



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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MINISTERS:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth
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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!

Eastern Meadows Members,

Our current national situation is affecting every one of us in almost every aspect of our lives. We continuously pray for the well being of our congregation and for each individual member. We understand that each one of you is having to reevaluate everything that you have previously accepted as normal. Finances are a big part of our everyday lives. We encourage you to make sure that you do what you need to do to stay ahead when it comes to your income and expenses. Almost all of us will have to make adjustments financially and your giving is no exception. This also means that our Budget will have to be adjusted too. Please let me know adjustments to your contribution as you can and when you can via email, tnorton1946@gmail.com or phone/text, 334-850-5675 so we may make informed decisions regarding the Lord's money.

To give consider the following:

- *PayPal - office@easternmeadows.org*
- *Mail your check to - 8460 Vaughn Road, Montgomery AL 36117*
- *Contact us to come by and pick it up (Ted Norton - 850-5675) tnorton1946@gmail.com*
- *Bring it by the office after you check to make sure someone is there*

Even though we will not be assembling for services, we will have live streaming from the Eastern Meadows church of Christ Facebook page. Bible class will be at 9 AM and worship will be at 10 AM. If you are in need of Lord Supper emblems, contact the office Monday – Thursday.

Sincerely, Your elders

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY - MARCH 29TH

Fifth Sunday's have been designated "Benevolence Sunday". On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution will be taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. This is to be separate from the regular contribution. Checks for this effort should be made out to: Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

—Tim Bagents, for the Elders

Budget Area of Work Spotlight

We are living in very difficult times; however, be assured it will not last. We will hopefully emerge better for having navigated the storm. Maybe God is allowing this to happen so we will have time to prioritize our lives. Sometimes we become complacent and take all of our blessings for granted. But even amid all the turmoil, we are blessed beyond anything our grandparents could ever have imagined. My grandfather was born in 1898. He traveled in a wagon and eventually flew in a 747. He witnessed many changes in his lifetime. There is one thing that you can always count on and that is 'change'. God is always in control no matter what is going on in this crazy world. Always put God first.

Our church family is important to us. We took the privilege of gathering with each other for granted until it was taken away. Never take life, or anything we have, for granted. It can vanish in the blink of an eye. But look for the positive in our current situation. We can always use this time as an opportunity to reach out to others with cards, phone calls and text messages. We have new "You're Invited" cards printed that will be made available in addition to the current cards used for our SEE program.

Remember that God made us a promise that He would never leave us or forsake us. He is not slack with His promises. Pray to God to help our leaders work together and make the right decisions. We will prevail and hopefully be better children of God. -Mike Norman

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Last Sunday. We have no exact numbers concerning those who worshipped with Eastern Meadows, via internet. There is the possibility that we had more than a usual Sunday. I know that there were a few families in Alabama who were not in the Montgomery area and folks from at least two other states who were with us. Of course none of these filled out visitor cards. (That is supposed to be a joke!) There were very few at the building to conduct worship, of course, due to the isolation rules that are in place.

David Hester's Class. If you have missed any of the Exodus or Genesis classes and want to see them, you can find them on Youtube. David has done an excellent job in these studies, and last Sunday was exceptional. If you did not see last Sunday, in addition to it being on Youtube, it can be seen on the Eastern Meadows FaceBook page. Go the EM Facebook page (this page has the EM logo). Look to the left at the menu list. Click "videos." You can then choose from the videos that have been live-streamed from this site. You will find David's class last Sunday there, as well as worship.

Missed Worship at 10 a.m.? If work or illness has kept you from being present at the live-stream worship, access it later. Like I said above, go the EM Facebook page (this page has the EM logo). Look to the left at the menu list. Click "videos." You can then choose from the videos that have been live-streamed from this site. The worship video will be labeled, for instance, last week was "Sunday 3/22/20 Worship."

This Sunday. We will again have Bible Class at 9 a.m. David has just started Leviticus. While this would be few folks' favorite book, I can assure David will make this 45 minutes of Bible study well worth your time. Again, worship will be at 10 a.m. If you do not have the Lord's Supper for this Sunday call the office, and we can tell you when to pick it up. If you are one of our "Seniors" and need it delivered to you, call the office. The back pages of this bulletin will give you more

information about Sunday worship.

Listen For Free! www.biblelectureship.com You can access the Faulkner University lectures from several years for free at www.biblelectureship.com When you go to the website you will see links for Faulkner Lectureships; OVU Lectureships (Ohio Valley University); Inman Preaching Seminars; and Kearley Conferences (conferences conducted by Faulkner University). You can then download lectures. By the way, you must download multiple lectures at a time. The 2020 lectures are not yet uploaded, but the FU 2013 – 2019 are already available. It is a great resource!

PTP 365. This stands for Polishing The Pulpit 365 days of the year. Polishing The Pulpit brings together about 5,000 Christians each August in Sevierville, Tennessee for a week of spiritual edification. There are hundreds of lessons by over a hundred different speakers each year. PTP 365 allows someone to access the entirety of previous lectures. Previously this was available by subscription only. Now, for a limited time, during covid-19 time, PTP 365 is available for free. Go to <https://free365.polishingthepulpit.com/?fbclid=IwAR2HhDXftdsT2F3ppdQA-Br9TaU3WKJLj1KilxogzQpbRrleWMzkPBMqKIg> (copy and paste all of the url to your browser). Scroll down to “Create Your Free Account” and click. It was very easy for me to register. Then go to the home page. There you can choose from Books of the Bible or various subjects. It is also searchable by topic or speaker. Ladies, there are also lessons available by women under the “Women” tab under “By Topic.” You can choose from thousands of lessons to listen to. This is a great opportunity, while it lasts.

FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Upcoming Youth Group events: All events have been cancelled until further notice.

College Events: All events have been cancelled until further notice.

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 3/22: \$13,987.50 YTD: + \$2,524.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/26/20

SICK: DUSTY PONCEY underwent a stem cell transplant Monday, Mar. 24. BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER'S back surgery has been postponed due Mar. 31. PHYLLIS ALLEN back surgery has been postponed to Apr. 28. 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 PONCEY.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DEXTER HART III (TRIPP), WAYNE JOHNSTON, ERIN FOLDS, MIKE TIMBES, MAE JONES, JUDY CURTAIN, KENNY DOBBS. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, CHANDRA JOHNSON, JESSE BARRY, KATY PENICK, DEREK MAY, WILL HICKS, LANISE KIRK, WENDY GRANT, DARNELL STROTHER, NINA JOSEPH, LISA DOBBS, BJ BUCHMANN. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

THANK YOU: Hello dear Friends, I missed being together, with our congregation, last Sunday. I am blessed to be with a Christian congregation, one that loves each other, and shows it. Thank you Eastern Meadows church of Christ. For loving me. I love you. Love, Vera Dekle

THANK YOU: We would like to express our love and appreciation for everyone here at Eastern Meadows at our time of loss. Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, and your memories. She loved the Eastern Meadows congregation. We know she was well loved and admired. In Christian love, Lynn, William, Brandon, Chris, & AJ (Ann Milam's family)

CHILDREN'S CLASS: A Children's Class will be uploaded to YouTube. When that class is uploaded, you will get a notification in the Eastern Meadows' Members' Facebook Page as well as the Eastern Meadows' Children's Classes Facebook page. It will be not be live, but will allow you to choose the time that is convenient for you to use for your children. Youtube will also allow other-than-Eastern-Meadows members to see and use the children's class. If you know of families that will be interested, let them know.

WORSHIPPING WITHOUT INTERNET AND THE ABILITY TO SEE EASTERN MEADOWS ON THE EASTERN MEADOWS' MEMBERS' FACEBOOK PAGE. There is a television program produced by churches of Christ that are available on Sunday: WAKA TV 8, 7:30 AM—*In Search of the Lord's Way* with Phil Sanders

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for March is **TED NORTON**. Contact information for Ted: (334) 850-5675; tnorton1946@gmail.com.

“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).



SUNDAY WORSHIP, MARCH 29

No one is to be present at the building, except for those assigned to help conduct the Sunday worship. Everyone should be worshipping at home! It is still the Lord's Day.

Eastern Meadows 9 a.m. Bible Class and 10 a.m. Worship will be live-streamed in two places: the Eastern Meadows church of Christ Facebook page. It is the "public" page. The "cover" picture of this page is folded hands on the Bible. This is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist>

The second place you can see Bible Class and worship is the Eastern Meadows church of Christ webpage. When you go to that page, go to the tabs towards the top of the page and roll you cursor over RESOURCES. Click, from the drop down list, STREAMING SERVICES. The link to that page is <https://easternmeadows.org/streaming/>

You may need to copy the link and copy the link to your browser.

Participate: Please participate in worship and don't just "view." Just as if you were in the auditorium, when the congregation sings, you sing; when the congregation prays, you pray; when the congregation partakes of the Lord's Supper, you partake; when the congregation gives you give; when the congregation studies God's word, you study.

Lord's Supper: If you need communion supplies contact the office Monday-Thursday.

Giving: You can give by PayPal, https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=RYZVJ7TDTTT9Y&source=url or by mailing a check to the building (Eastern Meadows church of Christ; 8460 Vaughn Road; Montgomery, AL 36117) or by calling Ted Norton for pick-up. When using PayPal for contribution or sending other funds to the church, please

select "Sending to a friend" to avoid up front fees the church has to pay. Your contribution will be included in the Sunday offering.

Songs: These are the song lyrics for you to use to join in singing Sunday.

Anywhere with Jesus

Verse 1: Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go, Anywhere He leads me in this world below; Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade; Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid.

Chorus: Anywhere, anywhere! Fear I cannot know; Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go.

Verse 2: Anywhere with Jesus I am not alone; Other friends may fail me, He is still my own; Though His hand may lead me over drearest ways, Anywhere with Jesus is a house of praise.

Verse 3: Anywhere with Jesus I can go to sleep, When the darkening shadows round about me creep, Knowing I shall waken nevermore to roam; Anywhere with Jesus will be home, sweet home.

The Old Rugged Cross

Verse 1: On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross; The emblem of suff'ring and shame; And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged Cross; And exchange it some day for a crown.

Sweet By and By

Verse 1: There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar; for the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there.

Chorus: In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore. In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

Verse 2: We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest; and our spirits shall sorrow no more, not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

Verse 3: To our bountiful Father above we will offer our tribute of praise for the glorious gift of his love and the blessings that hallow our days.

We Shall See the King Some Day

Verse 1: Though the way we journey may be often drear, We shall see the King some day; On that blessed morning clouds will disappear; We shall see the King some day.

Chorus: We shall see the King some day; We will shout and sing some day. Gathered 'round the throne, When He shall call His own, We shall see the King some day.

Verse 4: There with all the loved ones who have gone before, We shall see the King some day. Sorrow past forever, on that peaceful shore, We shall see the King some day.

Sunday, March 29 AM Worship

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Paul Clements

Song: *Any Where with Jesus*

Lord's Supper Song: *The Old Rugged Cross*

Lord's Supper and Giving: Presiding, Billy Bush

Main Prayer: Ted Norton

Song: Sweet By and By

Song: We Shall See the King Some Day

Song: *There's a Great Day Coming*

Scripture Reading, Steve Sewell, John 5:28-29

Sermon, Steve Housley, *Why Are We Doing This?*

Closing Song: *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

Closing Prayer: Dean Norton

There's a Great Day Coming

Verse 1: There's a great day coming, A great day coming, There's a great day coming by and by;
When the saints and the sinners shall be parted right and left, Are you ready for that day to come?

Chorus: Are you ready? Are you ready? Are you ready for the judgment day? Are you ready? Are you ready? For the judgment day?

Verse 2: There's a bright day coming, A bright day coming, There's a bright day coming by and by;
But its brightness shall only come to them that love the Lord, Are you ready for that day to come?

Verse 3: There's a sad day coming, A sad day coming, There's a sad day coming by and by; When
the sinner shall hear his doom, "Depart, I know ye not," Are you ready for that day to come?

Take the Name of Jesus with You

Verse 1: Take the name of Jesus with you, Child of sorrow and of woe; It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it then where'er you go.

Chorus: Precious name! Oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n; Precious name! Oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM – Streaming Bible Class Same Place as Sunday

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- Many things have been done to cope with Covid-19.
- Why? It is being done so we do not become an Italy. So we can minimize the number of sick and dying from this virus.

I. Why Spiritual?

A. Why . . .

1. _____? The evidence is conclusive! (Acts 2:36).
2. _____? It is not always easy. (Luke 13:3).
3. Be _____? Do it God's way. (Acts 2:38).
4. _____ yourself to a local congregation? (Acts 9:26).
 - a. In _____? (Hebrews 10:25).
 - b. In _____? (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
 - c. In _____ others? (Galatians 6:2; 5:13).

B. Because we don't want to be the _____ man (Luke 16:19-31).

II. Why, the Greatest motive is _____.

- 1 Corinthians 16:14; Matthew 22:37

III. Are you Ready? (John 5:28-29).