We would like to thank you for the prayers, encouragement, support, and understanding during our difficult time. Thank you for your thoughtful gift as well. It was greatly appre-

ciated. Ryan & Julie Gotkiewicz

**AREA WIDE SINGING:** Tallassee Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing this Friday, Apr. 7, 7 PM.

**FRIENDS FOR FAULKNER JEWELRY SILENT AUCTION:** The FFF will have a Jewelry Silent Auction on Tuesday, Apr. 11, 11:30 AM-3 PM in the Rotunda. Jewelry donations may be made through Monday, Apr. 10. Bids will be in 25 cent increments. For more information or to donate contact: Cindy Spangler (cspangler@faulkner.edu) or Debbie Reynolds (dreynolds@faulkner.edu).

**LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET:** There will be a meeting for all the Elders, Deacons, and Ministers Sunday, April 9, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7 by JEFF SIMPSON and ALLEN CLEMENTS.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Teams 4 (Hatch) & 5 (Milam/Kelley) will host the Fellowship Meal this Sunday following the AM worship service. Team 4 is responsible for set-up and Team 5 is responsible for clean-up.

**LADYBUGS SUNSHINE BAGS:** All items for the Sunshine Bags are due this **Sunday morning, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. The bags will be assembled Sunday afternoon 4 PM.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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/>

**PROJECT NEEDS:** The “Members in the Middle” group will be working on a benevolence project between now and October. They are asking for help with the items. During April, bring one or two travel size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soap. There will be collection baskets in the main foyer. Thanks for your help with the project needs!

**CAMP EAGLE:** Soar this summer at Alabama Christian Academy Camp Eagle! Camp weeks are June 5-9, June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30, July 10-14, and July 17-21. Questions: dsanford@alabamachristian.org. For more information and to sign-up, simply go to ACACampEagle.org.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS - 10:30 AM / APRIL STANDBY TEAM - Team 3**

**NEW ADDRESS:** RANDY & MARSHA SUTTON, 5801 Eastdale Drive #331 (Eastdale Estates), 36117; Randy’s cell—(281) 414-8104; Marsha’s cell—(334) 309-6027.

<b>April 9, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:</b>			
<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
A.M.: Allen Clements	A.M.: Tim Bagents	A.M.: Mark Evans	A.M.: David Hester
P.M.: Allen Clements	P.M.: Alan Kaye	P.M.: Jeff Simpson	P.M.: David Hester

**2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00**

4/2/17—CONTRIBUTION: **\$14,181.50** / BUDGET: **+\$681.50** / YTD: **-\$2,096.16**

**STATISTICS 4/2/17**

Bible Class: **161** / AM Worship: **212** / PM Worship: **143** / EMBF: **\$176.50**

### FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

**April 9:** Teams 4 (Hatch) & 5 (Milam/Kelley). Both teams are to bring enough food to feed own family plus some. Tea provided. Team 4 is responsible for set-up and Team 5 is responsible for clean-up.



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

### La dybugs

- ◆ **Apr. 9:** Sunshine Bags—Items Due & Assembly
- ◆ **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.

### YPYF

- ◆ **Apr. 9:** Help with Youth Devo, PM
- ◆ **May 14:** Family Devo, PM, hosted by Porterfields and College Group

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **Apr. 9:** L2L/L Bible Bowl Practice, 3:30 PM
- **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

## **4 Hours!!!! ETERNAL ASSURANCE**

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

*Think Priorities and Commitment*

## Bearing with One Another

Bearing with one another goes hand in hand with forgiveness. Paul told the saints in Ephesus, "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:1-2). Similarly, he told the Colossian saints, "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also **must do**" (3:12-13).

Christians endure with fellow members of the family of God by refusing to speak evil of each other (James 4:11). Christian were warned against grumbling and blaming others for their problems, even though such might have been natural as they endured the great external pressure of persecu-

tion. James said such blaming of one another would lead to condemnation. Instead, he told them to always be prepared for the judge's return by picturing Jesus at the door ready to enter. They would not want to be guilty of wrongful or harsh judgment knowing the Judge was ready to come at any time (James 5:9).

Forbearance likewise might be encouraged by following James' instruction to "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (5:16). Literally, he was instructing his readers to "keep on confessing" their sins to one another and to "keep on praying" for one another. Observe that no one in the Lord's church is set above any other one. Each is instructed to confess to one another. Brethren willing to acknowledge their sins and ask for their brothers' prayers have an attitude of openness that invites each to endure with the other.

None of us can say we are perfect. Each of us stumbles and, at times, offends fellow members of the family of God. Let us resolve to bear with each other in love.

--Gary C. Hampton

## 22,000 CAMERAS

Ever feel like you're being watched. Well, if you live in or visit Chicago, then it's probably true. This huge city went from 10,000 cameras in 2011, to around 22,000 in 2013, and has likely increased even further. This system of cameras is so sophisticated, it is able to tell emergency authorities how big a fire is, where a suspect ran, what a gunman looks like, and even send an alert if a package is left next to a building for too long. Between 2006-2011, four thousand arrests were made with the help of the cameras. This truly is an awesome system ([DNA Info](#)).

As we might imagine, not everyone has been happy about being watched so closely. People have been grumbling and complaining about how this was an invasion of privacy. However, no matter what people say, it really just came down to one thing, "People do not want to be watched." People want to be able to do whatever they want without having to worry about getting in trouble. People want to think they can get away with illegal activity. This is nothing new. Jesus said in John 3:19-20, "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed." People do not want to be watched because they do not want to be exposed.

What we sometimes forget is, whether we are in Chicago, New York, London, or Denver, whether we are at home or outside the White House, we are always being watched. Maybe not by thousands of security cameras, but we are being watched by the one Being who really matters. God's eyes can either be a source of comfort or a source of fear. The choice is completely up to us. If we are being righteous, then what do we have to fear from being watched? If we are engaging in wickedness, fear should set in.

God is watching every step we make, every word we say, and every thought we think. Hebrew 4:13 reveals, "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (c.f. 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 33:13-15; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 16:17; etc). Let's live our lives as if God were standing right next to us all the time. Would He approve of the things we are doing and saying? If not, then let's change.

-- Brett Petrillo