



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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June 8, 2017

## 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:

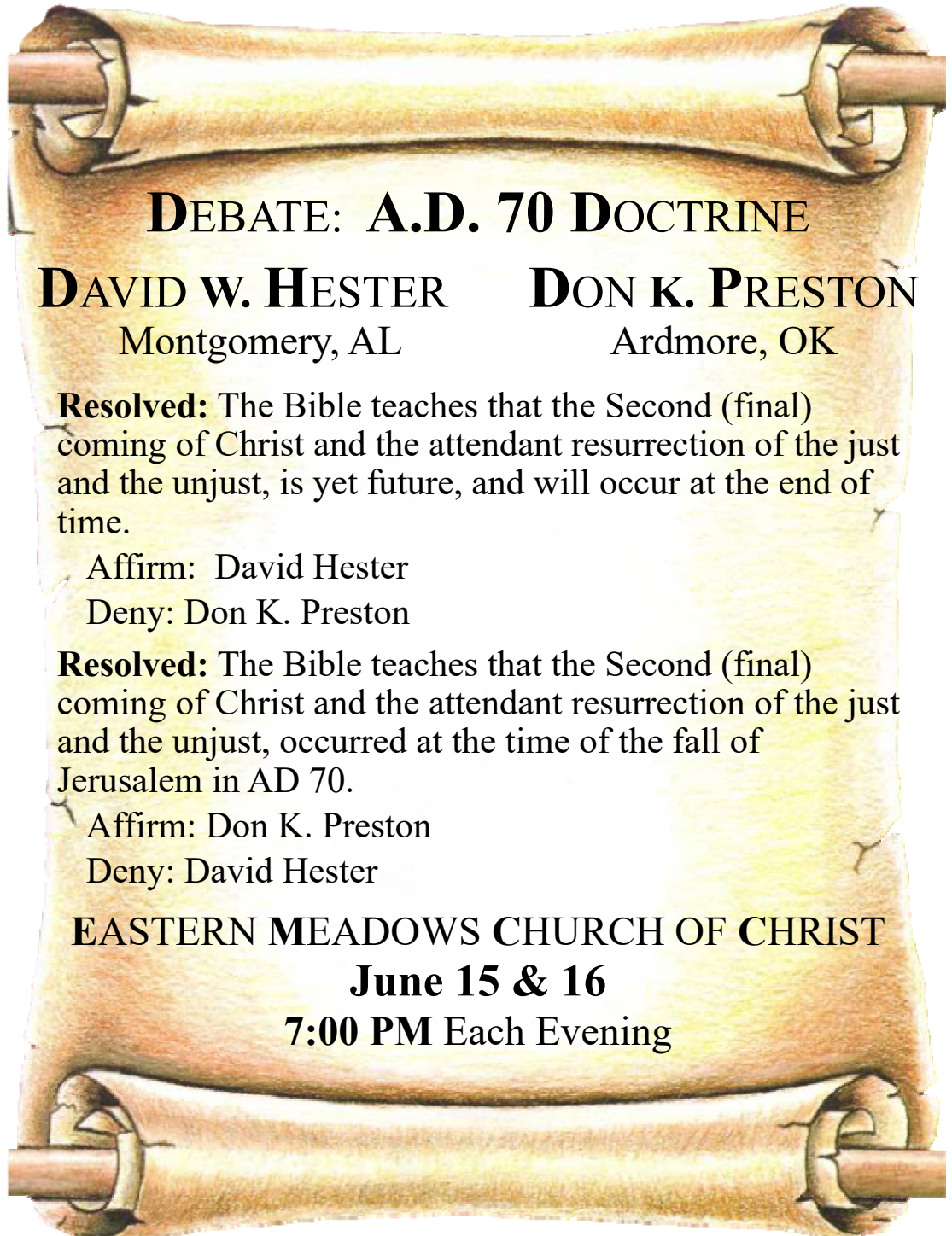
### Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Worship

### Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**WELCOME!**



## DEBATE: A.D. 70 DOCTRINE

**DAVID W. HESTER**

Montgomery, AL

**DON K. PRESTON**

Ardmore, OK

**Resolved:** The Bible teaches that the Second (final) coming of Christ and the attendant resurrection of the just and the unjust, is yet future, and will occur at the end of time.

Affirm: David Hester

Deny: Don K. Preston

**Resolved:** The Bible teaches that the Second (final) coming of Christ and the attendant resurrection of the just and the unjust, occurred at the time of the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70.

Affirm: Don K. Preston

Deny: David Hester

**EASTERN MEADOWS CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**June 15 & 16**

**7:00 PM Each Evening**

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

**Welcome Liz Alexander to Eastern Meadows!** Eastern Meadows welcomes Liz Alexander! By the way, Liz is Brad Jackson's grandmother. She is a native of Montgomery and attended Carver High School. She has 7 children and 17 grandchildren. Liz is blessed that most of them still live in Montgomery. Liz was baptized at Holt Street church of Christ. Liz works at Park Crossing High School and works a second job in the evening (she works hard). In her spare time she enjoys reading.

**Just around the corner... VBS and the Debate...and the concert.** Plan to be at the debate. The first night is Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m. Be praying for David Hester as he continues his preparation. Any children (age 4 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) you can bring, have them at EM Monday, June 19, for VBS. And the concert is June 23. While the concert is one of the Members-in-the-Middle functions, IT IS FOR EVERYONE. Some of the music that will be played are "Dock of the Bay" (Otis Redding); "Owe Como Ba" (Santana); "Start Me Up" (Rolling Stones); "Can't You See" (Marshall Tucker). The guys in the band, F150, are Alan Kaye, Mike Moody, and Jimmy Mathews. It will be a good time for all. By the way, these three guys have been practicing a lot to be ready! Let's have a good crowd!

**A Disturbing Statistic and Sad Implications.** What kind of country is Egypt? I don't really know. I have never been there. I do know that Egypt "played host" to the Israelites for about 400 years a long time ago. I know that if I were to go there I would want to see the Pyramids and possibly ride a camel. But recently I saw a disturbing statistic about this country. A recent United Nations survey reports that 99.3% of Egyptian women are sexually harassed in their lifetimes. Read that statistic again if you are not absolutely appalled. One man, John Insan, was featured in the article. He said, "I was fourteen when he [his father] died, and all the sudden I had this responsibility to basically be the bodyguard for my mom and my sister. If my sister had a class or my mom needed to go to the market, I had to go with them and make sure they weren't molested. And since I was just a kid, that did not always work." I will admit when I read this article in the Montgomery Advertiser, (Sunday June 4, 2017, page 4B), my immediate thought was, "This is a Muslim nation, and this is what you get when you have a Muslim nation. Women are not respected and, in fact, are in danger." Fair or unfair, this is what I thought. Right or wrong, I was judging Islam by the behavior of a country that is majority Muslim. Then I thought, and how do people judge Christianity by my actions? Seriously, if someone characterized Christianity by your actions, what would they think Christianity is? If they know you and know you are a member of the church of Christ, what do they think of the church of Christ because of your behavior?



**Liz Alexander**

***4 Hours!!!!***

***ETERNAL ASSURANCE***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/8/17

**SICK:** RANDY SUTTON is scheduled for cataract surgery today, June 8. It was good to have ROY MULKEY back with us Sunday as he continues to recover. PATRICE MCCLAIN continues to undergo tests. JOY DAVIS and SUSAN BROOKS continue to recover from surgery. FRED SMITH, Veotha Smith's husband, is in HealthSouth Rehab in Birmingham following knee surgery. Sick at home Sunday: DAN EVANS, LILLIE GALLOWAY, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ALICE HANDLANG, DIANNE HOSKINSON, JAY & KERRY ROBERTS, 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, BLAKE BATCHELOR, NORBERT SCHAEFER, TERESA LYNN NICHOLS, JERRY WARD, SR., SYBIL DAVIS, EMILY ROBERTS, and WALT CLARK. (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.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our sympathy to Charlie Boddy and family in the passing of his brother, RANDY BODDY, of Benton, KY.

**MEN'S EAT & MEET:** There will be a Business Meeting for ALL the men of the congregation Sunday, June 11, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS / YOUNG FAMILIES 2ND SUNDAY NIGHT:** The YPYF 2nd Sunday Night Fellowship is this Sunday, June 11, after the PM worship service, at the Sol Mexican Restaurante in the Perry Hill Crossing Center.

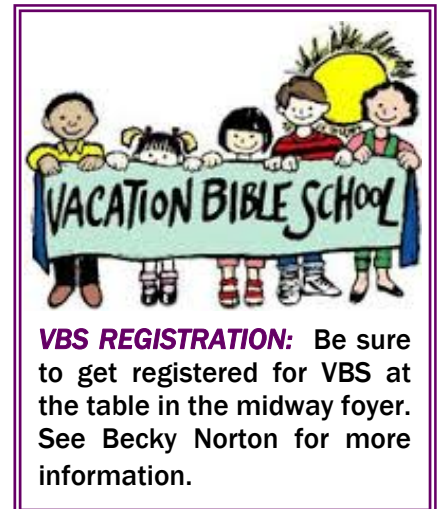
**LADYBUGS DEVOTIONAL, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVICE:** Attention All Ladies! You are invited to attend a breakfast Saturday, June 17, at 9 AM at Eastern Meadows hosted by the Dinner and Devotional Committee. We will enjoy a time of fellowship and devotional. Following our devotional, we will have an opportunity to help finish preparation for VBS. Becky Norton will coordinate this service project. Please make plans to attend. The cost for breakfast is \$5. See Jane Sewell, Carrie Long, or Brenda Hester to sign up by Wednesday, June 14. These ladies can answer any questions you may have.

**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 June, bring one or two travel size bottles of shaving gel and disposable razors. There will be collection baskets in the main foyer. Thanks for your help with the project needs!

**MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE:** The M-I-M Group has planned a fellowship and concert for Friday, June 23, 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. The band F-150, which includes our own ALAN KAYE and JIMMY MATHEWS, will be performing. *Everyone is invited to participate*, not just the M-I-M group. A foods sign-up list is posted at the front welcome center. See Barbara Norman or Terry Bagents for more information.

**EASTERN MEADOWS LADIES' RETREAT UPDATE:** The Retreat Committee is in the process of planning a EM ladies retreat for 2018. The date being considered is March 9 & 10, 2018. The retreat will begin Friday late afternoon or evening and will conclude Saturday after lunch. The location will be in close proximity to Montgomery. No definite plans have been made at this time. In order to make necessary arrangements for lodging, food, etc., we need an idea of how many ladies would like to attend. If you are interested in attending our EM ladies retreat and did not attend the recent meeting, please sign the list available in the LadyBUGS' Room. This is not a commitment to attend. This information will be used for planning purposes only. If you have any questions concerning our retreat, please see Melanie Bush or Kristy Hatch.

**NEEDS TO RENT A ROOM:** Former member, Ross Schlitt, will be moving back to Montgomery, with his wife to be closer to their grandchildren. Due to his present lease in Tennessee, he needs to simply rent a room from June



12th or July 1<sup>st</sup> (depending on when his job here starts) through October 15th. His contact information is Ross Schlitt, 334-549-6793; ross.schlitt@gmail.com.

**JUNE STANDY TEAM—5 (Milam/Kelley)**

**ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL:** The Elder of the Month / On Call for the month of **June** will be **MIKE NORMAN**. Mike's contact information: 334-306-7583 (cell); mikenorman7583@yahoo.com (email).

**LadyBUGS**

- ◆ **June 17:** Devo & Dinner Brunch, 9 AM
- ◆ **June 17:** VBS Prep, immediately following D&D
- ◆ **June 25:** July Visitation Assignments
- ◆ **June 26:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **June Prepare Communion:** Lori Hagan
- ◆ **June Baptismal Garments:** Michele Brown

**MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE**

- ◆ **Benevolence Project Needs—May:** Travel Size shaving gel and disposable razors. Place items in collection basket in front foyer.
- ◆ **June 23:** Fellowship & Concert, 6:30 PM. Food sign-up list posted at Front Welcome Center.

**YPYF**

- ◆ **June 11:** Second Sunday Night Fellowship, PM, at Sol Mexican Restaurante

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

- **June 19-22:** VBS, 9:30-11:30 AM

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:**

**June 25:** Teams 3 (Norton) & 4 (Hatch). Both teams are to bring enough food to feed own family plus some. Tea provided. Team 3 is responsible for set-up and Team 4 is responsible for clean-up.

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

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**MONDAY - THURSDAY JUNE 19 - 22**

**FINDING  
FAITH**

*AN UNDERWATER ADVENTURE TO FINDING YOUR WAY HOME*

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Bring a Friend!**

**Ages 4 Years — 6th Grade**

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## 2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00

6/4/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$13,048.00

BUDGET: **-\$452.00** / YTD: **+\$7,279.69** / Average Weekly YTD: **\$13,816.51**

## STATISTICS 6/4/17

Bible Class: **167** / AM Worship: **217** / PM Worship: **132** / EMBF: **\$139.50**

June 11, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

**Announcements:**

A.M.: Tim Hatch

P.M.: Tim Hatch

**Opening Prayer:**

A.M.: Brad Jackson

P.M.: Randy Porterfield

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Aaron Ward

P.M.: Josh Cochran

**Singing:**

A.M.: Turner Johnston

P.M.: Turner Johnston

# Update on Bible Classes

*Sunday Morning, June 4th:*

**Adult Auditorium:** David Hester continues a study of *Romans*. Following *Romans*, David will teach the book *Daniel*.

**Adult Tea Room:** *Introduction to Christianity*, taught by Allen Clements. This new class is open to all.

**The Experienced Ladies Class** (Room 113 A-B) is studying Granville Tyler's book *New Testament Lessons Vol. 1*. Tonna Johnson and Melanie Bush are rotating months teaching.

**The Young Ladies Class** (Room 119) is studying the book of *James*. Terry Bagents is the teacher.

**College** will be joining the *Introduction to Christianity* Class (Tea Room).

**Youth** (Class 110) will begin their study of *First Corinthians*. Tim Gotkiewicz is the teacher.

*Wednesday Night, June 7:*

**Adult Auditorium:** Paul Clements is teaching "Following the Example of Jesus."

**Young Adult Class** (Room 119) will be studying "Paul and the Prison Epistles." David Hester is teaching.

**College Class** (Tea Room, Room 104 A-B) Tim Gotkiewicz will be teaching *Holy Me???*, a book written by Paul Clements.

**Youth** (Class 110) will be studying "While You Are Away From Home" by Mike Johnson. Dean Norton is teaching.

## Meeting the Needs of Newcomers

It has been said that visitors make up their mind about a church in the first ten minutes of their visit. Before they'll even discern the doctrine we teach or form an impression about the distinctiveness of our worship, they've already decided. If you will walk through the first ten minutes of each time you come to services, you can discern the needs visitors have when they "enter" (cf. 1 Cor. 14:23-24) our midst. Consider these needs.

- Where to park. Designating visitor parking and having members park as far from the main entrance is thoughtfulness. Having a greeter or greeters in the parking lot who can make contact quickly and facilitate with friendliness makes a positive impression.
- Where the restrooms are. Good hospitality ought to drive us to be thoughtful and even proactive (i.e., when greeting, point out the nearest facilities). Along with this is showing them where the nursery is. If they have infants, toddlers, or small children, they are likely to have needs during their time in attendance.
- Where to sit. An obvious practical help here is not to crowd the seats at the rear of the auditorium. It's less awkward to be seated without parading past rows and rows of people. If there's a full crowd, have designated personnel, pleasant, friendly, and considerate, to help them find a seat. Never, ever, never have a designated pew! "Pew-itis" is a disease that should be eradicated from every congregation.
- What to expect. This is something worship leaders can do, explaining periodically why we do what we do in a "user-friendly" (as opposed to browbeating) way. Door greeters and those at a welcome center can help, as can visitor packets that cogently explain things. Such packets can include not just activities we do, but a map of where we do them.

How to find out more. Have a "new member orientation class" or a "Church 101" class available for those who are "seeking." It can include an annual church calendar of events, ministries, church leadership (complete with pictures and bios), ways to be involved, and the like to orient newcomers.

At first, it may seem hard to identify book, chapter, and verse for the foregoing suggestions. But consider these principles. There's the Golden Rule (Mat. 7:12; Luke 6:31). There's the principle of the Law of Moses, which says, "The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 19:34). Colossians 4:5 urges wisdom with outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Being Christians, we should be ever increasing in the mentality that puts others before self (Phil. 2:3-4). How do we best serve Jesus? By serving others, including our visitors and newcomers.

—Neal Pollard

## START EARLY, DO MORE

A neurologist at the Children's Hospital of Michigan has done research that reveals the great capacity of growing human brains to absorb information.

He discovered that by age 2, the infants cortex is operating at adult levels. At age 4, that child's brain is twice as active as the adult brain and continues at that rate until 10, when it begins to slow down. By 16, it has slacked off to the pace at which it continues through adulthood.

God's wisdom is seen in His stressing the importance of instilling in children the truths of His Word at an early age (Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:4-7). By exposing them to a large quantity of Bible teaching in their early years, we can be instrumental in programming their "mental computers" so that they know the mind of God and think as He does.

As they reach adulthood, they then choose to have good, honest hearts that make them followers of the Lord (Luke 8:15).

—Mike Mayes, via *House to House, Heart to Heart*