



## Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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February 20, 2020

### ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Alan Kaye  
Roy Mulkey  
Mike Norman  
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!**



## Sunday, March 1st

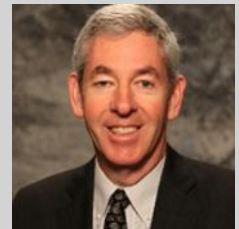
### *Dan Wheeler speaking:*

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.*



**Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 2/16: \$15,570.95 YTD: + \$1,490.40**  
**2/16: Bible Class: 134 / AM Worship: 193 / PM Worship: 109 / EMBF: \$125.50**

## Budget Area of Work Spotlight

This week's spotlight is a continuation of last week's regarding Finance. The congregation's finances are in good shape. We have a long history of contributing well and controlling our expenses and we have no reason to believe that won't continue. Every effort has been made to cut costs in the Finance area and that is happening already. One area that we are pleased to mention has gone up is our Contingency Fund. That was made possible by controlling some other areas of Finance that are not fixed costs. The largest expenditure we have in our Budget is our mortgage payment.

— Ted Norton

### 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 are on tables in the foyer and the mid-way foyer. Take them and give them to your friends, etc. How about leaving 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!

**Listen.** Last Sunday the sermon was "Our God, He Is Alive." In the song, after reading the lyrics, the congregation sang *Our God He Is Alive*. If you were not at Sunday worship you can go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vv2sOM53ViA&feature=em-uploademail> and watch/listen to the message. What I would like everyone to do is go to that url and then go to the 4 minute mark. It is at that point that the congregation sings *Our God He Is Alive*. Listen. Sounds pretty good.

#### Sunday Nights Better

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

**What Degree Do You Have?** I was talking to someone last week and he mentioned the degrees his wife had and his children had. Then he said, "Me? I have a B.A. degree – *Born Again* degree and a PhD degree – *Praising Him Daily*. I don't know if you finished High School or have a college degree or have a graduate degree or have a professional degree, but I hope all of you have a B.A. degree – *Born Again* degree and a PhD degree – *Praising Him Daily*."

**You and Me Plus ONE.** The Plus ONE. This is the caring, loving, asking, teaching. It is bringing a person to Jesus. It is winning a soul. It is what God commanded in the Great Commission. It should be the goal of every Christian. It is heaven winning and hell losing. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ having eternal effect in the souls of man. Whether it is just you or just me, let it be about the Plus ONE. But just as Paul and Barnabas went out on the first missionary journey and Paul and Silas went out on the second missionary journey, the "You and Me" (fellow laborers in the gospel) really helps! Let the focus be the "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).

Tim Gotkiewicz speaking at Monday, 9:30 a.m. on "Yet I Will Rejoice." (HP 128)

Tish Housley speaking at Monday 9:30 a.m. to the Ladies on the subject, "Mountains of Forgiveness." (Lester Chapel)

Josh Chochran speaking at Monday, 3:30 p.m on "Let Justice Roll Down Like Water." (HP 108)

David Hester speaking at Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. on "There is a Famine in the Land." (HP 108)

David Hester will moderate the Forum on the subject "May Women Preach and Teach over Men in the Assembly?" Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. (Lester Chapel)

### **FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:**

The Bible Bowl written test will be given to those going to convention THIS SUNDAY afternoon. We will stay and eat after the morning worship assembly, review, and then test at 3:30. Youth group members who are not going to convention are welcome to take the test as a practice and to test their knowledge.

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

- **Feb. 23:** Parents 10-Minute Monthly Update
- **Feb. 23:** Bible Bowl Written Test

#### **COLLEGE EVENTS:**

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

#### **TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:**

**Last question:** Was the Ark captured by the Philistines before or after Saul was anointed as King of Israel? Answer: Before (Ark captured: 1 Samuel 4:11 / Saul was anointed: 1 Samuel 10:1)

**This week's question:** Who said, "For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."?

A) David; B) Samuel; C) Eli



## **S.E.E. Changes in 2020**

My family visited Eastern Meadows six years ago. We had experienced the loss of several family members and were in great need of encouragement. During the following week after our visit, we received numerous cards and phone calls from Eastern Meadows members. Those kind acts led us to place membership. You may never know exactly what your kind words mean to someone but rest assured they have an impact.

S.E.E. is an acronym for 'Sunday Evening Evangelism'. It was started years ago by EM members who saw a need and wanted a way to encourage those that were sick, suffering or simply missed morning worship. This outreach includes friends and family members of our church family. It works because you, the members, play an important role. Each Sunday evening you graciously take the cards and send an appropriate message to the assigned name. In addition to writing cards, there are other tasks, like stamping envelopes, that are needed. You have always stepped up to meet this challenge. No task is too small. I want to personally commend you for the excellent job you do and

encourage you to participate wherever possible.

In conjunction with this year's theme of "You and Me + One", we plan to expand the SEE program to reach prospective new members. We will continue to use the current cards as in the past; however, a new 'You're Invited' design will be used to target new members. We ask that you provide the names of friends and neighbors you would like to invite to worship with us. Lists will also be purchased for this new endeavor and will be distributed in such a way so that their purpose will be apparent.

If you are not currently involved in SEE, let me encourage you to find a way to help. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer in some area, please contact me. And most of all, pray for the success of our efforts to bring more souls to Christ.

--Mike Norman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 2/20/20

<b>February 23, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:</b>			
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Main Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
<b>A.M.: Nathan Futral</b>	<b>A.M.: Lamon Dees</b>	<b>A.M.: Brooks Housley</b>	<b>A.M.: William Dill</b>
	<b>P.M.: Alan Kaye</b>	<b>P.M.: Thomas Anderson</b>	<b>P.M.: William Dill</b>
<b>Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Henly Khantisouriya / Sunday PM &amp; 2/26: Danny Moore</b>			
<b>Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Troy Steelman</b>			

**SICK:** JOE HOOKS is home after being in the hospital with the flu. DUSTY POUNCEY is back at home after being in UAB for a treatment. JAMES HILYER is recovering from a heart cath and stent placement. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, PHYLLIS ALLEN, WILMA BERRY, DONNA BOUTWELL, BRAYDEN BROWN, KELSEY EVANS, LILLIE GALLOWAY, JAN HILYER, STEVEN HULETT, GENEVA JOHNSON, JANET MATHEWS, WILMA MILLICAN, ROY MULKEY, LAURIE NORTON, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, STEVE SEWELL, JEROME & LILLIE THOMPSON, THELMA WOOLFOLK. 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.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** Dear Eastern Meadows, Thanks for your prayers, cards, phone calls and your many acts of kindness expressed to me during the passing of my sister Betty J. Washington. I love each one of you. Sincerely, Arthur Harvest

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 2/23:** AM—HALEY STEELMAN & TERRY BAGENTS; PM—JANE SEWELL & HANNAH ADAMS

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Sunshine Committee will meet this 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.



**INVITE 'EM CARDS:** Be sure to pick-up some of the Marriage Enrichment Day Invite 'Em Cards from the front and midway foyers to share with others.

**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.org](mailto:secretary@wetumpkacoc.org) or 334-567-6561.

**"YOU & ME + ONE" NORMAN TEAM MEAL & MEET:** All those on the You & Me + 1 Norman Team will get together on Sunday, Mar. 8, after the AM worship. Everyone is to bring food, stay and eat together, and then meet. See Mike for more information.

**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!

**MID-WEEK MEAL:** We are trying something new this year - a Wednesday night congregational meal. Our first one is planned for Wednesday, Mar. 11, 5:30 PM. This meal will be catered and is for all who want to participate. The meal will begin at 5:30 and should be finished, including clean-up, by 6:15. Information concerning the menu and cost will be available soon and sign-up lists will be posted in the front and midway foyers.



**NEW ADDRESS:** LAURIE NORTON, 297 Sylvest Drive #119, Montgomery AL 36117.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: 10:30 AM**

**FEBRUARY STANDBY TEAM—3 (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.



	<b>LADYBUGS</b>	
<i>Ladies Being Useful in God's Service</i>		
◆ <b>Feb. 24:</b> M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM	◆ <b>Mar. 3:</b> Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM	
◆ <b>Mar. 2, 9, 16:</b> FSC/ Exodus Community, 6-7 PM	◆ <b>Mar. 9:</b> Area Wide Ladies' Devo, 6:45 PM	

The Training and Involvement Program (T.I.P.) Sunday evening class for preschool and elementary age children

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

<p><i>Wednesday Night Auditorium Class</i> <i>Fundamentals of the Faith:</i> <b>WHAT SHALL WE DO?</b> <b>DAVID HESTER, speaking February 26</b></p>	
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# 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

## 2021

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

## 2022

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

## TOTAL COMMITMENT

Suppose at the foot of the cross of Jesus some of the disciples placed a crudely painted sign with this stark, terse inscription - "TOTAL COMMITMENT" That is exactly what it was, wasn't it?

One of the most delightful stories I have ever heard is that cute little one which features two animal friends who were walking down Main Street one day and passed a cafe. The chicken looked up and read the sign in the window .... "Ham and Eggs - 99 cents." Her friend, the pig, took a sudden gasping spell and a terrifying case of the shakes, then he began running as fast as his chubby little legs would take him. The chicken finally caught up with him in the darkened corner of the barn. He was quivering in fear. "What's the matter?" the chicken asked of her friend. "What's the matter, that sign's the matter! Of course it doesn't bother you, 'cause with you it's just a matter of a token contribution, but with me it's total commitment!" That four -legged package of ham, bacon, pork chops, and chitterlings had, indeed, sized it up pretty well, hadn't he?

Many a worthwhile endeavor and relationship has ended up on the scrap pile because the participants were willing to make only a token effort. Tokenism is the bane of our society. It is the rule, rather than the exception, in our nation, in our cities, our neighborhoods, and IN THE CHURCH. It seems to suggest that "total commitment" was an ideal, a way of life which went the way of scrub boards. There is no room for TOTAL COMMITMENT in ME-ISM!

Paul, the Apostle, said ... "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23). For life to be lived well, according to Paul, it requires the giving of our best - a hearty commitment! Think of this in terms of "housekeeping" congregations, failing marriages, crumbling homes, unfulfilled Christianity, and many other relationships.

What if we scrapped the principle of "tokenism" and, in its place, we reinstated the principle of "total commitment" as a way of doing things? Would not many failing marriages be saved? By reinstating "total commitment," couldn't we take mediocrity out of the marketplace? With an attitude of "total commitment" at work, jobs would be more fulfilling, wouldn't they? Also, with the principle of "total commitment" at work in the home we could make of our children better adults for tomorrow's world, couldn't we? As Christians, if we were totally committed our spiritual lives would be far more enjoyable and fruitful, and more easily lived within the context of the Lord's will, wouldn't they? The Church, too, would do a far better job of reaching the lost and building up and strengthening the saints if "total commitment" was at work, wouldn't it?

—Charlie T. Garner

*"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord,  
and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23).*