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December 3, 2020

ELDERS:

Alan Kaye
Roy Mulkey
Mike Norman
Ted Norton

DEACONS:

Adam Bass
Allen Clements
John Cole
Michael Crow
Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
Steve Housley
Marquez James
Joel Kelly
Jimmy Mathews
Danny Moore
Lindsey Mulkey
Dean Norton
Randy Porterfield
Steve Sewell
Jeff Simpson

MINISTERS:

Brandon Baggett,
Involvement
Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth
& College
Steve Housley, Pulpit
& Education

SCHEDULE:

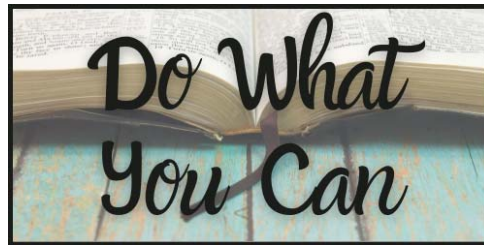
Sunday:

9:15 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!



Our "DO WHAT YOU CAN" effort has shown nice results in several areas and will continue throughout December as we prepare for 2021. We have seen diligent work in most areas

with our Members and Deacons working together to make all our efforts and programs better than ever. Planning better makes implementation easier, results rewarding and objectives attainable. Most importantly, it pleases God.

Specifically, our "DO WHAT YOU CAN" Budget focus for the 5 Sundays in November was a wonderful success. Our contribution averaged over \$14,000 per week and reduced our deficit 59%! Thank you! Let's keep the momentum we have now through the rest of 2020.

Remember, we are not asking you to Do What You Can't, just "DO WHAT YOU CAN" when you can. We are greatly appreciative of all you do! Your elders.

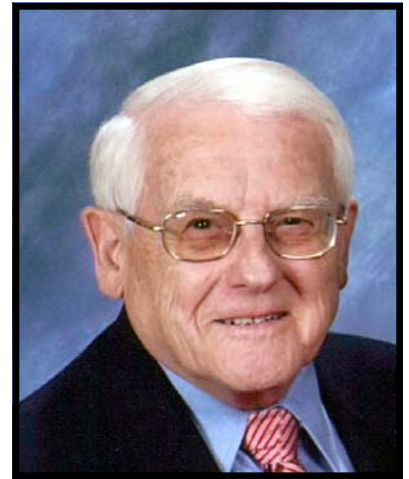
ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTERS MEETING

This Sunday, December 6, 8:30 AM

Budget: \$12,000.00 Contribution, 11/29: \$12,465.11

George Davidson

1935-2020



Brother George Davidson passed from this life November 19, 2020 after complications due to a recent surgery. Brother George leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Betty Davidson, sons, Mike (Lana), Mark (Stacey), three grandsons, Evan, Samuel and Cody, and brothers and sisters.

George was born and reared near Oakman, Alabama but lived most of his life in Montgomery, Alabama. George worshipped at Panama Street church for 38 years and Eastern Meadows for 25 years. He was not a Sunday only member. He was at all assemblies and involved as his talents and time allowed. He taught Bible Class; served as an elder at Panama Street (by the way, George's father was also an elder and so was George's brother); and for the past 12 years worked with World Bible School. George had a part in teaching probably 10s of thousands through WBS, mostly in Nigeria, Zimbabwe, but also in North Carolina, and even prisons in Texas.

I have heard George described as a "good man," a "godly man," "a fine man," and "a true disciple of Christ." I believe Alan Kaye expressed the sentiments of many when he said, "Who could ever fill his shoes?"

While George was an avid reader, a gardener with a green thumb, who, above all, loved the Lord and then his family. George cared about souls. If he perceived someone was weak or needed encouragement, he would call them or send a card. His most obvious care of souls was his participation with World Bible School for 12 years.

If you would like to see a tribute video of George go to <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/montgomery-al/george-davidson-9909740>

We will all miss George and express our sympathy to Betty and their family.

The funeral service was held at Leak Memory Chapel on Sunday, November 22, 2020. A private graveside service was held for the family on Monday, November 23, 2020.

The guidelines for keeping safe are still in effect. Please come Sunday for 9:15 Bible Class and 10 a.m. worship. Remember it will be a sanitized, masked face, social distanced class and worship assembly. I look forward to seeing you then! -Steve

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

One Minute Meditations. Eastern Meadows is about two weeks into the production/youtubing of its One Minute Meditations. While the theme of the first 10 were "Thankful," it now moves beyond a "theme" to just varied thoughts each day. But one thing stays the same. It is just one minute. So, why not listen. And if you are on Facebook, why not share. Sharing on Facebook shares a good message and promotes your local congregation. If you are not on Facebook and want to see these One Minute Meditations go to <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?>

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Do What You Can. I know I appreciate everyone who participated in the November effort of “Do What You Can.” I appreciate the elders keeping us informed each week of its success. November is over. But I hope the desire of each person to “Do What You Can” never ceases. Our Lord deserves our best! He desires us “Doing What We Can.”

Watch Out for Visitors! No they won't run over you! Sometimes they may make you think that they are running from you! I really try to greet visitors before Bible Classes and before Worship. However, often visitors will arrive just before worship begins, or maybe even late, and I don't have an opportunity to greet them. Please, when you see a visitor, greet them, and please encourage them to fill out a “Welcome Card.” Let them know they can return it to you or put it in the collection basket. While we have not had as many visitors during this “Covid” time, we are still having visitors. Let us make them feel like a welcomed guest.

The Best Gifts Ever -The Gift of Love-

Do you find yourself struggling to find the perfect gift this holiday season? Try giving one of the best gifts ever – the gift of love! Love will never cease to be needed, and it will be forever appreciated. This gift, however, cannot be purchased in a department store, wrapped with a gorgeous bow, or arranged under an elegantly decorated Christmas Tree. Instead, this gift originates in the human heart, and it is thoughtfully expressed around the globe each day by words, actions, and attitudes that have the power to change lives and influence eternities. No price tag can be placed on this gift, the going rate on love is immeasurable, and its value is beyond mere human comprehension. If you want to make a tangible difference in someone's life today and this holiday season, then learn to open up your heart and discover how to give this special gift of love.

Did you know that an entire chapter in the Bible is dedicated to unwrapping and explaining the gift of love? 1 Corinthians 13 is “the love chapter” of the Bible, and it is located right in the middle of a trio of chapters expounding upon the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit. Corinth was a highly troubled local church, and one of their leading woes was their misuse and misunderstanding of the miraculous. 1 Corinthians 12 explains the origin and nature of spiritual gifts, 1 Corinthians 13 clarifies the temporary nature of spiritual gifts, and 1 Corinthians 14 details the proper use of spiritual gifts. In so teaching on this subject, Paul encourages Corinth to follow the “more excellent way” of love (1 Corinthians 12:31) “pursue love” (1 Corinthians 14:1), but then sandwiched between these two exhortations is an explanation of love. Selfless, serving, and sacrificial agape love is talked about nine times out of the thirteen verses of 1 Corinthians 13. The troubled Corinthian congregation needed to know that miraculous abilities meant nothing without love (13:1-3), and love would always be needed even though miracles would soon cease (13:8-13). Paul knew the way of love was the solution to their problems at Corinth. Likewise, giving the gift of love is the solution to the problems in the world and church today.



When we zero in our attention on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, we find a series of terms to help us understand what it means to love. The words and phrases we find in this unit of Scripture are not adjectives; rather, they are verbs. Verses 4-7 present a picture of the gift of love in action! Love is not a feeling, a wish, or a wispy dream – it's a decision to do the unthinkable and love the other person even though they might not deserve it or be worthy of receiving it. God, of course, is the ultimate embodiment of these word pictures. This text is a picture of the heart of Jehovah! One could very well read the name of God in the place of "love" in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 because "God is love" (1 John 4:8). The question is this – can you read this text and truthfully insert your name in the place of "love?" Do the verbs of love describe your day-to-day behaviors? Giving the gift of love begins right here! Let's work to make these verses a Biblical description of us! That would be one of the best gifts ever!

– Brandon Baggett

ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/3/20

December 6, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Steve Sewell	A.M.: Tim Gotkiewicz	A.M.: Randy Johnston	A.M.: Dean Norton
Security (During Services): Henly Khantisouriya /		Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Lindsey Mulkey	

With the restrictions caused by COVID-19, it is difficult to have an accurate report of our members who are ill.

SICK: WILMA MILLICAN is home after undergoing a heart ablation Monday, Nov. 30. Newborn BISHOP CHANDLER is now home after a stay in NICU. STANFORD JONES, PHYLLIS ALLEN, and SARA BLACK NORTON continue to recover from 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.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DON SIMMONS, LINDA DOBYNS, JUDY MILLER, MYRA HUGHES, BECKY TUCKER, MARY SEARIGHT, DONNIE PHILLIPS. (Battling Cancer): LANISE KIRK, DARNELL STROTHER, NINA JOSEPH, LISA DOBBS, BJ BUCHMANN, PAT NORMAN, SANDRA MISSILDINE, ANDY MULLINS, DANNY MOORE (*This is the Sutton's nephew, Not EM's Danny Moore*), CHRIS HETHCOX, JUDY CURTIN, LEIGH BROWN. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST: Prayers have been requested for BENNIE & HOWARD JINRIGHT, friends of Donna Boutwell, who have tested positive for COVID 19 and both have pneumonia. Howard is in ICU in Troy Hospital.

THANK YOU: Dear Church Family, Barbara and I want to express our sincerest appreciation to all those that called, sent cards and prayed on my behalf during my recent heart procedure. It was a success and my heart is back in rhythm. You will never know how much we cherish our church family. Once again, our thanks, Mike and Barbara Norman

THANK YOU: To our Eastern Meadows Family, Thanks everyone for the prayers, flowers, food, and other expressions of love during George's illness and death. It meant so much to have a strong Christian family. Thanks! Love, Betty Davidson & Family

THANK YOU: Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude. Love, Bonnie Crow

LADYBUGS NEWSLETTER: Copies of the December LadyBUGS Newsletter are available at the front and midway foyers for those who do not have email.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Many of our restroom facilities have been updated and are no longer automatic.

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.

