



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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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!

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

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Here is the link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76050140882>

Budget Area of Work Spotlight: Worship service

Planning and organizing the worship service according to God's instructions is a top priority of the eldership. The responsibility of the eldership is to assure that His institutions are followed precisely. To achieve this end depends upon the cooperation of the men of the congregation. The eldership is grateful for these servants who lovingly make it possible for the Eastern Meadows members to worship according to God's plan. We are especially appreciative to all who have been involved with streaming our worship services and Bible study and Zoom Fellowships while we are dealing with the Covid-19 restrictions.

— Roy Mulkey

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

A MUST Listen. The last two weeks I had the links for videos of Jerry Martin. He is doing one a week about dealing with stress and difficulties at this present time. Of course, most of the principles he discusses are applicable to situations other than just the Covid-19 pandemic. Rather than give you the specific link every week, here is the link to his Facebook page, Christian Counseling Services, <https://www.facebook.com/watch/Christian-Counseling-Services-109724724019015/>. All of his videos are listed there. I encourage you to listen to them.

Online Bible Classes. Most of you are aware of the very good job that David Hester does in his Bible Class. In the past the Youtube video was put up during the week following the Sunday he taught. Now it is Live and the videos go into archive. They are being watched by many! Wednesday nights the adult class is live at 6:30 p.m. with Steve and David. Tim Gotkiewicz is posting a video Bible Class for his Youth Group students each Saturday Night/Sunday Morning and has a Zoom class with the college students. Tish Housely posts a video (with the help of Ron Gotkiewicz) for the elementary students each week. (Thanks to Shirley Kaye for doing much of the work on the PowerPoint each week!). And...Jane Sewell has been doing video classes for our little ones. It could very well be that I am unaware of other classes that our good Eastern Meadows members have been teaching online. Thanks for all you do.

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 "Worship and Assembling." I have a great concern that due to our not assembling all together in our church building that someone might begin to think that worship or assembling for worship is not important. This lesson will look briefly at what worship is and its importance and then consider the role of the assembly in the Christians life to the place of worship when someone is unable to assemble with all the saints. It is, of course, an exploration of Biblical truths to determine the truth on these subjects.



Lord's Supper. If you do not have communion, you may pick it up Monday – Thursday at the office. (It is good to call before you come). 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.*

Doing Whatever They Can. With the “shelter-in-place,” many businesses are closed. And many businesses are limited as to how they can operate. Some are apparently doing everything they can to survive. For instance, I pass by Marqurette’s Jewelers on my way to the office. Most Jewelry stores are closed. And Marqurette’s doors are closed. But they have a tent out front! The jewelry store is doing business out of a tent! (I could only imagine their insurance company is not happy with this!). This would have never been done in “normal” times. I often get emails from Texas Roadhouse. Got one today that said they will be selling produce boxes for \$40 a box as a “drive-thru Farmer’s market.” You can also buy “Ready-to-grill” meat bundles. They would have never done business this way during “normal” times. As I thought about this, I could not help but think how may the church to a better job, doing the work of the Lord (and doing it His way!), when many things cannot be done like we would do in “normal” times. *How can we do better, individually and as a church in these less than “normal” times?*

OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT GOD AFFECT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

If we view God as a tyrant, a despot who watches and waits until we have sinned, so as to punish his children, then we will see God as a God who seeks to punish rather than to forgive. We will think of him as someone who can’t be pleased no matter what we do, so we won’t even try.

If we see God as so merciful and forgiving that he doesn’t care what mankind does, then we will believe that God will allow and even force people into heaven with him, because he is so loving, kind, merciful and forgiving. Hence, it doesn’t matter if we sin – all humans will make it to be with God in heaven anyway.

If we see God as an “old man” who isn’t even aware of all that man does; who has given man the means with which to figure out his own problems, and is “standoffish,” then we will react to him in the same way. We might acknowledge that he is there, but if we think he cares not for us, we will care not for him.

If we think that God is a Creator who stepped back and allows us to do as we will; that He does not make any requirements on us whatsoever, it will affect the way we think about him. We will blame him for all the sin, disease and death in world and be angry at him for the bad, horrible things – at the same time, we will congratulate ourselves on how we have used the creation he has made for us for our glory, not his. We will glorify ourselves, and not God.

If we think that God does not care about his creation, then it is a small jump to realize that his word is not true, or if we are missing some of it, or if it does tally with what WE think it ought to say, then we become our own gods, and will act accordingly. Hence, “every man does that which is right in his own eyes.”

What are your views of God? Be honest!

–South Cobb Church of Christ Bulletin

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 4/19: \$14,185.50 YTD: -\$7,954.75

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/16/20

SICK: BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER is recovering at home following back surgery. DUSTY POUNCEY continues to recover from a stem cell transplant. LEON JACKSON is recovering at home after suffering a fall. 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.

PRAYER REQUEST: Prayers have been requested for SAMEER HOQUE, an ACA student who has been diagnosed with

leukemia and began treatments this week at UAB Children's Hospital.

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. Go to YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/EasternMeadows> and subscribe to be alerted when services go LIVE.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY: Alabama Christian Academy seeks a committed Christian educator/CEO to fill the Head of School position. If interested, a complete job description and contact information is provided at the following link <https://www.nationalchristian.org/careers/>.

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.

AREA WIDE SINGING CANCELLED: The Area Wide Singing that was scheduled for May 1st and to be hosted by Redland Church of Christ has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

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.



“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, APRIL 26

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 three 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 your 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 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=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.

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

O Worship the King

Verse 1: Lord, we come before thee now; At thy feet we humbly bow; Oh, do not our suit disdain; Shall we seek thee Lord in vain?; Shall we seek thee Lord in vain?

Verse 2: Lord, on thee our souls depend; In compassion, now descend; Fill our hearts with thy rich grace; Tune our lips to sing thy grace; And tune our lips to sing thy grace

Verse 3: In thine own appointed way; Now we seek thee here we stay; Lord we know not how to go; Til a blessing thou bestow; Til a blessing thou bestow.

Verse 4: Grant that all may seek and find; Thee, our God, supremely kind; Heel the sick, the captive free; Let us all rejoice in thee; Let us all rejoice in thee.

We Shall Assemble

We shall assemble on the mountain,
We shall assemble at the throne. With
humble hearts into His presence We
bring an offering of song. Glory and
honor and dominion Unto the Lamb,
unto the King. Oh, alleluia, alleluia.
We sing the song of the Redeemed.

On Bended Knee

On bended knee I come, With a
humble heart I come, Bowing down
before Your Holy Throne. Lifting holy
hands to You, As I pledge my love
anew. I worship You in spirit. I worship You in truth. Make my life a holy praise unto You.

On Zion's Glorious Summit

Verse 1: 1 On Zion's glorious summit stood A numerous host redeemed by blood! They hymned their king in strains divine; I heard the song and strove to join, I heard the song and strove to join.

Verse 2: Here all who suffered sword or flame For truth, or Jesus' lovely name, Shout victory now and hail the Lamb, And bow before the great I AM, And bow before the great I AM..

Verse 3: While everlasting ages roll, Eternal love shall feast their soul, And scenes of bliss, for ever new, Rise in succession to their view, Rise in succession to their view.

Sanctus (after last verse): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, on high adored! Who like me Thy praise should sing, O Almighty King! Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, on high adored! Holy, holy, holy.

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. (Chorus)

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. (Chorus)

Worship, Sunday Morning, April 26, 2020

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Jon Timbes

Song: *Lord We Come Before Thee Now*

Song: *We Shall Assemble*

Song: *On Bended Knee*

Main Prayer: Paul Clements

Song: *On Zion's Glorious Summit*

Song: *When We All Get to Heaven*

Scripture Reading, Lindsey Mulkey: *John 4:19-24*

Sermon, Steve Housley, *Worship and Assembling With the Saints*

Song: *Come Share the Lord*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Josh Cochran

Giving

Closing Remarks: David Hester

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. (Chorus)

Come, Share the Lord

Verse 1: We gather here In Jesus name His love is burning in our hearts Like living flame. For thru the loving Son, The Father makes us one. Come take the bread, Come drink the wine, Come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here. Everyone belongs. Finding our forgiveness here, We in turn forgive all wrongs

Verse 2: He joins us here. He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup Is risen from the dead. The one we love the most Is now our gracious host. Come take the bread. Come drink the cup. Come share the Lord. We are now a family Of which the Lord is Head, Though unseen he meets us here In the breaking of the bread.

Verse 3: We'll gather soon Where angels sing. We'll see the glory of our Lord And coming King. Now we anticipate The feast for which we wait. Come take the bread. Come drink the wine. Come share the Lord.

WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLING WITH THE SAINTS

I. GOD SPEAKS ABOUT WORSHIP.

A. The word "worship."

1. The Greek word, *proskuneo*, means "to _____ the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence." (Thayers).
2. The American Standard version (Matthew 2:2) says, "The Greek word denotes an act of _____ whether paid to a creature or to the Creator."

B. Worship is to be in _____ and in _____. (John 4:23-24).

C. Worship prescribed by God consists of _____ (Ephesians 5:19); _____ (Acts 4:24, 31); the _____ Supper (Acts 20:7); _____ (1 Corinthians 16:1-2); and _____ (Acts 20:7).

D. The saints worshipped in the _____ (Acts 2:46); _____ (Acts 2:46; Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Philemon 2); _____ (Acts 19:9); and _____ (Acts 16:25). Note John 4:23-24.

E. Do we _____/want to worship?

II. GOD SPEAKS ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY.

A. The word "church" (*ekklesia*) means _____. *Ekklesia* is translated "assembly" in Acts 19:32, 39, 41.

B. The Bible has much to say about the assembly. (Note 1 Corinthians 11:17-33; 14:26-40; 16:1-2; Acts 20:7).

C. We are not to _____ the assembly. (Hebrews 10:25).

D. Can there be circumstances that _____ us from assembling?

- Yes, sickness, caring for the sick, work, no one to assemble with; pending hurricane or tornado, a pandemic which makes crowds potentially dangerous.

III. AM I PREVENTED FROM WORSHIP, IF I AM PREVENTED FROM ASSEMBLING?

A. Consider Paul.

1. Paul and Silas worshipped in the prison at _____ (Acts 16:25) but this was not a church-wide assembly.
2. Paul was in prison at Jerusalem (Acts 22-23); Caesarea (Acts 23); and Rome (Acts 28). Did Paul worship when prevented from being in the *assembly*?

B. We should want to be in the assembly; however, if we are prevented from being in the assembly, we should still worship our God.