

EASTERN MEADOWS ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/22/2020



Happy Holidays!

*We hope that each one of you have an enjoyable and safe
Holiday Season!*

Love, Steve, Tim, Brandon, Jimmy, and Wilma

SICK: GLADYS CLEMENTS is recovering from surgery. CASS CHANDLER, Russ Chandler's brother, is recovering open-heart surgery. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, MARGARET GRAVES, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, DUSTY POUNCEY.

LADYBUGS SIGN-UP: It is time for the ladies to sign up for the 2021 LadyBUGS' Committees. An online sign-up has been sent out by email. If you would rather sign up by paper, sign-up sheets are in the main foyer. Please make your choice(s) and give it to Shirley Kaye as soon as possible. Contact Shirley for questions or information.

BABY SHOWER: There will be a Baby Shower in honor of CAITLIN BAGGETT on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1:30-3:00 PM (Come & Go), in the Fellowship Hall. Gift cards to Target or Amazon are requested, or give money to Linda Simpson towards a gift card. COVID guidelines will be observed. A shower sign-up list is posted in the LadyBUGS Room.

BIBLE CLASSES: SUNDAYS @ 9:15 AM & WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM

SUNDAY-EVENING-EVANGELISM: Packets containing SEE Prayer List and cards are posted at the front and midway foyers. Be sure to pick up a packet and send cards to the ones you choose.

APOLOGETICS PRESS \$50 K MATCHING CHALLENGE: Apologetics Press has reached 85% of their goal of 50K. For every dollar donated before Dec. 25, their supporter will donate a dollar - up to \$50,000. Any amount of donation will help and every dollar donated will be used to assist in reaching the lost and edifying the saved. You may donate online at <https://store.apologeticspress.org/products/donation> or mail to Apologetics Press, 230 Landmark Drive, Montgomery, AL, 36117.

DECEMBER STANDBY TEAM—#1

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for December is MIKE NORMAN. Contact information for Mike: (334) 306-7583; mikenorman7583@yahoo.com.



December 27 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Michael Crow	A.M.: Jimmy Mathews	A.M.: David Barley	A.M.: William Dill
Security (During Services) - Sunday: Danny Moore / Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Alan Kaye			

Light Shows the Way to Jesus

Most people know the wise men saw a star in the East that caused them to go to Jerusalem seeking the child who would be King of the Jews. The chief priests and scribes were aware of Micah's prophecy that he would be born in Bethlehem. The star went ahead of the wise men to the town of our Lord's birth (Matthew 2:1-12).

Today, people do not find Jesus by following a star, but they should be able to follow the light to find the Savior. Paul directed the Philippian saints, "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:14-15). The word "lights" literally means "luminaries." Our light, like that of the sun, moon and stars, comes from God.



Jesus commanded His followers to let their lights shine through their good works so His Father would be glorified (Matthew 5:14-16). Paul said he was a slave in service to the Christians at Corinth preaching Christ Jesus the Lord. He went on to explain that he did it "for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:5-6).

Our task is to be a light for the many who are lost in the darkness of sin. We must proclaim the Gospel, telling about a Savior who died on the cross and was raised from the dead. **Our message will only be heard and accepted if our lives demonstrate we have abandoned the darkness of sin and now shine by the power of our Almighty Father!**

—Gary C. Hampton