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May 18, 2017

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Paul Clements
Alan Kaye
Roy Mulkey
Mike Norman
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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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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!

\$27,825

Thank You!

For exceeding our
“Double-Up Goal” on
Sunday!!!



**READ ALL
ABOUT IT!**

BIBLE CLASS NEWS!

“INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY”

“Introduction to Christianity” is a new class that will begin Sunday, June 4th, and run for twelve months. The primary objective for the class is to introduce the church, her doctrines, beliefs, and practices, acquaint everyone with the story of the Bible, teach how to grow close to God, and how each member might be active in the body of Christ. The class is for anyone who wishes to have a good foundation in the fundamentals of Christianity, but new converts, new members, and young adults are especially encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, see Paul Clements.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Incredible Sunday. Sunday was nothing short of incredible again. Last week as I wrote this I could express joy about meeting and exceeding the attendance goal of 300 with 411. This week I can express joy about meeting and exceeding the giving goal of \$27,000 with a contribution of \$27,825.00.

Thank you all for helping us reach the goal of \$27,000 on DOUBLE DAY! Without a doubt, just like last week, meeting this goal was not the result of one person or one family, but by a majority of Eastern Meadows participating to meet and exceed the goal. We can certainly be thankful to God for blessing us in these works. And what a good way for Sunday to end, with a Young Professional, Young Adult fellowship accompanied with a devotional for the children.



Thanks to the Porterfields for “hosting” this devotional/fellowship!

Preaching Plans: Sunday Morning. For the next two Sundays I will present lessons about Rehobam and Jeroboam. Beginning the first Sunday in June I will begin a series of lessons on “GRACE.” I am looking forward to the study, preparation, and presentation of these lessons.

Preaching Plans: Sunday Night. This Sunday night I will begin preaching from 1 Corinthians. For many years now, my Sunday night preaching has been taken from the Bible books that have been studied by the Lads to Leaders. I don’t think I have ever finished preaching the material by the Lads to Leaders convention. This past year was Job, Esther, and Ruth. I never made it to Esther and Ruth. This year the study is to be 1 and 2 Corinthians. Even starting now, finishing both 1 and 2 Corinthians will be a challenge, but I ought to finish 1 Corinthians and a portion of 2 Corinthians before the L/L convention. I personally look forward to preaching from this book.

Month of June. The month of June is a busy/significant month for Eastern Meadows. The first Friday in June, June 2, Eastern Meadows hosts the area-wide singing. June 4-9 is the first week our Youth attend Indian Creek Youth Camp. June 15-16 is the Hester/Preston Debate at the EM building (pray for David’s preparation for this debate!). Vacation Bible School is June 19-25. Yes, a lot going on. Of course there are also a leadership meeting, Sunday Fellowship Meals, Monday-Night- Motivation, etc. I hope you will be participating to the extent you are able!

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Just 2 more weeks and we’ll be preparing to depart for camp! If you have signed up to go and cannot make it for some reason, please let me know as soon as possible so that someone on the waiting list can added as a camper. For those attending, start getting your things in order to prevent those last minute panic attacks!

If you plan to attend ICYC during Jerry Martin's week, July 23 - 28, let me know. I plan to register everyone shortly after we get back from AP week (June 15th).

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of the great in Jerusalem. Answer: Nebuzaradan (2Kings 25:8-9)



This week's question: What is the last word in the Old Testament? A. Amen; B. LORD; C. curse

ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/18/17

SICK: ROY MULKEY is recovering at home following back surgery Tuesday, May 16, at Jackson Hospital. VEOTHA SMITH has returned home from the hospital. BURT TURNER had a follow-up appointment with his pulmonologist at UAB this week and underwent a breathing test and a scan. JAN HILYER underwent a heart catheterization last week. JOY DAVIS and SUSAN BROOKS continue to recover from surgery. Prayers have been requested for EMILY ROBERTS, Jay Roberts' sister-in-law, who is in the hospital due to kidney damage. Prayers have been requested for SYBIL DAVIS, Donna Boutwell's aunt, who is not doing well. Nine-year-old BLAKE BATCHELOR, family friend of the Hoskinson's, who is on our prayer list, is scheduled for open-heart surgery June 1. TERESA LYNN NICHOLS, Ann Milam's daughter, is home after a four week hospital stay. ROSE ROBERTSON, Elvernice Dees' mother is in Baptist South Hospital. Sick at home Sunday: MARGARET GRAVES, PETE HANKINS, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, DONNA PILGRIM, ARLETTE POSTMA, MARIAN SIKES, LOUISE STEVENS, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: CATHERINE LEINHEISER, 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, DONNY ANGLIN, FRED SMITH, JENNY PATTERSON, ANN KAYE, LANDIS COOK, BLAKE BATCHELOR, NORBERT SCHAEFER, TERESA LYNN NICHOLS, and JERRY WARD, SR. (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.

SYMPATHY: Eastern Meadows extends sympathy to David and Bonnie Warren at the passing of David's mother, SUE EDWARDS. The funeral will be in Owensboro, Kentucky this week.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING: There will be an Elders & Deacons Meeting this Sunday, May 21. Breakfast will be served by the Elders at 7 AM with the meeting at 7:30.

REWARDS: Parents & Grandparents, please turn in any awards your child/ren were awarded during the 2016-17 school year to Becky Norton or Wilma Berry by Sunday, May 28.

MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION: This month's M-N-M is May 22, 6:30 PM Meal / 7 PM Bible Study. The lesson is, "Add To Your Faith Knowledge" and the Ladies Class Worksheet is in the LadyBUGS Room. The menu is, "Breakfast for Dinner" and a sign-up sheet is posted in the LadyBUGS Room.

JUNE CALENDAR: All events for the June Calendar must be turned in by Wednesday, May 24, to Wilma Berry.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL HOST NEEDED: The YPYF group is in need of a host family for the "Back to School" family devotional in August. The host family is responsible for planning the menu, organizing the sign-up list for food, securing someone to lead the children's songs and a short devotional, and orchestrating set-up and clean-up. The YPYF group will help in all of these areas; the host family simply coordinates the efforts. Please see Brooks or Sarah Housley for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to HALEY BAGENTS STEELMAN in her graduation from Jones School of Law Saturday, May 13. Haley, we wish you the best!

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT: The Senior Class of Churchill Academy High School announces the Graduation of

LUKE EDWARD FERRELL Thursday, the eighteenth of May Two thousand and seventeen at seven o'clock in the evening at Immanuel Presbyterian Church Montgomery, Alabama.

THANK YOU: *Your kindness is special and so are you!* Thank you all very much for this Bible. I have no doubt I will be using it as I go through life, giving praises and honor to God. From a grateful brother in Christ, Luke Ferrell

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS - 10:30 AM / MAY STANDBY TEAM—4 (Hatch)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month / On Call for May is **TED NORTON**. Ted's contact information: 334-850-5675 (cell); tnorton@kisaales.com (email)

May 21, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:			
Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Mike Norman	A.M.: Alan Kaye	A.M.: Jeff Simpson	A.M.: Dean Norton
P.M.: Mike Norman	P.M.: Ryan Gotkiewicz	P.M.: Tim Hatch	P.M.: Dean Norton

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ **June 2:** Area Wide Singing, 7-8:30 PM, at Eastern Meadows
- ♦ **June 4—9:** ICYC AP Week
- ♦ **June 15 & 16:** David Hester/Don Preston 70 AD Debate
- ♦ **June 19 - 22:** VBS/ "Finding Faith"/9:30-11:30 AM/Ages 4 yrs. - 6th grade

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

5/14/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$27,825.00

BUDGET: + \$14,325.00 / YTD: + \$9,591.94 / Average Weekly YTD: \$13,979.60

STATISTICS 5/14/17

Bible Class: 165 / AM Worship: 216 / PM Worship: 161 / EMBF: \$178.50



Congratulations to our
2017 Kindergarten Graduates—
Clare, Dallas, and Aubree Alice!

LadyBUGS

- ◆ **May 22:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM. Breakfast for Dinner—sign-up list posted in LadyBUGS Room.
- ◆ **May Communion Prep:** Ann Milam
- ◆ **May Baptismal Garments :** Theresa Mulkey

MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE

- ◆ **Benevolence Project Needs—May:** Travel Size toothbrush, toothpaste, and deodorant. Collection basket in main foyer.

YPYF

- ◆ **June 11:** Second Sunday Night Fellowship, PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **June 4-9:** ICYC AP Week
- **June 19-22:** VBS, 9:30-11:30 AM

4 Hours!!!! ETERNAL ASSURANCE

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

Think Priorities and Commitment

How Drinking Skim Milk Can Save Your Marriage

I grew up drinking 2% milk. Sometimes it was just good old vitamin D milk. We might on occasion drink 1% milk. But skim milk? No thanks. Isn't that just water with some kind of milk powder in it?



Is there such a thing as white food coloring in water? – because that's what skim milk tasted like to me. I didn't like it at all and I decided that if I was ever going to drink milk it wasn't going to be skim.

But then I got married and guess what? I found out right away that my wife grew up drinking skim milk. To her, 2% milk was too thick and whole milk was disgusting. So she was not interested in drinking any milk that wasn't skim.

So we had a choice to make. One of us could either try to like a different kind of milk or we could buy both skim and 2% and leave them in the fridge all of the time.

Welcome to marriage! They don't teach you this stuff before you get here. You learn as you go. I have often laughed in premarital counseling sessions when young couples think that everything is going to be pie in the sky. You find out once you are married that there are a lot of things you didn't know about the other person. Things are going to come up and you are going to have to figure out how to resolve them. Early in marriage couples fight over the silliest things! It usually isn't really about the issue at hand, but rather, it is that two people are trying to jockey for position in the relationship.

You see, when people live together everything about them is exposed to the other person: the fact that they are messy, or that they don't hang up their towel in the bathroom the same way that you do. Maybe they snore. Maybe they want the thermostat at a different temperature all the time. Maybe their ideas about individual responsibilities over certain household chores are different. Maybe they are a morning person and you are a night owl.

So guess what? I started drinking skim milk. Why? Why give in? I didn't see it as giving in. I saw it as a way to show my wife right off the bat that milk was not that important. I felt that I needed to lead the marriage. I have heard people say over the years that marriage is about compromise. I understand what they are trying to say but I don't think that I entirely agree. If marriage is about compromise then what you are saying subconsciously is that you think the other person has moments in which they need to bend your way. That's stinking thinking. It leads to an attitude of discontentment and resentment on those occasions when you had preset in your mind that it was their turn to do it your way.

I would rather say marriage is about sacrifice. Somewhere I remember reading that God said a relationship between husband and wife was to be like the relationship between Christ and the church. Christ exemplified his love for the church through full sacrifice. It humbles me as a husband to realize that my job in my marriage is to spiritually lead my family by loving and sacrificing in the same way that Jesus did for the church.

The rest of the story? Well, for about 20 years now I have been drinking skim milk. I still prefer 1 or 2%. But I have gotten used to skim and it's not bad. And if the milk spills I don't cry about it. It's just milk.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her" – Ephesians 5:25

– Jeremiah Tatum

<http://www.faughnfamily.com/how-drinking-skim-milk-can-help-your-marriage/>

The Eyes Have It

A friend in Guarulhos asked me to write for the monthly church paper he edits for the congregations in his city. The theme for January is "Challenges for 2017." My assigned topic is about the challenge of controlling the eyes.

We can control our eyes when they are focused on the right things. So we need:

- The look of love. John talks about loving the brother we see, 1Jn 4.20. We're familiar with that romantic look, not so much with the serving look. This look says, "How can I help you be whom God wants you to be?"
- The look of salvation. Instead of looking at people as objects for personal advantage, look at them as targets of God's love, possibilities for meaningful relationship, souls with an eternal destiny. "[L]ook up and see that the fields are already white for harvest!" Jn 4.35.
- The look at Jesus. If the Lord is our leader, if the Savior is also our example, then we fix our eyes on him, Hb 12.1-2. Remember Peter walking on the water for what happens when we take our eyes off him.
- The look at heaven. We need to get a fix on what is invisible and eternal, 2Co 4.18. We seek things above, "where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" Col. 3:1.



People talk about having the right look for a wardrobe. Christians are concerned to have the right look in their focus. This is our challenge and our blessed task.

--Randal Matheny, *via BulletinGold*