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October 3, 2019

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Alan Kaye
Roy Mulkey
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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!

DOOR-KNOCKING DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

Eastern Meadows will be involved with the "1st Annual Brotherhood-Wide Door Knocking Day" organized by House to House Heart to Heart. This glorious event will take place this Saturday, October 5th, from 10 AM to 12 Noon.

This is a great opportunity for us to spread the Gospel (The Good News) of Jesus in the Montgomery area. Our goal is to let people know that we care and want them to become Christians to enjoy the benefits of being in Christ.

Pray for this campaign to be successful, not only for Eastern Meadows, but worldwide. We hope that you will be involved and make a commitment to this cause.

All those who will be knocking doors are asked to meet at the building fellowship hall by 9:30 AM. Lunch will be provided—Ted will have hamburgers, hotdogs, chips & dip, and ice cream.

Budget: **\$13,890.00** Contribution, 9/29: **\$11,393.50** YTD: **-\$2,759.27**
9/29 Bible Class: **151** / AM Worship: **188** / EMBF: **\$2,010.00**

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Door Knocking This Saturday. It has been several years since we have gone door to door in the neighborhoods near us. It is time we do it again! And we need you! We need as many from Eastern Meadows as are willing (and even some that are not willing!). We have prepared *Introductions/Invitations to the Eastern Meadows church* that need to go out this Saturday. They are “dated” in that they specifically invite people to the worship on October 6. Door Knocking takes time. The walking from house to house; the waiting at the door; and hopefully visiting with the residents takes time! So we need *many, many* to distribute the nearly 3,000 Introductions/Invitations! Please help. Be at the building – in the Fellowship Hall – by 9:30. We hope to be knocking on doors by 10 A.M.

Watch these videos. Please, if you haven't, watch these three videos. All three will take you less than 5 minutes. Even if you tried to watch these videos, apparently one of the links did not work for a couple of weeks. They all work now. This is the last time you will see these links, but I really want every to watch them.

Sunday Nights Better

- * **Oct. 6**, Tim Gotkiewicz
- * **Oct. 13**, Various Questions
- * **Oct. 20**, Back to the Bible #3A
- * **Oct. 27**, Back to the Bible #3B

The video is only 2 minutes 40 seconds. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZwrLF4zRpM>

This video is 1 minute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mA2ys7MYInE>

This video is 1½ minutes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXM41jaPe9w>

Thank You. Thank you to Karl Strother and Blaine Benson for preaching last Sunday. I look forward to listening to the videos. We were away for a few days, but as you read this, we will soon be home. We will be home in plenty of time to GO OUT DOOR-KNOCKING this Saturday.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOOR KNOCKING

1. Dress neatly.
 - No coats/ties. Frankly, we do not want to look like a Jehovah's Witness.
 - No shorts. We want to be careful to avoid immodesty, men and women.
 - Comfortable shoes.
2. We will generally go out in a team of two to a door. Ideally, a man with a woman or child. *We will not send a woman or child to a door alone!* We are in neighborhoods near the Eastern Meadows building and they are considered safe neighborhoods, but good judgment should always be exercised.
3. Avoid walking in the resident's yards, in case they don't want anyone on their grass.
4. Ring the bell or knock firmly and wait long enough for the resident to come to the door. Sometimes it can take time! And if the resident comes to the door, they are then frustrated to see no one there.
5. The goal is to Invite/Introduce the resident to Jesus and the Eastern Meadows church.
 - Do not expect to convert someone at the door. This is not even our goal, because it is so very unlikely!
 - Try your best to leave a pleasant impression about the Eastern Meadows church.
 - Remember, what we are doing, is one thing among many things. We also send out House to

House/Heart to Heart. We have a banner inviting people to attend Eastern Meadows. We have a WEB presence, with a Web Page, and FB page, etc. None of these things singly will have significant results. What we hope is that the cumulative effect of them all will bring us a contact. And it could even be that someone, at a very future date, attends our assembly because of what you are doing today.

6. When someone comes to the door identify yourself and that you are from the Eastern Meadows church of Christ and state your purpose, you are here to invite them to the worship assembly at the Eastern Meadows church of Christ. Engage the resident in conversation if they will, but a short conversation. We do not want to “overstay our welcome” which results in a bad impression. However, you may find someone who wants/needs your visit and you stay longer. Use good judgment!
7. If they show genuine interest, you may ask if they have an interest in a personal Bible Study. Or you may point out the World Bible School study that is advertised on the *Introduction/Invitation*.
8. Leave the *Introduction/Invitation* with the resident or if they do not answer the door leave it at the door.
9. Thank you!

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

The next two Saturdays promise to be very productive for God’s kingdom!

On Saturday the 5th, please come and help us invite our neighbors to hear the gospel. People can’t obey the gospel if they never hear it! We can ALL help.

On Saturday the 12th, the youth group will prepare freezer meals, which will be sent to our brothers and sisters who need some help. We are to be encouragers and this is a perfect opportunity.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Oct. 5:** Door Knocking Day
- **Oct. 11:** ACA 5th Quarter @ Landmark
- **Oct. 12:** Meal Makers Service Project, 10 AM-12 PM
- **Oct 13:** Area-Wide Devo @ Wetumpka
- **Oct. 18:** ACA 5th Quarter @ Vaughn Park
- **Oct. 20:** Family Devo, PM
- **Oct. 27:** 10 Minute Update (for parents)
- **Oct. 30:** Prayer Dinner, 5:30 PM
- **Nov 10:** Area-Wide Devo @ Eastern Meadows
- **Dec 8:** Area-Wide Devo @ Walnut St.
- **Dec 27–30:** Exposure Youth Camp

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Oct. 5:** Door Knocking Day
- **Oct. 27:** College Devo, PM
- **Oct. 30:** Prayer Dinner, 5:30 PM

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Of the twelve Jesus called to be Apostles, there were two named Judas. Answer: Judas Iscariot and Judas Son of James (Luke 6:16)

This week's question: Jesus said, "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, _____ to those who hate you..."

A) do not lend; B) ask no curses; C) do good

“Every ONE to his work” (Neh. 4:15).

October 6, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:
A.M.: Tim Stevens

Main Prayer:
A.M.: Billy Bush
P.M.: Lamon Dees

Closing Prayer:
A.M.: Steve Sewell
P.M.: Joel Kelly

Singing:
A.M.: David Hester
P.M.: David Hester

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Chris Kelley / Sunday PM & 10/9: Henly Khantouriya
Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Tim Stevens

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/3/19

SICK: SARAH HOUSLEY is scheduled to go home from UAB Hospital on Friday, Oct. 4, as she continues to recover from surgery. JAMES BERRY is scheduled to go home today, Oct. 3, from Rehab First as he continues to recover from surgery. HANNAH ADAMS and SHIRLEY HANCOCK continue to recover from surgery. 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), JUSTIN SANKEY, WAYNE JOHNSTON, MARY CORBETT, JENNY PATTERSON, ERIN FOLDS, MICHAEL ADKINS, 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, MIKE HENRY, and JANICE TILL. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST FOR:

- GARY MCCLAIN, Patrice McClain's son, who recently underwent skin-grapthing surgery.
- MIKE HENRY, brother of Lora Gail Bagents, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer.
- JANICE TILL, who is battling cancer and having many difficulties. Will Till, Janice's husband, is a co-worker of Wesley Berry.

PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE: Six-year-old TYLER JOHNSON, family friend of Wesley & Wilma Berry, was on our prayer list for several weeks. He underwent heart-valve replacement surgery Sept. 20, is doing great and hoped to be back to school this week. He and his family are so appreciative of the prayers and sweet cards.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS – 10/6: AM—VERNICE DEES & CARRIE LONG; PM—KALLIE FUTRAL & BARBARA NORMAN

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: There will be a Fellowship Meal for ALL Teams this Sunday, Oct. 6, following the AM worship service. All teams are to bring food and desserts. Team 1 (Dees) will be responsible for set-up and Team 3 (Kelly) will be responsible for clean-up. **The afternoon service will be at 12:30 PM.**

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE: The Mount Dora Children's Home Food & Supply Drive is October 6-11. Lists of the items needed may be picked up from the front and midway foyers. All items/donations must be turned in by October 6. Monetary donations/gift cards may be turned in to Wilma Berry.

TEACHER'S APPRECIATION BANQUET: The Teacher's Appreciation Banquet will be Thursday, Oct. 10, 6 PM. Be sure to sign-up on the lists posted at the front and midway foyers if you plan to attend.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Cedar Grove Church of Christ in Andalusia, Oct. 12, 9-11:30 AM, with LINDA GRAY speaking. Lunch will follow along with door prizes. ALL ladies are invited to attend.

LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the leadership (elders, deacons, & ministers) on Sunday, Oct. 13, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7.

MONTHLY VISITATION PROGRAM LUNCH: The MVP Lunch will be Monday, Oct. 14, 11:30 AM, at Cracker Barrel.

SPEEDERS OCTOBER LUNCH: The Speeders October Lunch will be on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 12:30 PM, at Larry Melvyn's in Tallassee. We will car pool from the church building; leaving at 11:30 on that Tuesday. Melvyn was the cook in the old Tallassee Hotel that burned.

AREA WIDE LADIES' DEVO: There will be an Area Wide Ladies' Devo on Monday, Oct. 14, 7 PM, at University church. ALL ladies are invited to attend.

LIFE SOUTH BLOOD DRIVE: There will be a Life South Blood Drive at Eastern Meadows on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 5:30-8:30 PM.



TYLER JOHNSON

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.

CHOOSING THAT GOOD PART LADIES' RETREAT: The Annual "Choosing That Good Part" Ladies' Retreat is Oct. 17-19 at ICYC in Oakman, AL. The study will be 2 Peter. Registration forms are posted at the front and midway foyers. Cost is \$75. (Checks should be made out to Eastern Meadows Church of Christ.) Registration forms are due Oct. 1 and may be turned in to Wilma Berry.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: This year's Trunk-Or-Treat will be Oct. 27 after the PM worship service in the front fellowship hall parking lot.

OCTOBER STANDBY TEAM—2 (BASS)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for October is **TED NORTON**. Contact information for

TIP

The **T**rainning & **I**nvolvement **P**rogram for Preschool and Elementary age children will meet at **4:30 PM** on **Oct. 13, 20, and 27**. This is a time to learn and review Bible facts, practice memory work, and sing Bible songs.



2019 LadyBUGS

Ladies Being Useful in God's Service

TOGETHER

- ♦ **Oct. 14:** MVP Lunch @ Cracker Barrel, 11:30 AM
- ♦ **Oct. 14:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo @ University, 7 PM
- ♦ **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

Upcoming Events:

2019

- **October 16:** LifeSouth Blood Drive, 5:30-8:30 PM
- **October 17-19:** Choosing That Good Part Ladies' Retreat
- **October 27:** Trunk-Or-Treat, PM
- **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

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



WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

—Help Needed—

George Davidson received this package last week from Nigeria. There are several hundred lessons to be graded and almost 200 new students requesting lessons.

ALWAYS FAITHFUL

It must have been a very emotional scene as the Marine Commandant visited the young men who lay wounded on their hospital beds following the terrible truck bombing of their barracks in Beirut on October 23, 1983. One young marine, who was critically wounded and could not talk because of the tubes in his throat, made a sign with his hands as the General visited him. It was soon understood that he wanted a pen and pad in order to write something. Upon receiving them, the marine wrote the words "*Semper Fi*", short for "*Semper Fidelis*". The message, "Always Faithful" is the motto of the Marine Corps. In the face of death, in pain and discomfort, here was a person loyal to the cause, faithful even unto death. Our hearts are filled with admiration for young men with such courage, fortitude and faithfulness.

My mind was filled with exhortations from the Holy Scriptures regarding the faithfulness of Christians to the Captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 2:10). The encouragement in Revelation 2:10, "*Be thou faithful unto death...*" must be understood in the light of the context. Many of the saints in Smyrna were being imprisoned and not a few were being killed because of their love for and their loyalty to the Lord. Regardless of the severity of the persecutions, Christians were urged to be faithful to Christ even if it cost them their very lives. If they would not recant but die confessing Christ, the Lord promised them "*the crown of life.*"

Oh, how we need to emulate the traits of courage and faithfulness of the young marine, and especially of our brethren in the first century, many of them dying horrible deaths. The example of faithfulness exemplified in the lives of men and women of every age needs to be imitated today. No greater example of endurance and faithfulness to the Lord can be found than that of the apostle Paul. Think of his rejection, his suffering, and his imprisonments; yet, he never wavered in his faith. He, too, could have written, "Always Faithful" at his death. In fact, this is what he did write during the last days of his life on this earth: "*For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith...*" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). His faithfulness cost him his life but he received that "*crown of righteousness*" from Jesus Christ.

It is truly disheartening to learn of brethren, after many years of faithfulness, falling from the grace of our Lord. Some apostatize because of apathy, others because of carnality, while many falter because of their unscriptural marital relationships. Some apostatize from Christ, embracing religious errors and practices. How foolish for a person to 'quit the church' because of hurt feelings or an injury to one's pride. In contrast, it is so wonderful to know of brethren who remain faithful to Christ all their lives. I spoke at the funeral services for an elder of a congregation where I had formerly served as a preacher. It was with confidence and assurance made possible by God's grace, love and the death of Jesus Christ, that it could be said that this brother had gone to be with the Lord. It could have been written on his grave marker, "Always Faithful". Whether your life may be taken because of your love for the Lord or whether you live until you die of natural causes, may it be written of you, "*SEMPER FIDELIS!*"

—Raymond Elliott

BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS...

Man's way leads to a hopeless end..... God's way leads to an endless hope.

We don't change God's message..... His message changes us.

Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.

Exercise daily..... Walk with the Lord.

Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.

Give God what's right..... Not what's left.

—Copied