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January 3, 2019

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Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
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MINISTERS:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth & College
David Hester, Education & 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!

December 30, 2018 Numbers

2018 BUDGET—\$13,890.00

CONTRIBUTION: \$14,651.87

BUDGET: + \$761.87 YTD: + \$11,783.29

AVG for 2018: \$14,116.50

Bible Class: 129 AM Worship: 176 PM Worship: 121

INVOLVEMENT SUNDAY

January 6, 2019



Theme for 2019

EVERY 1 to his work.
Nehemiah 4:15



BUDGET SUNDAY

The 2019 Budget will be presented
Sunday, January 13th.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

A Picture. I have a picture now of Charles and Barbara Coon! In the last bulletin we introduced them as new members at Eastern Meadows. We are certainly blessed they have come our way. If you have not yet met them, give them an Eastern Meadows welcome!

Involvement. You have heard much about it over the past two months. I appreciate the Eastern Meadows' elders seeking to lead more to be active in the Lord's service. I appreciate you who have filled out an involvement form to volunteer for ways you may be of service. This Sunday we begin to put in practice what we have talked about. Some will be meeting even this Sunday to discuss how to implement and improve areas of Eastern Meadows work. Some short meetings may take place after morning worship, before afternoon worship, and after the 12:30 p.m. worship dismisses. And, if you have not yet filled out an involvement form to voice how you can serve at Eastern Meadows, it is never too late. And, one more thing, as "involvement" continues to be refined, perhaps you will be asked to serve in some specific manner.

Sunday's Meal. This Sunday's meal is the first Congregational Meal for 2019. It is an, "if you stay, you need to bring food!" meal. It will be great food – Eastern Meadows has some great cooks. Additionally, it will be a great time for fellowship. And then 12:30 p.m. worship. You will be finished by 1:30 p.m., so if the kiddos need a nap, you can be home soon enough for the nap, and maybe one for you too!



Charles & Barbara Coon

Sunday Nights Better

- * **Jan. 6**, Tim Gotkiewicz, *Is it Hard to be Humble?*
- * **Jan. 13**, David Hester, *Church & State*

A Ransom

J. Paul Getty was one time the richest man in the world. Though he came from a wealthy family, his personal wealth was largely self-made. He was an oil man having oil fields from the middle east to the United States. His life, however, was far from good. He was married five times. His fifth wife divorced him after their son died and Getty refused to attend the funeral.

As rich as he was, he had a reputation for being miserly. In 1959, J. Paul bought Sutton Place, a 16th-century Tudor country house in southern England, for the bargain price of \$840,000. The tight-fisted oilman famously installed a coin-operated telephone in the mansion to prevent his guests from racking up the bills. J. Paul enjoyed boasting about his stinginess. He often wore crumpled suits and worn-out sweaters to appear poor, and washed his own socks and underwear. When he treated his fifth wife to acting lessons, he insisted she pay back every cent should she land a paid role. (*Remember, at one time he was the richest man in the world.*)

What J. Paul is most remembered for, however, was his refusal to pay the ransom for his grandson. In June 1973, the oil baron's grandson John Paul Getty III was kidnapped in Rome by 'Ndrangheta gangsters, who demanded a ransom payment of \$17 million, \$94 million in today's money, for his safe release. J. Paul's infamous miserliness kicked in and he refused to pay on the basis that "I have 14 other grandchildren and if I pay one penny now, then I'll have 14 kidnapped grandchildren." The ransom payment was the equivalent of just one day's output from J. Paul's oil fields. Running out of patience, the kidnappers cut off the boy's ear and sent it, along with a lock of his hair, to an Italian newspaper in November 1973. J. Paul finally agreed to pay part of a reduced ransom of \$2.9 million, \$16 million in today's

money, and lent his son John Paul Getty Jr. the rest of the cash to be paid back with interest.

Aren't you glad our God loves us more than J. Paul loved his grandson. "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son." And that that son became our ransom. Paul said, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, (6) who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, (1 Timothy 2:5-6). We did not deserve such. We were sinners (Romans 5:8). We were God's enemies (Romans 5:10). Yet, the ransom price of the blood of God's son was paid. Not money. There was no greater price that could be paid. Jesus, our ransom!

--Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Thanks so much to the congregation for supporting our trip to Exposure Youth Camp last week! We had the privilege of listening to many outstanding lessons during the day and enjoyed several activities each evening after gathering in evening worship. The entire event was VERY edifying and spiritually uplifting.

YOUTH GROUP PARENTS - Lads to Leaders - The time is upon us! I will be contacting you this week to determine hotel room assignments. We must be registered at the hotel no later than Sunday to ensure a block of rooms. Otherwise our rooms may not be together.



PLEASE let me know if you or your teen plan to go to Atlanta this year (Thursday April 18 – Sunday April 21). We plan to arrive at the hotel Thursday evening (April 18th) and depart very early Sunday morning (April 21st). Event registration deadline is Feb 1st.

Upcoming events:

Youth Group Area Wide – Jan 13th @ University

College Devo – Jan 27th

College and Youth Group Prayer Dinner – Jan 30th

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: Who led the tribe of Judah out of Egypt? Hint: He was related to Boaz.

Answer: Nahshon (1 Chronicles 2:10)

This week's question: Who was the governor of Judah responsible for rebuilding the temple after Judah's return from captivity?

A) Joshua; B) Shealtiel; C) Zerubbabel



FROM DAVID'S DESK:

This Sunday, January 6, the Sunday morning Experienced Ladies Class, taught by Tonna Johnson, and the Young Ladies Class, taught by Laurie Norton, will begin studying Selected Women of the Bible, Righteous and Unrighteous - What were their roles in God's Word? What can we learn from them to aid us as women in this current world?

There are classes for ALL ages from Cradle Roll – Adult. Find a class and be determined to attend and participate!

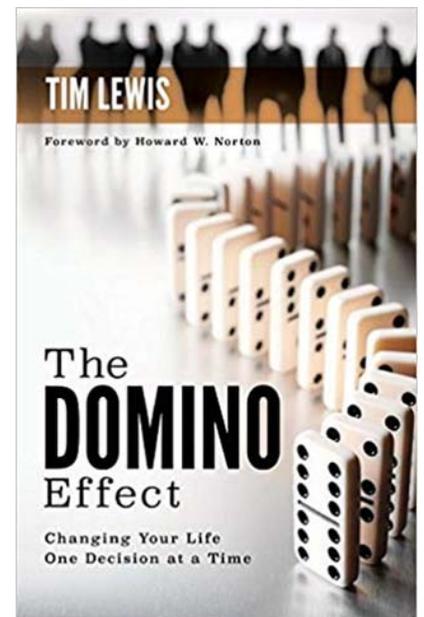
By now, all of you have received information about the fellowship teams and the food schedule. The schedule has changed for 2019, as well as the arrangement of how the teams will handle those Sundays. The first Sunday of each month is church/eat/church, with everyone (all teams) bringing food for lunch—except for the four Sundays in the year that Ted provides lunch. There will be a meal each 3rd Sunday with a different team participating. As to the set-up & clean-up, teams will be assigned on a rotating basis, as well as standby teams. This all begins on January 6, 2019. Thank you for your continued participation and enthusiastic support for our fellowship efforts!

Monday-Night-Motivation

Ten people met on Sunday evening to discuss the study for the 2019 Monday-Night-Motivation. Four books were considered, Cecil May Jr.'s, "Providence: The Silent Sovereignty of God;" Kevin Rhodes', "Follow Me: A Call to Authentic Discipleship;" Aubrey Johnson's, "The Barnabas Factor: Realizing Your Encouragement Potential," and Tim Lewis', "The Domino Effect: Changing Your Life One Decision at a Time." Any of these books would have been a worthy choice. The groups consensus was Tim Lewis', "The Domino Effect: Changing Your Life One Decision at a Time."

About the author: Tim Lewis is the minister of the North MacArthur church of Christ in Oklahoma City, OK. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University, with a bachelor's degree in English education and a master's degree in ministry.

About the book: What do dominos have to do with life-changing decisions? More than you might think. However, choosing the first domino is crucial. If you base every decision on the Word of God, then one good decision will lead to the next; it's a domino effect. But bear in mind that the process also works in reverse. If a person refuses to make Bible-based decisions, it is a negative version of the domino effect - a chain reaction that leads from bad to worse. God has blessed you with the freedom of choice. If you are really writing your life story one day and one decision at a time, then you have the power to determine how your story ends. But everything hinges on tipping the first domino. Make sure it falls in the right direction. This book by Tim Lewis examines this life-changing process. (128 Pages)



Monday-Night-Motivations will meet the fourth Monday of January – May and September – October. We will enjoy a meal at 6:30 p.m. and the study begins at 7 p.m. Various ladies will teach the Ladies class and various men will teach the Men's class. If you have been participating in MNM in the past you know its value. If you have not participated, why not begin!

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/3/19

SICK: JOY DAVIS is recovering at home following surgery. LEIGH SANDLIN is scheduled for knee surgery Jan. 14. PATRICE MCCLAIN, SAM SULLIVAN, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, and CHARLES HENDERSON continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: ADAM & BETH BASS, MICHAEL & BONNIE CROW, VERA DEKLE, MARCIA GRAVES, JAMES & SARAH HAGAN, ALICE HANDLANG, KERRY ROBERTS, DOROTHY SULLIVAN, and THELMA WOOLFOLK. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: JEWEL BARNES, LANETTE TAYLOR, VIRGINIA EVANS, and OPAL SULLIVAN. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, and JAY ROBERTS.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Health Issues): CARSON DAVIS, GENEVA JOHNSON, ELI MORGAN, AVA GILLEY, INGRID HATCH, ROYCE CHANDLER, WAYNE JOHNSTON, BOB SCHAEFER, ED BAGENTS, and BECKY MOORER. (Battling Cancer) CAROL ANN WOODALL, VERENA JONES, DEREK MAY, CHRIS HETHCOX, LARRY WINFIELD, SANDRA HONAKER, DENNIS TURNER, KENNETH BRANNAN, TERESA LYNN NICHOLS, JR BRINT, CHANDRA JOHNSON, CINDY SCHAEFER, and DONALD FUTRAL. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

THANK YOU: Too Marvelous for Words...Your kindness is more than any words can be spoken. EM, thank you so much for all you did during the passing of my husband. The Smith Family (Veotha Smith)

THANK YOU: Hello Sister Lucy, You'll never know how much receiving your card of encouragement has meant to me during this time. I am so glad to know that my Aunt Lil and Uncle Jerry (Thompson) have such a loving church family. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as you remain in mine. With love, Chandra Johnson

THANK YOU: During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for the kindness shown to my family during the passing of Steve and Lance. The cards, prayers, and quilts were very much appreciated. It's nice to have brothers and sisters in Christ lifting my family up in prayer at this most difficult time in our lives. The family of Steve and Lance Smith

T.I.P. SCHEDULE: TIP has dismissed for the holiday season and will resume Jan. 13, 2019.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Class meets at 10:30 AM and will continue studying the prophets. Lesson for today, Jan. 3, on Haggai and next weeks, Jan 10, on Zachariah.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Elmore Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing on Friday, Jan. 4, 7 PM.

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHORAL CONCERT: The 41st Christian College Choral Festival Concert will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, 7 PM, at the Montgomery Performing Arts Center. Hundreds of singers from six colleges and universities will come together for an evening of great choral music. For more information, contact Allen Clements (aclements@faulkner.edu).

INVOLVEMENT SUNDAY: January 6, 2019 will be Involvement Sunday.

CHURCH-EAT-CHURCH: The First-Sunday-of-the-Month Church/Eat/Church begins January 6. All teams bring food for lunch. Team 1 (Dees) will be responsible for set-up and Team 3 (Kelly) will be responsible for clean-up.

DORCAS DEEDS: Those participating in Dorcas Deeds will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8, 10 AM-2 PM. See Margaret Daniel or Becky Neuenschwander for more information.

BUDGET SUNDAY - Jan. 13th

JANUARY 2019 STANBY TEAM—2 (BASS)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for January is **ALAN KAYE**. Contact information: (334) 322-7363; nantahalan@gmail.com.

January 6, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Alan Kaye	A.M.: Paul Clements	A.M.: Brad Jackson	A.M.: William Dill
	P.M.: Tim Bagents	P.M: Tim Hatch	P.M.: William Dill
Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Danny Moore / Sunday PM & 1/9: Jon Timbes			
Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Randy Porterfield			

LADYBUGS

♦ **Jan. 8:** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM-2 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

• **Jan. 13:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

“YOU HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE”

The great leader, Moses, had died and the Lord God had chosen the faithful warrior, Joshua, to be the leader of the children of Israel. They were encamped on the east side of the River of Jordan and the time had come for them to cross over the River of Jordan and into the land of ‘milk and honey’,

the land of Canaan. God had assured Joshua several times that He would be with him as he was about to enter the promised land (**Joshua 1:6-9**).

In **Joshua 3**, the priest, carrying the ark of the covenant, were to lead the people across the River of Jordan and into the land that God had promised to Abraham (**Genesis 12:1-3**). Joshua, in charging the people to follow the priest at a certain distance, said this to the people, "FOR YOU HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE" (Emphasis, RE). The children of Israel were about to enter a land they did not know.

As we enter this new year of 2019, it could also be said of us, "For you have not passed this way before." We do not know what this new year will bring. It might be weal or woe, sadness or happiness, life or death, success or failure, etc. For the child of God, we should read what God said to Joshua and to know that basically He tells us the same: "Be strong and of good courage", "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go" (**Joshua 1:6, 9**). In **Hebrews 13:5**, we read, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Because we are children of God, this is the blessed assurance we have in our Lord. Here are some suggestions that will strengthen you as you enter the uncharted course in this new year of 2017:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart (**Proverbs 3:5, 6**).

Love God with all your heart, soul and mind (**Mark 12:30**).

Love your brethren and your neighbors (**John 13:34, 35; Mark 12:30**).

Do good to all men and especially your brothers and sisters in Christ (**Galatians 6:10**).

Attend the assemblies of the church to worship God and to exhort/edify/build up one another in the most holy faith (**John 4:23, 24; Hebrews 10:24, 25**).

Be steadfast in prayer (**Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17**).

Increase your knowledge of the Word of God by reading and studying it daily (**Psalms 1:1-3; 119:97; Matthew 4:4**).

I close this article with the words of the apostle Peter as found in **2 Peter 1:10, 11**: "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

—Raymond Elliott

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil" (Proverbs 3: 5-7).

Daily Bible Reading

January, 2019

- 1 Genesis 1-3
- 2 Genesis 4-7
- 3 Genesis 8-11
- 4 Genesis 12-15
- 5 Genesis 16-18
- 6 Genesis 19, 20
- 7 Genesis 21-23
- 8 Genesis 24, 25
- 9 Genesis 26-28
- 10 Genesis 29, 30
- 11 Genesis 31, 32
- 12 Genesis 33-35
- 13 Genesis 36-38
- 14 Genesis 39-41
- 15 Genesis 42-44
- 16 Genesis 45-47
- 17 Genesis 48-50
- 18 Exodus 1-3
- 19 Exodus 4-6
- 20 Exodus 7-9
- 21 Exodus 10-12
- 22 Exodus 13-15
- 23 Exodus 16-18
- 24 Exodus 19-21
- 25 Exodus 22-24
- 26 Exodus 25-27
- 27 Exodus 28-29
- 28 Exodus 30-32
- 29 Exodus 33-35
- 30 Exodus 36-38
- 31 Exodus 39-40