



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth
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David Hester, Educa-
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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!

To The Eastern Meadows Members:

Even though we will not be assembling for services at the building, we will have live streaming from the Eastern Meadows church of Christ Facebook page and website and on YouTube. 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.

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*

Eastern Meadows Zoom Fellowship

Tuesday, Apr. 21, 2020, 7:00 PM

Here is the link to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5110125405>

Meeting ID: 511 012 5405

Budget Area of Work Spotlight: BENEVOLENCE

Our Benevolence Program is made up of 3 different areas:

- Congregational – Within our Eastern Meadows Family
- Community – Outside of our Eastern Meadows Family
- Institutional – Rainbow Omega, Mt. Dora Children's Home and North Alabama Children's Home

Eastern Meadows Benevolence Program is funded through two avenues: funds collected weekly in our Sunday Morning Auditorium Class and our Fifth Sunday Benevolence Contribution which is separate from our regular contribution.

– Tim Bagents

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

A MUST Listen. Jerry Martin is a former EM member who now lives in Crossett, AR. He is a licensed counselor and minister who teaches counseling at Amridge and preaches at the Crossett church of Christ. This is worth your time to listen as he discusses principles that apply to both the current situation we are in and to life's problems and difficulties that seem to abound. It is only 16 minutes long. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/109724724019015/videos/1780383392104930/UzpfSTExNzQ2OTUwMzQ6Vks6MzAyNTI0NDE3NzQ5Njk5MA/> (You made need to copy and paste in your browser).

Another MUST Listen. Jerry Martin has a new video up. See it at <https://www.facebook.com/109724724019015/videos/1365334570333950/> I strongly encourage you to view both of these. While each video deals with the Christian dealing with Covid-19, the principles help Christians dealing with most any challenge in life.

Thanks for Your Help in Worship. Many thanks to Dean Norton and Ron Hoskinson for being “behind the scenes in worship.” I have always been very appreciative. Whether it was the home-made bread, or the one “fixing” communion, or the guys serving communion, or the ones in the back working with the sound and PowerPoint, etc., I have always been thankful. There are less helping (and the numbers at the building are purposely kept low), but so thankful to Dean and Ron. Dean is now using new equipment that makes what you see much better.

This Sunday. We will again have Bible Class at 9 a.m. David is moving along in Leviticus. This lesson will look be “Covid-19 and the Christian.” We will consider how we cope in this crazy world we now find ourselves in. If you need communion, call the office and come by and pick it up. If you are one of our “seniors” and need it delivered to you, call the office and let us know. The back pages of this bulletin will give you more information about Sunday worship.

Share. Thanks to those of you who have shared the live stream Bible classes and worship. Most of the Bible classes and worship times are having people from outside Montgomery, and even outside the state of Alabama to view Bible class and worship. *Strange thing: No one fills out a visitor card.*

Quilting to Masks. Several of our ladies have made, over the years, hundreds of quilts. Lately they have turned their attention to making masks and have now made hundreds. Thanks, ladies, for the good you do!



“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).

THE SOUND OF SILENCE

—Raymond Elliott—

It is early in the morning and the silence is deafening! The house is too quiet. There is hardly any noise in my neighborhood. I miss hearing the school busses that are normally picking up children for school; and, there is not any traffic on the nearby street that leads to the high school!! This is my ‘quiet time’ for prayer and study but it is just too quiet! Simon and Garfunkel sang the song, “The Sound of Silence” which has remained one of the most popular songs over the decades. It was based on the biblical passage, I am sure, found in Ecclesiastes 3:7, “A time to keep silence; A time to speak.”

But, there is a verse of scripture found in Habakkuk 2:20, that is profound and needs to be understood in the immediate context. The writer is contrasting the reality of a living God and idols made of wood and silver that are lifeless and cannot speak. In verse 20, we read “But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him” (ESV). In the Old Testament the temple in Jerusalem was where the presence of God could be found; however, the apostle Paul said, as recorded in Acts 17:24, that the Lord “does not dwell in temples made with hands.: Paul also said that God “is not far from each one of us! (Acts 17:27). In Psalm 139, we learn there is no place we can be but that God is there! While He is in His “holy Temple”, that is heaven, He can be everywhere at all times, but He is not in one place all the time.

Because God is so great in His majesty we are to “keep silence before him.” The Septuagint Version renders Habakkuk 2:20, “The Lord is in his holy temple; Let all the earth FEAR before him” (Emphasis, mine, RE). “The consideration of his infinite perfections, his self-existence independence, supremacy, immensity, eternity; his omnipresence; omniscience, and omnipotence; his unspotted holiness, his inviolable truth, and impartial justice; and especially his sovereign authority and dominion, should strike all men with a reverential awe, and should dispose them to the most perfect submission toward him” (Benson Commentary on Habakkuk)

When we sing the following hymn, let us understand that it is more than a song to quieten people, or just a call to worship. Let us humble ourselves before the great Almighty God and stand in awe of His holiness. Let us possess a reverential fear of our God in our hearts.

“The Lord is in His holy temple
Let all the earth keep silence before Him
Keep silence
Keep silence
Keep silence before Him!”

- Wm.J. Kirkpatrick

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/16/20

SICK: BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER is recovering at home following back surgery. DUSTY POUNCEY continues to recover from a stem cell transplant. 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, PAT NORMAN, ROOSEVELT BRADLEY, JOHNNY CLARK. (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.

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' FACEBOOK PAGE. There is a television program produced by churches of Christ that is available on Sunday: WAKA TV 8, 7:30 AM—*In Search of the Lord's Way* with Phil Sanders

ON YOUTUBE: Sunday morning Bible class and worship can be seen live on the YouTube channel beginning this Sunday. Go to YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/EasternMeadows> and subscribe to be alerted when services go LIVE.

NACCH NEEDS: North Alabama Christian Children's Home is need of house parents, respite workers, and a man to do maintenance/lawn care for the campus. Interested parties should call NACCH: Melinda Jackson, Social Worker at (256) 757-4212 or Don Williams, Executive Director at (256) 366-3327.

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for April is MIKE NORMAN. Contact information for Mike: (334) 306-7583; mikenorman7583@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP, APRIL 19

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. If you are on a phone or tablet, you may not see the tabs at the top. You will see three vertical lines on the left. That will take you to the menu. The link to that page is <https://easternmeadows.org/streaming/>

A third place you can see Bible class and worship is being added this week, YouTube. If you wish to see it on YouTube, you will need to SUBSCRIBE to the Eastern Meadows channel at <http://www.youtube.com/EasternMeadows>, and to be alerted when a live feed is active. (If you have successfully worshipped from facebook or the easternmeadows webpage, you may want to stick with that!).

You may need to copy the links and paste 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=RYZVJ7TDTT9Y&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. Your contribution will be included in the Sunday offering.

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

O Worship the King

Verse 1: O worship the King all-glorious above, And gratefully sing his wonderful love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Verse 3: Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Verse 1: When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2: Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

Verse 3: See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 5: Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

What a Friends We Have in Jesus

Verse 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Verse 2: Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3: Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Worship, Sunday Morning, April 19, 2020

Welcome: David Hester

Main Prayer: Alan Kaye

Song Leader: Allen Clements

Song: *O Worship the King*

Song: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Josh Cochran

Giving

Song: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Song: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Sermon, Steve Housley, *Covid-19 and the Christian*

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

Closing Prayer: Tim Bagents

Closing Remarks: David Hester

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Verse 1: What a fellowship, what a joy divine Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus: Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure, from all alarms. Leaning, leaning, Leaning on, the everlasting arms.

Verse 2: Oh, how sweet to walk, in this pilgrim way, Leaning on, the everlasting arms. Oh, how bright the path, grows from day to day, Leaning on, the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

Verse 3: What have I to dread? What have I to fear? Leaning on, the everlasting arms. I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near, Leaning on, the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

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.

Verse 4: At the name of Jesus bowing, Falling prostrate at His feet, Claim His vict'ry over evil And the enemy defeat. (Chorus)

COVID-19 AND THE CHRISTIAN

I. WHY? (Judges 6:13).

- Is Covid-19 _____. No man can say. (Note article by Kirk Brothers.)
- Four considerations/possibilities.
 - A. God allowed it, but the affliction was at the hand of _____! (Book of Job)
 - B. Time and _____. (Ecclesiastes 9:11-12).
 - C. _____ and _____ fall on both the evil and the just! (Matthew 5:45).
 - D. God set this world to work in _____ order and fashion! (Genesis 1:11).

II. PROBLEMS FROM SOCIAL _____,

- A. _____.
- B. _____.
- C. _____.
- D. _____.
- E. _____ Abuse

III. FINDING _____ AND PEACE.

- A. Set your _____ on things above! (Colossians 1:1-2).
- B. Think _____, not temporary! (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).
- C. Trust _____.(Hebrews 13:5-6).
- D. Know the _____! (Psalms 23:1-4).