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ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
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Ted Norton

DEACONS:

Adam Bass
Billy Bush
Allen Clements
John Cole
Michael Crow
Lamon Dees
Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
Steve Housley
Marquez James
Joel Kelly
Andrew Long
Jimmy Mathews
Danny Moore
Lindsey Mulkey
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!

Marriage Enrichment

EASTERN MEADOWS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 1st

Dan Wheeler speaking:

9:00 AM: "Wedding Customs in Bible Times"
10:00 AM: "House Rules for the People of God"
12:30 PM: "Special Topics in Marriage and Beyond"

Lunch will be provided.

Area Wide Ladies' Devotional
Monday, March 9, 6:45 PM
"Let the Older Women Teach the Younger Women"
EASTERN MEADOWS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 2/9: \$13,285.35 YTD: + \$19.45
2/9: Bible Class: 143 / AM Worship: 192 / PM Worship: 103 / EMBF: \$139.50

Budget Area of Work Spotlight

This week's spotlight is on Finance. Obviously finances are important and is the primary reason for any budget. Our Finance committee has several different tasks from counting and depositing the contribution to managing contracts, employees, paying bills, banking, insurance etc. On our board right now to do? Mortgage. Can we refinance and save some money? Equipment and Maintenance contracts. Can we renegotiate and save or do we change vendors to be more financially efficient. We have to provide oversight in order to control costs in all areas. The Lord's treasury is a precious commodity and deserves all of our attention. If you have expertise in any of these Finance committee tasks we need your help. Volunteer today. More to come on this area next week. Thanks, Ted.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Marriage Sunday! Begin planning. Marriage Sunday is March 1. The speaker is Dan Wheeler. Plan around this Sunday so you can be in town and at Eastern Meadows. Some "Invite 'EM" cards specific to Marriage Enrichment Sunday have been ordered and will be on tables in front foyer and mid-way foyer. Take them and give them to your friends, etc. How about leave the cards in public places, like end tables at doctor offices or hospitals? Let us make this day great! Also, go to the Eastern Meadows FB page and share the post about Marriage Enrichment Sunday on your page. Will folks come? They might...but they won't come if they don't know about it! Invite!

New Class Continues Each Sunday! Alan Kaye began teaching a new class Sunday centered on Personal Evangelism two weeks ago. The only thing that would have made it better was more people in the class! The class will be a sharing of ideas, discussion of some "nuts and bolts" in personal evangelism, and opportunity for class members to encourage one another and pray for the gospel to be spread. All are welcome in this new class; men and women; any age!

What is Important? Last week I asked this question, but answered it in regards to eternal life versus what this life holds. I ask the question again. Realize that in this life so many, many things vie for our attention. Perhaps it is a show on TV, or a sports team, or the state of our nation. Perhaps it is a job, or our spouse, or family. I know that you can look at this list and begin to list these things as to their priority. Good. But even without having mentioned it, I hope you realize the Lord's work, should be first on that list. Paul said, "You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:3-4 NKJV). It really is all about Jesus – being a good soldier of Jesus Christ – instead of being caught up in the affairs of this life. Being that good soldier of Jesus Christ is all important.

You and Me Plus ONE. This is our theme for 2020; but more than a theme it is to be program of work. We are truly in the beginning stages of implementing You and Me Plus ONE, but I want you to be thinking about the Plus ONE. Who would you put on that list of prospects that you would like to see become a part of the Kingdom of God? Who will you be inviting to attend worship with you? (By the way Marriage Enrichment Sunday is a

Sunday Nights Better

- * Feb. 16, Luke
- * Feb. 23, Luke
- * Mar. 1, Dan Wheeler
- * Mar. 8, *Dangerous Assumptions*
- * Mar. 15, Luke
- * Mar. 22, Luke
- * Mar. 29, Tim Gotkiewicz



GREAT DAY to invite someone to attend!!) Who will you be asking if you might study the Bible with them? *Who is your Plus ONE??*

Faulkner Lectures! The Faulkner University Bible Lectures are March 1-4. It is free to any who wish to attend. If you have never attended the lectures or been on the FU campus, just “make yourself at home.” I recommend parking between the University church of Christ and the nearest FU building, which just happens to be the Harris-Parker building, where many of the lectures are held. You can come and go as you please. Several from Eastern Meadows will be a part of the lecture series. Allen Clements directing and the FU Chorus will be singing at 5 p.m. on Sunday March 1 (University church building). Monday, 9:30 a.m. Tim Gotkiewicz will be speaking on “Yet I Will Rejoice.” Monday 9:30 a.m. Tish Housley will speak in Lester Chapel to the Ladies on the subject, “Mountains of Forgiveness.” Monday, 3:30 p.m. Josh Cochran will speak on “Let Justice Roll Down Like Water.” Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. David Hester will be speaking on “There is a Famine in the Land.” Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. David Hester will moderate the Forum on the subject “May Women Preach and Teach over Men in the Assembly?”

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

THIS SUNDAY, the 16th, after the evening worship, we will have the Youth & Family devotional in the fellowship Room. The food sign-up list is in the LadyBUGS room.

ICYC (AP week is June 7-12) registration for the youth group is THIS SATURDAY! Be sure to let me know if your teen is going!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Feb. 15:** ICYC AP week Registration (June 7-12)
- **Feb. 16:** Youth & Family Devo, PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Feb. 23:** Devo @ Tim & Sally's Home

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last question: How old was Joseph when he was given the coat of many colors?

Answer: 17 (Genesis 37:1-3)

This week's question: Was the Ark captured by the Philistines before or after Saul was anointed as King of Israel?



ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/13/20

February 16, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:
A.M.: Russ Chandler

Main Prayer:
A.M.: Lindsey Mulkey
P.M.: Steven Hulett

Closing Prayer:
A.M.: John Cole
P.M.: Thomas Anderson

Singing:
A.M.: Allen Clements
P.M.: Allen Clements

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Brad Jackson / Sunday PM & 2/19: Ron Hoskinson
Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Troy Steelman

SICK: DUSTY POUNCEY is back at home after being in UAB for a treatment. Sick at home Sunday: PATTY BENSON, WILMA BERRY, COOPER COLE, BARBARA COON, BONNIE CROW, RAELENN EVANS, JULIE GOTKIEWICZ & KIDS, MARCIA GRAVES, ALICE HANDLANG, CHARLES HENDERSON, STEVEN HULETT, GENEVA JOHNSON, TA'NISHA NORMAN, VEOTHA SMITH, MARSHA SUTTON, JERRY & LILLIE THOMPSON, HUNTER TIMBES. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, MARGARET DAVIS, and MARGARET GRAVES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, SARAH HOUSLEY, DUSTY POUNCEY.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Lindsay Chandler and family in the passing of her grandfather, WALTER

EARL LOWE. The funeral was Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Arthur Harvest and family in the passing of his sister, BETTY WASHINGTON. The funeral will be this Saturday, Feb. 15, 11 AM, at the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Mark Evans and family in the passing of his cousin, JIMMY BOZEMAN.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DEXTER HART III (TRIPP), WAYNE JOHNSTON, ERIN FOLDS, MIKE TIMBES, MAE JONES, JUDY CURTAIN, KENNY DOBBS, SHAN & COURTNEY NORMAN, KNOX & PAT NORMAN. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, CHANDRA JOHNSON, JESSE BARRY, KATY PENICK, DEREK MAY, WILL HICKS, LANISE KIRK, WENDY GRANT, JOANN SELLERS. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST FOR:

- JUDY CURTAIN, Kristy Hatch's mother, who is in the hospital undergoing tests for possible heart issues and high blood pressure.
- JOANN SELLERS, close friend of Tim & Kristy Hatch, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and is in Baptist East Hospital under close observation.
- KENNY DOBBS, friend of the Dill's, whose 31-year-old son, Blake Dobbs, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away, leaving behind a wife and small children.
- KNOX & PAT NORMAN, Mike Norman's uncle and aunt, who had a grandchild to pass away.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows, Thanks for your many acts of kindness expressed to me during and after my surgery. I love each one of you. Sincerely, Betty Davidson

NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 2/16: AM—KRISTY HATCH & MIRANDA PORTERFIELD; PM—KALLIE FUTRAL & BARBARA NORMAN

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Sunshine Committee will meet Sunday, Feb. 23, 4 PM, in the Tea Room.

MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION: The February M-N-M will be Monday, Feb. 24, with the meal at 6:30 PM and class at 7 PM. The meal will be Soup, Sandwiches, and Salad with SHIRLEY & ALAN KAYE hosting. The lesson will be "The Power of Prayer" with STEVE HOUSLEY teaching the men's class and TONNA JOHNSON teaching the ladies' class. A meal sign-up list is posted in the LadyBUGS Room.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY: Marriage Enrichment Day will be Mar. 1. DAN WHEELER will be speaking at 9 & 10 AM and 12:30 PM. Lunch will be provided after the 10 AM service.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Wetumpka Church of Christ on Saturday, Mar. 7. Registration and breakfast at 8:30 AM with the program beginning at 9:30 AM. The speakers will be TISH HOUSLEY and JANIA OTEY and their topic is "The Fruit of the Spirit". RSVP: secretary@wetumpkacoc.org334-567-6561 or.

AREA WIDE LADIES' DEVO: Eastern Meadows will be hosting the Area Wide Ladies Devotional on Monday, Mar. 9, 6:45-8:00 PM. Our theme this year is "Let the Older Women Teach the Younger Women," (Titus 2:3-5). We especially invite our older ladies to share their culinary experience with our younger ladies by signing up to prepare food for the evening; however, our younger ladies are encouraged to share some of their dishes as well. The recipes need to be relatively simple and time saving. It is the "go to dish" for when you are in a pinch. **The sign-up sheet will be in the front foyer along with notecards for your recipe. Please hand write your recipe in black ink on the front side only. You only need to sign up to prepare one dish which should feed 8-12 people.** We also want to share the recipes for these dishes with our guests. **Please give your recipe to Barbara Norman or Shirley Kaye by Sunday, February 23.** We will duplicate them and have them ready to place beside the appropriate dish. Thank you for your help!

FEBRUARY STANDBY TEAM—3 (R&J GOTKIEWICZ)

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.



LADYBUGS



- ♦ **Feb. 17:** FSC/Exodus Community, 6-7 PM
- ♦ **Feb. 24:** M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM

- ♦ **Mar. 2, 9, 16:** FSC/ Exodus Community, 6-7 PM
- ♦ **Mar. 3:** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM

T.I.P. - Sundays @ 4:30 PM

Wednesday Night Auditorium Class

Fundamentals of the Faith:

LORD'S SUPPER AS WORSHIP

TIM HATCH, speaking February 19



Upcoming Events

2020

- **March 1:** Marriage Enrichment Day/Dan Wheeler
- **April 5:** Teaching Rocket Seminar/Michael Whitworth
- **May 3:** Homecoming/Goal Day
- **June 1-4:** VBS

- **June 12:** Area Wide Singing, 7 PM

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- **March 12-13:** Ladies' Retreat

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- **Feb. 11-12:** Marriage & Family Seminar (Glenn & Cindy Colley)

ATTEND THE BODY OF YOUR CHOICE?

Frequently we hear radio and TV evangelists encouraging people to "Join the church of your choice" and to "Attend the church of your choice." Protestant preachers often make the statement that "one church is as good as another." Certainly, as free moral agents, we have the right and freedom to affiliate ourselves with the religious organization of our choice. But, does God's Word encourage a person in this matter, that is, to "Join the church of your choice"?

In the book of Ephesians 4:4, Paul teaches that "There is one body...." That declaration is so clear that one should have no problem understanding it. Regardless of what the body is, the fact is evident that there is "one body". To further substantiate this great truth, please observe the writing of Paul in I Corinthians 12:12, 20: "For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ." "But now there are many members, but one body." Christ is the head of the body explains Paul in Colossians 1:18. There is but one head over the one body. A plurality of heads would make for a freakish situation. We must understand there is not one head in heaven and another one on earth.

The question arises, what is the one body? Please permit Paul to answer that question by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: "And he (Christ) is the head of the body, the church..." (Colossians 1:18). Again, "And he (God) put all things in subjection under His (Christ) feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that fills all in

all" (Ephesians 1:22,23). These two passages clearly teach that the body of Christ is His church. Now, turn again to Ephesians 4:4 and read the statement, "There is one body...." There are as many churches as there are bodies of Christ. If a two-headed body might seem freakish, what would a head with thousands of bodies appear to be? Since the Bible informs us that the church is the body of Christ, how would it sound to say, "Join the body of your choice", "Attend the body of your choice", or, "One body is as good as another"? That makes a difference, doesn't it?

Does one have to be a member of the church to be saved? Well, let us ask it this way; does one have to be a member of the body of Christ to be saved? Paul taught in Ephesians 5:23 that Christ is "the savior of the body." So, if we want to be saved, we will need to be in the body of Christ. In I Corinthians 12:13, we learn, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...." In Acts 2:36-38, we learn that believers were instructed by the apostle Peter to "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." In Acts 2:47 we read, "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Thus, the church (body) of Christ is made up of the saved. The body (church) has for its savior Jesus Christ. When these truths are learned and accepted, it will be understood that one must be in the church (body) of Christ's choice in order to be saved.

—Raymond Elliott

WHAT TIME IS IT?

In Luke 10 we read of Jesus appointing the seventy and sending them out to preach the gospel to the people of that day. He emphasized the idea that when they were going, "... *salute no man on the way,*" because they will not have covered all the area until the time of the kingdom should come.

WHAT TIME IS IT? We need to grasp the urgency that Jesus had when he came to this earth. We are to preach the gospel to the world, and we are not on schedule when it comes to fulfilling this responsibility.

WHAT TIME IS IT? We need to think about the aged un-converted. They have so little time. How much time do our loved ones and friends have?

WHAT TIME IS IT? Think about where the gospel has not gone. What time is it for multiplied millions that have been led astray by false doctrines rather than the truth? There is so little time.

WHAT TIME IS IT? It is time for ME and YOU who are seeking to follow the Lord to go and help others to know Jesus and his church before eternity! Jesus said, "*I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, the night is coming, when no man can work.*" (John 9:4).

—Yarbrough Leigh



"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).