

## **Eastern Meadows Church of Christ**

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February 11, 2021

#### **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 5:00 p.m. Worship Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!

# Marriage Enrichment Sunday Brandon Baggett speaking

# Feb. 14th

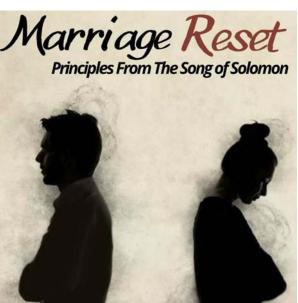
Brandon will have three lessons; 9:15 & 10 AM, and 5 PM.





Strengthen Your Marriage

Genesis 2:24



Budget: \$11,500.00 / Giving, 1/7/21: \$

# Sunday Night Worship is Back, Beginning February 14!

### FROM THE PULPIT & EDUCATION MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

**Requesting Prayer**. Sunday we prayed for JERRY TOLLIVER. After worship Sunday, January 31, Jerry approached me about wanting to rededicate his life to the Lord. We prayed together at that time. Sunday February 7, I introduced Jerry to you and prayed as a congregation. Continue to pray for Jerry!

**Thanks Karl!** Thank you to Karl Strother for having taught on Wednesday nights. Karl has taught from the book of Acts, primarily concerning the Missionary Journeys of Paul. If you want, you can go to Youtube and see each class session. BTW, Sarita Strother is one of the children's teachers on Wednesdays. The Strothers were a significant part of the Wednesday teaching last quarter! Sarita continues on teaching. Karl will be teaching again in the future. Beginning Wednesday, February 10 Tim Stevens will be teaching from 1 Peter.

**Sunday Nights.** BEGINNING FEBRUARY 14 EASTERN MEADOWS WILL AGAIN HAVE SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP. We have a large building. We have PLENTY of room to "social distance." Everyone wears masks during worship. We believe we can be safe. Like Sunday morning, Sunday evening will be a shortened worship assembly (45 minutes) to encourage everyone to keep their masks on. Please be making your plans. Sunday nights will be streamed as are Bible classes and Sunday morning worship.

Marriage Sunday, This Sunday! February 14, will be Marriage Sunday at Eastern Meadows. Brandon Baggett will be speaking on Marriage at 9:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. There will be no fellowship meal and no afternoon service. We will then return for a 5 p.m. worship assembly with Brandon again speaking on Marriage. We will have three lessons, albeit, each lesson will not be as long as some in the past. We all need to be reminded about the special nature of our marriage and be encouraged to be the husband and wife we ought to be. So be making your plans for February 14!

## New Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays

# 1 Peter

## **Taught by Tim Stevens**

If you have not been attending Wednesdays, why not begin now to be a part of this great study of 1 Peter!

#### FROM THE INVOLVEMENT MINISTER – BRANDON BAGGETT:

# **Experience God's Peace in 2021**

-Practice God's Teachings Each Day-

For just a moment or two, I want you to think back on the summer days of your childhood. Do you remember learning to ride a bicycle? You were probably taught at some point in your up-

bringing, and you almost certainly wiped out and scraped your knees a few times in the process. Eventually, though, you got the hang of things, and riding a bicycle became an everyday staple in your childhood. As the old saying says, "practice makes perfect!" Things might be difficult at first, but you can eventually learn to do something very well if you continue doing it many times. Repetition leads to proficiency, and proficiency leads to habits. Deliberately practicing new behaviors will help you to learn to do better, and it will forge good habits in the place of bad ones. So, practice, practice, and practice some more!

The apostle Paul definitely understood the importance of what you practice in the life of God's people! As he was drawing his prison letter to the church at Philippi to a close, he said, "what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:9 ESV). The word "practice" translates a Greek term which means to "preform repeatedly or habitually." In this immediate context, the apostle Paul is encouraging the Philippian saints to practice repeatedly everything they have been taught (i.e. his preaching and letters) and seen (i.e. his apostolic



example). The Philippians were to follow the truth Paul proclaimed along with the example of that truth which Paul lived before them. They were to allow the Gospel to be the standard of their lives. In so doing, they would grow in their walk with God, develop greater spiritual habits, and experience "the God of peace" in their daily lives. Paul is clear that the way to obtain the blessings of the God of peace is to lead a holy life that is faithfully honoring God's teachings.

If we were to back up within this context, we would notice that Paul has already written about our attitude (v.4) and our prayers (vv.6-7). Now, the apostle continues by addressing our behavior. You see, all three are linked to experiencing "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). I must think right, pray right, and live right if I want to truly know God's peace in my life! Therefore, I must intentionally decide to wake up each day and honor the Father's will in my life. I will develop greater spiritual habits the more I try to live out God's teachings. I will grow in my walk with God, and my spiritual relationship with Him will be enriched each day. Knowing God's teachings is not enough; I've got to put it into practice in my daily life. How are you doing in this department? How much are you practicing your faith? Practice makes perfect, and it's absolutely essential to experience God's peace in 2021!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/11/21**

February 14, 2021 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading: Main Prayer: Closing Prayer: Singing:

A.M.: Norton Sewil A.M.: Mike Norman A.M.: Steve Housley A.M.: Dean Norton

Security (During Services): Daniel Bragg / Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Danny Moore

SICK: JOY DAVIS, STEVEN HULETT, GENESIS KELLY, and THELMA WOOLFOLK continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: ADAM BASS, JEAN BERRY, WILMA BERRY, BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER, TED NORTON, JAMES & DONNA PILGRIM, STEVE SEWELL. 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.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Russ Chandler and family in the passing of Russ' dad, ROYCE CHANDLER, on Wednesday.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Virginia Couch and family in the passing of BILL COUCH, former Eastern Meadows member who served as a deacon and elder while at EM.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DON SIMMONS, LINDA DOBYNS, JUDY MILLER, MYRA HUGHES, BECKY TUCKER, JAY CONNELL, RICHARD BURLESON. (Battling Cancer): LANISE KIRK, DARNELL STROTHER, NINA JOSEPH, LISA DOBBS, BJ BUCHMANN, PAT NORMAN, SANDRA MISSILDINE, CHRIS HETHCOX, LEIGH BROWN. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

#### **NEW PRAYER REQUEST FOR:**

- JERRY TOLLIVER, who requested prayers to rededicate his life to Christ.
- LYNN NICHOLS, mother of Chris Kelley and daughter of the late Ann Milam, who is in the hospital with double pneumonia.
- DAWN, cousin of Dianne Hoskinson, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, undergone two major surgeries, and now has double pneumonia

**MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING:** There Business Meeting has been postponed.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SUNDAY:** Sunday, Feb. 14, will be Marriage Enrichment Sunday. BRANDON BAGGETT will be speaking. Be inviting others!

**YOU & ME + ONE TEAM BAGGETT:** The Baggett "You & Me + One" Team will meet Sunday, Feb. 21, 4 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Masks will be worn and social distancing will be practiced. Brandon encourages all in the group to be present for this meeting to begin make plans to work together to reach those who are lost in our lives.

**NEW LADIES WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** We have a new opportunity for the ladies of Eastern Meadows. A new Bible class will be meeting on Wednesday nights, beginning on March 3rd in room 113A&B. "The Life of

Abraham" will be an 18-week study. We will learn how to grow our relationship with God by learning from Abraham and God's relationship. Please see Emmy Kelly or Caitlin Baggett for more information.

**THANK YOU:** To Our Dear Christian Friends and Loved Ones, Danny's accident has sent us on many ups and downs but we have known through it all that you have been there for us through your concerns and prayers. God has blessed us with Donny's continued improvement! God be with you! Thank you, Donny & Jenny Phillips

# 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.

**ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL:** The Elder of the Month for February is **ROY MULKEY**. Contact information for Roy: (334) 531-5253; roymulkey43@yahoo.com.

# HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY, OPAL SULLIVAN!

