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ELDERS:

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DEACONS:

Adam Bass
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John Cole
Michael Crow
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Steve Housley
Marquez James
Joel Kelly
Andrew Long
Jimmy Mathews
Danny Moore
Lindsey Mulkey
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!

**2020
INVOLVEMENT
KICK-OFF
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

**2020
BUDGET
PRESENTED
Sunday, January 23**



“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2).

**Budget: \$13,890.00 Contribution, 1/12: \$12,491.35 YTD: + \$3,167.80
1/12: Bible Class: 144 / AM Worship: 187 / PM Worship: 124 / EMBF: \$129.50**

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Back to Normal. I said I hoped we could get “back to normal” last week when I wrote this column. I am begging that we get “back to normal.” And I know you want the same, as we had many, many out sick, and many with very bad colds. I hope all get to feeling better!

Last Sunday! We had an excellent presentation from Ted about *You and Me plus ONE!* This was a relative brief presentation outlining not just the theme of 2020, but the work that the elders are leading Eastern Meadows to do. If you were not here, please talk with one of the elders about this good work. I pray they we take to heart everything Ted said and actively participate so the Lord gives the increase of the “plus one.” Let us pray. Let us work.

This Coming Sunday! It is not every Sunday that every elder participates in the worship assembly. It is less often that each elder speaks to the congregation encouraging their participation in “Involvement.” What will be taking place is the elders doing just what their work as “shepherds” implies – shepherding. They will be explaining the various areas of Eastern Meadows work that each is over and telling you how you might be a part of that work. The “signing up” in December was a “bare bones” commitment on our part as we committed to an area of involvement, rather than specific tasks. Sunday should help “put some flesh” on those bare bones and help each of us know how we can be of more specific service to the Lord at Eastern Meadows. Let us be thankful we have elders who are leading!

Clarification. If after the presentation of last Sunday and this coming Sunday, you wish further explanation and clarification, do not hesitate to ask one of the elders! I promise you that they would welcome your questions.

Thursday Class! It is not too late to begin the study of 1 Kings with the Thursday Class! If you cannot be here every Thursday, come anyway. No one can be here every Thursday. We have a group that often has appointments, etc. Join us and study with us.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

The Youth and Family Devotional for January will be this Sunday, Jan 19th, after the evening worship. We will be enjoying soup and sandwiches; there is a sign-up list for food in the midway foyer.

The monthly 10 minute youth group update will be Sunday, Jan 26th, after the morning worship in room 119.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: When Jesus appointed seventy to go out two-by-two, where did He send them? Answer: Every city and place where He was about to go (Luke 10:1)

This week's question: What unusual thing did the pharaoh do on his birthday while Joseph was in prison? A) Released Joseph and made him 2nd to pharaoh; B) Hanged the baker; C) Killed the prophets



Sunday Nights Better

- * Jan. 19, Luke
- * Jan. 26, Luke
- * Feb. 2, Tim Gotkiewicz
- * Feb. 9, Killing Babies
- * Feb. 16, Luke
- * Feb. 23, Luke

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- Jan. 19: Youth & Family Devo, PM
- Jan 26: Parent's 10-minute Update, AM
- Feb. 9: Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- Mar. 8: Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/16/20

January 19 2020 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:
A.M.: Jerome Thompson

Main Prayer:
A.M.: Josh Cochran
P.M.: Mark Evans

Closing Prayer:
A.M.: Steve Sewell
P.M.: Jimmy Mathews

Singing:
A.M.: Dean Norton
P.M.: Dean Norton

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: James Kelley / Sunday PM & 1/22: Lamon Dees
Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Randy Porterfield

SICK: DOROTHY MCDONALD is recovering at home after suffering a heart attack. DUSTY POUNCEY was scheduled to return to UAB this week for further treatments. HOLLY THOMASSON continues to recover from surgery. HUNTER TIMBES is scheduled for surgery January 20. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, PHYLLIS ALLEN, DIXIE BRANNAN, BARBARA COON, BONNIE CROW, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, SHIRLEY HANCOCK, JAN HILYER, SHIRLEY JONES, WILMA MILLICAN, LAURIE NORTON, KERRY ROBERTS, JANE SEWELL, SAM SULLIVAN, MARSHA SUTTON, THELMA WOOLFOLK. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, VIRGINIA EVANS, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, MARGARET DAVIS, and MARGARET GRAVES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, SARAH HOUSLEY, ANN MILAM, DUSTY POUNCEY.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DEXTER HART III (TRIPP), WAYNE JOHNSTON, ERIN FOLDS, MIKE TIMBES, MARTHA DANIEL. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, CHANDRA JOHNSON, JESSE BARRY, KATY PENICK, DEREK MAY, WILL HICKS, LANISE KIRK, WENDY GRANT, DAVID PEEL. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST: Prayers have been requested for MARTHA DANIEL, Charles Coon's sister, of Beaumont, Texas, who is in ICU in Houston suffering with a viral infection of the brain.

THANK YOU: To Eastern Meadows, Thank you so much for your kind words and prayers! They have been very welcome during this very difficult time, and we hope you will continue to think of us in this new year. Sincerely, Jesse Barry & family

CAPITAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Capital Prayer Breakfast will be held this Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, 8:30 AM, at the Capital City Club on the 22nd floor of the RSA building at the corner of Monroe and North Lawrence Streets. \$10 per person. For parking, please enter the parking deck diagonally across from the RSA building at the entrance designated *Capital City Club*. Be sure to let us know if you plan to attend so we can give a head count to the Club. RSVP to Diann at 334-387-7502 or email her: diannlazenby@amridgeuniversity.edu.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 1/19: AM—JANE SEWELL & HANNAH ADAMS; PM—SARA CLEMENTS & LYDIA EGUEBE

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursday Bible Class meets at 10:30 AM. We are studying 1 & 2 Kings with Steve Housley teaching.

INVOLVEMENT KICK-OFF SUNDAY: Involvement 2020 will kick off this Sunday, Jan. 19.

SENIOR ADULT RALLY: Liberty Church of Christ will have a Senior Adult Rally Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 AM – 1:30 PM. MIKE GLENN of Lynchburg, VA will be speaking. CLYDETTA FULMER of Montgomery, AL will teach a ladies' class. Registration begins at 9 AM. Lunch will be provided.

GOSPEL MEETING: There will be a Gospel Meeting at Liberty Church of Christ Jan. 26-29 with MIKE GLENN speaking. Sunday morning Services are at 9 & 10 AM. Evening services Sunday – Wednesday are at 7 PM.

BUDGET SUNDAY: The elders will present the 2020 Budget on Sunday, Jan. 26.

A TIME TO PRAY: The ladies will meet for A Time To Pray meet Sunday, Jan. 26, 4:15 PM, room 114. Turn in prayer requests to FAYE ALLEN. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION: The January M-N-M will be Monday, Jan. 27. The meal will begin at 6:30 PM. BILLY & MELANIE BUSH are the hosts and the meal will be BBQ. A meal sign-up list is posted in the LadyBUGS Room. Class will begin promptly at 7 PM as we continue our study of *The Domino Effect*. DAVID HESTER will be

teaching the men's class and LILLIE THOMPSON will be teaching the ladies' class.

M-N-M HOSTS: We need a host for each month of MNM. Please consider hosting our MNM for one month. The responsibilities of the host will include choosing a menu for dinner, preparing and posting a list in the LadyBUGS' room to sign up for dinner, set up for dinner, and clean up after MNM is over. A list is available in the LadyBUGS' room to sign up to host MNM for a month.

FSC EXODUS COMMUNITY: The LadyBUGS Outreach Program to the Family Sunshine Center—Exodus Community will continue this year. Different ladies' will be helping the first three Mondays each month, 6-7 PM. If you are interested in helping, please sign the list in the LadyBUGS Room.

BENEFIT CONCERT: Friends For Faulkner presents the upcoming concert - Neil Diamond's Music Comes Alive - with all proceeds benefitting student scholarships. Steve Kelly and Cherry Cherry Band create the award-winning Premier Neil Diamond Tribute and have performed over 600 shows in the United States and Canada. The concert will be Jan. 25, 2020, 7 PM (doors open at 6 PM), on the campus of Faulkner University. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.faulkner.edu/diamondtribute.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at North Lowndes Church of Christ Saturday, Feb. 1. Registration and breakfast at 9 AM. Lessons begin at 10 AM and ends around noon. Linda Hall (grandmother), LORI RUSSELL (mom), and ABBY RUSSELL (teen daughter) will lead in a study on how to be a better servant of God in whatever season of life we are currently in. Lunch will be provided.

FAULKNER CHORUS: The Faulkner University Chorus will perform Sunday, Feb. 2, after the PM worship service. The chorus is led by our ALLEN CLEMENTS. EM members, HANNAH ADAMS and BANKS SEWELL, are part of the chorus. Team 1 (Porterfield) will be responsible for set-up, serving, and clean-up.

JANUARY STANDBY TEAM—2

T.I.P.—Sundays @4:30 PM

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for January is **TIM BAGENTS**. Contact information for Tim: (334) 303-3571; tbagents@southlandtransportationgroup.com.

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Wednesday Night Auditorium Class

Fundamentals of the Faith:

SINGING AS WORSHIP

KARL STROTHER, speaking January 22



Upcoming Events:

2020

- **February 2:** Faulkner Chorus
- **March 1:** Marriage Enrichment Day
- **April 5:** Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael Whitworth
- **May 3:** Homecoming/Goal Day

- **June 1-4:** VBS

2021

- **March 12-13:** Ladies' Retreat

2022

- **Feb. 11-12:** Marriage & Family Seminar (Glenn & Cindy Colley)

AND WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO?

In local congregations of the Lord's people, we find many individuals who do not want to do much. Their Christian life consists of sitting on a pew from week to week and writing a check and casting it into the collection plate.

We encourage them to get involved. They are any number of programs and activities in which they could participate. When asked to get involved, they reply: "I do not want to."

In this post, we are exhorting them to ask themselves this question: "Why don't you want to?" They need to honestly and deeply examine their reasons and motives for refusing to serve God to the fullest of their capacities.

- We are told to use our talents to the best of our ability (Matt. 25:20-23).
- We are told to bear much fruit (John 15:8).
- We are told to not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord (Rom. 12:11).
- We are told to always abound in the work of the Lord (I Cor. 15:58).
- We are told that we are not to be weary in well doing (Gal. 6:9).
- We are told that we have been created in Christ Jesus unto good works (Eph. 2:10).
- We are told to be rich in good works (I Tim. 6:18).
- We are told that Jesus purified us unto himself to be a peculiar people zealous of good works (Tit. 2:14).
- We are told to labor to enter into that ultimate rest (Heb. 4:11).

How can Christians read these verses, and not want to do more? How can Christians read these verses, and continue to be Sunday morning pew-sitters? How can Christians read these verses, and not get involved in the local church?

Again, we ask: "Why don't you want to?" Dear reader, it is not so important for you to explain to us your reasons. Just remember, however, that one day you will have to express your reasons to the one who will judge the quick and the dead. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). I hope the reasons you have come up with will hold water in the court of the divine Judge of all. Do you think He will say:

- I am proud of you for how little you have done?
- I am excited that you found enough time to worship me once a week?
- I am happy that you found all of those ways out of working for the church?
- I am elated that you refused to use the talents that I gave you?
- I am impressed by all of the excuses you had not to do much?

If you think He will say these things, you need to think again. And, why don't you want to?

— Victor Eskew

"...THEIR GOD"

God often identifies Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (Ex.3:15). The writer of Hebrews observes, "God is not ashamed to be called their God" (Heb. 11:16). Is our faith such that God might identify Himself to some who know us as "the God of (my name) and (your name)?"

— Preacher Talk, Faulkner University