



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: Involvement

Like everything else these days our efforts within the involvement area are turned upside down. For budgeting, we have this area in order to capture the major expenditure which is our Involvement Minister – David Hester - and he is a very good and available resource. Deacons serving in the area of Involvement are Allen Clements and Andrew Long. Members that are voluntarily serving are Diane Hoskinson, Wilma Berry, Brenda Hester and Becky Norton. Under the broad umbrella of congregational Involvement much activity is included in several other areas of work in which many of you are actively “involved”. Just to name a few – Fellowships, Education, Ladies and Ladies Education, General Congregational Needs, etc. Also included in this budget area are publications that are provided monthly – Gospel Advocate and Spiritual Sword. Like most everything else in the budget at the end of April, we are under budget. If you have an idea that needs developing run it by David and/or me and let’s see what we can do. Of course Steve and Tim are good resources too, as well as each of your other elders.

Use us – We can all be more INVOLVED! I can’t wait to be back in worship together in person with each of You! Pray!

– Ted Norton

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 reminder!

Last Sunday. Do you realize that last Sunday was Homecoming Sunday at Eastern Meadows? For many, many years, Eastern Meadows had a guest speaker and started a Gospel Meeting on the first Sunday in May. For the past many years we have often had a guest speaker on the first Sunday in May. The past two years we combined Goal Day with Homecoming and had excellent crowds as we invited lots of folks! This is what we would have done this year, had things been normal. Hopefully next year, the first Sunday in May, we will again have Homecoming/Goal Day.

This Sunday. We will again have Bible Class at 9 a.m. David is starting Numbers. If you have not been a part of the Bible Class this is a great time to start. The lesson at 10 a.m. worship is called “The Mother Who Saved a Nation.” Sunday is Mother’s Day! Sad that we cannot meet! It was always a joy to see families visiting with their mothers in worship on Mother’s Day! And, I suspect, the greatest gift to give your Mom on Mother’s Day, is to be able to sit beside her in worship. I wish I could.

Pray for our Elders. Facebook is good for some things. Bill Boyd recently posted, “Pray for elders of the churches. We really do not know what is best at this time, and we will be making difficult decisions.” My reply was “Pray for our elders and then respect the difficult decision they make. They have never been down this road.” Everyone has opinions and judgments. The elders have been faced with some difficult decisions recently and there will continue to be some difficult decisions. Let us pray for them and respect them.

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 freeze and it took a *v-e-r-y s-l-o-w* reboot to get it resolved and I had 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!*

WHERE IS THE VERSE?

— Billy Lambert —

I just heard a preacher say this on television, "if you want Jesus to come into your heart just pray this prayer..!" He continued with the prayer that is supposed to put one into a saved relationship with Christ. Where is the biblical passage that teaches this doctrine? There must be one since this is so frequently repeated as the plan God has given man for salvation. Again, where is the verse?

It is alleged that one of the the verses is Acts 2:21 where Luke the writer of Acts penned, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." I can almost hear some sideline spiritual cheerleader shouting, "yes, that is it." Question: Is that what Luke meant? Did he mean if you just call on God to save you that He will?

One of my vivid memories takes me back to a class I took under the late Dr. Rex Turner Sr. In one of his classes he remarked, "things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other."

You may need to let that soak in for a bit. I did the first time I heard it as a young preacher. My good lifelong friend Luther Mixson told me that he used Dr. Turner's statement in teaching geometry. He told me that It is the case in geometry that things that are equal to the same things are equal to each other. This is just simple mathematics. Two plus two equals four. Three plus one equals four. Hence, these two statements and their conclusions are equal to each other because they reach the same conclusion.

Now how does that fair with the so-called sinner's prayer? Note a comparison of three passages that contain the phrase "shall be saved." If one meets the conditions in these three passages then one can enjoy the result namely that you "shall be saved."

Passage one: Acts 2:21. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED."

Passage two: Jn. 10:9. "I am the door. By me if any man enter in he SHALL BE SAVED."

Passage three: Mk. 16:16. "He that believeth and is baptized SHALL BE SAVED."

All three verses contain the same phrase "shall be saved." Logically, to call upon the name of the Lord is equal to entering the door. To enter the door is equal to believing and being baptized. All three verses are equal to each other because they are equal in their result.

To call on the Lord's name is the same as entering the door and entering the door is the same as obeying the gospel as men and women did on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-47).

On the last Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, the apostle Peter preached the first gospel sermon under the great commission (Mk. 16:15). After preaching the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:22-24) the people asked, "what shall we do?" Some modern day preachers would say, " pray

the sinner's prayer." The concept of a sinner's prayer is a recent phenomenon not rooted in biblical truth. How did Peter respond to the question, "what shall we do?" In verse 38 he told them to "repent and be baptized.....for the remission of sins" (vs 38). Put in the form of a mathematical equation, repentance plus baptism equals forgiveness of sin. In a book of sermons in my library is a sermon of a preacher who answered the people's question like this: "repent and believe for the remission of sin."

The statement made in Acts 2:21 as who who SHALL BE SAVED is answered in verse 38. Those who believe on Christ, repent of their sins and are baptized in the name of the Godhead for remission of sins are those who are saved. Those on Pentecost were told to "call on the name of the Lord" (Acts 2:21). They did so when as penitent believers they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38).

What happened to those who were saved? They were "added to the church" (Acts 2:47). To which church were they added? Since Jesus promised to build his church (Acts 2:47) it seems logical that they were added to Christ's church; or, the church of Christ.

False doctrine versus the Bible is the choice we have. I don't know about you, but I don't want to gamble with my soul by believing some manmade teaching. A failure to abide by the doctrine of Christ endangers our eternal destiny (2 Jn. 9).

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 5/3: \$15,665.00 YTD: -\$9,457.75

ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/7/20

SICK: BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER and DUSTY POUNCEY continue to recover. LEON JACKSON is in Jackson Hospital but is to be moved to Wetumpka Rehab. OPAL SULLIVAN is in Jackson Hospital but hopes to go home today, May 7. BETTY DAVIDSON suffered a fall resulting in several stitches to her head and many bumps and bruises. 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 Angie Moore and family in the passing of her uncle, JESSE BARRY, Wednesday night. He lived in New Jersey.

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, 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

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

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for May is ALAN KAYE. Contact information for Alan: (334) 322-7363; nantahalan@gmail.com.



Sunday, May 10th

"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 10

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 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.

Our God He is Alive

Verse 1: There is, beyond the azure blue, A God, concealed from human sight. He tinted skies with heavenly hue And framed the worlds with His great might. (Chorus)

Chorus: There is a God (There is a God), He is alive (He is alive); In Him we live (In Him we live) and we survive (and we survive). From dust our God (From dust our God) created man (created man); He is our God (He is our God), the great I Am (the great I Am).

Verse 2: There was a long, long time ago, A God whose voice the prophets heard. He is the God that we should know, Who speaks from His inspired word. (Chorus)

Verse 3: Secure is life from mortal mind, God holds the germ within His hand. Though men may search they cannot find, For God alone does understand. (Chorus)

Verse 4: Our God, whose Son upon a tree, A life was willing there to give. That He from sin might set man free And evermore with Him could live. (Chorus)

Nearer, Still Nearer

Verse 1: Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, Draw me, my Savior—so precious Thou art! Fold me, oh, fold me close to Thy

Worship, Sunday Morning, May 10, 2020

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Jon Timbes

Song: *Our God He Is Alive*

Song: *Nearer, Still Nearer*

Main Prayer: Ted Norton

Song: *Wonderful Story of Love*

Song: *Magnificat*

Scripture Reading, Marquez James, *Hebrews 11:23-25*
Sermon, Steve Housley, *The Mother Who Saved a Nation*

Song: *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Tim Stevens

Giving

Closing Remarks: David Hester

breast; Shelter me safe in that "haven of rest"; Shelter me safe in that "haven of rest."

Verse 2: Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, Naught as an off'ring to Jesus, my King; Only my sinful, now contrite heart, Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart; Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

Verse 3: Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign, All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride, Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified; Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Verse 4: Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, Till safe in glory my anchor is cast; Through endless ages ever to be. Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee; Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee!

Wonderful Story of Love

Verse 1: Wonderful story of love! Tell it to me again; Wonderful story of love! Wake the immortal strain. Angels with rapture announce it, Shepherds with wonder receive it; Sinner, O won't you believe it?

Wonderful story of love! (Chorus)

Chorus: Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful story, Wonderful story of love!

Verse 2: Wonderful story of love! Though you are far away; Wonderful story of love! Still he doth call today. Calling from Calvary's mountain, Down from the crystal bright fountain, E'en from the dawn of creation;

Wonderful story of love! (Chorus)

Verse 3: Wonderful story of love! Jesus provides a rest; Wonderful story of love! For all the pure and blest; Rest in those mansions above us, With those who've gone on before us, Singing the rapturous chorus;

Wonderful story of love! (Chorus)

Magnificat

Soprano: My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. (Twice).

Bass: Glory be to God, the Father. And glory be to God the Son. Glory be to God the Spirit. Glory be to God.

Alto: He has been mindful of His servant, He has been mindful of me. I will be blessed forever, forever. I will be blessed by the Lord.

Tenor: God alone is mighty, mighty. Our God alone has done great things. God alone is worthy, worthy. Holy is His name.

Low in the Grave He Lay

Verse 1: Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Verse 2: Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior, vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Verse 3: Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus: Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

THE MOTHER THAT SAVED A NATION

- I. The Importance of _____ Mothers.
- II. _____, the Proof of the Good Mother, Jochebed
- III. The story of _____! (Exodus 2:1-10).
- IV. What Does It Take to Make a _____ Mother?
 - A. She married _____.
 - B. She was fearlessly _____ to the Lord.
 - C. She treasured _____.
 - D. She saw something _____ in this child.
 - E. She was _____.
 - F. She trusted in the _____ of God.
 - G. She instilled into Moses life's greatest _____,