



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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May 17, 2018

### 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:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**WELCOME!**



## May 13, 2018 Numbers

**2018 BUDGET—\$13,890.00**

**CONTRIBUTION: \$14,285.38**

**BUDGET: + \$395.38 YTD: - \$3,276.77**

**AVG YTD 19 WEEKS: \$13,717.54**

**Class: 171 AM Worship: 252 PM Worship: 137 EMBF: \$157**

**Area-Wide Singing**  
**Eastern Meadows Church of Christ**  
**June 1, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**



## Vacation Bible School

**Eastern Meadows Church of Christ**

**June 18-21, 2018**

**9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**"GOD'S SUPER POWERED ARMY"**

**Ages 4—Grade 6**

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

**Mother's Day at Eastern Meadows!** Mother's Day at Eastern Meadows over the past few years has proven to be one of the best attended Sundays of the year. We were blessed to have a shorter sick list, but the reason for the good crowd is visitors who came to spend the day with their mothers. In fact, we had two families that met here in Montgomery and then attended Eastern Meadows. What a joy it is to meet new folks and welcome them to Eastern Meadows!

**Mother's Day and Flowers.** As ladies entered out building Sunday they were given the choice of pink or yellow flowers. What a wonderful gesture! I know that worship is the same with or without the flowers, but it was a wonderful way to make our ladies feel special. These flowers came from the Sunshine Committee and they truly brought sunshine to the Ladies on Mother's Day. Elvernice Dees mother, Rose Robinson, prepared the flowers. Thanks Ladies!



**Some Eastern Meadows' Ladies and their Mother's Day flowers!**

**Keep Inviting!** One thing we learn from Homecoming/Goal Day is that if we invite, people will come. Of course, not everyone we invite will come and for those who come, they will not necessarily come every time you invite. However, invitations make a difference! So keep on inviting. Use the "Invite 'Em" Cards (business cards designed to give to someone you invite to come to Eastern Meadows!) "Invite 'Em Cards" are usually on the foyer desk. Make use of special occasions, such as Sundays that we have fellowship meals or Sundays we have a guest speaker, or Sundays when you have something special in your life and some might come to celebrate that event with you after worship! Yes, keep inviting.

**We all miss Wilma.** Wilma Berry, the Eastern Meadows secretary, is in Japan visiting her middle daughter, Christine, and her family. She worked very hard preparing in advance what she could before she left. This makes it much easier while she is gone! You miss her, I know, because of two "glaring" mistakes I made last week, making an error in sending out the bulletin and then having the wrong date on the Sunday Announcements. I'll try to do better this week. But when you see a mistake, just be thankful that Wilma is the secretary and she does not leave very often! (By the way, she is doing some work by way of computer while she is gone, but has been encouraged to enjoy her vacation!). Thank you Wilma for all you do.

**Thanks to the Thursday Class.** One of my greatest joys over the years has been the Thursday Class. This year we were "hit hard" with surgeries, falls, other health problems and our numbers were down a bit from last year, but we ended on a "high note" last week, with one of our better numbers in attendance in several weeks. The class brings together some of the best Bible students. It has been a time when we can all participate and share our insights into the text or subject of the day. We will

begin again next September with Tim Gotkiewicz teaching in the fall. Make your plans to be with us!

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

The college devo for May will be at Tim and Sally's on May 20th after evening worship.

We are planning two summertime area-wide youth group devotional and fellowships. They are being planned for Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and stand by for more details.

We are 2 ½ weeks from ICYC AP week!

#### Upcoming events:

May 20th : College Devo @ Tim and Sally's

May 30<sup>th</sup> : Youth Group Prayer Dinner @ 5:30 pm

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> : A.P. week @ ICYC

June 17-21 : VBS

### **TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:**

**Last week's question:** In 2 Corinthians 13:14, who did Paul pray for the Corinthians have communion with? Answer: The Holy Spirit

**This week's question:** According to John 1:5, the darkness did not do what to the light of men?  
A. Extinguish it; B. Comprehend it; C. Engulf it

### **FROM DAVID'S DESK:**

This Lord's Day (May 20), I will begin a Gospel Meeting in Luxora, Arkansas. Brenda and Mama will be with me for this effort, which goes through Wednesday, May 23. Luxora was the first full time work for my Dad, from 1963-65; I was born during that time in Osceola, which is a couple of miles down the road. Our oldest son, Will, is the preacher at Osceola. Luxora has assisted many Gospel preachers over the years. Please pray for the success of this effort!

## **Meet Your Eastern Meadows Library!**

The Eastern Meadows Library is finished! We invite everyone to stop by and visit – in other words, we're having a "Grand Opening." These pictures will give you an idea of how it now looks. All books are now organized into sections. These sections are labeled, according to grouping (Reference books, commentaries, debates, lectureship books, etc.); this





will make it easier for you to find whatever you are looking for. As to check-out—the system is very simple. Index cards will be provided for you to write the name of the book and the date you are checking it out. We ask that you sign and print your name on the card. As to how long you can check out a book, we also ask that you return it within a reasonable period of time (two-three weeks from checkout). It is our hope that you take full advantage of this great resource!

- David Hester



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/17/18

**May 20, 2018 / Leading the congregation in:**

**Announcements:**

**A.M.: Steve Sewell**

**P.M.: Steve Sewell**

**Opening Prayer:**

**A.M.: Andrew Long**

**P.M.: Brandon Baggett**

**Closing Prayer:**

**A.M.: Troy Steelman**

**P.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz**

**Singing:**

**A.M.: Allen Clements**

**P.M.: Allen Clements**

**Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Troy Steelman/ Sunday PM & Wednesday, 5/23: Henly Khantisosuriya**  
**Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Andrew Long**

**SICK:** SHIRLEY HANCOCK is recovering from surgery. MARSHA SUTTON is recovering from surgery. DON SIMMONS, Gwen Mann's father, has been very sick. ELI MORGAN is not at home trying to get on the heart transplant list. Sick at home Sunday: Margaret and Marsha Graves; Jim Hagan; and Charlotte Patterson. 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, and JAY ROBERTS.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues): DONNA KLINE, DONNY ANGLIN, CARSON DAVIS, INGRID HATCH, and ELI MORGAN. (Battling Cancer) IMOGENE GRACE, JAN KELLEHER, ALAN BROWN, CAROL ANN WOODALL, PAUL MEACHUM, GISELE MORGAN, VERENA JONES, and BETH CAMP. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

**CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The Amridge sponsored Capital Prayer Breakfast will be held May 18 at the Capital City Club. The cost is \$10. Please let Jimmie Benson (jcbenson@knology.net) know if you are attending.

**CLOTHING & SHOE DRIVE BENEFITTING MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME:** Please bring unneeded, gently worn clothing and shoes (sizes: infant—young adult) to any Sunday or Wednesday church meeting. Give donations to Tennison, Dean, or Sarah Norton. Last opportunity to donate is Sunday, June 3. To arrange special drop-off or for questions, call Tennison Norton at 399-8264.

**ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP:** The Ark Encounter Trip will be July 16-18. A sign-up list has been posted at the Front Welcome Center Desk. Please sign-up as soon as possible so further arrangements can be made. See David Hester or Paul Clements for more information.

**MAY STANDBY TEAM 4 (CHANDLER)**

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** The Thursday Class is on hiatus until September.

**SYMPATHY:** Eastern Meadows' extends sympathy to Thelma Woolfolk at the passing of her sister, Estela Phelans of Montgomery, Alabama. She passed away Wednesday morning early and there are no funeral arrangements yet.

### CALLING ALL TEACHERS!

On June 30 Andrew Bowens, the Education Director at the Elmore church of Christ, is going to conduct a Teachers Workshop for Eastern Meadows. Andrew comes highly recommended; he has a D.Min. in Missions and is nearing his Ph.D. in Christian Leadership. If you are teaching now, this is for you. If you are not currently teaching, but are interested in teaching, this is for you as well. This day is designed to encourage our current teachers, those who will soon be teaching, and those who plan to teach.

### MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION:

Monday Night Motivation meets Monday night, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. for a meal and at 7 p.m. for a class. The men have a class and the ladies have a class. *All are invited to come!* The May M-N-M meal will be hamburgers and fixings'. Ladies, check the list in the Ladybugs room for what you can sign up to bring.



**ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL:** The Elder of the Month for May is **TED NORTON**. Contact information: **334-850-5675; tnorton1946@gmail.com.**

### LADYBUGS

- ◆ **May 21:** Outreach/FSC Exodus Community, 6-7 PM
- ◆ **May Communion Prep:** Sarah Norton
- ◆ **May Baptismal Garments:** Kristy Hatch
- ◆ **June 3:** A Time To Pray, 4:30 PM
- ◆ **June 4:** Outreach/FSC Exodus Center, 6-7 PM
- ◆ **June 5:** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM-2 PM

**T.I.P—Sunday's, 4:30 PM**

### COLLEGE EVENTS

- **May 20:** Devo at Tim & Sally's

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **May 30:** Prayer Dinner, 5:30 PM
- **June 3-8:** ICYC AP Week
- **June 18-21:** VBS, 9:30-11:30 AM

*One of the more difficult subjects to preach is the subject of "modesty." It is not difficult from the standpoint of learning what the Bible teaches on the subject. It is not difficult in the realization of the need for the subject to be preached. It is difficult to preach in such a way as to engage the hearts of the audience in a manner that leads to a positive response, which is, the decision to quit wearing certain clothing, in favor of more modest apparel becoming of a Christian. Of the many forms that "worldliness" takes on, I believe a lack of modesty in what we wear is usually the first to invade our lives. Consider the following article. – SH*

## The Complexities of Modesty

Modesty is a complex issue, especially when we fail to understand all the pieces of the puzzle. Paul mentions modesty in the context of women who dress to provoke envy and desire (1 Timothy 2:9). However, Christians must display pure lives and flee fornication and lust, which begins in the heart (Matthew 5:27-28; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 15:19; James 1:14-15). David was drawn into sin by a nude woman (2 Samuel 11) and God condemns women who flaunt themselves sexually (Proverbs 5).

If we take this subject apart, we can become more knowledgeable and prepared.

First, men must dress modestly because women struggle with lust, as well.

Second, sex and desire are wonderful if enjoyed within the confines of marriage (Song of Solomon). For the sake of marital love and procreation, we're sexual beings, attracted to the opposite sex.

Third, we have freewill and must face the consequences of our choices (Ezekiel 18:19-23).

Fourth, the clothing industry is obsessed with sexual desire so finding wholesome clothing is challenging. However, sewing machines are available and modest clothing can be purchased.

Being a Christian means that we must rise above the sinful world (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Our bodies are to serve a higher spiritual purpose, not carnal desire (Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:16).

Fifth, we're to live for God and that supersedes comfort, context, insecurity or laziness (Ephesians 4:1), because God is always watching (Proverbs 15:3). God's Word can't be overlooked to fit our style.

Sixth, we're commanded to look out for one another (Philippians 2:3-4). Lust is a powerful force. God gave sexual desire to everyone to use properly. A man isn't a pervert for finding women desirable.

Ignoring an attractive, nearly naked person of the opposite sex is exceedingly difficult for most everyone. What's more, we're bombarded with measures of it everywhere we turn, even in worship.

A man bears the responsibility to not feed the fire by pornography or fantasies. Everyone has their own struggles and weaknesses and we should help our brothers and sisters in Christ as best we can.

By the way, all Christian men, regardless of their place in the Lord's Church face the same struggles as other men. Being in a leadership position doesn't mean we lose our humanity. If Christian men struggle with lust, what about men who are non-Christians? Unless they have inner boundaries, they're limited by law. If they eschew that, they're left to their animal instincts. We circulate around all types of people and we can't stop how they think. Modesty is not only Christian, but in some cases, protection.

Women who think that they can dress immodestly because men aren't supposed to look are dangerously naïve. The man's battle is completely separate from the woman's actions. The freewill of men doesn't vanish because of a woman's stubbornness and preferences.

Moreover, men don't always openly display what is in their hearts. They must do all they can to control their sexual desires and lusts (Job 31:1). However, like a recovering alcoholic, they will continually struggle.

We're commanded to live spiritually. How others live and think has no bearing on our command. God's will is our boundary, not man-made law. Legal by society's standards doesn't mean it has God's approval. We live on a separate plane from the world. What they do and how we respond are separate issues. Whining and complaining won't change the law of God or the minds of people.

--Richard Mansel, *forthright.net*

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:1-2 NKJV)*

*"For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles – when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. (4) In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. (5) They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead." (1 Peter 4:3-5 NKJV)*