



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
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!**



We have Bible  
classes for ALL  
ages—Cradle  
Roll through  
Adult. Are  
YOU in Bible  
Class?



## **FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:**

**Welcome Austin and Lindsey Chandler and Mason and Elizabeth.** It was months ago that Austin and Lindsay were baptized. However, with work schedules, etc., it is just now that we were able to introduce them to Eastern Meadows. Austin is from Montgomery and is the son of Russ and Dawn Chandler. He is a graduate of Trinity High School. Austin works for Bonnie Plant Farm and late Winter and all Spring has long hours seven days a week and thankfully those hours are over until next year. Austin enjoys hunting and riding dirt bikes. Lindsey is from many places (her Dad was in construction) and more recently, Birmingham, and is a graduate of Jefferson State Community College. Lindsay worked as an RN at Children’s Hospital in Birmingham until moving to Montgomery. She now works at Baptist South ER. Lindsay enjoys reading and doing things with the children. Mason is eight years old and likes videos and riding dirt bikes. Elizabeth is four years old and she likes riding horses, fishing, and anything outside, as long she is in her princess dress. Austin, Lindsay, Mason, and Elizabeth, we are glad you are at Eastern Meadows!



**Austin & Lindsay Chandler,  
Mason & Elizabeth**

**Apologetics Press and Monumentous.** Last week I was blessed to visit with Kyle Butt and he told me of this project. I want to describe what AP is doing by this word, monumentous, because I think that is what they are doing. Well, until, I found that this word, that I just know is a word, is not found in the dictionary. Yet, I kind of think all of you know what this word means. So, what is AP doing that I think is MONUMENTOUS? They are working on a “Study Bible.” It is a Bible based on the New King James version of the Bible that will incorporate many of the articles and much information from Apologetics Press in the Notes section of the Bible. Of course, coming from Apologetics Press you can be sure that many of the comments will be of the “Apologetics” variety and many comments will also answer alleged “contradictions” of the Bible. This is such a tremendous undertaking ... as far as I know no member of the Lord’s church has produced a Study Bible. Due to the scope of this project, I would expect it to be several inches thick and weigh about 5 pounds, as this is the size of most Study Bibles. I personally look forward to its completion and printing. I plan to have one in my library. I personally think that it will become the best-selling book or product produced by Apologetics Press.

**Facebook.** Last week I mentioned the good work Ron Hoskinson is doing with the Eastern Meadows Facebook. His promotion and your sharing of the debate and VBS, along with his daily Scripture memes took Facebook’s total reach to a new high. Even though we are past the Debate and VBS, the total weekly reach was 3,064. These are significant numbers for the past two weeks. Thanks to Ron and you for helping “get the word out” through Facebook. By the way, Eastern Meadows paid nothing for this exposure through Facebook.

**Vacation Bible School.** Last week we had all the pictures in the bulletin. These are the statistics: Monday – 114; Tuesday – 122; Wednesday – 85; Thursday – 122. These are the best numbers (I think) since we were at the Fairground Road location. The drop-off on Wednesday was likely due to the flood we had Wednesday morning. It is the first time *ever* that the last day was a high day. Almost always it falls off on the last day. My thanks to EVERYONE who had anything to do with making it a great VBS! May next year be even better!!

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

Plans are being made to have an area-wide youth group class and devotional at Faulkner’s campus on Wed, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Make plans to attend, more details to follow.

If you plan to attend ICYC during Jerry Martin’s week, July 23 – 28, let me know. I am in the process of registering the youth group and can help you if you are not in the youth group but want to go. If you

are going, be sure you register online if you are paying (not in the youth group) or that you fill out a registration form if the church is paying (youth group).

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last question:** According to 1 Corinthians 1:2, those who were sanctified in Christ Jesus were called to be? Answer: Saints

**This week's question:** According to 1 Corinthians 1:6, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ was confirmed in the Corinthians. A. Love; B. Spirit; C. Testimony



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/29/17

**SICK:** ANN EVANS is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery July 3 in Birmingham. PAUL GARDNER, Barbara Norman's uncle, underwent open-heart surgery June 27. NICOLE TIMBES is scheduled for a stress test July 11. FRED SMITH, Veotha Smith's husband, is to be released from rehab June 30. Sick at home Sunday: BARRETT EDWARDS, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ALICE HANDLANG, TISH HOUSLEY, WILMA MILLICAN, JERRY & CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, and BURT TURNER. 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, NORBERT SCHAEFER, EMILY ROBERTS, JERRY WARD, SR., SYBIL DAVIS, WALT CLARK, JIM RHEINHARDT, MARTIN LYKINS, and PAUL GARDNER. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, ANDULA CURD, ALAN BROWN, SHERRY WADSWORTH, RANDY POST, A.J. CARPENTER, LARRY KIMBREL, and WAYNE EDWARDS.

**THANK YOU:** Just a note to thank you for the many kindnesses and thoughtfulness expressed during my recent hospital stays. Betty and I appreciate it so much. Love, George Davidson

**LADYBUGS SUNSHINE BAGS:** It is time to spread a little sunshine again with goodies for some of those that are recovering from surgery, injuries, and others with health issues. We want to 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. If you wish to write a note, a list of names is available in the LadyBUGS' Room. Please leave all items in the designated area in the LadyBUGS's Room beginning Sunday, July 9, 2017 and not later than Sunday, July 16, 2017. We will prepare 8 - 10 gift bags/baskets. NO PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE! Suggested items: Puzzle books, Pens, Note Pads, Note Cards, Hard Candy (individually wrapped), Tissues, Neutra Grain Bars, Salty Snacks (individually wrapped), Sweet Snacks (individually wrapped), Lip Balm, and Magazines (recent ones).

**JULY PROJECT NEEDS:** The "Members in the Middle" group is working on a benevolence project between now and October. They are asking for help with the items. During July, bring lip balm and pair of socks from the dollar store. A collection basket is in the main foyer. Thanks for your help with the project needs!

### JULY STANDBY TEAM—1 (Futral/Norman)

**ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL:** The Elder of the Month / On Call for the month of July is **ALAN KAYE**. Alan's contact information: 334-322-7363 (cell); [nantahalan@gmail.com](mailto:nantahalan@gmail.com).

### YPYF

- ♦ July 9: Second Sunday Night Fellowship, PM

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- July 23-28: ICYC Jerry Martin Week

**2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00**

6/25/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$12,061.71

BUDGET: **-\$1,438.29** / YTD: **+\$5,337.41**

**STATISTICS 6/25/17**

Bible Class: 147

AM Worship: 205 / PM Worship: 130

EMBF: \$147.50

July 2, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**  
A.M.: Roy Mulkey  
P.M.: Roy Mulkey

**Opening Prayer:**  
A.M.: Tim Hatch  
P.M.: Billy Bush

**Closing Prayer:**  
A.M.: Lamon Dees  
P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

**Singing:**  
A.M.: David Hester  
P.M.: David Hester

### LADYBUGS' CORNER:

- ♦ **July 2:** July Visitation Assignments
- ♦ **July 9:** Begin collecting for Sunshine Bags
- ♦ **July 9:** Panama Mission – Christmas in July Project. Pick-up boxes from LadyBUGS Room.
- ♦ **July 11:** Quilting, 10 AM-2 PM
- ♦ **July 16:** Sunshine Bags Items Due
- ♦ **July 23:** Sunshine Bag Assembled
- ♦ **July 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

### FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:

**July 9:** Teams 2 (Hester) & 3 (Norton). Both teams are to bring enough food—a meal—to feed their family plus some. Tea is provided. Team 2 is responsible for set-up and Team 3 is responsible for clean-up.



**July 23:** Teams 4 (Hatch & 5 (Milam/Kelley). Both teams are to bring enough food—a meal—to feed their family plus some. Tea is provided. Team 4 is responsible for set-up and Team 5 is responsible for clean-up.

### MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE

- ♦ **Benevolence Project Needs—July:** Lip balm and pair of socks from the dollar store. Collection basket in main foyer.

**4 Hours!!!!**

**ETERNAL ASSURANCE**

## Today

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24 ESV).

Today, I have been blessed with another day. I know that Psalm 118 is talking specifically about Jesus’ day, but I still believe it not to be a misuse to apply it to every day with which God blesses us, for indeed, every day is a day the Lord has made!

Today, I cannot relive yesterday, and tomorrow is yet to come. However, I can give my new day back to God by serving Him, praying to Him, loving Him and never forgetting that I am His throughout this precious gift of a day.

Today, I am going to put aside all anger, malice, hatred and discontent. I purpose to use every moment of this God-given day the best way that it is humanly possible to use.

Today, I am going to be the example of what love is. I am going to love my family in deed and action, not just in words. I am going to love those who do not love me, just for today, because today is all that I can control. I am going to show the world, today, that I know what the love of Jesus is, and it is in my life.

Today, I am going to live my life and use my tongue as a light reflecting Jesus. I will stand for His truth, without compromise, in sincere love and concern for others. When today ends, I will not have driven anyone away from God by my actions, but I hope to have led them closer to Him by what they see in me.

This is my prayer for today.



-Dean Kelly, Gospel Gazette Online