



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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January 2, 2020

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
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DEACONS:

Adam Bass
Billy Bush
Allen Clements
John Cole
Michael Crow
Lamon Dees
Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
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!



**The Elders will present the 2020 theme,
"Me & You + 1," Sunday, January 12.**

**Budget: \$13,890.00 Contribution, 12/29: \$20,697.59 YTD: + \$2,397.59
12/29: Bible Class: 109 / AM Worship: 173 / PM Worship: 113 / EMBF: \$1,772**

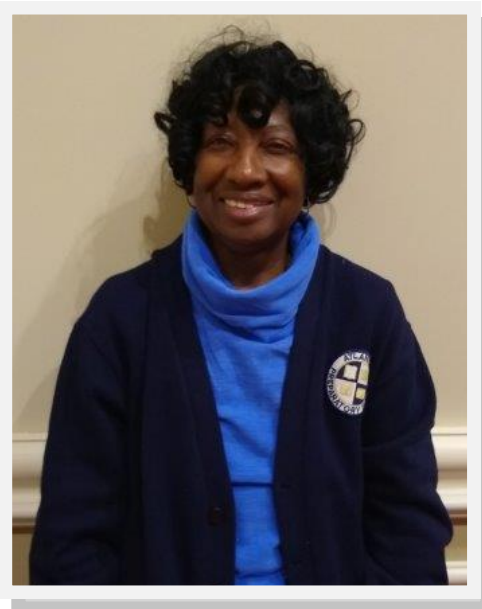
FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

GREAT NEWS! It was a joy to introduce Gabe Stratton's mother, MARIANNE KROLL, Sunday morning. She was baptized last Monday. Gabe had been studying with his mom, long distance. Marianne lives in Galloway and was down for the holidays. You might want to send her a note, 405 S Yam Avenue, Galloway, NJ 08205. Thanks Gabe for sharing the gospel with your Mom!

EXPOSURE! Exposure Youth Camp is one of the best things our youth and college do all year. Thanks to Tim and Sally for taking the time during the Holidays to take our youth and college and thanks for parents who help chaperone the trip. Exposure has some of the best singing. You can view the atrium singing here: <https://www.facebook.com/ExpoCamp/videos/528701841056691/>. (Just copy and paste into your internet browser). Beautiful singing. If you go to FaceBook and do a search for Exposure Youth Camp you will find several of the worship assemblies that you can watch. You can see the good that our youth and college experienced. Note: at the beginning of the videos are sometimes announcements/taking care of business before the worship begins.

GENEVA BAPTIZED WEDNESDAY. Geneva Johnson was baptized last night, January 1, 2020, after Bible Study was over. Geneva is not new to Eastern Meadows, having been with us most Sundays over the past several years. She first met Angie Moore at the Faulkner University Library and came to Eastern Meadows at Angie's invitation. (What can happen when you invite!) Geneva was born and reared in Union Town, Alabama, a small town between Selma and Demopolis. She was educated at Stillman College (Tuscaloosa, AL) and finished at Mercy College (Detroit, MI). Geneva's career was spent in education serving in the classroom at St. Jude; Montgomery Public School System, Virginia College; DeVry Institute; as Vice President of Selma University. She was the host of two Radio Talk Shows, one in Union Town and one in Montgomery. Geneva was also with Auburn University, IBM, and owned her own Technical School in Atlanta. Geneva is now retired. She has one daughter who lives Nashville. We welcome Geneva to Eastern Meadows!

Sunday Nights Better	
*	Jan. 5, Tim Gotkiewicz
*	Jan. 12, Holidays and Christians
*	Jan. 19, Luke
*	Jan. 26, Luke
*	Feb. 2, Tim Gotkiewicz



Geneva Johnson

BAD. TRAGIC. Sundays shooting at the West Freeway church of Christ in White Settlement, Texas, a community near Fort Worth, Texas, that left three dead shocked us all. I saw the question, "Why?" The answer is simple. We live in an evil world. 1 John 5:19 tells us "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." This tragedy is evidence of that. A man, bent on evil, turned on these Christian people and killed two of them. It would have been much worse except for the fact that the West Freeway church had a security team in place that prevented the shooter from doing even more harm. We will likely be hearing more of this tragedy in the coming days. Let us pray for the West Freeway church.

CAN IT HAPPEN HERE? What happened at the West Freeway church is a rare thing. There have been shootings in churches in the past, but overall it is rare. There are far more shootings on a Friday and Saturday night in the streets of Montgomery, Alabama than take place in churches across the

nation. A “home invasion” is more likely than a “church invasion.” I feel absolutely safe at Eastern Meadows church of Christ and I always have. Several years ago security protocol was put in place and each service cameras are monitored (cameras cover most areas of the parking lot and hallways and foyers). Additionally, about ten minutes after services begin doors are locked around the building making it necessary for a person to come in the front door. It is sad that such things are necessary. Years ago it was not in the mind of anyone that these security measures would one day be in place. Though it is very, very unlikely that what happened at the West Freeway church will happen, Eastern Meadows has prepared for such an event. I feel safe; you can feel safe too.

THURSDAY CLASS. We begin Thursday, January 2! We will be studying 1 and 2 Kings. You are encouraged to be here. If you can't be here every week, come when you can. Come through the back door under the carport. We will likely be in the Tea Room. Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

Quick to Hear

The days after Thanksgiving, Antenna TV had a *Dennis the Menace* marathon. If the TV got turned on at my house, it was usually on *Dennis the Menace*. That show was older than my TV viewing days (it really is old!), though I read some of the comics when I was a kid. What seemed to be a theme running through several episodes was the *failure to listen!* Usually it was a failure of Mr. Wilson or Dad to listen to Dennis. And the trouble that resulted! Over and over this happened. (Talking to Tim Gotkiewicz, he tells about how often telling a lie is at the heart of some of the troubles on the *Andy Griffith* show.)

Seeing this failure to listen, I couldn't help but think of James 1:19, “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.” How much trouble might we avoid if we would only listen! I have an idea that everyone who has read this far has said something or done something resulting from a failure to listen that he would not have said or done had he listened.

In the show, it seemed that the failure to listen was often because it was Dennis who was speaking. He was young, inexperienced, and often not taken seriously. Even little children are important. In the body of Christ, there may be some members who are considered “weaker” or “less honorable” (1 Corinthians 12:22-23), yet every member is important. Though “listening” is not the focus of 1 Corinthians 12, I think that when you consider James 1:19 and 1 Corinthians 12:22-23 together, it suggests that we are to listen to *every* member, no matter their status.

As Christians, let us be “quick to hear!”

--Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Thank you for supporting the Youth and College trip to Exposure Youth Camp (EYC) this year. We're all tired, but uplifted and more filled with God's word! The classes were simply outstanding and the worship was very uplifting. Seeing 3000 teens studying, singing praises, and connecting with other teens is worth every effort we put forth toward making this a reality for our teens. Again, thanks!

Lads to Leaders - If you and/or your youth group member plan to attend the L2L convention (April 9-12), I need to know by THIS SUNDAY so that we can reserve our hotel rooms in a block rather than being scattered throughout the hotel.

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, a voice came out of the cloud and said, "This is my beloved Son. _____!" Answer: Hear Him (Luke 9:35)

This week's question: When Jesus, Peter, James, and John went up on the Mount of Transfiguration, did they stay overnight?



YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Jan. 12:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Jan. 19:** Youth & Family Devo, PM
- **Jan 26:** Parent's 10-minute Update, AM
- **Feb. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Jan. 3:** College Game Night @ Tim & Sally's



2019 Exposure

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/2/20

SICK: DON BRANNAN was moved from ICU to a regular room, but returned to ICU at Baptist East (No visitors, please). DUSTY PONCEY is in UAB Hospital and undergoing cancer treatments (No visitors, please). BILLIE PONCEY is in Baptist East, but hopes to go home today. HOLLY THOMASSON is recovering from surgery. HUNTER TIMBES is scheduled for surgery January 20. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY & FAYE ALLEN, WESLEY BERRY, BONNIE CROW, BILL EVANS, KALLIE FUTRAL, SHIRLEY HANCOCK, TIM & KRISTY HATCH, MASON HATCH, JOE HOOKS, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, LEIGH SANDLIN. 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, DON BRANNAN, SARAH HOUSLEY, ANN MILAM, DUSTY POUNCEY.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DEXTER HART III (TRIPP), WAYNE JOHNSTON, JENNY PATTERSON, ERIN FOLDS, JEAN BAILEY, EVELYN MEDINA, MIKE TIMBES. (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.

REJOICE! Gabe Stratton's mother, MARRIANNE KROLL was baptized last Monday. She lives in New Jersey, but was in town visiting for Christmas. Gabe had been studying with her.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursday Bible Class will resume Jan. 2, 10:30 AM. We will be studying 1 & 2 Kings with Steve Housley teaching.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Elmore Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing this Friday, Jan. 3, 7 PM.

FAULKNER BASKETBALL CHURCH DAY: Faulkner University Basketball invites you to Church Day, Jan. 4. Both the Women's & Men's teams will be hosting one of their rivals, William Carey. Games tip off at 12 noon & 2 PM. For more information, contact Jeremy Smith at jdsmith@faulkner.edu or (334) 386-7525.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 1/5: AM—PATTY BENSON & LUCY BENSON; PM—GWEN MANN & VICKIE JOHNSTON

1ST SUNDAY IN JANUARY. There will be NO fellowship dinner or 12:30 p.m. worship this Sunday. Evening worship will be at 5 p.m.

2020 THEME: The elders will present the 2020 Theme Sunday, Jan. 12.

INVOLVEMENT SUNDAY: Involvement 2020 will kick off on Sunday, Jan. 19.

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

JANUARY STANDBY TEAM—2

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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January 5, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Norton Sewell	A.M.: Brooks Housley	A.M.: Landon Evans	A.M.: Paul Clements
	P.M.: Stan Neuenschwander	P.M.: Jimmy Mathews	P.M.: Paul Clements
Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Brooks McDonald / Sunday PM & 1/8: Steve Sewell			
Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Jerome Thompson & Steven Hulett			

Upcoming Events:

2020	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">February 2: Faulkner ChorusMarch 1: Marriage & Family Day (Dan Wheeler)April 5: Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael WhitworthMay 3: Homecoming/Goal Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">June 1-4: VBS
	2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">March 12-13: Ladies' Retreat
	2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Feb. 11-12: Marriage & Family Seminar (Glenn & Cindy Colley)

HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2020

H – HOLD FAST TO YOUR CONFESSION, JESUS OUR HOPE

Hebrews 4:14; 10:23.

A --ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

John 4:23, 24: Hebrews 10:24, 25.

P --PRAY OFTEN

I Thessalonians 5:17: Ephesians 6:18.

P --PREPARE, PROMISED, AND PURPOSED GIFT.

II Corinthians 9:5-7.

Y -- YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATIONS.

Matthew 6:13

N -- NEGLECT NOT YOUR TALENTS.

Matthew 25:14-30: I Timothy 4:15: James 4:17.

E --EVERYONE DESERVES TO HEAR OF CHRIST.

Mark 16:15: I Timothy 3:14, 15.

W --WORKMANSHIP OF GOD.

Ephesians 2:10: Titus 3:1.

Y --YIELD YOURSELVES AS SERVANTS OF CHRIST.

Romans 6:16-17.

E --EXHORT ONE ANOTHER.

Hebrews 3:12, 13.

A --ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE.

Ephesians 2:5, 8.

R --READ THE BIBLE DAILY.

II Timothy 2:15; I Timothy 4:13

—Raymond Elliott