



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!

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: Let Your Light Shine

Because of the pandemic, we are in the midst of troubling times. Our entire lives have been affected in one way or another. Like most of you, I am weary of not being able to safely venture out or to freely visit friends and neighbors. But what has impacted me the most is not being allowed to meet and worship with my church family.

I love and enjoy being around people. And I have a real problem with our government interfering in every aspect of our lives but especially our freedom to worship. I am reminded far too often what Ronald Reagan said in his 1981 inaugural address. "Government is not the solution to our problem. Government is the problem." Certainly the Christians living in Bible times were often persecuted and forbidden to teach God's word. Don't be fooled. It could happen today. Never forget that our freedom came with a cost and once it is lost it may be difficult to regain. We as Christians, and Americans, need to keep God and his word from being removed from every aspect of our lives. In Matthew 10:33 Christ said, "But whosoever denies me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." As crazy as these times seem, Christians still have an obligation to teach and baptize the lost.

We often pray for forgiveness for the things we have done wrong; but, the things we fail to do are also sin. In James 4:17 the Bible tells us, "Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does not do it, to him it is sin." We have opportunities today that generations before us never dreamed possible. We need to utilize every tool at our arsenal to bring the lost to Christ. I ask each of you as fellow elders, deacons, ministers and church members to use our "You and Me Plus One" list, or church directory, to encourage other members. Calls, cards, text messages and emails are a means that are easily available. During this entire isolation time, many of our more able bodied members have assisted the elderly and shut-ins by running errands and buying groceries. For these simple acts of kindness, I commend you. How we as Christians encourage others will help determine the fate of our church and nation.

It's my opinion that today's church needs more men like VP Black, Gus Nichols, Batsell Barrett Baxter, Marshall Keeble and others who made it their life's work to save the lost. During their lifetime each of these men preached the word of God and converted untold thousands to the cause of Christ. We as individuals are failing to spread God's word. Romans 14:12 tells us that "... each of us shall give account of himself to God."

I often hear people say that God is good. That is true, God is good but His salvation has always come with conditions. Remember that we are told, "study to show thyself approved unto God." I pray that we, as Christians and Americans, will come out of this unprecedented time as better servants of Christ. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

—Mike Norman

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

A MUST Listen. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/Christian-Counseling-Services-109724724019015/>. I mentioned this last week. All of his videos are listed there. I encourage you to listen to them. These videos are from Jerry Martin. There are four videos up now.

Last Sunday. Last Sunday my lesson was on Worship and Assembling with the Saints. My purpose was to emphasize the importance of the worship and assembly with the saints, but also to recognize under these unusual circumstances worship at home is still worship! You can find last Sunday's worship and sermon at <https://www.facebook.com/EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist/videos/227869745312693/?t=24> Monday evening I learned of a lesson by Don Blackwell on the subject *Quarantined Worship*. As with every subject that I have heard Don Blackwell discuss, he does a great job, he also does an excellent job explaining this Bible subject as well. You can go to https://video.wvbs.org/video/quarantined-worship/?utm_source=sendinblue&utm_campaign=Online_Video_Quarantined_Worship&utm_medium=email to see this lesson. It is worth your time.

This Sunday. We will again have Bible Class at 9 a.m. David is moving along in Leviticus – he may finish Leviticus this Sunday. The lesson at 10 a.m. worship is called “Studying Baptism for the First Time.” I know you have studied this subject before, but what if had never studied this subject before and you hear various things from your religious friends about the subject and decided to go to the Bible yourself. What will you learn as you go through the New Testament looking at the subject of baptism?

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.

Placement of the Lord’s Supper in Sunday Worship. Someone told me that they had plans to participate in Sunday worship, but their device didn’t behave and by the time they were able to participate with us online, the Lord’s Supper had already been observed. I can sympathize. I have had computers to freeze and it took a *v-e-r-y s-l-o-w* reboot to get it resolved and I lost nearly 10 minutes. For this reason we will not place the Lord’s Supper so soon in our worship, while we are depending on the on-line assembly.

Share. Please continue to share the live-stream Bible classes and worship. *This is a very easy way to be evangelistic!*

NOT REALLY ALONE

Some have questioned whether a Christian who is completely alone may partake of the Lord’s supper by himself.

Christians are “a royal priesthood” (1 Peter 2:9). Christ made us “priests to His God and Father” (Revelation 1:6); “priests to our God” (Revelation 5:10). Jesus said: “Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). This passage says nothing about the Lord’s supper. Nor does Jesus say that He is not with us when we are alone!

With regard to the Lord’s supper, Jesus commands: “Do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19).

If I am alone because of something beyond my control, as a priest of God I will bless the bread and the cup in obedience to Christ’s command and partake of the Lord’s supper. When there is a direct command it is not necessary to find an example in the New Testament for every possible situation in which that command might be obeyed.

Some people mistakenly think that the communion refers only to Christians communing with one another in a local congregation, but according to 1 Corinthians 10:16 the cup is a communion with the blood of Christ and the loaf is a communion with the body of Christ.

In verse 17 then, it says there is one loaf and that we who are many are one body because we all partake of the one loaf! Thus when we commune with the body and blood of Christ, we are communing with all Christians in the whole world! If someone, because of circumstances, is alone when he partakes of the loaf, he is communing with the one body of Christ, His church. Thus, he is not really alone!

–Roy Davison, via *Brotherhood News*



Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 4/26: \$11,032.00 YTD: -\$11,022.75

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/30/20

SICK: BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER is recovering at home following back surgery. DUSTY POUNCEY continues to recover from a stem cell transplant. LEON JACKSON continues to recover from injuries suffered in 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, SAMEER HOQUE. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

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/>.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Alabama Christian Academy has a job opening for Finance Manager. For application and qualifications, please go to www.alabamachristian.org under "Explore".

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, MAY 3

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 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 you will 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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Verse 1: All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Verse 3: Let every tongue and every tribe On this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Verse 4: Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

O How I Love Jesus

Verse 1: There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. (Chorus)

Chorus: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Verse 2: It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. [Chorus]

Verse 3: It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. [Chorus]

Worship, Sunday Morning, May 3, 2020

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Allen Clements

Song: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Song: *O How I Love Jesus*

Main Prayer: Tim Bagents

Song: *O Happy Day*

Song: *Buried with Christ*

Sermon, Steve Housley, *Studying Baptism for the First Time*

Song: *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Tim Stevens

Giving

Closing Remarks: David Hester

O Happy Day

Verse 1: O happy day that fixed my choice On Thee, my Savior and my God! Well may this glowing heart rejoice, And tell its raptures all abroad.

Chorus: Happy day, happy day, When Jesus washed my sins away! He taught me how to watch and pray, And live rejoicing every day; Happy day, happy day, When Jesus washed my sins away!

Verse 2: 'Tis done – the great transaction's done; I am my Lord's, and He is mine; He drew me and I followed on, Rejoiced to own the call divine. (Chorus)

Verse 3: Now rest, my long-divided heart, Fixed on this blissful center, rest; Here have I found a nobler part, Here heav'nly pleasures fill my breast. (Chorus)

Buried with Christ

Verse 1: Buried with Christ, my blessed Redeemer, Dead to the old life of folly and sin. Satan may call, the world may entreat me, There is no voice that answers within. (Chorus)

Chorus: Dead to the world, to voices that call me, Living anew, obedient but free; Dead to the joys that once did enthrall me – Yet 'tis not I, Christ liveth in me.

Verse 3: Dead unto sin, alive through the Spirit, Risen with Him from the gloom of the grave, All things are

new, and I am rejoicing, In His great love, His power to save. (Chorus)

Verse 4 Sin hath no more its cruel dominion, Walking "in newness of life," I am free – Glorious life of Christ, my Redeemer, Which He so richly shareth with me. (Chorus)

Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Verse 1: Why did my Savior come to earth, And to the humble go? Why did He choose a lowly birth? Because he loved me so!

Chorus: He loved me so, He loved me so, He gave His precious life for me, for me, Because, He loved me so.

Verse 2: Why did He drink the bitter cup Of sorrow, pain and woe? Why on the cross He lifted up? Because He loved me so! [Chorus]

Verse 3: Till Jesus comes, I'll sing His praise, And then to glory go; And reign with Him thro' endless days, Because He loved me so. [Chorus]

STUDYING BAPTISM FOR THE FIRST TIME

- Is baptism sprinkling, pouring, or immersion? Is water baptism commanded by the Great Commission, or John's baptism, or Holy Spirit baptism the one baptism that is for us today? Is baptism for infants or those who are guilty of sin and capable of belief and repentance? Is baptism to be saved or are you already saved and then baptized?

I. N.T. PASSAGES ABOUT BAPTISM.

Matthew 3:5-6, 11 (Mark 1:4-5, 8-10; Luke 3:16; John 1:26, 33; Acts 13:24); Matthew 3:13-16 (Mark 1:8-10); Matthew 21:25 (Mark 11:30; Luke 20:4); Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 1:4-5 (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:3); Mark 16:15-16; Luke 3:7, 12; 7:29-30; 12:50; John 3:22-23; Acts 2:38, 41; Acts 8:12-13, 16; 35-39; 9:18; 10:37, 48; 16:15, 33; 18:8, 25; 19:3-5; 22:16; Romans 6:3-6; 1 Corinthians 1:13-17; 10:2; 12:13; 15:29; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:4; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21.

II. WHAT WE LEARNED.

- Both the baptism administered by John and the Baptism administered by Jesus, and the great Commission baptism was in _____, even "plentiful" water.
- The action of baptism was _____.
 - Immersion is implied by the examples of _____, who "came up out of the water" and the _____, where his baptism is described as "they both went down into the water" and "they came up out of the water."
 - Baptism is described as a "_____" which, logically would only describe baptism as immersion.
- Baptism was only for those who could _____ and _____; therefore, baptism was not for babies. Baptism must be preceded by belief and repentance.
- Baptism, even John's baptism, and certainly the baptism of the Great Commission was "for the _____ of sins."
- Baptism is to _____ man; it was not administered because he was already saved.
- Of John's baptism, Holy Spirit baptism, and the Great Commission baptism that is "for the forgiveness of sins" that Jesus commanded, Great Commission baptism is the _____ baptism today.