



## Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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January 23, 2020

### ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Alan Kaye  
Roy Mulkey  
Mike Norman  
Ted Norton

### 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!**



**2020  
BUDGET  
PRESENTED**

*Sunday, January 23*

**+** YOU & ME   
plus ONE

*“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, 1/19: \$13,039.85 YTD: + \$2,557.65**  
**1/19: Bible Class: 159 / AM Worship: 207 / PM Worship: 129 / EMBF: \$139.50**

# Sister Ann Milam

1943 – 2020

Sister Ann Milam passed away Monday, January 20, 2020. Ann had been under hospice care at her daughter's, Lynn's, home. We express our sympathy to Ann's daughter, Lynn, and grandsons, Brandon, Chris, and A.J.

Ann was born and reared in Tallassee, Alabama attending the Tallassee church of Christ when she was younger. Ann worked for the state of Alabama most of her working life, but enjoyed retirement. Ann came to Eastern Meadows church about 20 years ago and never faltered in her desire and love for the Lord and work at Eastern Meadows. If you knew Ann well you knew of her love for her family, her Tallassee extended family, and especially her daughter Lynn and three grandsons, Brandon, Chris, and AJ.

Some of the comments from you on the Facebook Eastern Meadows Members Page paid beautiful tribute to Ann. "Such a sweet Christian woman with an enormous heart. We will miss her" (Jay Roberts). "She was always willing to help me in VBS, wherever I needed her. She always had a sweet smile" (Becky Norton). "We have lost a wonderful Christian woman who loved her family dearly" (Judy Creel). "A very special lady! Will miss her sweetness!" (Theresa Mulkey). These comments reflect well how we all remember Ann. Ann could certainly be characterized by the words sweet, helpful, big-hearted, welcoming, and loyal.

The Memorial Service will be this Saturday at 11 a.m. at Eastern Meadows church of Christ. We will all miss Ann.



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

**Welcome to Daniel Bragg!** Sunday we announced DANIEL BRAGG as a new Eastern Meadows' member! Daniel was born in Stillwater, OK but has lived in various places. Daniel has lived in Montgomery for the past four years. Daniel drives a truck for South Central Pool. He is a trained mechanic and enjoys working on cars. Welcome Daniel to Eastern Meadows!

**Thanks to the Elders Again.** Both of the past two Sundays need to be heard by the congregation, even if you were not present. June 12 Ted presented the theme and program of work "You and Me plus ONE." June 19 the elders presented each of their areas of work with how many of us are already involved. No doubt as the year develops more and more will be recruited in these various areas of work. If you were not here ask the Control Booth about making you a DVD to watch.

**This Sunday.** This Sunday the 2020 budget will be presented to Eastern Meadows. We can be thankful that we are informed about how our contributions to the Lord's work are used to further the work of the kingdom. Hearing the budget may not be everyone's favorite thing to do, but it would be incredibly sad for a congregation to keep its spending plans secret! We can be thankful for



**Daniel Bragg**

the thoughtful planning, the desire for kingdom growth, and the openness of the elders.

**Upcoming Events.** No, I am not going to list the upcoming events here. Every week they are listed somewhere in the bulletin, usually towards the back of the bulletin. Please keep up with these upcoming events and plan accordingly – plan to be a part of these events. Usually they are great opportunities that will be of spiritual encouragement to us all.

**Faulkner University Bible Department and Eastern Meadows’ Missions.** For a number of years Eastern Meadows has supported the Bible Department as a part of Eastern Meadows missions work.

It is a way to support missions in a very local sense but have a potential world-wide impact. Every student at Faulkner University must take Bible classes. As a result, the Bible teachers at Faulkner are teaching Bible on a daily basis to more people than all of the churches of Christ in the city. Some of these students are Christians; some of these students may become Christians. Only time will tell of the good that is done in these Bible courses at Faulkner University. I am thankful that we have heard some of the faculty in our Winter Wednesday Night Bible auditorium class. Jimmy Gee, Bruce Morton, Terry Edwards, Randall Bailey and of course, David Hester, has spoken in this Wednesday night class. We have been able to see the good work that is being done in the FU Bible Department.

**You and Me plus ONE.** We are in the infancy of this good work. Be praying for its success.

*Please read this article about the Eastern Meadows Members Facebook group, a “closed” group, only open to Eastern Meadows members. This can be an effective way for members to stay in touch and share information and prayer requests. -SH*

**Sunday Nights Better**

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

## **EM Social Media Presence**

Perhaps by now you’ve noticed some changes in Facebook. The **NEW** Eastern Meadows Members group is the old “Eastern Meadows Prayer Group” with a different name and mission that more appropriately and already reflects its present content. We want ALL members, who are on Facebook, to be in this private group and to take advantage of it. The local congregation in its most basic classification is a community, albeit a holy one and part of a larger Kingdom. Be a part of YOUR community. Our team is working to add any and all members who, for whatever reason, aren’t already in the group. We are also removing old members, who have since left, and that will be strictly monitored going forward. The name of the group, “Eastern Meadows Members” is not only the name, but also the group’s policy. Anyone outside the current congregation membership roll is free to follow our public Facebook page, complete with events, announcements, etc., but now Eastern Meadows members have a more interactable online community within the Eastern Meadows Members Facebook Group.

Another reason for a closed, member-only, Facebook group, is because it is virtually impossible to interact with each other through the public EM Facebook page. In addition, the closed group allows leadership to have another very effective communication tool to reach its members. *We also want you to use it. Make sure you have notifications for the group switched-on. If you have a prayer request, then post it. If you want to remind others of a fellowship, then post it. If you help with a church project, then post it.*

The main difference between the two groups is internal vs. external messaging. For instance, the cover photo for our closed group is the “You & Me + 1” artwork. Obviously, this constantly reminds each one of us our 2020 theme and elders’ challenge. Conversely, there are no plans to use the “You & Me + 1” artwork on the EM public Facebook page, because that message would be

confusing to the general public. It is for members.

There are other Facebook groups, i.e., "EM Kids Classes," "EM Youth," "EM Young Professionals" et al, that will remain controlled by those specific members, but only the private, Eastern Meadows Members Group and the public-facing EM Page will be centrally controlled by church leadership. We will also try to close any old, outdated, or redundant groups.

--Dean Norton

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

The monthly 10 minute youth group parent update will be THIS Sunday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, after the morning worship in room 119. We will be discussing February events, Service Projects, L2L, and ICYC.

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

**Last question:** What unusual thing did the pharaoh do on his birthday while Joseph was in prison? **Answer:** Hanged the baker (Genesis 40:20-22)

**This week's question:** What is the first color mentioned in the Bible?



#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

- **Jan 26:** Parent's 10-minute Update, AM
- **Jan. 31:** L2L Registration Deadline
- **Feb 5:** ICYC AP week Registration (June 7-12)
- **Feb. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/23/20**

<b>January 26 2020 / Leading the congregation in:</b>			
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Main Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
A.M.: Steve Hulett	A.M.: Tim Bagents	A.M.: Mike Norman	A.M.: David Hester
	P.M.: Michael Crow	P.M.: Jimmy Mathews	P.M.: David Hester
<b>Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Danny Moore / Sunday PM &amp; 1/29: Russ Chandler</b>			
<b>Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Randy Porterfield</b>			

**SICK:** ROY MULKEY, HUNTER TIMBES, and HOLLY THOMASSON are recovering at home from surgery. DUSTY POUNCEY will return to UAB in a couple of weeks for further treatments. ELVERNICE DEES will soon undergo a medical procedure. ANNEGENE DAVIS is undergoing medical tests. LAURA MATHEWS, Jimmy & Janet Mathews' granddaughter, is recovering from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, AUSTIN CHANDLER, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, JAN HILYER, VEOTHA SMITH. 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.

**PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE:** MARTHA DANIEL, Charles Coon's sister, has improved greatly and been moved from ICU to a regular room. Your prayers are appreciated!

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks for all the prayers and cards from my church family during my stay in hospital and recovery at home. I truly believe in the Power of Prayer! In Christian love, Dorothy McDonald

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS – 1/19:** AM—CECILIA PORTERFIELD & GENESIS KELLY; PM—TISH HOUSLEY & MYA KELLEY

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM**

**SENIOR ADULT RALLY:** Liberty Church of Christ will have a Senior Adult Rally this 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 this Sunday, Jan. 26.

**A TIME TO PRAY:** The ladies will meet for A Time To Pray this 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 this Monday, Jan. 27. The meal will begin at 6:30 PM. BILLY & MELANIE BUSH are the hosts and the meal will be BBQ and fixings. 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.

**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. Ladies, if you are interested in attending and would like to ride together, let WILMA BERRY, JEAN BERRY, or GLADYS CLEMENTS know. We will meet at the back of the EM building and leave at 8:15 AM.

**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.

**MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING:** There will be a Business Meeting for ALL the Men of the congregation on Sunday, Feb. 9, 7:30 AM. BILLY BUSH is responsible for breakfast, which will be served at 7 AM.

**EDUCATION MEETING FOR TEACHERS (Cradle Roll—6th Grade):** There will be an Education Meeting for the Teachers of Cradle Roll through 6th Grade on Sunday, Feb. 9, 3 PM. See DAVID HESTER for more information.

**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](mailto:tbagents@southlandtransportationgroup.com).



**New Class beginning Feb. 2**

**Wednesday Night Auditorium Class**

**Fundamentals of the Faith:**

**PRAYER AS WORSHIP**

**BLAINE BENSON, speaking January 29**



# 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)



It is suggested that we have our eyesight checked at least every two years. The ideal vision is 20/20. Most of us, as we grow older, need some assistance to enable us to see. Thus, we are fitted with glasses from time to time.

In the matter of evangelism, we often suffer because of the lack of spiritual vision. That infirmity is called 'myopia' which has to do with nearsightedness. So many Christians can only see that which is near. We are not looking far

enough. We are confined within the walls of our church buildings. We are in need of having our eyesight improved by the Great Physician who can heal our partial blindness. We desperately need some "eye salve" to anoint our eyes that we may see the fields "that are white already unto harvest" (Revelation 3:18 John 4:35). He whose eyes are as "a flame of fire" (Revelation 1:14) has written us a prescription that will give us 20/20 vision.

It is recorded in Acts 20:20: "how I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house to house." First of all, it needful that we teach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). Second, note the methods used by Paul in the proclamation of that which was profitable. He said that he taught the gospel of Christ both publicly and privately. The persecuted prisoners of the Lord had earlier utilized these avenues in preaching Jesus as the Christ every day "in the temple and at home" (Acts 5:42). Personal evangelism and the public proclamation of the gospel go hand in hand. This formula was very effective in the first century. The church grew rapidly in the city of Jerusalem (Acts 4:4; 5:14; 6:1). The church today relies greatly on the public teaching of the gospel, generally ignoring the second half of the formula used by our brethren during the infancy of the church.

The truth is that the church is not growing in many locales simply because the members do not have proper 20/20 vision. The word of God is not increasing and the number of disciples is not multiplying (Acts 6:7) in our society today. Oh, we do 'swell' our numbers periodically due to the moving of members from one place to another, but, true numerical growth comes about when souls are being added to the church when they obey the gospel of Christ (Acts 2:38, 47). The fact is non-Christians seldom frequent our assemblies, even during special efforts such as gospel meetings. There are individuals who are hesitant to come to our church buildings. We must go to them. (Isn't that what the Lord told us to do in the great commission, recorded in Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15?)

The congregations that are experiencing numerical growth of disciples are those churches that are complimenting the public proclamation of the gospel with the individual/private teaching of the word. It may be the showing of filmstrips; an open Bible study or it may be conducting a Bible class in one's home. The method is a matter of indifference as long as it is in harmony with the principles of the New Testament. What we need is a genuine commitment from Christians to become more involved in instructing sinners to come to Jesus Christ where there is salvation from sin and where there is the hope of eternal life (II Timothy 2:10).

—Raymond Elliott