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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!

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

The Education program can be considered the bedrock of church activity, with one of the most dedicated groups of (volunteer) teachers to be found. Anyone who is reached by the services of Eastern Meadows benefits in some way from our provision for Bible teaching. Deacon Steve Housley helps guide the program with continuity and coordination. Deacon Allen Clements is working with curriculum and organizational matters. Deacon Joel Kelly serves as a dedicated problem solver for 6th grade and under classes. Becky Norton serves as the Elementary Coordinator. Minister of Education Dr. David Hester coordinates the entire program with meetings, planning, and arrangements for speakers and special events.

The budget for Education is significant but not complicated. There is an area for salary and benefits for the Education minister, an area for books and materials for classes, an area for outside speakers and special events, and a new area for sending some people with younger children to Lads to Leaders. In 2020 the total budget for Education is \$34,200, reflecting the wide reach of the program. — Alan Kaye

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 may need to copy and paste in your browser).

Last Sunday and Worship Online. Glitches! Unfortunately, I heard from several that that the live streaming video would just stop sometime. That is something we had no control over. A “work-a-round” is to delay worshipping an hour or so. If you worship later the video is not live, but should not have the delays. Personally, I would want to worship when everyone else is worshipping, but various circumstances can cause someone to need to delay...not being able to see it would certainly be one.

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 “Jesus.” This lesson will look at Jesus from Philipians 2:5-11. *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 for Your Faithfulness. Thank you for your faithfulness in worshipping each Lord's Day, even if we cannot meet together. Thank you for your faithful giving. (We made budget last Sunday!)

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. 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.

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.*

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.

Nothing, but Everything. Normally I would promote upcoming Eastern Meadows events in my remarks. No upcoming events, except for Bible classes and Worship, and these are live-streamed. Nothing. But there is yet everything. Everything, in that each moment we live, we live the Christian life. We don't back down, slow down, or stop living the Christian life. We should be "always carrying in the body the death of Jesus" (2 Corinthians 4:10).

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 4/5: \$14,904.00 YTD: -\$4,080.25



ANNOUNCEMENTS 4/9/20

SICK: BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER is recovering at home following back surgery. DUSTY POUNCEY continues to recover from a stem cell transplant. ROSE ROBINSON, Elvernice Dees' mother, underwent heart surgery Apr. 8. PHYLLIS ALLEN'S back surgery has been postponed until June 24. 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.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Ta'Nisha Norman in the passing of her 97-year-old great-uncle, HENRY TARVER. Mr. Tarver was a POW of WWII survivor. The funeral was Apr. 3.

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

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, 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. 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/>

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.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Verse 1: I know that my redeemer lives and ever prays for me. I know eternal life he gives, from sin and sorrow free.

Chorus: I know, I know that my Redeemer lives. I know, I know eternal life he gives; I know, I know that my redeemer lives.

Verse 3: I know that unto sinful man his saving grace is nigh; I know that he will come again To take me home on high. (Chorus)

Verse 4: I know that over yonder stands a place prepared for me. A home, a house not made with hands, most wonderful to see. (Chorus)

In Christ Alone

Verse 1: In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease, My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2: In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3: There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4: No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand. Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Sunday, April 12 AM Worship

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Dean Norton

Song: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Main Prayer: Karl Strother

Giving: Presiding, Josh Cochran

Song: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Song: *In Christ Alone*

Song: We Saw Thee Not

Song: We Shall See the King Someday

Sermon, Steve Housley, Jesus!

Lord's Supper Song: *Jesus, Thy Name I Love*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Josh Cochran

Closing Remarks: David Hester

We Saw Thee Not

Verse 1: We saw thee not when thou didst come To this poor world of sin and death; Nor yet beheld thy cottage home, In that despised Nazareth; But we believe thy footsteps trod Its streets and plains, thou Son of God; But we believe thy footsteps trod Its streets and plains, thou Son of God.

Verse 2: We saw thee not when lifted high Amid that wild and savage crew; Nor heard we that imploring cry, "Forgive, they know not what they do!" But we believe the deed was done, That shook the earth and veiled the sun; But we believe the deed was done, That shook the earth and veiled the sun.

Verse 3: We gazed not in the open tomb Where once thy mangled body lay; Nor saw thee in that "upper room," Nor met thee on the open way; But we believe that angels said, "Why seek the living with the dead?" But we believe that angels said, "Why seek the living with the dead?"

Verse 4: We walked not with the chosen few Who saw thee from the earth ascend; Who raised to heaven their wondering view, Then low to earth all prostrate bend; But we believe that human eyes Beheld that journey to the skies; But we believe that human eyes Beheld that journey to the skies.

We Shall See the King Some Day

Verse 1: Tho' 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 2: After pain and anguish, after toil and care, We shall see the King some day; Thro' the endless ages joy and blessing share, We shall see the King some day. (Chorus)

Verse 3: Here 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. (Chorus)

Jesus, Thy Name I Love

Verse 1: 1 Jesus, thy Name I love All other names above, Jesus, my Lord: O thou art all to me; Nothing to please I see, Nothing apart from thee, Jesus, my Lord..

Verse 2: Thou, blessed Son of God, Hast bought me with thy blood, Jesus, my Lord: O how great is thy love, All other loves above, Love that I daily prove, Jesus, my Lord.

Verse 3: Soon thou wilt come again; I shall be happy then, Jesus, my Lord: Then thine own face I'll see, Then I shall like thee be, Then evermore with thee, Jesus, my Lord.

JESUS!

Philippians 2:5-11

- I. **In the form of _____.**
 - A. Jesus was God and from the beginning (John 1:1-2, 14).
 - B. Jesus is divine; he is _____. (Colossians 1:15, 19; 2:9).
 - C. Can we even begin to understand what it is to be God . . . and then to make the sacrifice that we read of in Philippians 2? _____
- II. **Did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.**
 - A. 2 Corinthians 8:9.
 - B. The very opposite of _____.
- III. **Made Himself _____.**
 - A. Difficult to understand.
 - B. "Christ emptied himself of his _____ (John 17:5), exactly the same renunciation Paul was enjoining upon the Philippians." (Coffman)
- IV. **Being born in the likeness of _____**
 - A. "Son of _____" 87 times in 83 verses.
 - B. Jesus was "manifest in the _____" (1 Timothy 3:16)
 - C. He could be "heard," "seen," and "touched." (1 John 1:1-2)
 - D. Hebrews 2:14
 - E. Jesus experienced _____ (Mark 11:12); _____ (John 19:28); _____ (Luke 22:44); _____ (John 4:6); _____ (Matthew 4:1-11); _____ (Luke 7:13); _____ (John 11:36); _____ (Mark 3:5); and _____ (Matthew 23:37).
- V. **Obedient to death of the _____**
 - A. Hebrews 5:8
 - B. Why? "He himself bore our _____ in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24).
- VI. **Exalted, becoming Lord.**
 - A. Jesus was preached as _____ in Acts 2! (Acts 2:36).
 - B. Acknowledge Jesus now and _____ him (Acts 2:41) or failing to now, you will acknowledge Him in judgment, when it is too late!
 - C. Won't you accept Jesus as Lord and obey Him?