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ELDERS:

Alan Kaye
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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!

Sunday Evening, Feb. 21st

I have a friend who...



Budget: \$11,500.00

FROM THE PULPIT & EDUCATION MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Great Lessons by Brandon Baggett on Marriage Sunday. Thanks Brandon. If you did not get to hear these go to these links to see and hear these lessons on Marriage. You can copy and paste into your browser.

Bible Class: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MFiOs8mPQc>

AM Worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWMvThW9ZvU>

PM Worship: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YonIkrdB_Ds

Sunday Nights. We are back to normal . . . at least back to normal in meeting on Sunday nights. This Sunday night Brandon, Tim, and I will each be speaking – briefly! The theme will be “I have a friend who . . .” It is a challenge to each of us to be the friend we need to be when our friends are in crisis. I hope to see you Sunday night.

Wednesday Class. The new Wednesday study of 1 John got off to a great start. Wednesday Feb. 18 was an introduction. It was great, but how much more so will be the studying of the 1 Peter text. If you have not been attending Wednesday get started. If you are unable to come do yourself a favor and participate online!

Sunday Night, February 21
Welcome: Brandon Baggett
Song of Praise – “We Will Glorify The King”
Main Prayer
Song – “A Beautiful Life”
Lesson #1 – Tim
Song – “O To Be Like Thee”
Lesson #2 – Brandon
Song – “Let The Beauty Of Jesus Be Seen In Me”
Lesson #3/Invitation – Steve
Invitation Song – “Zion’s Call”
Lords Supper/Giving
Closing Prayer

FROM THE INVOLVEMENT MINISTER – BRANDON BAGGETT:

Experience God’s Peace in 2021 – Pursue Contentment –

Contentment, or the quality of being contented, can be defined as “feeling satisfaction with one’s possessions, status, or situation.” Defining these terms might be essential because contentment can be hard to find. One could have better success locating a rare antique of great value than finding a truly contented person. We live in an unhappy, restless, and unsatisfied society – a society of largescale discontentment that is fueled by television and social media. If you watch HGTV long enough, you’ll start dreaming of a nicer house. If watch too much reality TV (is it even reality???), you’ll start wishing you were a better cook, that you had a better marriage, or that your life was more interesting and exciting. Too much time on social media can breed thoughts that everybody else’s life is much better than your own. Many seem to always be searching for bigger, better, and nicer things, and having much is never enough. Nevertheless, learning the art of contentment is essential if we want to live at peace with ourselves and God.

When we turn to the final few lines of the book of Philippians, we discover that the apostle Paul had something to say about learning to be content. Paul’s comments on contentment are contextually sandwiched between two sections on giving and receiving (Philippians 4:10 and Philippians 4:14-20). The imprisoned apostle was thankful for the generous financial offerings sent by the Philippian church, and he “rejoiced in the Lord greatly” (v.10) because of their concern and generosity. However, lest the Philippian church mistake his gratitude for their support as a poor beggar

asking for more funds, he spent the next three verses describing Christian contentment—a trait which Paul twice says he had to learn (v.11, 12). Contentment wasn't zapped into Paul's heart when he became a Christian, and it certainly wasn't something he observed in the world around him. Still, Paul learned how to get along with humble means of just food, clothing, and daily necessities ("to be brought low" v.12), but he also knew how to live with more than enough ("to abound" v.12). What was the apostle's secret? Just listen to his words: "I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (v.12b-13). Paul discovered how to be content in a myriad of circumstances by simply trusting that Jesus is enough!



Be like Paul and learn the magnificence of simply trusting that Jesus is enough! Life is not about possessions, prominence, popularity, or plenty. No, it's about being in a covenant relationship with God through the redeeming work of Jesus. While we certainly can take steps to better ourselves and our circumstances, we would do well to make the best of our present circumstances regardless of what those circumstances may be. When we trust that Jesus is enough, we will become more flexible and adaptable. Contentment will foster a faith that is willing to serve God wherever, do whatever, and experience whatever comes our way. So, if you really want to turn over a new leaf this year and experience "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7), then passionately pursue contentment in your life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/18/21

February 21, 2021 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Carter Benson	A.M.: TBA	A.M.: Marquez James	A.M.: Allen Clements
Security (During Services): Danny Moore / Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Danny Moore			

SICK: JOY DAVIS, STEVEN HULETT, and THELMA WOOLFOLK continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, TED NORTON. 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 Chris Kelley at the passing of his mother, Lynn Nichols. The family will receive friends at 11:00 AM Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Eastern Meadows church of Christ building. The memorial service will be at 11:30 AM at the Eastern Meadows church of Christ building.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Michael Crow and family in the passing of his brother, BRIAN CROW. The funeral will be this weekend.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DON SIMMONS, LINDA DOBYNS, JUDY MILLER, MYRA HUGHES, BECKY TUCKER, JAY CONNELL, RICHARD BURLISON. (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.

YOU & ME + ONE TEAM BAGGETT: The Baggett "You & Me + One" Team will meet this 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 making plans to work together to reach those who are lost in our lives.

LEARN NEW SONGS: If you like to sing, plan to stay a few minutes after evening worship on Sunday. Bro. Paul Clements is going to introduce to the church some new church songs he wrote last year following the Sunday evening worship Feb. 21st.

LADIES' M-N-M & A TIME TO PRAY: The Ladies' Monday Night Motivation (MNM) and A Time to Pray are back! We will meet on Monday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 PM. in the Fellowship Hall. We will not be sharing a meal at this time. Class will begin promptly at 6:30 PM and finish at 7:15 followed with A Time to Pray until 7:30 PM. We will be continuing our study of the book, *The Domino Effect*, by Tim Lewis. Tonna Johnson will be teaching lesson nine, The Power of Prayer. We will meet the 4th Monday night of each month through June to complete our lessons from *The Domino Effect*. If you have any requests for prayer, or questions about MNM, please see Tonna Johnson or Sally Gotkiewicz.

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.

NEW SONGS

Brethren,

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THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Sisters, Your outpouring of love, thoughtfulness, and gifts on Lydia and David and baby Nehemiah is so appreciated! What a sweet church family you are! Thank you so much! Emily Gillis (Lydia's mom)

SUNDAY-EVENING-EVANGELISM: Packets containing SEE Prayer List and cards are posted at the front and mid-

Truth Will Prevail

A truth undergirding the call for freedom of speech is that truth is shown to be truth when it is arrayed against error or untruth. When one idea feels it has to shout down another so that it cannot be heard, it is admitting its view cannot stand the light of truth.

Charles Krauthammer, a favorite writer of mine, now deceased, said, "I believe the pursuit of truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous argument is a noble undertaking." Long ago, a call went out to opposing ideas, saying, "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord" (Isaiah 1:18).

— Cecil May, Jr.

