



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 and website. 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

Budget Area of Work Spotlight

Our budget spotlight for this week is Fellowships. Our Marriage Enrichment Fellowship function and our 1st Wednesday evening fellowship both went well. Although our fellowships have come to a screeching halt due to the virus there is a lot going on. Our April Wednesday evening fellowship for the 8th is cancelled and all our Homecoming events scheduled for May 3rd are cancelled as well.

Our budget for Fellowships for 2020 is \$850 per month. This goes to cover food, supplies, and equipment for all our fellowship events. We are running over budget \$145.59 for this year only because we just recently purchased insulated warmers and beverage dispensers to better handle all fellowship events. Based on what we know currently we should be under budget for the rest of the year.

Our Fellowship teams remain the same with the exception of new captains for each team. We have made a change in how fellowships are handled. The team that is managing a particular fellowship will be in charge of set-up, serving, and clean-up. This will require maximum participation from each team and make it easier to organize and function.

Wilma Berry, Beth Bass, and Brenda Hester are on our fellowship committee and they are looking at ways to improve our events and make sure they are what they are called – Fellowships. Any ideas or suggestions please don't hesitate to mention it to them.
– Ted Norton

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Last Sunday and Worship Online. I appreciate all who have determined to continue worshipping faithfully, even though we are now confined in our homes. And I appreciate those who have made the online worship assembly from the building a part of your worship, singing and praying with us, partaking of the Lord's Supper at the same time, and listening to the sermon. I am *very sorry* for those who have tried to watch and be a part of the 9 a.m. Bible class and the 10 a.m. worship and have been unable to get their devices to view it. We are doing the best we can do, but unfortunately it is not working for everyone. We can all look forward to when we are back to normal!

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 3/29/20 Worship."

This Sunday. We will again have Bible Class at 9 a.m. David is moving along in Leviticus. The sermon at 10 a.m. worship will be about the "Spiritual Butterfly Effect." We will be considering the real, but unimaginable influence that there can be by sometimes a single event or choice we have made. *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.

Thank You. The past two Sundays we did not meet budget, which is not unusual for a 4th and 5th Sunday. However, considering, the oddity of our circumstances it is very clear that Eastern Meadows is intent on faithful giving, alone with every other act of worship that we engage in on Sunday, whether together in our building or required to be in our homes. Thank you for your faithfulness.

I Miss You. I love you all and miss you very much. What we are doing now is the best we can do, but it is not the same as us all being together on the Lord's Day. I will be so glad when we are back together and can give each other the "right hand of fellowship."

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Class. David Hester has joined me in Wednesday Bible Class. In addition to his comments, he is monitoring the Eastern Meadows' Facebook page for your comments.

Unfortunately, last night, we missed the comments you made. The comment section will allow the class to be interactive, somewhat. Thanks to all who have made this a part of your Bible Study while being home. Thanks to those of you who have shared the livestream. Most of the time we are having people from outside Montgomery, and even outside the state of Alabama to view Bible class and worship.

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.

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 3/29: \$11,740.00 YTD: -\$4,884.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/26/20

SICK: BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER is recovering at home following back surgery. DUSTY POUNCEY continues to recover from a stem cell transplant. RANDY SUTTON suffered broken ribs in a fall. ROSE ROBINSON, Elvernice Dees' mother, is scheduled for heart surgery Apr. 8, at Baptist South. 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 POUNCEY.

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.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST FOR:

- CONNIE JO MONTGOMERY, David Hester's cousin, who was hospitalized in Meridian, MS, with Covid-19, but was released Tuesday.
- PAT NORMAN, Mike Norman's aunt, who is undergoing medical tests concerning a mass found in her kidney.

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

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 5

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. This is not the Eastern Meadows Members Only 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>

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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 your 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 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=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. Your contribution will be included in the Sunday offering.

Sunday, April 5 AM Worship

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Paul Clements

Song: *When We All Get to Heaven*

Lord's Supper Song: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

Lord's Supper and Giving: Presiding, Josh Cochran

Main Prayer: Tim Hatch

Song: *Is It for Me Dear Savior*

Song: *We Praise Thee O God*

Song: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Song: *This Little Christian Light of Mine*

Scripture Reading, Steve Sewell, Matthew 5:14-16

Sermon, Steve Housley, *The Christian Butterfly Effect*

Closing Song: *I Need The Every Hour*

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

When We All Get to Heaven

Verse 1: Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing his mercy and his grace; in the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

Chorus: When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus we'll sing and shout the victory.

Verse 2: While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky, but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh.

Verse 3: Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day; just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay.

Verse 4: Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold; Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Verse 1: I will sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me, How He left His home in glory For the cross of Calvary.

Chorus: Yes, I'll sing (Yes, I'll sing) the wondrous story (the wondrous story) Of the Christ (Of the Christ) who died for me, (who died for me) Sing it with (Sing it with) the saints in glory (the saints in glory) Gathered by (Gathered by) the crystal sea (the crystal sea).

Is It for Me?

Verse 1: Is it for me, dear Savior, Thy glory and Thy rest, For me, so weak and sinful? O shall I be so blessed?

Chorus: O Savior, my Redeemer, What can I but adore, And magnify and praise Thee, And love Thee evermore?

Verse 3: O Savior, precious Savior, My heart is at Thy feet; I bless Thee, and I love Thee, And Thee I long to meet.

We Praise Thee, O God

Verse 1: We praise Thee, O God for the Son of Thy love, For Jesus Who died and is now gone above.

Chorus: Hallelujah, Thine the glory; Hallelujah, amen. Hallelujah, Thine the glory; Revive us again.

Verse 3: All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who hath borne all our sins and hath cleansed every stain.

Verse 5: Revive us again: Fill each heart with thy love; May each soul be rekindled With fire from above.

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Verse 1: Stand up, stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss: from vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead, 'til ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Verse 2: Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day: ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Verse 3: Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye

dare not trust your own: put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r; where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Verse 4: Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song: to him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

This Little Christian Light of Mine

This little Christian light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3 times). Let it shine; let it shine; all the time.

I Need Thee Every Hour

Verse 1: I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine, Can peace afford.

Chorus: I need Thee, O I need Thee, Every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, Savior, I come to Thee.

THE CHRISTIAN BUTTERFLY EFFECT

- Butterfly effect defined.
 - Joshua Lawrence Chamberlin, an example of the Butterfly Effect.
- I. The effects can be _____.
- A. _____, who made Israel to sin. (1 Kings 14:16, etc.)
 - B. _____, who did what was evil in the sight of the Lord which caused 10 tribes to be taken from him and given to Jereboam. (2 Kings 11:6, 9, 11).
- II. The effects can be _____.
- A. _____.
 - 1. The day of _____. (Acts 2:38, 41).
 - 2. Conversion of _____, first Gentile convert (Acts 10: 34-40, 48).
 - 3. Story first starts with _____. (John 1:40-42).
 - B. Paul, from Acts 13 to the end of Acts. (Note Colossians 1:26).
 - 1. _____ spoke up for Paul (Acts 9:26, 27).
 - 2. _____, though at first reluctant, went to Paul and told him to be baptized (Acts 22:16).
 - 3. _____ appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus and his heart was changed (Acts 9:3-5).
 - C. The greatest example: _____.
 - D. A modern example: _____ Nichols, but the beginning of the story was one woman who became a Christian in the 1860s.
- III. What about _____?
- A. Matthew 5:14-16.
 - B. Who will _____ help go to heaven?