



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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October 17, 2019

## ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Alan Kaye  
Roy Mulkey  
Mike Norman  
Ted Norton

## DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
Allen Clements  
Lamon Dees  
Ryan Gotkiewicz  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
Tim Hatch  
Steve Housley  
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!**

# Sunday, October 27th

*Join us for food and fun*

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### 8464 Vaughn Road

### Fellowship Hall and Back Parking Lot

*Food ♦ Fun ♦ Candy ♦ Prizes*

- 1–3 PM Decorate Vehicles in Back Parking Lot  
Deliver Chili to the Tea Room for Judging
- 3:15 PM Chili & Vehicle Judging Begins
- 4 PM Fellowship Meal & Winners Announced
- 5 PM Evening Worship *(No costumes in worship, please.)*
- 6 PM Trunk-Or-Treat



Budget: **\$13,890.00** Contribution, 10/13: **\$15,410.85** YTD: - **\$1,336.92**  
 10/13 Bible Class: **152** / AM Worship: **220** / PM Worship: **113** / EMBF: **\$119**

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ELDERS

“We are putting before you the names of Michael Crow, Lindsey Mulkey, Marquez James, Joel Kelly, John Cole and Adam Bass as new deacons for the congregation. We will make a formal announcement Sunday Morning October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please carefully consider these men with us and if you have any concerns or questions they must be in writing, signed and given to one of the elders before Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.”

— Ted Norton, for the elders



**Michael Crow**



**Lindsey Mulkey**



**Marquez James**



**Joel Kelly**



**John Cole**



**Adam Bass**

## FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

**Great Sunday!** It is quite a joy to look out and see a larger crowd and this was the case Sunday. Additionally, it is good to see the budget exceeded, as was the case Sunday. Wish every Sunday had such a crowd!

**Thanks!** Thanks to Dean Norton for virtually single-handedly putting on the Teacher's Appreciation Banquet last Thursday evening. He heard many "thanks," but he was quick to say "thanks" for what the teachers do. I concur. Thanks for all of the teachers do, but also thanks to Dean for all he did!

**Honor to Whom Honor.** At the Teacher's Banquet a plaque was given to recognize faithful service



**Don Brannan**

given to the Adult Education Department and to the Children's Education Department. Much deserved, the recognition for faithful service to the Adult Education Department was given to DON BRANNAN and the recognition for faithful service to the Children's Education Department was given to BECKY NORTON. Both Don and Becky have literally given their life to the Christian education of Eastern Meadows church of Christ. Both have probably taught for 50 years or more at Eastern Meadows.



**Becky Norton**

Don also has served as preacher and elder at Eastern Meadows, and was always teaching a class until his health prevented him from doing so. Becky served as a teacher until taking over the Children's Education Superintendent role many years ago. Becky makes sure everything goes as planned every Sunday and Wednesday and is loved and respected by the teachers who work with her. We are truly indebted to both Don and Becky for all the good they have done. Thank you Don Brannan and Becky Norton.

**Worth Having and Listening to!** I have had much to say in the past about Polishing the Pulpit. It brings over 5,000+ people together for seven days of spiritual feasts. There were more than 175 speakers, 135+ men and 40+ women, for 350+ hours of great teaching material this year. The amazing things is that you can have opportunity to listen to these 350+ hours of teaching! It is available on a thumbdrive in mp3 format. MP3s can be copied to you phone/mp3 player and played on your phone or the thumbdrive can be put into most car radios and played or they can be played on your computer. World Video Bible School is selling this for \$49.95. The link to order one is <https://store.wvbs.org/product/mp3-usb-audio-polishing-the-pulpit-2019/>. (Just copy and paste the link into your browser).

### Sunday Nights Better

- \* Oct. 20, Leadership Questions
- \* Oct. 27, Lessons from Luke
- \* Nov. 3, Tim Gotkiewicz
- \* Nov. 10, Brandon Baggett
- \* Nov. 17, Lessons from Luke
- \* Nov. 24, Don Williams

*Criticism is not easy to take. How we receive it can make all the difference. Read what James and Jerrie had to say!*

## James (Book of James, that is) and Jerrie (Barber)

Recently Jerrie Barber wrote the words below as a part of an article entitled, "What is your first response to criticism?"

My aim is to listen to criticism and not respond immediately. If I decide not to re-

When I decide not to reply immediately, which I try to make standard policy, I reply with, "That's interesting; let me think about it. I'll consider what you said and get back to you by . . . (date and time)."

No one likes criticism . . . well, speaking for myself, I don't. I have, however, benefited from criticism. I have also believed I have received unjust criticism. Not all criticism is created equal. But Jerrie Barber is right in his approach to receiving criticism. Listen. Otherwise, it is certain to be of no benefit, because you are not hearing what is said.

This fits well as an application of the words of James.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (James 1:19-20 ESV).

Let us practice James 1:19-20. Especially when we might not be prone to fully listen and are quick to respond, like when we receive criticism. James has inspired words. I think Jerrie had some wise words.

--Steve Housley

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

Last Saturday, the youth group prepared freezer meals, which will be sent to our brothers and sisters who need some help. I am thankful for their tender hearts!

This Sunday after the pm worship: Youth and Family devo! We will do a Texas Pile-on in the fellowship hall. Sally is hosting and has put a sign-up list on the midway foyer table.

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - Chili, trunk-or-treat, and the college devo for October. Looks like a great evening at Eastern Meadows!

November the 10<sup>th</sup> - Area-Wide at Eastern Meadows! Brandon Baggett will be our speaker. I am excited and can't wait to worship here with the teenagers and hear Brandon's message!



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

**Last week's question:** Jesus said, "But love your enemies, do good, \_\_\_\_\_, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High."  
**Answer:** and lend (Luke 6:35)

**This week's question:** Jesus said that each man's mouth will speak what?  
A) the truth; B) that which fills his heart; C) the things that glorify God



October 20, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

**Scripture Reading:**  
A.M.: Brooks Housley

**Main Prayer:**  
A.M.: Allen Clements  
P.M.: Jeff Simpson

**Closing Prayer:**  
A.M.: David Eguebe  
P.M.: Joel Kelly

**Singing:**  
A.M.: Jon Timbes  
P.M.: Alan Kaye

**Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Danny Moore / Sunday PM & 10/23: Brad Jackson**  
**Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Arthur Harvest**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/17/19

**SICK:** SARAH HOUSLEY and JAMES BERRY continue to recover from surgery. SHIRLEY HANCOCK is scheduled for surgery Oct. 24. Sick at Home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, JEAN BERRY, MARVIN DANIEL, and MARSHA SUTTON. 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, and DON BRANNAN.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DEXTER HART III (TRIPP), WAYNE JOHNSTON, JENNY PATTERSON, ERIN FOLDS, and GARY MCCLAIN. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, CHANDRA JOHNSON, JESSE BARRY, KATY PENICK, DEREK MAY, GENE SULLIVAN, WILL HICKS, ANGELA TAYLOR, LANISE KIRK, AMY BERMAN, WENDY GRANT, MARGAN CARTER, and JANICE TILL. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

**NEW PRAYER REQUEST:** Prayers have been requested for MARY DAVIS, Vera Dekle's niece who is scheduled for cancer surgery.

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 10/20: AM—HALEY STEELMAN & TERRY BAGENTS; PM—JANE SEWELL & HANNAH ADAMS**

**CHOOSING THAT GOOD PART LADIES' RETREAT - OCTOBER 17 - 19**

**TEAM 1 (DEES) FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Team 1 will have a Fellowship Meal this Sunday, Oct. 20, after the AM worship service.

**TEACHERS MEETING FOR CHILDREN'S CLASSES:** There will be a Teachers Meeting for all those involved in teaching the Children's Classes, including VBS, on Sunday, Oct. 20, 3:30 PM. See DAVID HESTER for more information.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES' BIBLE CLASS—COURAGE!** The Wednesday Night Ladies' Bible Class is studying Courage and the Oct. 23rd lesson is "How to Develop Self-Control" with AUTUMN BAILEY teaching.

**MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION:** The last M-N-M for 2019 will be Monday, Oct. 28, with our meal at 6:30 PM and Bible study at 7 PM. We will be studying Lesson 7 - Top Priority, Kingdom Seeking Decisions with TRENT BAILEY teaching the Men's Class and SALLY GOTKIEWICZ teaching the Ladies' Class. The dinner menu is "Soups & Sandwiches" with DAVID & BRENDA HESTER hosting. A meal sign-up list is posted in the LadyBUGS Room.

**FIFTH WEDNESDAY SINGING:** 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing this month will be your requests. Please note your requests on the lists in the front and middle foyers. Final day to make a request is Sunday evening, 27<sup>th</sup>.


**2019 CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** The Holiday Projects Committee is kicking off our 2019 Christmas Project! We are adopting families from the Family Sunshine Center again this year. If you would like to have a part in helping provide Christmas for these families, please see Ann Evans, Patty Benson, or Haley Steelman during the month of October. Details about shopping and wrapping gifts for this project will be announced shortly. Please consider how you can help with this project this year. Thank you for your support for our Christmas Project.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS:** Daylight Saving Time will end Sunday, Nov. 3. Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour at bedtime on Saturday, Nov. 2.

**THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal will be Sunday, Nov. 3, following the AM worship service. Everyone is invited to attend—Ted is cooking. Team 2 will be responsible for set-up, Team 1 will be responsible for clean-up, and Team 3 will serve drinks.

## OCTOBER STANDBY TEAM—2 (BASS)

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



# 2019 LadyBUGS

*Ladies Being Useful in God's Service*  
**TOGETHER**

- ◆ **Oct. 17-19:** Choosing That Good Part Retreat
- ◆ **Oct. 27:** A Time To Pray, 4:30 PM
- ◆ **Oct. 28:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
- ◆ **Nov. 5:** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM

## Upcoming Events

**2019**

- **October 17-19:** Choosing That Good Part Ladies' Retreat @ ICYC
- **October 27:** Chili Cook-off & Trunk-Or-Treat
- **November 25:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM
- **December 14:** Annual Christmas Dinner, 2 PM
- **December 23:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM

**2020**

- **February 2:** Faulkner Chorus
- **February 15-16:** Marriage & Family Seminar (Dan Wheeler)
- **April 5:** Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael Whitworth
- **May 3:** Homecoming/Goal Day

# T.I.P.

Oct. 23 & 30 - 4:30 PM

### COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Oct. 27:** Chili, Trunk-Or-Treat, & College Devo
  - **Oct. 30:** Prayer Dinner, 5:30 PM

*“Every **ONE** to his work” (Neh. 4:15).*

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Oct. 18:** ACA 5th Quarter @ Vaughn Park
  - **Oct. 20:** Youth & Family Devo, PM
  - **Oct. 27:** 10 Minute Update (for parents)
  - **Oct. 27:** Chili & Trunk-Or-Treat
  - **Oct. 30:** Prayer Dinner, 5:30 PM
  - **Nov 10:** Area-Wide Devo @ Eastern Meadows, with Brandon Baggett speaking
  - **Dec 8:** Area-Wide Devo @ Walnut St.
  - **Dec 27–30:** Exposure Youth Camp

## Free Pass, Never Used

F. Duane Lindsey writes, “When Crowfoot, the great chief of the Blackfoot confederacy in southern Alberta, gave the Canadian Pacific Railroad permission to cross the Blackfoot land Medicine Hat to Calgary, he was given in return a life-time railroad pass. Crowfoot put it in a leather case and wore it around his neck for the rest of his life. There is no record, however, that he ever availed himself the right to travel anywhere on the CPR trains. We often treat the promises of God in the same way.”



—Glad Tidings of Good Things

*“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22)*