



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 27, 2017

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Paul Clements
Alan Kaye
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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

—July 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.

—Tim Bagents, for the elders

In Appreciation

There will be a Reception in honor of

Don & Dixie Brannan

Sunday, August 20, 2-4 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Tim Gotkiewicz. I appreciate Tim including, among others things, Bible Camp, as a part of the Youth Activities. There is probably no better way for someone to spend a week to learn and grow spiritually. But Tim does not just take the Youth. Tim is a cabin counselor, teacher or co-teacher, participates in most all activities...so it is a very tiring week. And something unique happens when our Youth return from camp this Friday. They leave for another camp next week! Now the camp next week is very different from ICYC. You can read about it in the Youth section. But I cannot imagine how tired Tim will be after ALL of it is over. Thanks Tim.

Bible Class News. This Sunday the Auditorium Class begins a new study on the Book of Daniel. David Hester will be the speaker. Be here this Sunday so you will not miss a single lesson of this good book.

Grace. I know we have had just a few lessons on Grace. This past Sunday was number 8 and we are not finished. One thing I hope that is accomplished is that in 40 years our youth will not say they do not remember hearing a sermon on Grace. Sadly, I have heard some people say that they never heard about grace growing up. I know I cannot speak for them, but I really think "Really?" "So how did you come to learn about grace?" Now, I know that they could say, the Bible, but I really think that they heard, in sermons, and in Bible classes, they just don't remember. Maybe after 8 going on 9 sermons on grace our Youth will remember they heard about "grace" growing up.

Pictorial Directories. They are in! If you did not get your family's copy this past Sunday, pick it up. One copy to a family. And use it! Get to know your church family. Get a face with the name. I think this may be one of the best directories I have seen from the standpoint of incredible pictures of the members. I am thankful to have it.

Members-In-The-Middle. Members-In-The-Middle are not the youngest, but they are not the oldest either. On August 6 we will be having an "Ice Cream Fellowship." Pizza and Ice Cream, a good healthy supper. Please sign up. We are certainly in need of folks bringing Ice Cream and everyone will chip in for the Pizza. Please sign up! Please come and enjoy!

An Amazing Song

I grew up with "Just As I Am" sang very often as an invitation song. I distinctly remember singing it at Gospel Meetings and after about 3 stanzas the preacher would stop the singing, make another urging plea and we would then continue singing. This song was writing by Charlotte Elliott in 1835, first appearing in the *Christian Remembrancer*. One version of this song has seven stanzas.

Verse One. Just as I am - without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, -O Lamb of God, I come!

Verse Two: Just as I am - and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, -O Lamb of God, I come!

Verse Three: Just as I am - though toss'd about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, -O Lamb of God, I come!

Verse Four: Just as I am - poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, -O Lamb of God, I come!

Verse Six: Just as I am - Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, -O Lamb of God, I come!

Verse Seven: Just as I am - Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, -O Lamb of God, I come!

Verse Eight: Just as I am - of that free love The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, Here for a

season, then above, -O Lamb of God, I come!

If you read these verses, likely it conjured up many memories, as it does to me. But did you read the word "grace." No. But you are reading about God's grace and you are reading about your response to, acceptance of, and taking possession of God's grace.

There is a new version of the song. Well, the new version does not so much give us new stanzas, but a chorus between each verse, which the song was lacking. Well there is one new verse the new version gives which includes the words mercy and grace. (I guess if you write a chorus for a song you can also write a new stanza). The words to this "chorus" are "I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed. I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled. I come guilty to be pardoned. By the blood of Christ the Lamb And I'm welcomed with open arms. Praise God, just as I am." Listen to it. If reading the words don't touch you, perhaps listening to them will. Just click, or copy and paste in your internet browser. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0-RGfm7fKc>

Oh, if you listen to this song and tears fill your eyes, perhaps you realize the wonder it is that we can come "Just As I Am" to an Almighty, Holy God and he will accept us and forgive us.

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Almost immediately following our return from ICYC, the youth group will be off on a three day mission trip called "Live to Serve." On Sunday, July 30th, immediately following the morning worship service, six of us will travel to Childersburg with the youth groups of Dalraida, Prattville, and Wetumpka to conduct a VBS and two days of service. We will stay at the Childersburg Camp each night, spend Monday working at Rainbow Omega, and work all day Tuesday serving brothers and sisters in the Childersburg area. We will return sometime late Wednesday afternoon. Please pray that God grants us opportunities to grow, opportunities to encourage, and opportunities to glorify God in what we do. We also ask your prayers for safety and health.

Our first Central Alabama Youth Group Area-Wide worship and fellowship is fast approaching! The Dalraida Church of Christ is hosting on August 13th; more details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/27/17

SICK: MARGARET GRAVES is in Baptist East. ANN EVANS and JAMES JOHNSON continue to recover from surgery. NICOLE TIMBES underwent a stress test July 25, and is waiting on the results. MIKE DAVIDSON, George & Betty's son, is home recovering from surgery. Stacy Harrell, who is a preacher, has requested prayers for his father, CAGE HARRELL, who is in Baptist South SICU following bypass surgery. Prayers have been requested for AREAN ANGEL COLOMO, newborn daughter of Alex & Brenda Colomo, (Alex is the minister of the church in Guam), who is seriously ill. Sick at home Sunday: ALICE HANDLANG, JAY ROBERTS, and JEROME & LILLIE THOMPSON. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Night-Service Prayer List. Shut-ins: CATHERINE LEINHEISER, JEWEL BARNES, RED & LANETTE TAYLOR, and FRANCIS NELSON. 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., PAUL GARDNER, HOUSTON ROY, CAGE HARRELL, MIKE DAVIDSON, and AREAN ANGEL COLOMO. (Battling Cancer) RAELEIGH JANE MCCARTHA, GERMAINE HARDIN, IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, ANDULA CURD, ALAN BROWN, SHERRY WADSWORTH, RANDY POST, A.J. CARPENTER, WAYNE EDWARDS, and CAROL ANN WOODALL.

VBS: Redland Road Church of Christ invites you to VBS July 26-30. Wednesday–Saturday, 7-8:30 PM. Sunday schedule: Bible class 9 AM; Worship 10 AM & 1 PM; Lunch, 11:15 AM.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a Gospel Meeting at County Line Church of Christ (Deatsville, AL) July 30-Aug. 4 with Jeremy Paschall speaking. Sunday schedule: Bible Class, 10 AM; Worship, 11 AM & 4 PM; Singing, 3 PM. Monday–Wednesday services at 7 PM.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Prattville Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Aug. 4, 7 PM.

PIZZA & ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP: There will be a Pizza & Ice Cream Social after Sunday night services August 6 for the Members in the Middle Group. We need you to sign the list posted at the front foyer welcome desk to determine the amount of pizza and ice cream needed. We will all chip in for the pizza. Please let Tonna Johnson or Tish Housley know if you can make ice cream for the fellowship. Hope to see all M-I-Ms for this event!

HOST FAMILY NEEDED: A host family is needed for the quarterly family devotional after evening services on August 13. The devotional time will be geared toward children ages birth to sixth grade. The host family is responsible for coordinating food, the devotional, set-up and clean up. See Sarah Housley for more information.

RECEPTION FOR DON & DIXIE BRANNAN: The Eastern Meadows congregation will host a reception for DON & DIXIE BRANNAN Sunday, Aug. 20, from 2 to 4 PM. We want to let them know how much we appreciate their dedicated years of work and service as an elder and elder's wife for this family. If you would like to participate in a gift that will be presented to them, please see one of the elders' wives. (Gladys Clements, Shirley Kaye, Theresa Mulkey, Barbara Norman, Becky Norton, or Terry Bagents) If you are interested in helping with the reception, there are several opportunities available. Please sign the list that is posted in the LadyBUGS' Room. If you have any questions, please see one of the elders' wives. Thank you.

JULY STANDY TEAM—1 (Futral/Norman) / AUGUST STNDBY TEAM—2 (Hester)

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. The Elder of the Month / On Call for the month of August is **TIM BAGENTS**. Tim's contact information: 334-303-3571 (cell); tbagents@southlandtrucks.com.

2017 BUDGET—\$13,500.00
 7/23/17—CONTRIBUTION: \$13,260.20
 BUDGET: - \$239.80 / YTD: + \$4,670.81

STATISTICS 7/23/17
 Bible Class: 173
 AM Worship: 220 / PM Worship: 105
 EMBF: \$110.50

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE:
Aug. 13: Teams 3 (Norton) & 4 (Hatch). Both teams are to bring enough food—a meal—to feed their family plus some. Tea is provided. Team 3 is responsible for set-up and Team 4 is responsible for clean-up.
Aug. 27: Teams 5 (Milam/Kelley) & 1 (Futral/Norman). Both teams are to bring enough food—a meal—to feed their family plus some. Tea is provided. Team 5 has set-up and Team 1 has clean-up.

LADYBUGS
 ♦ **July 30:** August Visitation Assignments
 ♦ **Aug. 1:** Quilting, 10 AM-2 PM
 ♦ **Aug. 28:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

MEMBERS IN THE MIDDLE
 ♦ **Benevolence Project Needs—July:** Lip balm and pair of socks from the dollar store. Collection basket in main foyer.
 ♦ **Aug. 6:** Pizza & Ice Cream Social, 6 PM

YPYF
 ♦ **Aug. 13:** Second Sunday Family Devo, PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
 • **July 23-28:** ICYC Jerry Martin Week
 • **July 30-Aug. 2:** "Live to Serve" Trip

4 Hours!!!!
ETERNAL ASSURANCE

July 30, 2017 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:	Opening Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Jimmy Mathews	A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz	A.M.: David Barley	A.M.: Alan Kaye
P.M.: Jimmy Mathews	P.M.: Paul Clements	P.M.:	P.M.: Alan Kaye