



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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April 5, 2018

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:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!



April 1, 2018 Numbers

2018 BUDGET—\$13,890.00

CONTRIBUTION: \$14,696.03

BUDGET: + \$806.03 YTD: - \$5,160.22

AVG YTD 13 WEEKS: \$13,493.06

Class: 183 AM Worship: 251 PM Worship: 147 EMBF: \$233.58



Sunday, April 15, 3:30 PM

There will be a Men's Training Class for ALL men interested in improving their skills as they serve in front of the congregation.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

What is your “dream-come-true?” On Thursday afternoon, Scott Foster was working at his desk as an accountant for Golub Capital in Chicago. Thursday night, the 36-year-old father of two was playing goalie for the Chicago Blackhawks. Foster became an instant folk hero when he stopped all seven shots he faced in the final 14 minutes of the game to seal a 6-2 win over the Winnipeg Jets in front of 21,839 fans at the United Center in Chicago. Foster normally plays in a recreational league in Chicago featuring former college players, but was pressed into his first meaningful hockey action since playing goalie for Western Michigan University 12 years ago. The NHL has a rule mandating that teams have an emergency goalie on hand for home games. Foster usually just sits in the press box and takes advantage of the free food as the emergency goalie while watching the best hockey players in the world. That all changed on Thursday when starting goalie Anton Forsberg got hurt hours before the game in warm-ups, resulting in Chicago immediately signing Foster for emergency purposes. For an amateur hockey player this was genuinely a dream come true? From being a spectator to game-saving-stops that win the game! What is your “dream-come-true?” I really hope that your “dream-come-true” is on a loftier plane than hockey, or baseball, or football. I hope that your “dream-come-true” is to see your Savior face-to-face; or to baptize your son or daughter, or grandson, or granddaughter. Or to see you son appointed an elder. Or to see your daughter teaching a class of children or young women Sunday morning? Or to see your grandson or granddaughter become a missionary? What is your “dream-come-true?”

Goal Day/Homecoming! Getting closer!! Each day we are getting closer to Homecoming/Goal Day. The goal of 400 is very challenging which will take *everyone* inviting and bringing! Have you decided who you will be inviting to Goal Day?? Let us make this a day to remember. More importantly let this be a day we have many of our friends and family *worshipping with us!* Let this be a day many who need a “church home” will be introduced to Eastern Meadows.

Thank You. I continue to hear from those outside Eastern Meadows about their appreciation for getting *cards* that we send out through Sunday Night Service and cards that you send voluntarily, seeing the names and addresses on the Sunday Night Service Prayer List. And a huge thanks to our ladies who sew *quilts* and have given these to many on our prayer list! These quilts have been a great encouragement to many. They are also humbling...“to think someone who does not know me made a quilt for me.” One person told me they thought about having it framed because it was so beautiful. Truly our quilting ladies have given of themselves. Thanks to all!

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

The Lads to Leaders conference in Atlanta this year was certainly an encouragement to me!

Deonta, Carter, Landon, Norton, and Tennison did a fine job in the song leading event; in fact, Tennison was recognized in the 7th – 9th Grade Winners’ Circle event with a second place trophy.

Lucy and Sydney also did a fine job in the Songs of Praise event with Sydney recognized with a second place trophy in the 11th grade division.

Our banner submission was award-worthy, but not recognized as one of the top three entries. We are already in discussion on



how we can step-it-up for next year's entry. Our Bible Bowl studies definitely increased our knowledge as was evidenced by our results. Sydney was awarded a top ten trophy in the 11th grade division for the written test and our 9th-10th grade team at the convention consisting of Carter, Lucy, Tennison, and Norton were finalists! Our 11th-12th grade team was missing our fourth team member and hopes to field a full team next year, but still did a great job! Landon and Norton were also awarded gold and silver trophies respectively for year-round song leading.



The next Youth Group Area-Wide Devo will be THIS SUNDAY, April 8th at EASTERN MEADOWS!

Worship will be at 5 p.m. and the youth groups will eat immediately follow the worship. Our theme this year is "Moments That Matter" and Andrew Gifford will present a lesson on Nicodemus. Banks Sewell will lead our singing!



Lads To Leaders 2018 Convention

Upcoming events:

April 22nd - College Devo @ Tim and Sally's

April 25th - Youth Group Prayer Dinner @ 5:30 pm

May 13th - Youth Group Area-Wide @ Faulkner

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: 1 Corinthians 11:32 states that when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, so that we may not be _____ with the world.

Answer: Condemned

This week's question: According to 1 Corinthians 12:13, by one Spirit we were all _____ into one body. A. Joined; B. Connected; C. Baptized



FROM DAVID'S DESK:

The process of organizing the Library continues! Steve and I are organizing the books into topical groups. The process should not take long to finish. The checkout system will be very simple. Until the process is finished, we ask that no books be checked out of the library and that the materials on the big table not be disturbed.

Solomon said, "Of making many books there is no end" (Ecclesiastes 12:12); and that is very true still. Yet, the books we have today available to us (whether actual books, virtual books, or otherwise) pale in comparison to the Book of Books, the Bible. Why don't you pick it up and read it TODAY?

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/5/18

April 8, 2018 / Leading the congregation in:

Announcements:

A.M.: Joel Kelly

P.M.: Joel Kelly

Opening Prayer:

A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz

P.M.: Tim Hatch

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Steve Sewell

P.M.: Tim Stevens

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Danny Moore / Sunday PM & Wednesday, 4/11: Trent Bailey

Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Alan Kaye

SICK: JAMES JOHNSON is in Jackson Hospital. FRANCIS NELSON is in Baptist East and will have surgery to repair the broken vertebrae suffered in a fall. HOLLY THOMASSON continues to recover from surgery. JAN HILYER and LUCY SUMMERLIN are recovering from falls. MICHELE READUS, Marquez James's mother, is scheduled for a heart catheterization at Baptist South. INGRID HATCH is now at HealthSouth. Sick at home Sunday: JAY ROBERTS. 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, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, and JAMES JOHNSON.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: FRANK HARRISON PUGH was born to WALTER (BUDDY BOY) & STEPHANIE PUGH on April 3. Frank weighed 6 Lb. 8 oz. and was 18 in. long. BUDDY & PAT PUGH are the proud grandparents. Congratulations to all!

NEW PRAYER REQUEST: Prayers have been requested for DIANE LINDSEY, Theresa Mulkey's sister-in-law, who is struggling with several difficult health issues.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST: Prayers have been requested for GEORGIA SIMMONS, Gwen Mann's mother, who has eye surgeries scheduled soon.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): DONNY ANGLIN, GENEVA JOHNSON, CARSON DAVIS, INGRID HATCH, JOE & JEAN BAILEY, CLINT & ANN BYARS, and JOHN HOOKS. (Battling Cancer) IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, ALAN BROWN, CAROL ANN WOODALL, PAUL MEACHUM, GISELE MORGAN, HALEY HORNSBY, and BETH CAMP. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

THANK YOU: Dear EM Family, We thank you so much for your kindness during my recuperation from back injury. Your prayers, food, visits, cards, and calls have such a blessing. We love all of you. James & Jan Hilyer

SENIORS EUFALA PILGRIMAGE TRIP: Eastern Meadows Senior members are planning a trip to Eufala, Alabama for the Eufala Pilgrimage (mansions and azalea gardens tours) for Friday, Apr. 6. Call Paul Clements for more information.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Tallassee Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing on April 6, 7 PM.

LEADERSHIP MEET & EAT: There will be a business meeting for all the Leadership (Elders, Deacons, & Ministers) this Sunday, Apr. 8, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7 AM.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Teams 4 (Chandler) & 5 (Jackson/Mann) will be hosting the Fellowship meal this Sunday, Apr. 8, after the AM worship service. Team 4 is responsible for set-up and Team 5 is responsible for clean-up.

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO: Eastern Meadows will host the Area Wide Youth Devo this Sunday, Apr. 8, at the 5 PM worship service.

LADYBUGS' MONTHLY VISITATION PROGRAM (MVP): The LadyBUGS MVP will meet for lunch on the second Monday of each month at Cracker Barrel at 11:30 AM. This month's lunch is scheduled for Monday, Apr. 9th. Please sign-up on the list posted in the LadyBUGS Room if you plan to attend.

CAMP CELEBRATION: Camp Celebration will be Saturday, Apr. 14, at Pete Peterson Lodge and is presented by Baptist Hospice. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and Camp begins at 9 AM. Camp Celebration provides children, teens, and their families with the opportunity to learn coping skills they can use during the ongoing grieving process. The daylong camp program helps children and teens face their grief and express emotions through a varie-

ty of activities, games, and crafts. The camp allows campers and families the opportunity to meet others who have also experienced loss. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. prior to the conclusion of camp; parents and guardians are invited. Lunch is provided and each participant will receive a Camp Celebration t-shirt. For more information, contact Mona Dermott, bereavement coordinator, (334) 395-5000. You may obtain registration information at www.baptistfirst.org

WORKDAY: A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 21, 9 AM. We need everyone's help in doing some clean-up on the grounds and outside of the building. Bring tools that will help get the job done.

TEACHER'S MEETING: There will be a meeting for ALL EM Teachers on Sunday, Apr. 22, 3 PM. See David Hester for more information.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: We need your help inviting folks to Homecoming/Goal Day on May 6th. The office has prepared packets with notecards, names and addresses, and stamps for you to write a personal note inviting folks to Homecoming/Goal Day. They are available for pick-up at the Front Welcome Center. If you are able to help, please sign the list, indicate how many packets you take, and check off as you return completed cards by **Sunday, April 22**, to the box posted at the front. **DO NOT MAIL THE CARDS.** The office will coordinate the mailing of these cards with the mailing of other advertisements for Homecoming/Goal Day. Thank you in advance for your help.

HELP FOR SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: The Sunshine Committee is planning to assemble bags which will be presented to our guests as they visit EM for the first time. This will be a wonderful way to make our visitors feel welcome! There are several items needed for these bags. A list of specific items and specific amounts of each item needed is posted in the LadyBUGS Room. If you would like to help with this project, please review the list and indicate the items you will bring. All items are due by **Sunday, Apr. 22**, and can be left in the LadyBUGS Room. Please see Carrie Long or Vernice Dees for more information.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a "Tea Time" Ladies' Day at Wetumpka Church of Christ on April 21. Brunch and registration will begin at 8:45 AM. RSVP by April 15 at (334) 567-6561 or wetumpkacoc@juno.com.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

APRIL STANDBY TEAM 3 (GOTKIEWICZ)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for April is **PAUL CLEMENTS**. Contact information: **334-531-1667; paulclem26@gmail.com**.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE

April 22: Teams 1 (Long) & 2 (Benson). Both teams are to bring enough food, bread, and dessert to feed their family plus visitors. Tea is provided. Team 1 is responsible for set-up and Team 2 is responsible for clean-up.

April Standby Team—Team 3: The Standby Team is the first responder for the food needs of the congregation (not just their team!) in cases of sickness and death.

LADYBUGS

- ◆ **April 9:** Monthly Visitation Program, @ Cracker Barrel, 11:30 AM
- ◆ **April 9:** FSC/Exodus Community, 6-7 PM
- ◆ **April 16:** FSC/Exodus Community, 6-7 PM
- ◆ **April 15:** Special Events Committee, 4:15 PM
- ◆ **April 22:** Sunshine Bag items due
- ◆ **April 29:** Prepare Sunshine Bags
- ◆ **April Communion Prep:** Ann Milam
- ◆ **April Baptismal Garments:** Wilma Berry

T.I.P—Sunday's, 4:30 PM

COLLEGE EVENTS

April 15: Devo, PM, at Tim & Sally's

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **April 8:** Area Wide Youth Devo @ EM, PM
- **April 25:** Youth Prayer Dinner, 5:30 PM

There Is Just One!

The exclusive idea of there just being one of anything is “narrow minded” to many in this all-inclusive society. Sadly, the world in which we find ourselves today is a “broad-minded,” tolerant and permissive one. While the idea of tolerance may be fine when it comes to one’s choice of vehicle or color of house, tolerance in religion has never been, nor is it now the Lord’s desire! **Man has reduced the idea of the church to nothing more than an optional social club**, and which “social club” one chooses depends on his or her personal preferences. However, a close look at God’s Book proves the very opposite. While this sentiment is not popular, there are not many churches but just one church! Carefully consider the following.

There’s just one church that was **purposed**. Paul declared that, “To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by **the church** the manifold wisdom of God, According to **the eternal purpose** which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Ephesians 3:10-11 emphasis added). An afterthought? An optional choice? **The church was purposed in the mind of God in eternity!**

There’s just one church that was **prophesied**. “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of **the LORD’S house** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to **the house** of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for **out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem**” (Isaiah 2:2-3). What would it be? The Lord’s house. From where would it start? Zion, which is Jerusalem. The house of God is the church (1 Timothy 3:15).

There’s just one church that was **promised**. Jesus declared that He would build **His church** (singular) (Matthew 16:18-19). Sad indeed is the person who is so arrogant and filled with pride that he believes he can build a church that is equal to or better than the **one** Jesus built!

There’s just one church that was **purchased**. Paul made it abundantly clear that Jesus purchased **the church** with His own blood (Acts 20:28). What price can honestly compare to the price of the Lord’s blood? How precious and how costly was that purchase price!

There’s just one church that was **preached**. The apostles **never** preached “join the church of your choice”! These men understood that there was just one church and that was what they preached (Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23; Colossians 1:13, et al.).

There’s just one church that will be one day **presented**. The Spirit made it crystal clear that when the Second Coming of Christ dawns, He is coming back to present His spotless bride back to the Father (1 Corinthians 15:24; Matthew 25:1-13; Ephesians 5:22-32).

While man has diminished the idea and importance of the church, God’s Word still teaches the same thing that it has always taught. **There is just one church that belongs to Jesus**. Since every soul’s eternal destination is at stake, it behooves everyone to seek out the church that belongs to Jesus. Search carefully, prayerfully and scripturally, because there’s **just one!**

Rodney Nulph, *Gospel Gazette Online*

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Eph. 4:4-6).