



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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December 5, 2019

ELDERS:

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DEACONS:

Adam Bass
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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!

Ladies' Annual Christmas Ornament Swap



Our ornament swap is this Friday, December 6, 6:00 PM, at the home of Jane Sewell. You don't want to miss this! Bring a wrapped ornament and get ready for some fun!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 14, 2 PM



The Annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 14, 2 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$15 per person. See Michele Brown, Dianne Hoskinson, or Wilma Berry to sign-up and pay by **this Sunday, Dec. 8.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Budget: \$13,890.00 Contribution, 12/1: \$16,198.25 YTD: -\$5,335.06
12/1 Bible Class: 136 / AM Worship: 190 / PM Worship: 128 / EMBF: \$152



EMCC INVOLVEMENT 2020

Thank you much for your attention Sunday to our INVOLVEMENT 2020 Presentation. Please have your selections returned to us this week. We will only use your first choice for pooling. Make sure you select the DONE button when you are finished. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Norton. Once we have our preferred Area pools, Deacons and Elders will begin organizing and planning, with your help, our work for 2020. We need your ideas and partnership.

— Ted Norton, for the elders

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Involvement. A great presentation Sunday by Ted Norton for all the elders encouraging us each member to be involved! And remember, being involved at Eastern Meadows church is serving our Lord at Eastern Meadows church. This is your opportunity to, hopefully, do more than last year, or if need be, to do less, or to change the areas in which you are working. So fill out the survey and hit “done” or get a paper copy from the desk in the foyer, fill it out, and give it to Ted Norton.

A Favorite Fellowship. One of my favorite fellowships of the year is the Christmas Dinner. It is some of the best food and a great time of fellowship. It is \$15 for the dinner (it may be the best cut of meat you eat all year) but you need to sign up by this Sunday!

Giving. It was good to see us back above budget. This is where we need to stay, but after several weeks of falling short, it is good some of the shortfall has been made up. I hope we can end the year at least at budget if not above. By the way, it is the time of year that budget planning for the New Year takes place. You will soon be asked to help the elders with this by “purposing.” Be thinking now what your giving plans are for 2019.

Sunday Nights Better

- * Dec. 8, *Woman at the Well*
- * Dec. 15, *Back to the Bible, 3A*
- * Dec. 22, *Back to the Bible, 3B*
- * Dec. 29, *Down in the Valley*

FROM DAVID'S DESK:

The following poem has no author's name attached to it. I came across it in a bulletin I received a number of years ago. It expresses thoughts that should serve as a sobering reminder of the risk we take with our souls by simply doing nothing. May we all resolve in loving obedience to our Lord, that we will throw ourselves into His service in His kingdom! dh

THE SIN OF DOING NOTHING

He made no mistakes and took no wrong roads:
He never fumbled the ball;
He never went down beneath the load.
He simply did nothing at all.

He lost no hard fights in defense of the right;
He never bled with his back to the wall.
He never fell faint in his climb to the light;
He simply did nothing at all.

So death came nigh, for life slipped by,
And he feared for the Judgment Hall,
When they asked him why, he said with sigh:
“I simply did nothing at all.”

So, God will pardon your blunders, my friend,
And regard with pity your fall.
But the one big sin that surely means Hell
Is simply to do nothing at all.

Located below is the list of teachers and topics for the Winter series:

Sunday AM Auditorium – David Hester (Pentateuch)

Sunday AM Experienced Ladies – Melanie Bush, Sally Gotkiewicz, & Tonna Johnson (“How Shall I Be Re-

membered")

Sunday AM Young Ladies – Various Teachers (Divided Kingdom)

Sunday AM College – Blaine Benson

Sunday AM Teenage – Tim Gotkiewicz (Luke)

Wednesday PM Auditorium – Winter Series; Faulkner Bible professors & Eastern Meadows men
(Fundamentals of the Faith)

Wednesday Adult II – David Hester (Contemporary Issues)

Wednesday Ladies – Various Ladies (Courage)

Wednesday College – Tim Gotkiewicz (While You Are Away From Home)

Wednesday Teenage – Trent Bailey (Hidden Gems of the Old Testament)

Winter Quarter Wednesday Auditorium Class by Date:

December 4: David Hester – "Hear"

December 11: Jimmy Gee – "Believe"

December 18: Bruce Morton – "Repent"

December 23: David Hester – "Confess"

January 1: David Hester – "Baptism"

January 8: Terry Edwards – "God's Perspective on the Church"

January 15: Randall Bailey – "Holiness"

January 22: Karl Strother – "Singing as Worship"

January 29: Blaine Benson – "Prayer as Worship"

February 5: Trent Bailey – "Giving as Worship"

February 12: Andrew Long – "Preaching as Worship"

February 19: Tim Hatch – "Lord's Supper as Worship"

February 26: David Hester – "What Shall We Do?"

Fundamentals of the Faith: BELIEVE

JIMMY GEE speaking Wednesday, Dec. 10

Jimmy Gee is Assistant Professor of Old Testament in the V. P. Black College of Biblical Studies, and the Kearley Graduate School of Theology. Jimmy received his Ph. D in Old Testament from the Turner School of Theology at Amridge in 2013. Prior to coming to Faulkner, Jimmy was for many years the Director of the Andrew Connally School of Preaching in Tanzania, Africa. He has been involved in mission work for many years, as well as local work in the States. Jimmy and his wife Trina are blessed with a large number of children whom they love dearly.



FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Over the month of November, Eastern Meadows members selflessly gave much needed food to the Family Sunshine Center. Last Monday, several adults and youth group members sacrificed a few hours of time, put the muscles to work, and delivered the turkeys with all the fix'ins for the families at the center. For those who may not know everything the center does, they provide services for victims of domestic violence, family violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Thank you for helping to feed those in need and showing kindness to others!

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: In Luke, Chapter 9, Jesus told the twelve as He sent them out to take what for their journey? Answer: nothing (Luke 9:3)

This week's question: Jesus gave His 12 disciples power and authority over _____ and to _____.

A) Satan, cure diseases; B) Satan, give sight to the blind; C) all demons, cure diseases



YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Dec 8:** Area-Wide Devo @ Walnut St.
- **Dec. 14:** Serve Christmas Dinner
- **Dec. 15:** Youth & Family Christmas Party
- **Dec. 22:** 10 Minute Update
- **Dec 27–30:** Exposure Youth Camp

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Dec. 16-Jan. 3:** Faulkner Christmas Break



Organizing and delivering the 2019 Thanksgiving Project boxes. Read Tim's article for more info.

Scripture Reading:
A.M.: Lamon Dees

December 8, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

Main Prayer:
A.M.: Tim Stevens
P.M.: Roy Mulkey

Closing Prayer:
A.M.: Billy Bush
P.M.: Josh Cochran

Singing:
A.M.: Jon Timbes
P.M.: Jon Timbes

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Jon Timbes / Sunday PM & 12/11: Tim Hatch
Security (Building Lock-up After Services): John Cole

ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/5/19

SICK: ANN MILAM is under hospice care and is at her daughters in Tallassee. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, PHYLLIS ALLEN, WESLEY BERRY, AARON FERRELL, RUSS CHANDLER, JACQUE HAGAN, LORI HAGAN, SHIRLEY HANCOCK, MARQUEZ JAMES, ALAN NORTON, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, LINDA SCHAEFER, HAROLD TATUM. 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, DON BRANNAN, SARAH HOUSLEY, ANN MILAM.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: HANNAH SARA LEEANNE COLE was born Wednesday, Dec. 4, to JOHN & DEIDRE COLE. Hannah weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. COOPER is the proud big brother. Congratulations to all!

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

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy to Gloria Harvest in the passing of her sister, YVONNE MCQUEEN on Nov. 30. The memorial service was Dec. 4 at First Baptist Church, Greater Washington Park.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy to Sheron Campbell in the passing of her step-sister, DALE RAMANO. Graveside services will be Friday. Those attending will gather at Leak Memory at 10 AM for a procession to Greenwood

Cemetery.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 12/1: AM—VERNICE DEES & CARRIE LONG; PM—MICHELE & BRAYDEN BROWN

NEW WEBSITE: The new Eastern Meadows web site is open and available to the public. An enthusiastic team of contributors has trained on the updating and editing technology. Dean Norton and Joel Kelly, newly named deacons for public information and outreach at Eastern Meadows, who also trained in site maintenance, will have direct input into the design and content. They will work with the contributors to keep the site current and engaging. Dalraida's John Kachelman of Christian Tech Solutions of Montgomery built the site and provided the training. To see the new Eastern Meadows web site, go to easternmeadows.org.

2019 CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Final details will be announced shortly.

MENS EAT & MEET: There will be a Men's Meeting this Sunday, Dec. 8, 7:30 AM. This is for ALL the men of the congregation. Breakfast will be served at 7.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a short meeting for the Grounds Committee immediately following the AM worship service this Sunday, Dec. 8.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 PM. Cost is \$15 per person. See MICHELE BROWN, DIANNE HOSKINSON, or WILMA BERRY to sign-up and pay. The deadline to sign-up is THIS Sunday, Dec. 8. Be sure to mark your calendars and make plans to attend!

DECORATE A TABLE: This year all interested ladies are invited to decorate ONE individual table for the Annual Christmas Dinner. Hunter green table coverings will be provided for each table. If you would like to decorate ONE table for the dinner, please sign the list available in the LadyBUGS' room. Eastern Meadows plates, flatware, and glasses will be used for all tables. You will be able to decorate your table from Thursday, December 12, until Saturday, December 14. All decorations need to be completed by 1:00 pm on December 14. If you need more information, please see TERRY BAGENTS.

PURPOSING SUNDAY: The Elders have designated Dec. 15 as Purposing Sunday. Be prayerfully considering what will be contributing to the Lord's work at Eastern Meadows in 2020.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: There will be a Christmas Party for ages 4 years old—6th grade on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3:30 PM. See TISH HOUSLEY for more information.

YOUTH GROUP & FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: There will be a Christmas Party for the Youth Group and their families on Sunday, Dec. 15, following the PM worship service. See TIM or SALLY GOTKIEWICZ for more information.

WIDOWS LUNCHEON: JAN HILYER invites all the Eastern Meadows widows to lunch at 12 noon on Friday, Dec. 20, at her home, 615 Pine Hill Road. Please park at the front of the house. All widows planning to attend need to RSVP Jan at 356-3784.

STORY ROAD HOUSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH: There will be a Christmas Lunch at the Story Road House on Saturday, Dec. 21, 12 noon. MIKE & BARBARA NORMAN will provide the meats. A sign-up list for sides and desserts will be posted. See Barbara Norman for more information.

DECEMBER STANDBY TEAM - 1 (DEES)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for December is ALAN KAYE. Contact information for Alan: (334) 322-7363; nantahalan@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

2019

- **December 14:** Annual Christmas Dinner, 2 PM
- **December 23:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM

2020

- **February 2:** Faulkner Chorus
- **March 1:** Marriage & Family Day (Dan Wheeler)
- **April 5:** Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael Whit-

worth

- **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)



Hannah Cole

2019 LadyBUGS
Ladies Being Useful in God's Service
TOGETHER

- ◆ **Dec. 6:** Ornament Swap @ Jane Sewell's, 6 PM
- ◆ **Christmas Service Project**

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

INVOLVEMENT

No one reading the New Testament objectively can deny that God has a unique plan for every Christian during his life on earth. In accordance with His eternal purpose, God desires that every believer be a functioning member of the church. These believers mutually care for one another, and consequently, build one another up in Christ. This reciprocal edification serves as a catalyst for evangelistic outreach. Paul states this plan most clearly in his Ephesian letter. Christians are to “speak the truth in love.” And as we do, “we will grow up in all things unto Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work” (Ephesians 4:15-16).

A minister is a servant. Every member should become a minister. It is at this point that we often fail. The church has unlimited sources of potential in the God-given abilities of its members. Too often these abilities go untapped because of the lack of understanding by members of their resources, the failure of church to effectively use its members in the work of the kingdom, or the refusal of the members to use their God given abilities for God’s service.

Satan also has a plan. His desire is to render us ineffective in the service of the kingdom. And unless we are “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,” Satan’s cunning deceitful ways are successful. Observe the lack of workers and the quality of second mile service in the kingdom and state that it isn’t so. Satan uses a multiplicity of tools, but his ultimate aim is to divide and conquer. The tragedy is that we sometimes become his most effective weapons. Cynicism, apathy, gossip, and backbiting are all effective diversions from the empowering grace of God.

We are at war! Battles are won or lost in the decisions of our lives every day. Whose we are is as important as what we are! We hold the consequences in our hands! What will we do?



Don't forget to fill out your **Involvement 2020 Preferred Areas of Service Survey** online. If you did not receive the link via email, make sure that WILMA BERRY has your correct email address. If you do not have email, you can pick up hard copies at the front or midway foyers, fill

