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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, 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!

SHARING
our faith
a new class on all things
related to outreach
good ideas and friendly discussion
lead teacher **Alan Kaye** Sunday Mornings
Room 119

New Class beginning this Sunday, February 2nd



Faulkner University Chorus

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

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 1/26: \$13,566.00 YTD: + \$1,393.65
1/26: Bible Class: 160 / AM Worship: 209 / PM Worship: 123 / EMBF: \$283.50

Sister Virginia Evans

1944 – 2020

Sister Virginia Evans passed from this life on Saturday evening, January 25, 2020. Virginia suffered the devastating decline brought on by Alzheimer's disease. She is survived by her husband of 12 years, Bill Evans. Bill and Virginia were a widower and widow and married in 2007. Bill faithfully cared for Virginia during all stages of the disease and is to be commended for his love and care for his wife. Virginia is also survived by her two sons, Johnny and Jay Maddox and a granddaughter Jade Maddox.



Virginia was a long time resident of Montgomery, Alabama. She lived on Yarbrough Street in the Highland Gardens neighborhood for 46 years. The house she lived in was a complete remodel by Virginia and her first husband. Her house was across from Eastern Meadows' member Inella Bowden who is now deceased. Virginia and Inella became very good friends, with Virginia being very good to Inella, helping her every way she could. It was after Inella was widowed that Virginia began attending Eastern Meadows with Inella, eventually becoming a member of the Eastern Meadows church. She was a member many years, being regular in attending worship until Alzheimer's made it impossible to attend.

Virginia was a long-time employee of Wal-Mart but had been retired many years.

Virginia was quiet in a crowd, but could be quite talkative in individual conversations. She enjoyed life and laughter and while she enjoyed the trips she made she was very happy to be in her home.

We extend our sympathy to Bill Evans and we will all miss Virginia. The visitation was Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, January 30 with the funeral at 11 a.m. at Leak Memory Funeral and the interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

The Horror of Abortion. "Please remember these names: Harry Blackmun, Warren Burger, William Douglas, William Brennan, Potter Stewart, Thurgood Marshall, and Lewis Powell. Those seven men were Supreme Court justices (Burger was Chief Justice) in 1973 and voted in favor of the Roe decision. It is fair to say that these seven men collectively are responsible for more human deaths than anyone else in human history. All of these men have gone into eternity where they will be called to account for the evil they chose to bring upon the world." (John Gaines). This reminds me a bit of "Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin" (found eight times in 1 and 2 Kings). Jeroboam setting up idolatry at Dan and Bethel, enabled, encouraged, and influenced Israel to sin. The men cited above did the same with abortion in the U.S. *But as I think about this, I need to be sure that I don't in anyway whatsoever enable, encourage, or influence men to sin!* (By the way, in a couple of weeks, on Sunday night I will discuss "Killing Babies." This lesson will discuss abortion, but also the O.T. killing of babies in sacrifice, and the mandated killing in such places as 1 Samuel 15).

Sunday Nights Better

- * Feb. 2, Tim Gotkiewicz
- * Feb. 9, Killing Babies
- * Feb. 16, Luke
- * Feb. 23, Luke
- * Mar. 1, Dan Wheeler

Chorus. Eastern Meadows will have the opportunity to hear the Faulkner University Chorus this

Sunday evening. Eastern Meadows member Allen Clements is the director. Eastern Meadows' members and/or sometimes attendees are Banks Sewell, Hannah Adams, Danielle O'Dell, Julie Anne Johnson, Byron Cudworth.

Marriage Sunday! Begin planning. Marriage Sunday is March 1. The speaker is Dan Wheeler. Plan around this Sunday so you can be in town and at Eastern Meadows.

New Class This Sunday! Alan Kaye will be teaching a new class Sunday centered on Personal Evangelism. It will be a sharing of ideas, discussion of some "nuts and bolts" in personal evangelism, and opportunity for class members to encourage one another and pray for the gospel to be spread. All are welcome in this new class; men and women; young and old!

About the 2020 Budget

Thanks Ted. Excellent job by Ted Norton with the budget presentation on Sunday!

The 2020 budget for Eastern Meadows is \$14,100. If you were not here, you can pick up a printed budget. We can be thankful for the openness about how the Lord's money is spent at Eastern Meadows. Every year the budget and spending gets more carefully refined to give a very accurate picture of spending.

I appreciate the emphasis of the budget on the spread of the gospel, *locally*. I absolutely believe in foreign missions; I absolutely believe in domestic missions. However, if the local church is not growing the ability of the local church to support, missions is diminished, and can be diminished to the point of the inability to do foreign and domestic missions. I do believe that we must put a great emphasis on reaching our own community so that we can ultimately do more in domestic and foreign missions. The theme/challenge of "You and Me plus ONE" is more than a theme/challenge, it is a work to be done. I hope you will join in in this work! Thanks to our elders, and specifically, thanks to Ted for the presentation.

—Steve Housley

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: What is the first color mentioned in the Bible? Answer: Green (Genesis 1:30)

This week's question: Who was the first Hebrew to be named king? A) David; B) Saul; C) Abimelech



YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Jan. 31:** L2L Registration Deadline
- **Feb. 9:** Area Wide Youth Devo, PM
- **Feb. 15:** ICYC AP week Registration (June 7-12)
- **Feb. 16:** Youth & Family Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Feb. 12:** Supper Club @ Fellowship Hall
- **Feb. 23:** Devo @ Tim & Sally's Home

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1/30/20

SICK: LEIGH SANDLIN was treated at Baptist South Hospital Tuesday. ROY MULKEY and HUNTER TIMBES continue to recover from surgery. ELVERNICE DEES will undergo a medical procedure Friday, Jan. 31. BETTY DAVIDSON is scheduled for surgery Feb. 6. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, NORA CHANDLER, LYDIA EGUEBE, KELSEY EVANS,

TAMMY EVANS, BRAD JACKSON, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, DUSTY POUNCEY, and MILLIE THOMAS. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, MARGARET DAVIS, and MARGARET GRAVES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, SARAH HOUSLEY, DUSTY POUNCEY.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to BILLY & JUDY CREEL in the birth of their great-grandson, CAMERON LEE IMMEL. Cameron was born Jan. 19 and weighed 8 lbs. 9.4 oz. and was 21.5 in. long. JOHN & KATELYN IMMEL are the proud parents. Congratulations to all!

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 FOR:

- MAE, JONES, Sarita Strother's mother, who is in the hospital in Tennessee.
- BETTY WASHINGTON, Arthur Harvest's sister, who has been diagnosed with cancer and is under hospice care.

THANK YOU: To our Eastern Meadows Family, Thank you for your prayers, love and care during Don's long battle with cancer and Parkinson's. Thank you for all the food, cards, visits and the peace lily during the past few weeks. Please continue to pray for our family. Dixie, Reba, Paul, Charlene and Stacy Brannan

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Family, Your phone calls, cards, and prayers have meant so much as I continue to recover from surgery. Thanks to each one of you. Love you all, Roy Mulkey

NOTE OF INTEREST: PAUL CLEMENTS learned last weekend that his book, HOLY? Me? is being used in a class of preacher students in Uganda! We never know where, when, or how we may be a blessing in the lives of others.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 2/2: AM—GWEN MANN & VICKIE JOHNSTON; PM—PATTY & LUCY BENSON

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at North Lowndes Church of Christ this 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.

AREA WIDE SINGING: Panama Street Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing this Friday, Feb. 7, 7 PM.

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.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Wetumpka Church of Christ on Saturday, Mar. 7. Registration and breakfast at 8:30 AM with the program beginning at 9:30 AM. The speakers will be TISH HOUSLEY and JANIA OTEY and their topic is "The Fruit of the Spirit". RSVP: secretary@wetumpkacoc.org or 334-567-6561.

CDL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED: Faulkner University is in need of additional CDL drivers to transport our athletic teams and student groups. The university has one 35 passenger bus and drivers are called on an as needed basis. Travel within Alabama and surrounding states, some weekends and overnights required. Pay is \$10 per hour. If interested, please call Human Resources at (334) 386-7230 or email humanresources@faulkner.edu

FEBRUARY STANDBY TEAM—3 (R&J GOTKIEWICZ). **MAKE NOTE:** The February Standby Team has been changed from Team 1 to Team 3.

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for February is ROY MULKEY. Contact information for Roy: (334) 531-5253; roymulkey43@yahoo.com.

T.I.P. - Sundays @ 4:30 PM

The Training and Involvement Program (T.I.P.) Sunday evening class for preschool and elementary age children



LADYBUGS



- ◆ Feb. 3, 10, 17: FSC Exodus Community, 6-7 PM
- ◆ Feb. 4: Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM
- ◆ Feb. 24: M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ Mar. 9: Area Wide Ladies' Devo @ EM

February 2, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:

A.M.: Marquez James

Main Prayer:

A.M.: Joel Kelly

P.M.: Allen Clements

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Jimmy Mathews

P.M.: Thomas Anderson

Singing:

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Randy Porterfield / Sunday PM & 2/5: Tim Hatch

Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Lindsey Mulkey



“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).



*Sunday,
March
1st*



Dan Wheeler

9 & 10 AM and 12:30 PM.
Lunch provided.

Upcoming Events:

2020

- February 2: Faulkner University Chorus, PM
- **March 1:** Marriage Enrichment Day
- **April 5:** Teaching Rocket Seminar/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)

IS OUR RELIGION A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE OR COMMITMENT?

There is an intense struggle going on for the souls of men, women, boys and girls. This struggle is between God and Satan, and only one of them can win. Jesus said: “No one can serve two masters; for he will either hate the one and love the other, or he will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches, material things)” Matthew 6:24. In this struggle there

are many who seem more interested in finding ways to get around the plain teachings of scripture instead of finding ways to carry out His words in daily life. For instance, the Lord very plainly tells us that divorce and remarriage of the innocent party is allowed only when one's mate has been sexually unfaithful Matthew 5:31-32, 19:3-12, Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18. Yet, even among our brethren some are avidly seeking to get around this plain teaching of the Lord. Here is an example of convenience instead of commitment. Another real problem today finds many parents allowing sports, etc... to come before God. I personally enjoy sports and encouraged my children to participate but not to the extent of missing gospel meetings, Wednesday or Sunday classes and or worship. For some people giving is a matter of convenience instead of commitment. We really need to trust God to supply our needs and give cheerfully and liberally as He desires. Please honestly answer the following questions as to whether your religion is one of convenience or commitment.

- Do you attend all services whether it is convenient or not?
- Do you have more commitment to the Lord and His body (the church) than to job, family, sports, entertainment, TV, etc?
- Do you question the necessity of attending Bible Classes, Sunday night, Wednesday night, special meetings, etc.?
- Do you give regularly and sacrificially, making up your contribution when you have to be away?
- Do you feel any responsibility to encourage and/or teach others?
- Do you encourage your children, mate, the weak, the strong by your attendance, enthusiasm, and willing involvement in the Lord's work?

True commitment means we have convictions about the creator, his Book, and his Church. It means we are willing to deny self and put Christ ahead of family, things, and even life itself. Someone has well said "If your religion cannot get you to the services of God's house, don't count too heavily on it getting you to heaven." What about our religion? Is it a matter of commitment or convenience?

--Henry Huckeba, 1990, Liberty Hill Church of Christ

CLOCK WATCHERS

Shortly after he opened up his first plant, Thomas Edison noticed that his employees had gotten into the bad habit of watching the factory clock, which was the only clock in the plant.

To the indefatigable inventor who never thought about time a task took, this was incomprehensible. He did not express his disapproval verbally. Instead he had dozens of clocks installed all around the plant. His goal was not to make it for his workers to see a clock. He made sure that no two clocks had the same time. Soon clock watching led to some confusion that nobody cared what time it was.

I have suspicion that one reason that God does not tell us when the second coming will be is that He knows we are clock-watchers. Just as people were busy thinking about how much time they had left at work or until lunch break, so we might be tempted to focus on getting ready when the time was near. Instead we are called to be the people of God every minute of every day – not to get ready but to be ready.



–Michael Moss, *HTH/HTH*